

Office of Contextual Education

Site Partners

Agape Spiritual Community

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Agape Spiritual Community is a new church started in Waltham, Massachusetts, part of the United Church of Christ. At Agape, we love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength through music, worship, and contemplative, spiritual practices; love our neighbor as we fully love ourselves; love and care for the earth and all of creation; love our youth and children, who are not only our future, but our present; live in service, and work to make God's agape love and justice real; live, practice, and embody our faith; follow the way of Jesus, while drawing wisdom from all spiritual traditions rooted in love; welcome all people as they are, no matter their race, color, culture, creed, finances, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, affirming that God loves you just as you are!

Currently, Agape has services twice a month, along with small groups involving service and contemplative practices. At Agape, there is openness to new ways of doing things in worship and community life. Student's involvement, depending on interest, is including but not limited to: worship leadership, adult and children faith formation experiences, outreach in Waltham and the wider community through in-person conversations, events, and social media.

Aldersgate United Methodist Church

<https://www.aldersgatechelmsford.com>

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Aldersgate United Methodist Church is an exciting, multiple-staff church, located just 45 minutes from BU. This is a healthy congregation with many opportunities for serving and learning. We have 2 Sunday morning worship services with education for all between the

services. We offer 3 mid-week Bible Studies and multiple music, fellowship groups and outreach opportunities for all ages. The congregation is known as “The church with the warm heart” which is a motto they live by in their gracious hospitality and vital congregational life.

Boston University: Marsh Chapel

www.bu.edu/chapel

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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.

Boston University 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 Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion

<https://www.bu.edu/sth/community/dei/>

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The Boston University School of Theology (STH) seeks peace with justice in a diverse and interconnected world, and it is therefore committed to advocating for marginalized communities and embodying these attitudes and behavior. The STH Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion is an ideal placement for a student committed to upholding the STH Diversity Statement and Community Principles through engagement with relevant research and current affairs, organizing community activities, and modeling inclusive leadership on-campus and beyond. Working closely with co-directors Dr. Nicolette Manglos-Weber and Rev. Andrew Kimble ('19), this intern will gain theoretical knowledge and practical experience on how to cultivate an ethos of respect and dignity within an institution of higher learning.

Boston University School of Theology: Office of Religion and Conflict Transformation

<https://www.bu.edu/rct/about/>

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The Religion and Conflict Transformation (RCT) program is a seminary-based program in theologically informed conflict transformation. It trains religious leaders in the theologies, theories, and practices of conflict transformation.

Focus on multicultural and interfaith contexts: In all its programs, the RCT Program attempts to embody in its practice the possibility of a pluralistic peace via practices of learning, ritual, and community. All core courses include multicultural representation and content from diverse faith communities. Rooted in Protestant Christian traditions, the Program has graduated

practitioners of Catholicism, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Unitarian Universalis, African Traditional Religions, and Buddhism, as well as those who do not practice a religious tradition. There are few programs in the world with the combination of racial, national, and religious diversity that exists here.

Emphasis on spiritual practices: The RCT Program is a practical one and works from the assumption that effective peacebuilding, especially in multicultural and interreligious contexts, requires attention to spiritual practices, rituals, and community formation. Other programs emphasize theological reflection and minimize training in practical application. The RCT Program holds critical theological reflection in balance with practical learning and practice to graduate both reflective and effective practitioners of conflict transformation.

Emphasis on Restorative Justice and Community Organizing: The RCT Program at BU has particular strengths in restorative justice and in community organizing. Thus, in addition to the core required course “The Spirit and Art of Conflict Transformation” students are required to take either “The Principles and Practices of Restorative Justice” or “Faith-Based Community Organizing for Justice and Peace” or an equivalent at their home institution. In addition, there are multiple practical and internship opportunities in these areas at BU and in the greater Boston area. There are places with emphases in either restorative justice or community organizing but there is no other place that weaves them together in the ways they are in the RCT Program.

RCT internships include opportunities to work in the office in communications, networking, and administrative projects, developing RCT-specific programming, or facilitating community talking circles within STH or beyond.

Boston University School of Theology: Office of Spiritual Life

<https://www.bu.edu/sth/community/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.

The Spiritual Life Office provides programs and practices including communal prayer and worship opportunities, student spiritual/social activities such as SpiritualiTea and student

retreats, as well as academic support, such as academic reading retreats. The STH Student Life Office works with students in the discernment process to explore nourishing spiritual practices and engage with others who are doing the same.

Brooksby Village

<http://www.ericksonliving.com/brooksby-village>

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Brooksby Village is a large retirement community on the North Shore. There are 1800 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) 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 and interests 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, memory care 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 ecumenical and interfaith environment of true respect, all under a “corporate” umbrella, which holds fecund learnings for any student.

Calvary Church United Methodist Church

www.calvaryarlington.org

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Calvary has a multigenerational congregation, with average attendance of 100 each week. Our priorities include creating engaging worship, connecting with one another, and serving in active

mission and we offer many opportunities for spiritual growth, service, and fellowship, both inside and outside the church. In addition to our regular Sunday morning service, we have special services during holiday seasons; we also offer Sunday school classes for all ages and have a very active youth group. Calvary works with community groups including the Housing Corporation of Arlington and the Somerville Homeless Coalition, sends members to Maine every year to help rebuild and repair homes, and has multiple small groups that meet for fellowship and fun. We have eight years of experience working with student interns and offer many different avenues through which interns can develop their talents, explore areas of ministry that they may not have experienced previously, and gain experience to better discern their calling.

Camp Silver Lake

<https://www.silverlakect.org/>

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This is a summer placement. Students would apply to be full-time summer staff at the Camp:

<https://www.silverlakect.org/summeremployment>

Silver Lake is a place for everyone to experience nature, make new friends, and explore your faith. With more than 60 acres of wooded land on lakeside shores, Silver Lake offers many opportunities for people of all ages to take risks and try new things with the support of an intentional Christian community.

We worship, learn, play, serve, and work together, respecting the right of private judgement. We seek to provide a safe environment of acceptance regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation, reflecting our unity in Christ and respecting the faith journeys of all of God's children.

Silver Lake is a camp affiliated with the Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ. It is an LGBTQIA+ affirming organization.

