

2025 WOC Ministry Intern Program

Application for Interns - Summer 2025

Introduction

Thank you for your interest in the West Ohio Conference Ministry Intern program for undergraduate students interested in exploring a call to ordained ministry during the summer of 2025! This paid, 7-week internship will allow selected interns to be immersed in a vocational ministry setting with intentional opportunities to deeply discern their call to clergy as a vocation with their specifically assigned mentor. Each ministry intern will develop leadership skills for effective ministry as they partner with clergy and laity in a local church.

Expectations and Qualifications

Applicants must meet the following qualifications:

- Currently enrolled in undergraduate coursework, continuing in the fall of 2025
- Exploring a call to ordained ministry in the United Methodist Church
- A member of a West Ohio United Methodist church
- Willing to be challenged in areas of leadership, spiritual disciplines, self-awareness, and understanding of ordained ministry
- Desire to represent Christ in daily life
- Experienced in Christian leadership
- Grant authorization to release information for a personal history evaluation
- Submit all application documents including reference forms on or before the deadline, February 15, 2025
- Willingness to read required material provided by the West Ohio Conference

Overview

The Next Generations Leadership Ministry Intern program is a twelve-week program or equivalent, including:

- 280 hours working in the host church
- Regular group check-ins, virtual Seminary Visits, Mission, and Cultural Exploration, and attending the West Ohio Conference Annual Conference

- Internship Program Orientation with Mentor Introductions
- Participation in the West Ohio Annual Conference Session (May 28 - May 31, 2025)
- Mission and Justice Educational Experience
- Seminary Tour to several United Methodist accredited seminaries
- Completion of assigned reading materials
- Internship Program Debriefing at the Host Church

Stipend: The 7-week internship stipend is \$4,000. Housing will not be provided.

Application Process

To Apply

Submit the following required documents:

- Completed application, including all essay questions
- Four letters of recommendation (pastoral, work-related, academic, and personal)
- Photo and Video Release Form
- Permission to Release Information for Personal History Evaluation Form

Deadline: Complete Applications with References must be received by February 15, 2025.

Email Application to: Rev. Donnetta Peaks, dpeaks@wocumc.org

Section 1: Basic Data

(Please type or print clearly using black or blue ink.)

Full Name:

Gender:

Date of Birth:

Ethnicity:

- African American
- Asian/Pacific Islander

- Caucasian/European
- Multi-Cultural/Global
- Native American
- Spanish/Hispanic/Latino
- Other

College/University:

Major(s):

Expected Graduation Month/Year:

Current Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Email:

Phone:

Current Address Effective Until:

Permanent Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Have you ever been found guilty of a felony?

- Yes
- No

Section 2: Narrative Section

(Short Answer - 200 words or less)

1. How did you learn about the Next Generation Leadership Ministry Internship Program?

2. How do you intend on making this internship your primary occupational commitment and an overall priority during the summer to receive the most benefit from this opportunity?
 3. Describe your work ethic. Provide an example of a time in which your work ethic was on display.
 4. What special strengths, skills, spiritual gifts, and talents will you bring to this internship?
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Section 3: Essay Questions

(Answer each question in 500 words or less)

1. Describe where you believe God is calling you. Does this calling include ordained ministry?
 2. Describe your personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
 3. How do you see God's mission for the Church intersecting with current events? How are you responding to this?
 4. React to 1 Timothy 4:12 (Common English Bible - CEB)
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Section 4: Placement Preferences

(Context Setting & Demographics)

Preferred Setting:

- Rural Church Setting
- Suburban Church Setting
- Urban/inner-city Church Setting
- Willing to serve where needed

Willing to be placed in a host site away from your permanent residence?

- Yes
- No, I am only interested in a placement within miles of (city of summer residence)

Preferred Age Demographics to Work With:

- Children
- Youth
- Adults
- Combination

Access to a vehicle and a driver's license for use during the summer?

- Yes
- No

Skill Set Interests:

(Mark all that apply)

- Planning Worship
- Preaching/Public Speaking
- Leading Worship
- Teaching Sunday School or VBS
- Leading Group Discussions
- Collaborating with Community Service Groups
- Organizing and Guiding Committees
- Other (specify)

Section 5: References

(Provide contact information for four references: pastoral, work-related, academic, personal)

A. Pastoral Reference

Name:

Title:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Email Address:

Phone:

Relationship to you:

B. Work-Related Reference

Name:

Title:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Email Address:

Phone:

Relationship to you:

C. Academic Reference

Name:

Title:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Email Address:

Phone:

Relationship to you:

D. Personal Reference

Name:

Title:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Email Address:

Phone:

Relationship to you:

Section 6: Affidavits & Signatures

(Please read carefully before signing or typing your name)

Agreement:

By signing below (for a paper version) or by entering my name below (for an email attachment version), I certify that I understand that my employment is at will and that I am free to resign at any time. Similarly, the Conference may terminate or change the conditions of my employment at any time for any reason or no reason. Further, I certify that the information I have supplied in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and that omissions or false or misleading statements are grounds for rejecting my application or terminating my employment, if employed.

Applicant's signature:

Date:

Refer to the West Ohio Conference website (www.westohioumc.org/internships) for intern eligibility requirements and further information about the West Ohio Conference Next Generation Leadership Ministry Intern Program.