Boston University
School of Theology
Contextual Education

COMMUNITY AGENCIES
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Amazing Grace is a program for children living in southeastern Massachusetts who have a family member that is or has been incarcerated. Our goal is to break the cycle of family incarceration. We do this through programs that nurture positive and healthy futures for these children and their families. Our primary program is a cost-free, one-week, residential camp experience in August at the South Shore YMCA’s Camp Burgess in Sandwich, MA. Children age 7-11 enjoy everything from crafts and waterfront activities to engaging with farm animals and learning cooperation on the high ropes course. Experienced YMCA Outdoor Education counselors from Camp Burgess and Amazing Grace mentors lead and supervise the children. Children who have participated in the camp experience are invited with their family members to stay connected to each other and the mentors by participating in year-round activities like bowling, mini-golf, and Edaville’s festival of lights. Everything we offer is cost free for the families and is offered through generous donations from area churches, organizations, businesses, and individuals. Amazing Grace interns can design a placement that matches their learning goals. As a grassroots faith community startup, now incorporated as a non-profit, this may include mentoring children at camp and/or the year round activities, learning about the impact of incarceration from family members and researching programs to serve them, designing year round programs for the children and their families, developing a mentor recruitment campaign, and/or developing marketing/fundraising efforts to increase community awareness and secure mentors and funding for Amazing Grace’s activities.

Bentley University Spiritual Life Center – Waltham

http://www.bentley.edu/campus-life/culture-diversity/spiritual-life
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The Bentley University Spiritual Life Center reaches out to the campus to serve the religious and spiritual needs of the community. Primary focus is on students for spiritual formation, leadership development, interfaith engagement, and pastoral care. Currently there are 5 active faith communities from the Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, Buddhist, and Muslim traditions. The Center leads the campus in interfaith literacy and cooperation. A student Interfaith Leadership program is offered, with major programming for a weeklong “We’re Better Together” interfaith engagement campaign. The Center offers day long Reading Retreats, Art and Soul programs, service opportunities, and forums in response to current events. The Center collaborates with numerous departments across the campus to best serve the student body. An intern would explore ministry within the context of higher education and specifically with traditionally aged undergraduates at a private business school. Interfaith engagement, administration, and spiritual formation would be key areas for the intern’s work. Responsibilities can be tailored to the student’s religious and spiritual worldview, and areas of interest. On-campus supervision is provided by the Rev. Dr. Robin Olson, BU STH ’86.
Body & Brain Yoga – Brookline
https://www.bodynbrain.com/brookline
235 Harvard St., Brookline, MA 02446
Contact: David Driscoll  Email: brookline@bodynbrain.com  Phone: (617) 264-4851

Body & Brain Yoga & Tai Chi is for those with interest in meditation and the mind & body connection. Our practice uses the body to have spiritual awakenings about the true self and divinity within. Tasks would include cleaning meditation, guided personal training, help with advertising and potentially leading warm up exercises for our classes.

BU School of Theology - Office of Development and Alumni Relations
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Whether you end up working for a non-profit or church, a foundation in development will help you in your career. The purpose of the Office of Development and Alumni Relations within the School of Theology is to support graduates in their ministries and vocations and enrich leadership in the faith communities of alumni and friends. The student intern will work on the class gift from beginning to end including organizing a volunteer committee, creating solicitations, and event planning. The other project(s) will be based on the students’ interests and the office’s needs. Potential projects include church outreach, alumni network development, stewardship initiatives, development communications, prospect research, and development for specific funds. This is a great opportunity to learn about development in a supportive environment.

Boston University School of Theology – Office of Spiritual Life
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This is a place where you are encouraged to explore a variety of spiritual practices, discovering those that speak most clearly to your head and heart. This is a community of welcoming friends, eager to listen and give witness, to learn from one another, and to discern the presence of God in our lives. This is a place for you.

Brazilian Immigrant Center Inc. –
Brookline
www.braziliancenter.org
14 Harvard Ave, 2nd Floor
Allston, MA 02134
Contact: Natalia Tracy  Email: ed@braziliancenter.org  Phone: (617) 783-8001

The Brazilian Immigrant Center (BIC) is a community-based organization working to empower Brazilians in the Greater Boston area around issues of access to education, workplace rights and immigration. The work of BIC is done through advocacy, education, organizing and
leadership/capacity building. The BIC’s mission is to unite Brazilian immigrants to organize against economic, social and political marginalization, and to help create a just society.

**Brooksby Village**

[www.ericksonliving.com/brooksby-village](http://www.ericksonliving.com/brooksby-village)

300 Brooksby Village Drive  
Peabody, MA 01960  
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**Tel.** (978) 536-7831

Brooksby Village is a large retirement community on the North Shore. There are close to 2000 seniors living there, most of which are independent and incredibly active. There are many ministry opportunities for students with a variety of passions. A student intern could partner with one of our clergy/staff in independent living (Protestant, Catholic or Jewish) and gain experience in a fairly typical “church-based” internship that would include worship leadership, pastoral care and spiritual education opportunities all focused on a retiree population and the unique challenges that come with this cycle of life. A student intern could also partner with one of our clergy/staff in continuing care (which includes our assisted living and full skilled nursing facilities) and gain experience in more of a chaplaincy model of field education – visiting residents, providing chaplaincy/pastoral care, leading in worship services and other programming. A student intern could also work with our staff to develop a custom-made internship that incorporates all of the above. Brooksby Village is a unique and exciting place to serve in ministry – it offers a wonderful interfaith environment of true respect, all under a “corporate” umbrella, which hold fecund learnings for any minister.