Carter Memorial United Methodist Church

www.carterumc.org

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Carter Memorial is located in Needham, MA an upper middle-class community 10 miles outside of Boston; the church however has a broad social, ethnic and economic demographic. Worship style would be considered traditional with an exceptional music program and average worship attendance of 145. Worship is in person, as well as live streamed, on Sunday mornings. Mission and outreach are carried out through domestic and international mission trips plus team building with other agencies in the community and conference. We offer a twice a month free meal to the public which engages volunteers from the community and local school systems. We have many active adult small groups, children, youth, and senior programs. Carter offers a good learning environment and the challenge of regional ministry and community change. Members are from both Needham and surrounding communities. Carter Memorial has been a contextual education site since 1967.

Carter's mission is to:

- Seek-the sacred and Holy in the world and one another
- Share-in the fellowship of building a just community
- Serve-others as change agents in the world

Our core values focus on Faith formation, welcoming, community and service/justice.

Center for Mind and Culture, Inc.

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 other productively.

Central Congregational Church

www.centralnewburyport.org

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The mission of Central Congregational Church is to live our faith in Jesus through worship, service and education. We are a 110-year-old congregation of the United Church of Christ, with antecedents that date back to 1768. Our staff consists of a pastor, director of music, director of Christian education, two administrators and a custodian. Staff works collaboratively with each other and members of the church. We have a strong commitment to community service, with a particular focus on food security. We offer a free community breakfast every Saturday and we deliver hot meals to neighbors in need once a month. The church supports more than 70 church and community organizations through financial contributions and volunteer service. Our Sunday school consists of approximately 45 students with a team of 8-10 adult teachers and helpers. Sunday morning worship follows the traditions of a mainline Protestant church with an organ, chancel choir and gospel choir. Preaching seeks to stimulate the heart and mind. The congregation and worship leaders support creative and innovative forms of worship. Central has a proud history of supporting seminary students, many of whom now serve in local churches and the community.

The COVID pandemic created many challenges and opportunities for our congregation. We have learned how to create a digital church with worship broadcasts, on-line discussion, and electronic voting for congregational meetings. While we continue to adapt our ministries to the changing public health situation, we are learning new ways of being church. This setting provides many learning opportunities for a seminary student including community ministry and the current opportunity to witness a congregation's engagement (and resistance) to digital ministry.

Chapel in the Pines: A Wild Church

<https://www.facebook.com/Chapelinthepines02482/>

Mackinnon Park at the intersection on Halsey Ave. and MacArthur, Wellesley, MA, United States, Massachusetts

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Once a month we will offer the opportunity to gather for worship out in nature. This new monthly service, Chapel in the Pines, will take place at a recreational town park in Wellesley which is surrounded by forest. At Chapel in the Pines, we will experience God in nature through prayer, scripture and short meditative walks in the forest. Refreshments will be served after the service. This service is part of the Wild Church Movement which began in 2016 with the formation of the Wild Church Network. Since then, Wild Church communities have been popping up all over the US and Canada. We believe this will be the first Wild Church community in the state of MA! What is Wild Church? A Wild Church is a community of people who gather outdoors to worship and connect with God through experiences with nature. Wild Church communities seek to discover how God is revealed through the trees, the birds, the wind and the earth. Wild Church offers a time to experience the splendor of God's creation and praise God for the beauty of the earth.

Clinton Presbyterian Church

www.presbyterianclinton.org

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Clinton Presbyterian Church is a 128-year-old Presbyterian community in the town of Clinton, MA. Originally founded by immigrants from Scotland who worked in local factories, the church has become a thriving multi-cultural community, welcoming new immigrants to the area from Cameroon in the 2000s and 2010s, and more recently from Brazil. We follow in the Reformed tradition of representative government and the priesthood of all believers, with lay leadership in many areas of our work, including the Session, the church's governing body. For more than a decade we have had bi-vocational ministers, which has empowered the lay leadership of our church to serve in ways that express the fullness of their gifts and skills. Our current Minister also works as an Outpatient Therapist. We are a healthy small church, with many young families and young adult members, convinced that small church ministry has a vital and important role to play in our society.

The mission of the Clinton Presbyterian Church is to reflect the love of Jesus Christ in our church, community, and the world. We do this by welcoming ALL who want to worship and learn about the love of God. We welcome people of any ages, sizes, race, orientation, gender, ethnicity and financial status. This mission is demonstrated through our presence in the wider community and the many ways Clinton has adapted to serve our neighbors over our long history.

We are currently experimenting with different hybrid models for worship, Christian Education, and small group meetings while we navigate the ongoing and changing COVID-19 pandemic. Throughout this period, we have embraced creativity and a playful attitude as we approach trying new things—which sometimes succeed and sometimes fail. We have learned a lot in this period and would love to share what we know with a seminarian.

Common Cathedral

<http://commoncathedral.org/>

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common cathedral was established as an outdoor congregation in 1994, inspired by Jesus's example of love and compassion. We are an ecumenical ministry that seeks to build community and provide spiritual care to unhoused individuals in Boston, and to bridge the gap between housed and unhoused people. Our intern would join us in this mission of being church together by empowering and including those whom society passes by. Most of our ministry takes place in downtown Boston and is T and bus accessible. Our interns are able to join and take on leadership roles in a wide range of programs:

- Sunday outdoor worship on the Boston Common, followed by Bible Study
- Spiritual care and worship at the respite facilities of Boston Healthcare for the Homeless
- BostonWarm, our day center that welcomes guests for rest, nourishment, and community
- *common art*, an open art studio where all are welcome to be creative
- Feed Your Spirit, a small group that empowers participants to explore their spirituality
- CityReach, an overnight educational immersion program for youth groups and adults to learn about homelessness from those who have experienced it

Connexion United Methodist Church

<https://www.connexionumc.org/>

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Connexion strives to build community by creating a welcoming, fully inclusive, just, and loving collaborative and worship space. We are home to a small, yet growing Methodist influenced congregation, several non-profits, and community organizations.

