



Strengthening the Black Church for the 21st Century (SBC21)
Academy of Interns – 2013 – 2016

The SBC21 Academy of Interns program is designed to provide a full complement of experiences that will provide skills and competencies needed to transform and revitalize existing congregations, and to establish new vital congregations. This program creates opportunities for pastoral leaders to develop and enhance their spiritual gifts and leadership skills in ways that will benefit The United Methodist Church. SBC21 offer this gift with the hope and expectation that the intern will apply and disseminate his or her learning that will prove to edify the Church. The trainee and the placement setting as the mission of the Church are fulfilled in “Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

OBJECTIVES OF THE ACADEMY OF INTERNS PROGRAM

- To develop and deploy effective clergy to transform and strengthen Black congregations of The United Methodist Church
- Support the Black Church to strengthen and sustain the rich attributes of the African American community
- Empower receiving churches to develop and implement effective ministries
- Focus on reaching the unchurched through various outreach (i.e. economic development, literacy, restorative justice, HIV/AIDS, prison ministry, Street worship and homeless ministries) programs.
- Certification in African American Church leadership through partnerships with the Academy of Academia (Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, TX; Gammon School of Theology, Atlanta, GA; and Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary, Chicago, IL)

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE ACADEMY OF INTERNS PROGRAM

- Committed follower of Jesus Christ and an active and good standing member of a local United Methodist Church
- Assurance of God’s call to ordained or commissioned church ministry
- A graduate of an accredited seminary, preferably United Methodist
- In good academic standing with attending seminary
- In agreement with the Academy of Interns Covenant
- Prepared to immediately begin research for ministry projects
- Equipped to submit service project for immediate implementation with approval of placement site
- Uphold guidelines in the Academy of Interns Manual
- Abide by placement site guidelines
- Available to assist in ministry areas as assigned by placement site supervisor
- Actively participate in AOI Certification program, all intern activities and meetings



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Intern Application/Profile

In order to be considered for internship you must fill out a completed application.

Date: _____

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Birth date: ___/___/___ Gender: ___ Marital Status: ___ Married ___ Divorced ___ Single

Spouse's Name: _____

Number of Children: _____ Ages: _____

EDUCATION

College/University:

School Name: _____ Years Completed: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Degree: _____

Course of Study: _____

Seminary/COS: _____ Years Completed: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Degree: _____

Course of Study: _____

Anticipated Year of Graduation: _____ Current Year in School: _____



EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone Number: _____

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone Number: _____

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Home Conference: _____ District: _____

Church Home: _____ Pastor: _____

Church Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Church Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Number of years at home church: _____

Church email address: _____

Recommending Bishop: _____

Are you licensed? Yes No Church: _____

Are you ordained? Yes No Conference: _____

REFERENCES

List name, address, email, and phone number of three (3) references

1. Name: _____ Phone: _____
Email: _____

2. Name: _____ Phone: _____
Email: _____

3. Name: _____ Phone: _____
Email: _____

In the past three (3) years have you had a Criminal Background Check or Child Abuse History?



By signing this I agree to submit to The United Methodist Church and SBC21 a voluntary disclosure of any past criminal history and allegations of criminal history. By signing this, I agree to waiver confidentiality allowing The United Methodist Church and SBC21 to secure the background checks necessary for the position in the Academy of Interns, to be in compliance with safety and security policies.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

PLEASE ATTACH/INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING WITH YOUR APPLICATION: (Check List)

- ____ PHOTO
- ____ RESUME
- ____ PERSONAL TESTIMONY *

*Personal testimony should include the following:

1. Salvation Experience
2. Call to Ministry
3. Spiritual Gifts
4. Church Work Experience (volunteer and/or paid)
5. Your reason for applying for internship and what you specifically would like to learn or accomplish

____ LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Submit recommendation from the following:

1. Bishop
2. Pastor
3. Lay Member





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Release Authorization – For Program Acceptance*

This authorization and consent for release of personal information acknowledges that the United Methodist Church and SBC21 Academy of Interns 2013 Program may at any time conduct investigations (public and/or private) while under consideration and during placement as intern. These investigations may include, but are not limited to: driving records; academia; personal reference; name verification; social security verification; civil, state, and federal records; and credit history checks.

I understand that the investigations will be used to determine intern placement eligibility for The United Methodist Church and SBC21, and its agents and associates to the full extent permitted by law from any claims, damages, losses, liabilities, expenses and any other charges or complaints filed with any agency arising from retrieving and reporting this information. I understand that according to the Federal Fair Credit Act, I am entitled to know whether intern placement was denied based upon the information obtained and to receive, upon written request, a disclosure of the background report.

After reading this document, I fully understand its content and authorize the background verification.

Print Full Name: _____ Maiden: _____

Print other names you have used: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Country: _____ Social Security Number: _____

Driver's License Number: _____ State: _____

Name as Appears of License: _____

I certify that the answers given herein are true and complete to the best of my knowledge:

Signature: _____ Date: _____



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CHECKLIST

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Work: _____

E-mail: _____

You may attach letters of recommendation with application or mailed directly from respondent.
Make as many copies of "Letter of Recommendation" form as needed:

____ Letter from Bishop

____ Letter from District Superintendent

____ Letter – Bd. Of Ordained Ministers

____ Letter from Pastor

____ Letter from lay member/Peer/Colleague

____ Copy of Transcript

____ Completed Application/Profile

____ Completed Questionnaire

____ Attached Personal Testimony & Resume

____ Release Authorization Signed



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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

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We would appreciate your candid assessment of the applicant's capacity and likelihood to carry out the internship program. Please sign and attach this form to your letter of recommendation. You may send to the address below or return to applicant for submission:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name (print) _____

Send to:

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