**Center for Mind and Culture, Inc. – Boston University**

[www.mindandculture.org](http://www.mindandculture.org)  
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The Center for Mind and Culture, Inc. (CMAC) is a nonprofit research center that uses any number of high-tech methods – from neuroimaging to data analytics to simulation technology – to tackle complex social problems. We do research on a wide variety of issues, from religious radicalization to health disorders to immigration. It is a highly collaborative environment that emphasizes interdisciplinary and innovative work. STH students in placements are able to work at CMAC as Research Assistants, helping Primary Investigators to collect data, review literature, create materials for papers and presentations, and translate findings into research reports. Research Assistants play an important role on our project-based teams, both in the work they produce and in the perspective they offer. CMAC placements allow students to see what the world of research is like and get hands-on experience in thinking critically and creatively to develop practical and scalable solutions. Research Assistants also gain insight into how collaboration works across disciplines, and how different fields can inform each productively.

**Center for Spiritual Leadership, Rolling Ridge Retreat and Conference Center - North Andover**

[www.rollingridge.org](http://www.rollingridge.org)  
660 Great Pond Road
Rolling Ridge is a retreat and conference center open to individuals and groups who seek a time of rest and reflection, who desire peaceful surroundings for fellowship, planning, and learning. The Center for Spiritual Leadership offers programs that: reconnect individuals to the Divine through Day Apart Retreats and on-going programs, providing encouragement for daily practices and social witness; provide formational and training experiences that help individuals and small groups see the activity of God and respond with thoughtful analysis, creative options, and compassionate action; form partnerships and understanding of different traditions and create paths of cooperation, justice, and harmony so needed in our fractured world, and; partner with others to offer leadership development for the new models of faith communities needed in these changing times.

**Centro Presente – Somerville**

http://www.cpresente.org/

17 Inner Belt Road, Somerville, MA, 02143

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Established in 1981, Centro Presente is a member-driven, state-wide Latin American immigrant organization dedicated to the self-determination and self-sufficiency of the Latin American immigrant community of Massachusetts. Operated and led primarily by Central American immigrants, Centro Presente struggles for immigrant rights and for economic and social justice. Through the integration of community organizing, leadership development and basic services, Centro Presente strives to give our members voice and build community power. Some of the programs in the work of Centro Presente include: community organizing, adult education, Youth programs, and legal services.

**Chaplains on the Way – Waltham New in 2019-20!**

www.chaplainsontheway.org

PO Box 541236

Waltham, MA 02454

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Chaplains on the Way brings a ministry of spiritual care and hope to those experiencing homelessness, living in poverty, dealing with mental illness and/or addiction in Waltham, MA. By going out into the streets, shelters and gathering places of Waltham, we aim to ensure that no person suffering from homelessness or poverty will feel they have to walk alone. We offer a ministry of spiritual care, listening, and companionship through life’s struggles and triumphs through one-to-one spiritual companionsing, memorial services, small group spiritual practices (such as: monthly labyrinth walks, spiritual arts, discussion and prayer groups) and building connections/relationships between agencies and resources within the greater community. To learn more about COTW please visit www.chaplainsontheway.org.
The Church Within A Church Movement (CWACM) is a progressive Methodist-related Movement Being the inclusive and just church. CWACM is doing the next thing as we seek to re-imagine faith, justice, community and reclaim church. One next thing is how the Movement is organized. What many are now calling Transformational Leadership; CWACM has been living its own manner of transformational co-leadership since 2002. March 2010, CWACM adopted a statement of Anti-Racist Intent. The nearly 600 word statement in part reads; In order to continue to address the evil of racism that permeates our society and our institutions and in acknowledgement of our active and passive complicity in perpetuating the traditions that keep institutional racism in force, we the Coordinating Team and those in attendance of CWACM hereby formally and publicly declare our intention to become an anti-racist organization.

The Concerned Elders, Inc. is a multi-ethnic, non-profit organization consisting of a group of seven professionals from various communities as well as fields of life, whom are touched by the personal stories of many individuals who are incarcerated. This committee is actively involved in a multi-faceted effort towards progressive social change through various outreach programs.
It is our goal to encourage and enable all those preparing to return to society. To all those who share our concern we invite you to join in our efforts in our quest to reduce the rate of recidivism. It is our aim to help strengthen our community by working toward a successful re-entry.

CMM is the greater Boston area's oldest interfaith social justice network. Founded in 1966 by faith communities to address poverty, housing, and racial justice in Boston and to link urban and suburban congregations in just, transformative partnerships, CMM has tackled the most pressing issues facing our communities for 47 years, working to build Dr. King's vision of Beloved Community for all citizens. Its mission is "to mobilize congregations and communities across
economic, religious, racial, and ethnic boundaries so that, in partnership, we can work more effectively for a just society. We work for spiritual growth and interfaith understanding."

