



Spiritual Sojourner Position Description

Simsbury YASC

Affiliated with the United Church of Christ Young Adult Service Communities

Term: Twelve months: August 1, 2018 - August 1, 2019 (approximate)

Position Description:

Support and nurture intentional community, spiritual development, and learning from ongoing internship experiences

- Support interns' in cultivating safe space and intentional community in which each can discern and grow
- Facilitate interns' individual spiritual development (based upon their particular background) and spiritual development as a community
- Enhance interns' learning related to internship, vocation, and community involvement

Responsibilities:

- Meet with the intern group approximately 2 hours/week at a time that is mutually convenient for all
- Facilitate reflection and make space for conversations about faith, intentional community, vocation, social justice, and ongoing internship experiences.
- Help plan and co-lead Orientation
- Meet individually with interns quarterly
- Possible opportunities that the sojourner may facilitate:
 - Weekly or monthly spiritual practice that could be explored and reflected upon together
 - Suggest a variety of resources related to specific topics that might be of interest to the group
 - Help facilitate meaningful conversations with the host congregation
 - Offer a late fall and/or early spring Retreat, or help identify an appropriate facilitator
- Help facilitate end of service transition events year-end debriefing
- Share ideas, resources and 'best practices' with other Spiritual Sojourners in the national YASC network and with the Executive for Volunteer Ministries
- Meet to share updates about intern community with Congregational Coordinator at least once every two months
- Sojourner will have access to resources and Handbook offered by the Young Adult Service Communities Network

YASC Schedule:

- YASC Orientation: First week of September (tentative)
- Interns' weekly schedule:
 - work 32 hours/week Monday-Thursday at community agencies
 - 4.5 hours at First Church in Simsbury
 - 1.5 hours/week at Connecticut Conference, UCC.
 - 2 hours /week Spiritual Sojourn meeting

Qualifications:

- Mature and vibrant personal faith and commitment to faith formation
- Excellent facilitator skills and ability to listen deeply
- Self-motivation and ability to work collaboratively with the YASC team
- Commitment to social justice

GENERAL INFORMATION

Hours: Sojourner works an anticipated 12-15 hours per month.

Remuneration: Sojourner receives a stipend of \$100 per intern per month. YASC at Simsbury hopes to have three interns.

Accountability:

Simsbury's Spiritual Sojourner joins the YASC leadership team:

YASC Coordinator, Jennifer Sanborn jsanborn@fccsimsbury.org is a partner in the work and processes monthly payment.

YASC Coordinator
First Church of Christ
689 Hopmeadow Street
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CTUCC coordinator Debby Kirk, Director of Youth and Young Adults debbyk@ctuucc.org

The Sojourner is also supported by:

Mary Schaller Blaufuss, Executive for Volunteer Ministries, United Church of Christ
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Application

Submit letter of interest and resume to Jennifer Sanborn at jsanborn@fccsimsbury.org
Deadline is May 1, 2018.