Currently, Connexion is the home of the Queer Youth Assemble and East Somerville Main Streets. We work closely with these organizations as a gateway to communities to support their missions in the city of Somerville. Connexion is known for our bi-weekly community meals, free public library sponsored by a local Queer feminist bookstore, weekly interactive worship, and commitment to providing safe and sacred community space. As a reimagined United Methodist Faith Community, Connexion is a growing new church start. Born in 2013 out of the College Avenue UMC, Connexion is a missional faith-based community center in East Somerville dedicated to supporting grassroots organizing, anti-racist, and Queer affirming movements and organizations. Our small but active diverse congregation meets for interactive worship each Sunday and then returns to the community work we are all called to do. East Somerville is one of the few places in the city not harmed by gentrification and we intend to continue to exist in East Somerville as a means of solidarity and support. Connexion is small but busy! Our congregation size hovers around 25-30 members. Our building is a 3-room store front. Yet, our capacity for ministry is known city wide. While we have missional focuses as a UMC we are also a very versatile congregation often focusing on various themes relating to justice, spirituality, mission, and ministry. Connexion is a great sandbox for contextual education

Episcopal Church of Our Saviour

www.cos-milton.org

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We are a neighborhood Episcopal Church based in Milton, Massachusetts. We worship God through formal liturgy, impromptu prayer, and our work in the world. We warmly welcome all

people in keeping with our deep commitment to God's inclusive love. Our priest works in partnership with our members in a leader-filled church; all people, young and old, have a voice here. We are not a place to be anonymous. We currently have about 25 active families from Milton, Quincy, Dorchester, and Weymouth. Our Parish is racially, economically, and socially diverse. About a third of our congregation are BIPOC, and about a third identify as LGBTQ+. In contrast to a region and a denomination that is steadily growing older, a third or a quarter of the people in a typical service at Church of Our Saviour might be kids. We embrace the joyful chaos young children bring to our worship and parish life. We are a small family-sized church, and yet we feel that we have a lot to offer as a placement for STH students who are discerning a call to ordain or lay leadership in the church. At a church like ours, the clergy person often "wears a lot of hats." They get to design and lead worship on Sundays, provide pastoral care for the congregation, empower lay leaders in engaging the local community through outreach and advocacy. However, they also must run the business side of the church and deal with everything from administrative tasks to finances to property maintenance. In other words, an intern would get an opportunity to explore both the glorious and mundane parts of ministry.

First Baptist Church Dorchester

<https://www.fbcdorchester.com/>

401 Ashmont Street, Dorchester, MA 02126

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We are the First Baptist Church in Dorchester, located on Ashmont and Adams Streets in Dorchester, Massachusetts. We are a multicultural American Baptist congregation, providing weekly Sunday morning services and Tuesday evening Bible study classes. If you are looking for a church home or want to stop by for a visit, we hope you find our church a warm and welcoming faith community.

We are a member of the American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts (TABCOM), a regional chapter of American Baptist Churches USA. As American Baptists, we believe that Jesus Christ is the Lord and Savior, and that the Bible is the authoritative and trustworthy guide for knowing and serving God.

As a Christian fellowship, we strive to share the love of Christ. At FBCD, we are a diverse church family, and we welcome all those seeking a church home or hoping to deepen their relationship with God and God's people.

Some possible opportunities for engagement are:

- 1) FBCD partners with NECAT, a free culinary Art school for citizens looking for a second chance. NECAT is an eight-week training program with a sixty-seven percent placement rate. It primarily focuses on ex-addicts, ex-convicts, and the homeless population. Pastor Dana is an active board member.
- 2) FBCD partners with the Boston Coalition for Housing Justice. We are actively working on the homeless/addiction issue at Mass & Cass.
- 3) FBCD is progressive in prison ministry. Pastor Dana is a Senior Chaplain at the Nashua Street Jail in Boston. We are looking for people who want to learn about prison ministry.

First Baptist Church in Jamaica Plain

<https://www.firstbaptistjp.org/>

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FBCJP is a progressive Christian congregation in the urban neighborhood of Jamaica Plain committed to the inclusive love of Jesus. JP is a community of people comprised of diverse cultural and economic backgrounds. Our church reflects this rich diversity, including young, old, gay, straight, transgender, black, white, immigrant, rich, poor and in between. We are a little bit of everybody. A student in contextual education at FBCJP will have the opportunity to lead worship, preach, teach, care for and do justice with our community, in line with their learning goals. FBCJP is for the student who wants to lead creatively and is willing to take risks in learning how to bring good news to our world.

First Congregational Church of Hanover

www.FCCHanover.org

17 Silver Street, Suite 201, Hanover, MA 02339

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First Congregational Church of Hanover, UCC is a 175-member United Church of Christ congregation that has been Open and Affirming for many years in practice, and officially since 2009. We are in Hanover Center, a suburb south of Boston along the route to Cape Cod. The campus includes the 1863 meeting house and vestry; Riley Hall, which houses the offices,

education and fellowship spaces, and a busy thrift-store; an outdoor chapel and stone labyrinth, and the parsonage, which is occupied by Rev. Johnston, his partner, Michael, and their beagle, Deacon.

Our expectation for students' learning is largely based on the students' goals for ministry. At the same time, they can expect to preach, design, lead worship regularly, assist in the administration of the sacraments (we have 2!), and participate in pastoral duties such as visitation, funerals, etc. 2022 will include the addition of new staff and significant upgrades to the church's technology. Time for theological reflection with the pastor and meetings with the Teaching Parish Committee will be included in the schedule. Our interns will gain practical experience with Christian Education and youth ministry and mission/outreach/social justice. Students are here to learn and contribute. They will be supported by an engaged and caring Teaching Parish Committee, a warm and inviting congregation, and by the pastor. We also strive to teach you, "Things They Don't Teach You in Seminary." Please bring with you your gifts for ministry, ideas for worship, and willingness to teach and learn with us.

Contextual Education Students are provided with a \$1,500/semester stipend, office space, and snacks. Flexible transportation options available!

First Congregational Church of Milton

<https://fccmilton.org/>

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First Congregational Church in Milton is a vital and growing, Open and Affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ. We strive to grow together in faithfulness while journeying together as a congregation with diverse religious backgrounds. FCC has grown in the past 15 years from an aging congregation with fewer than 40 members to our current size of over 200 adult members and 125 children, with around 110 people usually attending our Sunday worship service and Christian Education programs. Most of our members come from Milton with some from surrounding towns and the Hyde Park and Dorchester neighborhoods of Boston. As our children get older, we have an emerging Youth Program which began two years ago and is already growing quickly. Our worship style is fairly traditional, characterized by a focus on preaching and high-quality music. We believe that our congregation offers a unique opportunity for those preparing for ministry to learn and grow in their craft by participating in a congregation that is open to new ways of ministry, and eager to try just about anything.

Students will be welcomed as a full member of the ministerial team where their ideas and unique gifts will be valued and relied upon. We do not place restrictions on the involvement of our students; rather, we expect our students to have a healthy – yet balanced – interest in experiencing the many aspects of ministry in our church.

First Congregational Church of Reading

<https://www.churchofreading.org/>

25 Woburn St., Reading, MA 01867

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First Congregational Church of Reading, UCC is an LGBTQIA+ affirming congregation in the center of the Reading community, and a progressive, arts-friendly church. The church has been a progressive voice of justice and established itself as an Open and Affirming Congregation in 2001. The structure of the church matches the polity of the United Church of Christ, including a non-hierarchical structural system of management. A committee of lay leaders helps to manage the business of the church in addition to congregational meetings. The church is active within the Metro-Boston Association of the Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ and in good standing.

We have a variety of potential ministries and activities at our site that we'd be willing to work with students on for their contextual education placement, from faith formation and worship leadership, to pastoral care experience, artist in residence placement, church history research, as well as experiences for summer placement at outdoor ministry sites associated with UCC conferences in New England under the supervision and direct relationship through First Congregational Church of Reading, as well as vocational discernment.

First Parish in Brookline

<https://firstparishinbrookline.org/>

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Our Mission: Called by Love, Sustained by Community, Committed to Justice

We strive to be a welcoming, diverse and loving congregation that nurtures spiritual growth for individuals and families, celebrates multicultural community, and works together to demand social justice, dismantle racism, and care for our living earth.

We are in the old town center of Brookline, MA, the unceded land of the Massachusett people. We are a largely white congregation with some active people of color, our minister is multicultural (Latino/Caucasian). We have active groups addressing eco-justice, racial justice and a concentrated effort on helping immigrants and refugees. Like many congregations we worry about our future and our economic reality. We do own our building(s) outright and have more than \$2M in our endowment.

First Parish in Brookline is situated in the historic center of Brookline overlooking the old town green. Though we lost some prominence in foot traffic after Boylston Avenue was paved, we are still quite close to Coolidge Corner, a walkable distance in fact from the T stop. Like many Unitarian Universalist (UU) congregations, we are interested in making the world a better place, and we focus on environmental issues, becoming a multicultural, anti-racist and counter oppressive force in our town. We have generational families in our congregation and people new to our shores.

First Parish in Lincoln

www.fplincoln.org

4 and 14 Bedford Road, Lincoln, MA 01773

Rev. Nate Klug

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First Parish in Lincoln is a healthy, vibrant setting of the local church. As a federated church (both UCC and UUA), we celebrate our “big spiritual tent,” and liberal Christians, humanists, atheists, and Buddhists can all be found in our pews. We are guided by three core values: the promotion of spiritual growth and connection; the building of community; and the pursuit of social justice and environmental protection.

First Parish offers a wide range of training for church ministry: preaching, pastoral care, committee work (including racial and environmental justice), community outreach, adult education, children’s ministry, and virtual ministry. A typical week in our congregational life might include a forum hosted by our Racial Justice Advocates, a conversation about death and dying, and a movie night for young families and kids.

First Parish is located in beautiful Lincoln, just a few minutes off Route 2 (a 20-minute drive from Cambridge). We understand that our location might pose a challenge, and we will

reimburse our student for their transportation costs. We also will offer a stipend each semester.

Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

<http://www.gsumcmalden.org/>

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The Church of the Good Shepherd is an intentionally redeveloping parish with strong, committed lay leadership. Using an appreciative inquiry approach to systems change and growth, the parish was growing in numbers and in the impact of its ministries in the local community, until a pastoral leadership transition and the pandemic overlapped. A new minister was called in October 2020, and the parish resumed hybrid worship in summer 2021. The Church of the Good Shepherd has a long-standing ministry with and for persons with disabilities, vibrant worship, a deepening commitment to anti-racism, and is active in environmental and other justice work. Youth and children's formation have been on hiatus since the pandemic began, with a desire to resume these ministries. Seminarians would be welcome to participate in and help grow any of these aspects of our ministry.

Grace United Methodist Church

<https://graceumclynn.org/>

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Grace United Methodist Church (UMC) is a multi-cultural, diverse, and active congregation dedicated to bringing people to Jesus Christ through worship, education, mission and fellowship. We have active ministries for all ages and many outreach ministries with the community of Lynn since the church is in one of the largest and most diverse cities in MA with many of the social and economic issues of a city. Grace United Methodist Church is also a reconciling congregation. We believe that all are children of God and are of sacred worth. We affirm Jesus' example of love without exclusion.

Grace Vision United Methodist Church

<http://www.gracevisionumc.org/>

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Translated into English from the original Korean on the Grace Vision UMC website:

In the winter of 2004, four Korean families attending an American church in Lexington, Boston, gathered together and began studying the Bible with a heart that yearned for the Word. At that time, Pastor Han-Sung Kim, who had been studying the Bible with us, received a calling to establish a church and shared his thoughts, and together with the families who had been studying the Bible, the first service of Vision Church was held at Boston University Marsh Chapel on August 6, 2006. As the congregation gathered for the Friday all-night prayer meeting and the seminary students studying at nearby Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary devoted themselves and prayed, the small but God-dreamed-of hope for a church began to take shape. After that, with the prayers and support of the New Jersey United Church (Pastor Na Gu-Yong) and the Korean United Methodist Church Ministry Strengthening Association, we held a founding music service on October 22, 2006 at Calvary UMC in Arlington, inviting Bishop Peter Weaver and other superintendents and pastors, marking our first step as a church affiliated with the New England Conference of the United Methodist Church. In order to more effectively fulfill the mission of serving the youth of the Boston area, we moved our worship place to Grace UMC, a historic American United Methodist church located in Cambridge, in November 2007. Also, with the determination and love of the Grace UMC members, we decided to unite and become one church, and in April 2008, we were reborn as Grace Vision UMC and made a new beginning. Since then, in order to accommodate the increasing number of members and to pursue a new calling, the church has moved to a sanctuary in Watertown, near Boston, and is now 16 years old. Grace Vision Church was planted in Boston through the devotion of the first pastors, Han-Sung Kim, Wi-Hyun Jang, Jong-Wook Hong, and Choong-Ho Lee, as well as the prayers, service, and obedience of many members and ministers. And it has grown into a community that serves Christ as the main character in the Word of God. Now, in July 2022, we are continuing to write the gospel story of the kingdom of God revealed in the Word together with those who have been called to Boston as pilgrims in the kingdom of God in Christ, together with Pastor Koo Jeong-hoon, who was sent by the New England Conference and has taken up his post.

