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For summer volunteer opportunities with Camps & Conference Centers, see <http://oma-ucc.org> for list. Apply through Partners in Service program.

Direct Social Service Emphasis

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Your gift to the Schlingman-Howell-Shellenberger-Bade Fund for Volunteer Ministries is a declaration of your commitment to the calling of Christian service.

Your generous gift to this fund ensures future volunteer opportunities for people of faith to live out Christ's call to serve one another with the gifts each has received.

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APPLICATION DEADLINES

Partners in Service Long-Term (9-12 months)

Start Date: September 2012

- ※ Application Part I Due: May 1
- ※ Application Part II Due: May 15



Partners in Service Long-Term (9-12 months)

Start Date: January 2013

- ※ Application Part I Due: September 1
- ※ Application Part II Due: September 15

Partners in Service Short-Term: (2-8 months)

- ※ Application Part I Due: 3 months prior to desired starting date.
- ※ Application Part II Due: 3 months prior to desired starting date.

Partners in Service Short-Term (Summer)

- ※ Application Part I Due: March 1
- ※ Application Part II Due: March 15

Some application deadlines are flexible. To inquire about application deadlines, contact Mary Schaller Blaufuss, Executive for Volunteer Ministries at blaufusm@ucc.org or by calling toll-free (866) 822-8224 ext. 3214 or (216) 736-3214.

Partners in Service volunteers in long-term and short-term assignments are placed as applications are received and a good match is discerned.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- ※ Complete introductory on-line application for *Partners in Service* available at www.ucc.org/volunteer/volunteer-on-line-application.html or call to request a printed application form at (866) 822-8224 ext. 3216.

- ※ Application part II will be sent to you. Complete application part II and distribute reference forms to be returned directly to Volunteer Ministries Office. All applicants must complete an application, provide references, and be screened according to UCC guidelines to protect against sexual misconduct.

- ※ A telephone interview with the Executive for Volunteer Ministries is conducted after the application deadline and once the application and references are complete.

- ※ Additional information on projects/host sites of interest is shared to assist the volunteer in discerning an appropriate placement.

- ※ The Executive for Volunteer Ministries arranges for direct conversation between the project/host site and the volunteer applicant. Although an applicant requests a particular project/host site, the project/host site makes the final decision as to whether or not to invite the applicant.

**Some projects request that the applicant complete a site-specific application.*

- ※ All details concerning service, expectations, and benefits are negotiated prior to the beginning of service by the applicant, project/host site, and Volunteer Ministries. Written confirmation is provided by office of Volunteer Ministries.

PARTNERS IN SERVICE

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The *Partners in Service* program offered through the Volunteer Ministries, Office of the United Church of Christ, provides a variety of opportunities for service in diverse settings as described in the following pages. Volunteers serve in full-time placement for terms of one month to a year or more.

Who Volunteers? Adults of all ages, 19-89, who are eager to serve and have a willingness to learn and to gain a better understanding of themselves serve as full-time volunteers. *Partners in Service* does not discriminate against applicants on the basis of religion, race, color, national origin, sex, age, sexual orientation, or disabilities.

U.S. Young Adults, Busters & