



## Ministry Description

### Youth Ministry Intern

The primary role of interns is to learn about ministry by engaging with leaders and youth.

This ministry position is part of a gender-balanced team which should include at least two adults (over age 21) from the congregation. Interns must be at least 18 years old.

#### This ministry involves

- Spending time with young people
  - Listening—being easily amused but not easily shocked
  - Being willing to learn
  - Being willing to explore spirituality
  - Having curiosity and a sense of fun
- Community building
  - Celebrating accomplishments of young people
  - Respecting guidelines for confidentiality within the group
- Being a role model
  - Modeling appropriate male-female relationships
  - Respecting young people's autonomy
  - Participating in the life and worship of the congregation
- Teamwork with other leaders and interns of your group
  - Preparing and presenting lessons from The Journey to Adulthood curriculum
- Self-care
  - Healthy boundaries—you are their leader, not their friend
  - Attend to your own spiritual well-being
  - Ask for help and support when needed

#### This ministry does *not* require

Expert knowledge about Christianity, the Church, the Book of Common Prayer, child development, or anything else

**This ministry is supported by**

- **Safe Church training**
- **Journey to Adulthood program training**
- **Teamwork – A team of leaders and interns:**
  - **ministering, praying and planning together**
  - **respecting and celebrating one another's gifts**
  - **meeting regularly with clergy for support**
- **Regular meetings with on-site internship supervisor for setting and evaluating learning goals and activities**
- **Clergy – available for liturgy planning, pastoral needs and consultation**
- **Parents – facilitating youth participation, praying**
- **The entire Congregation – through prayer and financial support of the program**

**Responsible to**

**Curate or other clergyperson having direct pastoral oversight of youth programs**

**Time Commitment**

- **One full program year (Sept-June)**
- **Approximately 200 contact hours per program year, including most Sundays, some evening and weekend events**
- **Preparation time for group meetings**
- **Support time with other leaders and clergy**