Hancock United Church of Christ

<https://www.hancockchurch.org/>

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At Hancock United Church of Christ, belonging is as important as believing. What holds us together is not that we all agree on what we believe, but rather our covenant of membership: we all belong to one community together.

Jesus once asked his disciples, “But who do you say that I am?” Our believing and our belonging is our answer to this question. To belong to Hancock means that each of us seeks to strengthen our beliefs, and we do this through several important practices:

- We worship together, seeking to understand God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit through prayer, preaching, singing and witnessing.
- We study and learn as we are able: reading the Bible, engaging in Christian Education programs, talking and sharing faithfully with each other.
- We engage in good works together, reaching out to the sick and the lonely, the poor and the powerless.
- We gather together for friendship, fellowship and kindness toward one another.

As we do these works, the truths described in our UCC Statement of Faith become increasingly powerful in our lives. We do not have to believe every part of the statement. It is not a creed that establishes the last word on what must be believed; rather, it is a witness, the first word in our on-going conversation with one another about our common life together.

At Hancock we can and do believe in a variety of ways. We take the Bible seriously as a witness to God’s interaction with human beings, but we never read it literally. We celebrate the use of human reason, and regard science and faith as equally essential and highly compatible. Each of us is responsible for growing in our understanding of faith and belief, and no member is compelled to agree with any other member. Our ministers do not speak for us, but bear witness to us.

But even when we disagree, especially when we disagree, we belong together. We listen, we respect, we witness, we grow. We create room for the graceful change of mind, will and life. We engage in the quest to determine our beliefs while belonging to a community of others who are engaged as we are. Hancock is an Open and Affirming Church Community. All gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people are welcome in our community of faith. We affirm the full

inclusion of all God's people in the life and ministry of the church. In harmony with Massachusetts law, our congregation also strongly supports the civil right of all free and consenting adults to marry.

Harbor United Methodist Church

www.harborumc.org

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Harbor UMC is dedicated to reclaiming the church as an outpost for grace and transformation through the teachings of Jesus Christ. We are a "Hands and Feet " congregation that is focused on how we may work together as God's co-conspirators in the building of the Kingdom. We are in Scituate, MA, a town whose socioeconomic landscape has changed over the last 30 years. With the addition of two commuter rail stations, our seaside town is now booming with young professionals starting families. This has driven home prices up and created friction between "townies" and new residents. This division is seen in political and social issues, with half the town identifying as very conservative and the other as very liberal.

Our community's newfound affluence makes for a challenging mission field. Although we do not have a large population that is in need of basic necessities (ie: food and shelter), struggles with addiction and mental health are severe. The culture of young families seems to revolve around children's sports and social hierarchy. Ministry in this setting requires long term goal setting and is not easily measured. Our building is located next to an elementary school, close to the downtown area and beach. With a large fellowship hall we have the infrastructure to host a variety of programs.

We have opportunities for students in: worship design and planning; youth program development; media and marketing; community outreach and organization; assisting the music director in music ministry.

Harvard-Epworth United Methodist Church

www.harvardepworthchurch.org

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Harvard-Epworth United Methodist Church (UMC) is an urban and progressive Christian setting which provides interns with an experience that can be molded to their interests and needs. Our congregation and our ministry opportunities are diverse and therefore interns have many different possibilities for focus. We welcome “generalists” who want the full experience of being involved in pastoral leadership in a church, as well as those who might want to focus on Christian education, Young Adult ministries, social justice ministries, pastoral care, or any other area of interest. Our church is located just north of Harvard Square, across from the Cambridge Common and has an exciting and dynamic ministry. It is easily accessible by public transportation. To find out more about our church, we encourage you to visit our website.

Hebrew College Miller Center for Interreligious Learning and Leadership

www.hebrewcollege.edu/miller-center/

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The mission of the Miller Center for Interreligious Learning & Leadership of Hebrew College 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. 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 primary areas of education and leadership development:

Communal Leadership (high school, undergraduate, graduate, & emerging professionals): The Miller Center fellowships for Boston-area high school students include: The Dignity Project, COVID Youth Commission, and COVID-19 Faith in Vaccine Ambassadors Program. Fellowships for undergraduate students include: The Boston Interfaith Leadership Initiative (BILI) and Boston Bridges Fellowship for Religious and Communal Leaders.

Seminary/Divinity School 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 inter-religious education and leadership. The Miller Center also offers various workshops, seminars, and fellowships for clergy, educators, and non-profit leaders relating to issues of religion and public life.

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.

Adult Learning: 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.

Interfaith Photovoice

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Remote

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We employ a tried-and-true technique called photovoice, which combines amateur photography and structured dialogue. It isn't something we invented. Our innovation is developing ways to use photovoice as an arts-based approach to interfaith understanding. Our work brings together people from different backgrounds to explore what their beliefs, practices, and values look like in everyday life. Participants snap photos with their smartphones to show the ways religion and spirituality "show up" during a typical week. They meet together to share and discuss their pictures.

As conversations unfold, participants find common ground in experiences such as encountering the divine through nature. They recognize shared commitments to regular practices such as prayer and meditation. And they open up about the barriers they encounter as people with commitments to beliefs and behaviors they hold as sacred. Through this process, people involved in our projects develop understanding, empathy, and a shared vision for what a more inclusive world might look like.

Since religion is embodied, people bring with them differences including race, class, gender, and political affiliation. As such, opportunities for building interfaith relationships, for example, also helps to bridge other differences and can address a host of challenges related to equity, diversity, and inclusion. We do this through photovoice workshops, projects, trainings, as well as photo contests and related blogs.