**Dr. Matthew S. Shwartz Hospice** – Chelsea

www.aurumnetwork.com/facility/show.php?f=shwartz
123 Captain’s Row
Chelsea, MA 02150
**Contact:** Andrew Tripp
Email: info@shwartzhospice.org  Phone: (617) 889-0779

Dr. Shwartz Hospice provides end of life care to those with terminal conditions and their families. Staff teams are dedicated to providing compassionate care while helping family find the support, services, and needed resources. Patient care includes one on one visitation for spiritual and emotional care, skilled nursing care, and companionship. Families are offered bereavement care and counseling. Care is provided for the physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being of the individuals served and their families, so that health, comfort, and peace of mind can be achieved.

**The Elder Service Plan at Harbor Health** – Mattapan

elderserviceplan.org/services/index.htm
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The Elder Service Plan at Harbor Health is a PACE-Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly program. It provides comprehensive services to keep older adults with health concerns as independent as possible. Our goal is to keep the clients in the community. Our clients are 55 and older, live in the PACE service area, are certified by the state to need nursing home care, yet live in the community safely, and receive health services only through PACE providers. Our interdisciplinary team of an MD, NP, SW, nurse case manager, home care nurses, dietician, rehab and pharmacy work together to manage our clients health care needs. Medicare and Medicaid fund the program. Our clients are involved in a variety of activities in our Adult Day Health Center that complement the care they are receiving student stipend provided.

**Emmanuel College** – Boston

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**Mission Statement**
To educate students in a dynamic learning community rooted in the liberal arts and sciences and shaped by strong ethical values, a commitment to social justice and service, the Catholic intellectual tradition and the global mission of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur.

**Vision Statement**
Emmanuel will be widely esteemed as the college in the heart of Boston that leads the nation in combining an extraordinary liberal arts and sciences education in the Catholic intellectual tradition with a commitment to strong relationships, ethical values and service to others. Students will choose Emmanuel as the place to develop in every respect while preparing for lives of leadership, professional achievement, global engagement and profound purpose.

**Episcopal Campus Ministry at Boston University**


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Brookline, MA 02146
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Whether you’re a lifelong Episcopalian, looking for an open-minded, open-hearted church, seeking a spiritual home, or exploring your spirituality for the first time, Episcopal BU welcomes you. Come to share a meal, join in prayer, meet new friends, or get involved in service. All people are included, loved and accepted at the Episcopal Chaplaincy – no exceptions. And let there be no mistake: we affirm and fully support LGBTIQ people.

**Esperanza Academy - Lawrence**

www.esperanzaacademy.org/

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Lawrence, MA 01840
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Phone: (978) 686-4673, Ext. 37 Cell: (978) 857-5351

Esperanza Academy is a tuition free, Episcopal middle school for low income girls in Lawrence, MA. We welcome the chance to have a contextual education intern from BU for the 2013-2014 school year. Staff members at Esperanza often wear several hats, and so next year’s intern will have opportunities to pursue any or all of the following roles and responsibilities: Teach (or team-teach) religion classes, facilitate our monthly student-led chapel services, which are tied into our character education program, explore ways to continue to develop our Episcopal identity within our school community, assist with the implementation of our Graduate Support Program - which may include reviewing 8th graders’ high school applications, monitoring student progress through high school/college, and running a weekly, after school study hall for graduates to receive tutoring and emotional support. This internship would be ideal for MTS or MDiv students interested in pursuing careers in education, youth, urban ministry, and social justice through the work of non-profits. The academy is a 45minute drive from the Boston University campus, and it is conveniently located on the commuter rail line. Financial assistance for transportation is included.

**Institute for Christian Unity**

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Our Purpose: To serve the unity of Christians – in order to obey Jesus’ will, to help the world and its belief, and to glorify Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (John 17:21-22) — by bringing together
practical, relational, and academic resources. We match, mentor, unite, and serve.

**Our Vision:** To develop an emerging generation of servant-leaders devoted to Christian unity and rooted in both established and newer denominations, and to shape the future of the Christian unity conversation over the next 50-100 years.

To form and train leaders for unity while they take mission service placements to meet needs in the church and world. To serve churches and Christian organizations as catalysts for church unity: developing, executing and co-sponsoring programs that build Christian unity and advance evangelization.

**International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC) Unavailable 2019-20**

www.icmc.net
Contact: Erin McKinney
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International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC) is a nonprofit organization started by Pope Pius XII after WWII to help refugees and migrants. We are looking for someone who interested in how an international non-profit works. Our main office is in Geneva and the Boston office focuses on fundraising and raising awareness. The ICMC’s mission is to protect and serve uprooted people, including refugees, asylum seekers, internally displaced people, victims of human trafficking, and migrants - regardless of faith, race, ethnicity or nationality. ICMC implements needs-first and rights-based approaches, so as to prioritize assistance to the most vulnerable people in need of protection. We continuously work to restore the dignity of uprooted people and inspiring long-lasting change.

In pursuing these goals, we make sure that all our programs and activities comply with core humanitarian standards, principles of good governance, and Catholic social teachings. ICMC was founded in 1951 in the wake of the massive human displacement caused by the Second World War. We are looking for someone to communicate with donors on a daily basis, answer questions about what we do and often deal with questions as they come up surrounding our current political climate and the work that we do with refugees and migrants. Other responsibilities are processing and depositing donations, proofreading newsletters to donors, assisting in writing material for monthly letters and newsletters (human interest and donor centered material).

**Italian Home for Children**

Spiritual Enrichment Program
1125 Centre Street, Boston MA 02130
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Phone: 617-524-3116 x325

Italian Home for Children provides an integrated network of powerful and effective programs to help children and families with emotional, behavioral, and educational challenges thrive in their communities. The Spiritual Enrichment has been an important part of Italian Home’s history since we opened our doors to children in 1919. Today, every child in the care of Italian Home for Children is offered the opportunity to participate in the Spiritual Enrichment Program, with parental or guardian permission. We work to ensure that children of all Christian denominations and of other
faiths feel included and empowered with regard to their beliefs. The Spiritual Enrichment Program is designed to present a message of hope, healing, and wholeness to children who are recovering from the trauma of abuse and neglect along with other family struggles. In large, our hope is to create a spiritual, nurturing, caring, loving, and safe environment which helps our children ages 4 to 13 flourish in life.

Louis D Brown Peace Institute
ldbpeaceinstitute.org
15 Christopher St., Dorchester, MA 02122
Contact: Rachel Fazzino
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Phone: (617) 825-1917

The Louis D. Brown Peace Institute serves as a center of healing, teaching and learning for families and communities dealing with murder, trauma, grief and loss. Committed to restorative justice theories, the Peace Institute provides programs, services & trainings that are thorough, relevant with a multi-cultural lens. To achieve our mission we provide programs to instill peace in school and community settings, support to survivors of homicide victims and the families of perpetrators, training of providers, professionals and faith leaders working with youth and families impacted by violence.

Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) – Newton
http://www.mareinc.org/
19 Needham St., Suite 206
Newton, MA 02461
Contact: Rev. Dr. Ricardo Franco, RICARDOF@mareinc.org Phone: (617)964-6273 x124

Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) finds adoptive homes for children and teens living in foster care. We provide vital services to recruit families for each child’s very specific needs. We envision that the student will establish relationships with faith communities to raise awareness about the need for adoptive families and to educate the public about the process, challenges, and resources available for families. This will give the student opportunity to reflect theologically and ecclesiastically about adoption from foster care as a practical dimension of ministry.

Marsh Chapel at Boston University – Boston University Chaplaincy/International Chaplaincy
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Phone: 617-358-3399 (Dr. Chicka)
617-353-1121 (Rev. Dr. Coleman)
Serving as an interdenominational Christian ministry on campus as well as the Religious Life Office for Boston University, Marsh Chapel functions as the hub of all religious life activities at BU. Contextual education opportunities include working with international student populations, engagement in interfaith campus ministry, coordinating and executing weekly worship and fellowship opportunities, and developing seasonal campus-wide programming and events. Participation in weekly Sunday morning interdenominational worship is required. Applicants from all religious backgrounds are welcome.

**Massachusetts Council of Churches** – Boston
www.masscouncilofchurches.org
14 Beacon Street, Suite 416
Boston, MA 02108
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The Massachusetts Council of Churches is the statewide organization committed fully to the ecumenical vision. The Council provides a way that churches in this state can express our unity in Christ as fully and visibly as possible through joint planning, mutual counsel, and common programming. Christians come together through the Council to heal hurts, break down barriers, and build bridges.

**Massachusetts Interfaith Worker Justice** – Boston
http://www.iwj.org/locations/massachusetts
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Phone: (617) 316-0451
Contact: Paul Drake, Director
Phone: (617) 650-4457

Massachusetts Interfaith Worker Justice organizes congregations for campaigns to improve wages, benefits, and working conditions for all low-wage workers. We support service workers, such as janitors and security officers, fast food workers, and hotel workers. We demand equal rights for workers who are immigrants, people of color, and women. We strengthen the communities where working families live.

We are lay persons and ordained ministers from the Greater Boston area and beyond. We partner closely with leaders in the labor movement as well as labor-friendly community groups. We welcome people of good will from every faith tradition who are committed to proclaiming the dignity of every working person and securing the well-being of all working people.

We are a part of Interfaith Worker Justice (www.iwj.org), a national network of interfaith groups concerned with labor issues.

**Massachusetts Jobs with Justice** – Boston
http://www.massjwj.net
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Massachusetts Jobs with Justice is a coalition of community, faith and labor groups in Massachusetts who work to protect and promote workers' rights, along with our sister coalition,
Western Mass Jobs with Justice.

**MATAHARI: Eye of the Day – Boston**
www.mataharijustice.org
I Milk St, 5th Floor
Boston, MA 02109
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Founded in 2002, MataHari: Eye of the Day is a Greater Boston social justice organization of women of color, immigrant women and families who organize as sisters, workers, and survivors for personal and societal transformation, justice and human rights. We build leadership and organize communities impacted by gender based violence and exploitation, provide survivor advocacy and fight for the rights of those who suffer domestic, workplace, systemic, and state violence. MataHari is a fiscally sponsored project of Third Sector New England.

**Miller Center for Interreligious Learning & Leadership at Hebrew College – Newton Centre**
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The Mission of the Miller Center is to provide current and future religious and ethical leaders with the knowledge and skills to serve in a religiously diverse society. Our work is rooted in the cultivation of authentic personal and institutional relationships across lines of difference. It is our conviction that through study, dialogue, and joint action, we can help create a more just, compassionate, and sustainable world. The Miller Center staff works with clergy, academics, and communal leaders, as well as graduate students and seminarians. We are involved in both local and national initiatives, using a combination of in-person and online educational tools. Drawing on a rich institutional legacy of interreligious and cross-cultural initiatives and partnerships, the Miller Center staff and affiliated faculty work in four interrelated areas of education and leadership development:

**Graduate Education** – In partnership with other member schools of the Boston Theological Institute, the Miller Center coordinates Hebrew College’s graduate courses and certification programs in interreligious education and leadership.

**Professional Development** – The Miller Center offers various workshops, seminars, and fellowships for clergy, educators, and non-profit leaders relating to issues of religion and public life.

**Adult Education** – The staff and affiliated faculty of the Miller Center offer various adult education courses on the religious thought and practices of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.

**Publications** – The Miller Center, in collaboration with other academic and communal organizations, produces both scholarly and popular written works on interreligious and cross-cultural engagement.

**Northeastern University, Center for Spirituality, Dialogue and Service – Boston**
http://www.northeastern.edu/spiritualife/
203 Ell Hall, 360 Huntington Avenue
Foster Your Faith. Discover how the Center for Spirituality, Dialogue and Service is attending to the Northeastern community's spiritual needs. CSDS helps members of the Northeastern community become engaged citizens of the world, equipped as leaders to tackle pressing global problems. Through dynamic programs of Spirituality, Dialogue and Service, the Center builds partnerships across University departments and disciplines, and with religious communities and public service agencies locally, nationally, and internationally. CSDS offers students, faculty and staff opportunities to explore personal spirituality, diverse religious traditions, intercultural appreciation and competence, ethical reflection and decision-making, and social justice through constructive service and civic engagement. Visit the office to get a cup of tea, use the library, talk to a chaplain, or learn how to get involved. Or come to the beautiful award-winning Sacred Space for a program, Yoga class, meditation session, prayer, or just a quiet place to hang out.

Peace Islands Institute – Boston
http://www.peaceislands.org
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Boston, MA 02108
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Peace Islands Institute (PII) aspires to facilitate a forum of mutual respect and collaboration, both welcoming and accepting varied viewpoints and voices with the intent to develop original and alternative perspectives on vital issues that our society is facing, generate solutions to these issues, support successful practices, thus promoting education, friendship and harmony and acting as an island of peace for all peoples in a society of different ethnic, cultural and religious backgrounds. Peace Islands Institute (PII) serves to act as the soil for fruitful dialogue, peace, and civil service just as the soil on this “global island” gives forth flowers of different colors, scents and shapes envisions a world becoming an island of peace in the ocean of our universe; a community in which people from all walks of life interact with each other and cooperate to serve their communities, thereby strengthening civil society and promoting the development of human values.

Some goals include:
• Facilitate unity for building peace, education to eradicate ignorance, welfare to fight against poverty and hunger, progress to promote development
• Develop original and alternative perspectives on global and social issues as they relate to our lives, as well as present explanations and solutions
• Support successful practices in peace building
• Build relationships among diverse cultures and traditions
• Unite different point of views on common global issues
• Provide educational platforms for global and social challenges
• Encourage people to actively engage in solving social and global problems of humanity

Safe Havens: Interfaith Partnership Against Domestic Violence – Boston –
Unavailable 2019-20
We believe the faith community has a unique role to play in responding to and preventing domestic violence and elder abuse. Every faith community and faith leader can help victims and survivors use their faith as a resource, connect with community services, and overcome the many barriers to safety. In order to realize this vision, Safe Havens:

- Breaks the silence about domestic violence in the faith community
- Connects faith leaders, service providers, and law enforcement
- Empowers faith leaders
- Trains congregations to support victims
- Creates opportunities for healing

Safe Havens' staff and Advisory Board include faith community members, domestic violence service providers, and business experts. Safe Havens works with diverse faith congregations across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and across the U.S. to promote safe and effective faith-based responses to domestic violence.

**Sherrill House, Inc. – Boston**

[www.sherrillhouse.org](http://www.sherrillhouse.org)

135 South Huntington Ave.

Boston, MA 02130

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Sherrill House is a skilled nursing and rehabilitation center (nursing home) in Jamaica Plain. It houses up to 196 residents on 4 units: a dedicated dementia-care unit (the first of its kind in Boston, providing specialized care to those with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias), a rehab unit (providing short-term care to patients who will return to their homes), and two long-term care units (for residents who need round-the-clock nursing care for a variety of reasons). The residents are diverse in background, socio-economic status, race, and faith. Spiritual care is an integral part of Sherrill House's care, with weekly worship services, prayer groups, and one-on-one care. A contextual education student would be free to participate in all aspects of spiritual care at the nursing home: planning and leading worship, building relationships with residents through individual visits, designing and facilitating groups, and more. This site is an ideal setting for someone who is interested in exploring health care chaplaincy, or someone interested in parish ministry who wants more experience with pastoral care. It is easily accessible by public transportation (right across from the Green D Line or bus route 39).

**Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES) Unavailable 2019-20**

[https://eldercare.org/](https://eldercare.org/)

61 Medford Street

Cambridge, MA 02143
Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES), a nonprofit serving elders and disabled people and their family members in Somerville, Cambridge and beyond, provides Aging Information assistance and a variety of programs and direct services to help people to continue to live at home with safety and independence. The agency is a state-designated Aging Services Access Point and a federally-designated Area Agency on Aging, funded by a combination of state and federal funds, donations, and private pay options. The program is based on an interfaith adaptation and supplementation of Stephen Ministries (www.stephenministries.org) which, for more than thirty years, has been used by congregations to provide one-to-one spiritual care through trained and supervised lay volunteers. The clients as well as Volunteer Spiritual Caregivers come from a wide swath of faith backgrounds, including Roman Catholic, mainline Protestant, evangelical Christian, Pentecostal, Unitarian Universalist, Greek Orthodox, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Spiritual-but-not-Religious, Pagan, Spiritist, and other.

**The Work of the Intern:** The Contextual Education intern would participate in an initial 50 hour spiritual care (pastoral care) training program together with the volunteers and, subsequently, be assigned one or more care receivers. The intern would be responsible for setting up and facilitating one or more meet-up groups and for setting up and providing resources for sharing links. The intern would be doing outreach and collaborating across faith communities to recruit caregiving volunteers and participants, and helping to provide ongoing training within the agency and in the community about program referrals and Aging and Spiritual Well-being. The intern will learn about pastoral care-giving in non-institutional settings, community ministry, elder ministry, collaborating with other care-giving professionals in a community setting, and what it means to live and talk about faith and spirituality in secular settings and with people from many different ethnic and faith backgrounds.

**South Shore Hospital Pastoral Care Dept. – South Weymouth**

http://www.southshorehospital.org/pastoralcare
http://www.southshorehospital.org
55 Fogg Road at Route 18
South Weymouth, MA 02190
Contact: Peggy O’Neil Files
Email: Margaret_O’Neil_Files@sshosp.org  Phone: (781) 624-3479

The Pastoral Care Team at South Shore Hospital is committed to providing comprehensive spiritual care to our patients and their loved ones. Illness and hospitalization often cause patients and families to reflect on their lives. The compassion and professional guidance of a chaplain can help you and your loved ones toward renewed hope and inner peace.

**United Interfaith Action (UIA) – Fall River**

www.mcan-pico.org/affiliates/uia/
160 Rock Street
Fall River, MA 02720
Phone: (508) 673-4670
Contact: Rev. Donald Mier  Email: info@mcan-pico.org

United Interfaith Action (UIA), a faith based organization founded in 1996, promotes social and
economic justice and improves the quality of life of all residents in Southeastern Massachusetts with a specific focus on the cities of New Bedford, Fall River and Dartmouth, by recruiting and training clergy and lay leaders to act on issues of greatest concern, founding social action on the teachings of our different faith tradition.

**V.A. Boston Healthcare System – West Roxbury**

http://www.boston.va.gov/
1400 VFW Parkway
West Roxbury, MA 02132
Contact: Rev. Douglas Falls Email: douglas.falls@va.gov Phone: (617)323-7700 ext. 36814

V.A serves to fulfill President Lincoln's promise “To care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan” by serving and honoring the men and women who are America’s veterans. The VA Boston Healthcare System's consolidated facility consists of the Jamaica Plain campus, located in the heart of Boston's Longwood Medical Community; the West Roxbury campus, located on the Dedham line; and the Brockton campus, located 20 miles south of Boston in the City of Brockton.

**Westover Air Reserve Base**

http://www.westover.afrc.af.mil/
439th Airlift Wing Chapel
100 Walker Avenue, Box 40
Chicopee MA 01022
Contact: Matthew C. Zimmerman, Ch, Capt, USAFR Chaplain, 439 AW/HC
24/7 Duty Cell: 413-237-3145
Email: matthew.zimmerman.7@us.af.mil
Chapel Office Comm: (413) 557-3360 Chapel Office DSN: 589-3360

As an integral part of the 439th’s noble history and daily activities, Westover’s Chaplain Corps holds a dominant place upon Base as well as within its Airmen’s heart. Presently composed of eight members (three Chaplains and five Chaplain Assistants), they expect to grow in number as well as creativity. As part of the largest Air Reserve Base within the Department of Defense, Westover’s Chaplain Corps proudly ministers to its own Airmen as well as the members of three tenant units (Army, Navy and Marines).

**Baltimore, MD**

**The Center – Summer opportunity!**

http://www.thecenterbaltimore.org/
5400 Loch Raven Blvd.
Baltimore, MD 21239
Contact: Rev. Kate Foster Connors, Director
Phone: 410-433-2012
The Center is an initiative of the Baltimore Presbytery. Our mission is to inspire and equip churches and individuals to engage boldly with their neighborhoods - to get involved where Christ’s love and justice are already at work.

We are hiring three interns for summer 2018. From mid-June through mid-August, we host youth and adults from across the United States for a different kind of mission experience – one that allows them to volunteer beside members of our partner organizations, learn from local leaders, reflect theologically, and return home prepared to get involved in justice-making in their own communities. Interns will work with visiting groups – guiding them as they serve in their partner church’s neighborhood, teaching theological reflection in the evenings, and leading weekly worship. For more information, visit thecenterbaltimore.org.

**Northwood Appold Community Academy**

[www.nacacad.org](http://www.nacacad.org)

4417 Loch Raven Boulevard

Baltimore, MD 21218

**Contact:** Cecil Conteen Gray, Ph.D

Phone: (410) 323-6712

NACA is an innovative, tuition-free school that opened to the public on August 29, 2005. Founded by Northwood community members concerned about the future of Baltimore City’s students, NACA serves to heal and elevate the spirit of America, one child at a time. NACA is a school of choice, offering children a nurturing, diverse, and vibrant atmosphere.

**DELAWARE**

**Urban Promise –** Wilmington, Delaware


2401 Thatcher Street

Wilmington DE 19802

Phone: 302-425-5502

Email: office@urbanpromise.org

The mission of UrbanPromise Wilmington is to equip children and young adults with the skills necessary for academic achievement, life management, personal growth and servant leadership, with Christ as the model.

Our vision is to be a community of servant leadership and transformation, seeking a full life for all involved—urban youth, families, staff, and volunteers in the neighborhoods of our city—with Christ as the center.

The Internship is a 2 to 24 month commitment in which Interns help break down age-old stereotypes by building relationships with the children and families in the urban areas of Wilmington—pouring into them by showing them the love of Christ, becoming a mentor and just doing life with them. You will live in community, running summer camps and after school programs with other interns and long-term staff in urban areas of Wilmington—learning and growing together in faith and challenging, encouraging and supporting each other.
GEORGIA

Koinonia Farm – Americus, Georgia
https://www.koinoniafarm.org/
1324 GA Highway 49 South
Americus, Georgia 31719
Tel: (877) 738-17
Email: info@koinoniafarm.org

It is not a traditional internship program. It is for those interested in seeking an experience in our shared life of prayer, work, study, service, and fellowship. There are three main components: Educational, Spiritual, and Work.

Educational: Interns meet each day for study session, where they look at specific characteristics of the Kingdom of God (i.e. prayer, work, study, service, fellowship, love, joy, hospitality, peace, reconciliation, etc.) and learn about individuals and groups who have actively sought to demonstrate these characteristics, paying attention to how their own lives can be shaped by these examples.

Spiritual: At Koinonia, we have chosen to live as a house church similar to the early Christians described in the Acts of the Apostles. We have daily chapel, scripture reading, prayer times, and a great deal of fellowship and breaking of bread. The internship is an opportunity to participate in this life.

Work: The third major component is what you would expect of a typical internship. However, again, the internship is an invitation into our way of life, not just the work of our life. The internship is meant to be a holistic experience.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Tilton School - Tilton
www.tiltonschool.org
30 School Street,
Tilton, NH 03276
Phone: (603) 286-4342
Contact: Peter Saliba Email: psaliba@tiltonschool.org

The Tilton School, founded in 1845, is an independent, coeducational, college preparatory school in Tilton, New Hampshire, in the United States, serving students from 9th to 12th grade and postgraduates. Tilton School will be a nationally and internationally recognized leader among small boarding schools for creating an environment that enables our students to reach their greatest potential in ways that are real and measurable. Each Tilton student will create his or her best self, guided by exceptional educators, engaging programming and outstanding living and learning spaces.

NEW YORK, NY

Youth Service Opportunities Project
www.ysop.org
The Youth Service Opportunities Project (YSOP) is a nonprofit organization offering service learning styled programs for schools, youth groups, community groups serving homeless and hungry people in New York City and Washington, DC. YSOP offers daylong, overnight and weeklong service learning programs for students ranging in age from middle school to graduate school. YSOPers volunteer at soup kitchens, food pantries, urban gardens and farms and other projects helping people in need. Many programs include a service dinner party at YSOP where students prepare, serve and share a meal with homeless guests in a warm, convivial atmosphere that includes fun and board games. Students doing Contextual Education work would learn about the joys and challenges of working within a Quaker nonprofit offering nonsectarian youth programs to groups of all different faith backgrounds, including those not interested in faith at all. Specific focus and responsibilities would be designed according to organizational needs and the interests of the potential intern. Students would be supervised by a BU STH alum.

NORTH CAROLINA

Lake Junaluska (United Methodist) Camp and Retreat Center

www.lakejunaluska.com
P.O. Box 67
Lake Junaluska, NC 28745
Contact: Jennifer McSwain Martin, Director of Program Ministry
Email: information@lakejunaluska.com
Phone: (828) 454-6716

Lake Junaluska is a United Methodist Conference and Retreat Center located in the mountains of western North Carolina. Its mission is to be a place of Christian Hospitality where lives are transformed through renewal of soul, mind, and body by sponsoring spiritual formation events for all ages and by hosting conferences and retreats throughout the year. Student interns from seminaries are welcomed to serve as summer staff with Music Ministry and/or Christian Education positions.

RHODE ISLAND

Aldersgate Camp and Retreat Center New in 2019-20!

1043 Snake Hill Rd.
North Scituate, RI 02857
Contact: John Michael Spelman, Executive Director
Email: john@campaldersgate.com
Phone: 401-568-4350

Aldersgate Camp and Retreat Center is a United Methodist camp and retreat center in Glocester, Rhode Island. Focusing on how our faith moves us to take action, social justice has been a part of
Aldersgate since its founding in 1945. Each summer Aldersgate is a sacred space, empowering all, and welcoming campers to grow in faith and friendship, and moving them to change the world. Interns will participate in camp activities, facilitate morning and evening worships, counsel campers and staff through difficult experiences. Interns will also have the opportunity to design devotional materials for campers and guests.

Rhode Island State Council of Churches  Unavailable 2019-20
www.councilofchurchesri.org
100 Niantic Avenue, Suite 100
Providence, RI 02907
Contact: Rev. Don Anderson, Executive Minister
Email: danderson@councilofchurchesri.org
Phone: 401-461-5558 (Office), 401-578-0388 (Cell)

The RISCC membership includes 12 denominations and a growing number of individual congregations. The Council’s work is at the intersection of faith and public policy. Most often the Council is engaged in public policy regarding poverty and civil rights. In the past the Council has supported legislation supporting marriage equality, sensible gun regulations, and public school policies supportive of transgender and gender non-conforming students. Currently, the Council is providing workshops on white privilege, providing leadership on a statewide initiative regarding advanced care, and developing theological perspectives related to the transgender experience. Field placements are geared to the individual interests of students. In the past, students have developed or improved advocacy, networking and relational skills. Onsite supervision is provided by the Rev. Dr. Don Anderson, Executive Minister of the RISCC.

WASHINGTON, DC

General Board of Church and Society
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100 Maryland Avenue, N.E.
Washington, DC 20002
(202)488-5600
Contact: Neal Christie, Asst. General Secretary for Education & Leadership Formation
Phone: (202) 488-5611
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The General Board of Church and Society (GBCS) is one of four international general program boards of The United Methodist Church. The General Board has headquarters on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. and at the Church Center for the United Nations in New York City. The General Secretary of the Board since Nov.1, 2000 is Mr. James E. Winkler. The General Board is defined by its five areas of ministry: (1) Public Witness and Advocacy (2) Administration (3) Ministry of Resourcing Congregational Life, (4) United Nations Ministry, (5) Communications.

National Capital Semester for Seminarians
https://www.wesleyseminary.edu/degree-programs/ncss/
4500 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20016
Wesley’s “National Capital Semester for Seminarians” (NCSS) is a program where seminarians from across the country can spend one spring semester in Washington, DC in the exploration of public theology, significant public issues, political process and their theological, ethical and practical implications. This is accomplished through meetings with public officials, political figures, lobbyists and church social action leaders. Optional internship on Capitol Hill or in a board, agency, or advocacy group such as Human Rights Campaign, Children’s Defense Fund, Bread for the World or the General Board of Church and Society of the UMC.

CANADA

Montreal City Mission
http://www.montrealcitymission.org/en/
1435 rue City Councilors
Montréal, Québec H3A 2E4
Contact: The Rev. Paula Kline, Director
Email: info@montrealcitymission.org or director@montrealcitymission.org
Phone: (514) 844-9128 Fax: (514) 844-0067

Montreal City Mission/ Mission communautaire de Montréal (MCM) is a more than century old ministry of the United Church of Canada. The Mission enables the journey from exclusion to full integration in community, through the sharing of gifts and talents and with a deep commitment to justice, in the city of Montreal. MCM practices compassion by building community with refugees, immigrants, single moms and their kids, children from diverse backgrounds and with special needs, seniors and young adults. Students interested in a placement at the Mission should have a working knowledge of either French or Spanish.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

UMC General Board of Church & Society Fellows Program
https://www.umcjustice.org/what-you-can-do/internships/internship-application
Washington, D.C.
Contact: Katie Monfortte
Email: kmonfortte@umcjustice.org

The General Board of Church and Society is called to seek the implementation of the Social Principles and other policy statements of the United Methodist Church on Christian social concerns. Church and Society Fellows work alongside Church and Society staff on an intensive project that helps the organization equip and resource the Church in seeking justice and pursuing peace. This Fellowship is an opportunity for spiritual and professional development and discernment. Fellows are a part of a cohort for reflection, experiential learning and live in community. Housing and a living stipend of $1,000 is provided upon completion of the
OTHER INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

(Talk to Dr. Cristian De La Rosa for more details. These can work as summer internships or semester long contextual experience)

1) Pastoral work over a semester or summer:
   Puerto Rico
   Virgin Islands
   Peru
   Mexico

2) Internships, and/or Educational opportunities:
   San Juan, Puerto Rico – Ministry and language immersion
   Buenos Aires, Argentina
   Russia
   South Africa
   Meru, Kenya
   India – Ministry and teaching
   Cambodia – mission ministry
   Mexico – Paid work with children – teaching/Study and immersion with Comunidad Teologica de Mexico
   Peru – ministry or teaching work with theological formation programs
PROCEDURE FOR “BORROWING” CONTEXTUAL EDUCATION SITE FROM OTHER BTI SCHOOLS

This procedure has been worked out and agreed upon by the Contextual Education Directors of the member schools of the Boston Theological Institute.

1. If a student is interested in a BTI site, talk to one of the directors of Contextual Education.

2. If both the student and site agree to the site becoming the student’s contextual education placement, the student uses the forms and procedures of the sponsoring school, returning the originals filled out to that school and copies to BUSTh.

3. Student is responsible for managing the differences in semester schedules and structure between the sponsoring school and BUSTh. If the student has questions, they should contact the Contextual Education office.