Student would be the Diversity, Dialogue, & Interfaith Engagement Intern. One internship pathway is to facilitate a project on your own campus or in your local community. The project

will conclude with a public facing component that will share the work with a larger audience (such as social media, an exhibit, a webpage, etc.). You will help collect, edit, and write stories based on your group's experience as well as one case study on the photovoice method as an approach to interreligious engagement. Tasks could include participation in a photovoice project and workshops, writing and editing blogs, the creation of a case study based on one's own experience in the project group, social media content creation and management, research and research summaries, outreach, and facilitation.

Main Street United Methodist Church

www.mainstreet-umc.org

154 Main Street Nashua, NH 03061

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Main Street UMC is a reconciling congregation that celebrates the sacred worth of all. Our metro location is at the center of downtown and we seek to be "the Church with a Heart in the Heart of Nashua." Our vision is to welcome, nurture, serve, and disciple. We are engaged in the issues of our region including affordable housing, homelessness, immigrant inclusion, and appreciation of diverse populations. Nashua has been designated a "welcoming city" and we strive to live into the multi-cultural diversity that exists here. Our leadership model is collaborative and collegial. MSUMC is open to working with the specific learning objectives of students be they elder-related interests of ordering the church, worship design and preaching, teaching adults or youth, or more deacon-related ministries of town engagement, connection, and collaboration with other social-service organizations and town officials in justice ministries. We have unique opportunities for those interested in worship and the arts, eco-theology, teaching to progressive and conservative members in the same room and exploring new organizational models for a "big-steeple" church seeking alternative building uses to remain sustainable and relevant.

Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange

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Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) finds adoptive homes for the over 1100 children and teens living in foster care who are waiting for an adoptive family. We provide vital services to recruit families for each waiting child's very specific needs. Contextual education opportunities include establishing relationships with faith communities to raise awareness about the need for adoptive families, recruiting families, and educating the public about the process, challenges, and support resources available for families. Students will also be given the opportunity to reflect theologically and ecclesiastically about adoption from foster care as a practical dimension of ministry.

New Roots African Methodist Episcopal Church

<https://www.newroots.church/>

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New Roots AME is a community of folks of different races, national origins, sexual orientations, gender expressions, and economic backgrounds. Many of us grew up in traditional churches and got to a place where they didn't work for us. Some of us never went to church and may not be sure what we think about God, but have a desire to explore spirituality. New Roots is reimagining what church can be, particularly through the lenses of Justice and Jubilee. We are a small and growing congregation, averaging 40 people at Sunday Service. In addition to our 2pm Sunday Service, we offer: Wednesday night Lectio Divina & Bible Study, twice weekly Prayer Calls, Kids Church, monthly social events, and small groups (Radical Imagination + Creativity, Spiritual Practice + Holy Listening, Resource Share + Community Care, Creation + Earth Connection, and Calling + Discernment), and more. We are a community actively listening for the ways Spirit is stirring on individual and collective levels.

Students are invited to step into the radical imagination of God to develop learning goals that are reflective of their deepest callings. Students of all denominations and traditions are welcome.

Newton Presbyterian Church

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Newton Presbyterian Church is a growing congregation that is marked by its clear biblical teaching, its love of its Presbyterian heritage, and its social justice ministry that seeks to carry the love of Christ to all people. We are a multicultural congregation fully committed to inclusivity and church leadership that represents the diversity and make up of our congregation. We are a member of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) developing creative ways to use our church building in service of the community and currently have a range of tenants from a Spanish Immersion Montessori School and after school programming focused on Chinese language and culture. We have wide engagement with the wider community. Our congregation was founded in the 1800s by immigrants from Nova Scotia and moved to our current location in the 1940s. We went through a schism in 2017, and our current congregation is continuing to rebuild from that experience. We are one of the most diverse congregations in the Presbytery of Boston with a significant portion of our membership originally coming from Cameroon. We are a small but dedicated congregation.

There is a lot of potential and many opportunities for a contextual education student to get involved and take significant and substantive leadership roles in helping to build new programming and gain hands-on ministry experience. We are eager to offer Bible study programming for youth and adults, develop youth programming during worship and at other times during the week. We are hoping to expand our music offerings including restarting a regular church choir, building a handbell choir, reviving our Hallelujah Choir, which has been led primarily by our Cameroonian members. There is room for much more and creativity and new ideas are very welcome.

Key activities where student support would be very much welcome include: worship planning and leading, planning and leading our weekly Wednesday evening prayer service and/or developing additional programming, preaching on Sundays, developing adult Bible study/programming before or after worship on Sundays and/or other days of the week, youth programming, weekly children's messages, prayer groups, small groups, administrative tasks (website, newsletter, bulletin preparation), pastoral care, outreach and new membership development, developing opportunities to engage our community, and online programming to engage with our community who cannot physically come to worship due to health conditions or physical distance.

Old South United Methodist Church

<https://www.oldsouthumc.org/>

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NEW PAID PART-TIME ROLE FOCUSED ON CHILDREN & YOUTH IN READING, MA

Are you looking for an opportunity to gain experience leading children and youth ministries?

Are you seeking more exposure to how nonprofits work? If so, consider applying to be a

Children and Youth Ministries Coordinator at Old South United Methodist Church in Reading, MA. This is a paid role and approximately a quarter-time position, but we would consider half-time for the right candidate. It would require work on-site Sunday mornings from 9-12, but the work beyond that could be remote. In this role, you would coordinate the delivery of church-sponsored educational ministries for children and youth through grade 12 with assistance from church committees, staff and volunteers. You would plan and lead programs for youth on Sunday mornings, deliver weekly children's messages, support the nursery and Sunday School and more. This role requires you can drive Christian education in a Protestant Christian faith, but we do not require a specific religious background or personal faith. Additional highlights on this role include:

Competitive compensation

Old South is a progressive church. We are a Reconciling Congregation, meaning we are welcoming and affirming LGBTQIA+ people.

We can facilitate exposure to the ins-and-outs of working with nonprofits. Our church is home to the Reading Food Pantry and the Christian Cooperative Preschool, and our congregation is heavily involved in both.

Convenient location – located on the commuter rail for easy commute to and from Boston, or a 25 min drive.

We are open to applications both for internships candidates and for those looking for an ongoing, part-time position.

This position does not have an end date, so it could be a long-standing career opportunity.

Parkway United Methodist Church

<http://www.umcparkway.org/>

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Rev. Tom Getchell-Lacey

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Parkway United Methodist Church is a more than 135 years old multigenerational and multicultural congregation located in Milton, Massachusetts, just south of Boston's Mattapan neighborhood. Worshipers speak many languages and come from Africa, South America, Central America, the Caribbean, Europe and the United States. Ministries at Parkway include Adult Bible Study, Sunday School, Youth Ministry and Health Ministry. Both United Methodist Men and United Methodist Women are an active and integral part of Parkway's life. Three additional worshipping congregations utilize space at Parkway, the Cornerstone Community Baptist Church, Betsaleel Pentecostal Church, and Faith Mission Temple, which makes for a wonderful mix of people who worship God in very diverse ways within our church walls. The Milton Interfaith Clergy Association is a strong presence in the community and sponsors monthly Courageous Conversations Toward Racial Justice in which Parkway participates. Parkway houses the Milton Community Food Pantry which provides food assistance to Milton residents, individuals and families in need of such aid.

Reservoir Church

<http://www.reservoirchurch.org/about>

15 Notre Dame Ave. Cambridge, MA 02140

Rev. Steve Watson

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Reservoir Church is a dynamic, multi-ethnic, inclusive, Jesus-centered faith community in North Cambridge, Massachusetts. Four to five hundred people attend our weekly Sunday services and programs. We host thirty community groups and are involved in many local and global partnerships as well. In all that we do, we aim to inspire people to discover the love of God, the joy of living, and the gift of community. Reservoir was founded in the mid to late 90s to be a church that could be spiritually useful for the great majority of Greater Boston residents who are not churchgoing and are more at home in a secular, pluralistic, post-Christian culture. For approximately half of our members, we are their first ever church or at least their first church as an adult. We are seeking an intern/resident who has a vibrant faith in Jesus and is interested in learning about ministry in an inclusive, open environment. Our intern would work directly with Steve Watson, our senior pastor and a former urban public-school principal, as well as with

other pastors on our team. We will customize the internship based on the experiences and interests of the intern and the needs of our team.

Rolling Ridge Retreat and Conference Center

www.rollingridge.org

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Rolling Ridge is a retreat and conference center open to individuals and groups who seek a time of rest and reflection, in peaceful surroundings which enhance fellowship, planning, and learning. Our programs create safe and sacred space for deep listening and spiritual companionship in the Christian contemplative tradition, with our core programs focused on personal spiritual transformation, missional spiritual direction, and Spirit-led ministry expression. We seek to connect all people, God, and creation through art, wellness, and the Earth, as we awaken lives to God and transform communities with love. Our hospitality ministries welcome diverse rental groups for overnight retreats and day events in our historic mansion on 38 acres on the shore of Lake Cochichewick. With 30 bedrooms, excellent food, and comfortable surroundings, we provide gracious hospitality year-round. Contextual education opportunities at the Ridge can revolve around either spiritual programming development and retreat leadership or hospitality. The diversity of options through Rolling Ridge allow space for a student to explore their vocational call in a supportive environment.

Sanctuary United Church of Christ

<http://www.SanctuaryUCC.org>

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Sanctuary UCC is a “Re-Plant/Ministry” of a legacy congregation that sold its aging property in 2014 and invested its financial resources in a new model for ministry. Resurrected as a re-branded, re-imagined and re-framed ministry model—Sanctuary spreads collaborative circles of love and care across the city of Medford from our storefront ministry center (and on the internet during the pandemic)! In March 2020, Sanctuary UCC joined the Hillside Community

Church Medford in a pandemic pivot through which the two UCC churches with a single vision to love God and God's people partner on shared worship, formation, and mission. That partnership continues as we creatively express our faith in both classic and emerging ways that are greater than the sum of our parts.

Saint Paul's Episcopal Church

www.stpaulsnatick.org

39 E Central Street, Natick, MA 01760

Rev. Becky Binns

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St. Paul's Episcopal Church, in Natick, MA (a few blocks from the commuter rail), would be delighted to partner with an M.Div student intern as a companion in learning and serving with the people of God in this place.

We are a traditional Episcopal worshipping community with a leaning toward justice, inclusivity, and creativity. Our traditional Book of Common Prayer Worship anchors us in the past, while creative musical choices, relevant preaching, and a culture of authentic truth-telling keeps us leaning into what the Spirit of God might be doing anew today.

An intern could have the opportunity to focus on any of the following depending on their learning goals and the ways in which we find synergy during an interview: formation, preaching, youth, outreach, fellowship, justice, history (researching the Nipmuc origins of our land), building administration (and building projects), technology (websites, databases, communications, live-streaming), leading of worship, bible studies, arts groups, or anything else they feel they would like to explore within a supportive faith community in a way that enriches both student and parish life.

Tabernacle Congregational Church

<https://tabernaclechurch.org/>

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Tabernacle Congregational Church, United Church of Christ (UCC), Salem, Massachusetts is an open and affirming congregation that welcomes, respects and supports people of every race,

ethnicity, creed, class, gender, sexual orientation, age and physical and mental ability, inviting all to join us on our journey of faith. We welcome all people to participate fully in the worship, rites, sacraments, and ministry of Tabernacle Congregational Church. Although we are many members, we are one body in Christ. As one body we are called and challenged by God to respect and reconcile our Differences. Our faith calls us to speak up in the face of prejudice, injustice and exclusion, and to express in word and deed our hope for justice and inclusiveness for humanity. We are currently at an exciting crossroads, working with another nonprofit to reconfigure our building to better fit the needs of our smaller congregation and put up five stories of affordable housing which will include 20 units for formerly homeless youth.

The Outdoor Church

<https://theoutdoorchurch.org/>

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The Outdoor Church is an ecumenical Christian church which sustains ministry and community with homeless and street-involved folks.

Union Combined Parish

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The Union Church is a vibrant and diverse, multiethnic faith community in Boston's historic South End (steps away from the Prudential Center and Newbury Street). We are an urban, LGBT-friendly church and our doors are open to all people regardless of age, race, color, physical challenge, sexual or affectional orientation. Union worships in the Africana-celebration tradition, and incorporates a blend of gospel, hymns, anthems, and contemporary praise and worship in its 8 am and 10:45 am Sunday services. We partner with a number of organizations to serve the needs of our community, and we preach the good news of Jesus Christ at all times and in all places.

Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth

<https://www.uumfe.org/>

Remote

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Whether you end up working predominantly within community action or congregational life, a foundation in environmental ministry will help prepare you for the decades to come. Unitarian Universalism is a congregational faith tradition anchored in religious pluralism, the rhythms of nature and the inherent worth and dignity of every person. The ongoing climate crisis challenges all of our core values. Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth serves to support Unitarian Universalist congregations and the wider community with empowering education, spiritual grounding, and accountable action for environmental justice, climate justice and the flourishing of life. Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth facilitates four ongoing ministries: UU Young Adults for Climate Justice, UU BIPOC Caucus on Climate Justice, Strengthening Local Climate Commitments, and Eco-Ministry Conversations. Each ministry meets at least monthly, and offers workshops, webinars and peer support to work on issues related to the climate crisis.

The student intern at UU Ministry for Earth will choose a focus area (empowering education, spiritual grounding, and accountable action), and will assist in the development of at least two events (including coordination with volunteer committee, creating solicitations, and event planning) related to the initiative. The work will involve collaboration with stakeholders and exploration of funding support for events. Other potential project(s) will be based on the students' interests and the ministry's needs. Potential projects include congregation outreach, grant writing, prospect research, and social media ministry. This is a great opportunity to learn about environmental justice ministry in a supportive environment- and a great place to experiment. We are excited to create moments and support to inspire and sustain environmental and climate justice activists in their ongoing, vital work. We would love to hear your perspectives on what could be imagined!

United Parish Brookline

<https://www.unitedparishbrookline.org/>

210 Harvard Street, Brookline, MA 02446

Rev. Kent French

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United Parish is home to more than 300 members and friends who come from all walks of life and a wide range of traditions. We are believers, questioners and doubters, young and old, LGBTQ+ and hetero, partnered and single, many with children and all who were once children, those who know what they believe and those who are still trying to figure it out—and everything in between. Some of us grew up in church. Some are spiritual but not religious. For some, this is our first spiritual community. Our life together is grounded in worship that draws from the best of Christian tradition and celebrates the Spirit found around us today.

Together we engage in programs of education, service, spiritual practices, fellowship and music—that we might grow closer to God, be drawn into deeper relationships with one another and be more steadfastly connected to the world in which we live. We rely on God’s grace and guidance to show us the Way. We created and are growing into a Vision for the United Parish built upon five guiding directions for our life together:

- Exalting in Worship—celebrating God through worship, music, and art
- Deepening in Christian Faith and Spirituality—equipping ourselves for lifelong spiritual journeys
- Gathering in Community—creating a sense of home and connection in our community
- Stretching into Justice—following Christ by serving others and working for equity and justice
- Stewarding our Resources—caring for the buildings, grounds, financial and human resources that God and our forebears have entrusted to us.

We are a spiritual community that draws upon the diverse and wondrous gifts of our members and friends. We care for one another while allowing others to care for us.

United Parish is home to [Thrifty Threads](#), a volunteer-run thrift shop. We are proud to partner with the Brookline Food Pantry.

West Concord Union Church

www.westconcordunionchurch.org

1317 Main St Concord, MA 01742

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West Concord Union Church is a welcoming community being transformed by the Spirit of Christ and engaging in service with our neighbors.

Located in the heart of West Concord Village, the members of WCUC come from the neighborhood around the church and surrounding towns. We are a lively and informal congregation small enough to know each other well. Average Sunday morning worship attendance September through June is about 90.

Following the example of Jesus, we strive to offer a warm welcome to everyone. We believe Black Lives Matter and are working to address issues of privilege and bias. We are an “Open and Affirming” church, fully including people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. Our members include singles, couples, and families across all age groups. Many folks who participate in our community have intellectual, developmental or physical disabilities. Our commitment to including people of all ages and abilities shapes everything we do.

WCUC is a lively congregation with vibrant worship, an active children’s ministry, youth ministry, music ministry and ministry for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Student interns would work with their supervisor to find a mixture of opportunities that fit their gifts and learning goals.

Knowing that any student intern has their own unique gifts and goals, WCUC can provide a wealth of opportunities for pastoral formation. Ideally, an intern would divide their time between Sunday mornings and Sunday afternoons, attending two Sunday Fellowship gatherings and two Sunday morning worship services each month. By dividing their time in this way, interns would have the opportunity to lead worship and build relationships with people of all ages and abilities.

Weston United Methodist Church

<http://www.westonunitedmethodist.com>

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WUMC has worshiped at the current church location for more than 220 years. We are a small regional church located in a western suburb of Boston. Currently we serve Weston, MA and the surrounding areas of Lincoln, Maynard, Waltham, and Concord. Currently we are worshiping in-person with a hybrid in-person/livestream model. All meetings and small groups are still meeting virtually. In addition to our regular Sunday morning service, we have special services during holiday seasons. During the year we have an active small group study for adults on Wednesday evenings and offer Sunday school classes for all ages on Saturday mornings.

We are a primarily older congregation, with a few young families and children. Our current appointment is a cross-cultural appointment, and our congregational demographic is primarily Euro-American along with South Korean, African, and Latine parishioners in attendance, as well. WUMC is a faith community serving ALL God's people, with a focus on social justice and as a Reconciling congregation. We have been partners with Bristol Lodge in Waltham's meal service for the homeless for over 20 years and are active in serving the students of the Whittemore Elementary School in Waltham through providing boxed lunches and snacks for students experiencing food insecurity, and warm winter clothing for children in need. We provide space for the Finnish School of New England, a pre-school, and other community groups. This church would be a good fit for someone who is interested in pastoral/congregation care at the local church level. This would include accompanying the pastor on pastoral visits and/or community building opportunities, assisting with worship planning, access to preaching opportunities if desired, observing the administrative responsibilities of clergy, theological reflection, and ministry exploration and experimentation.

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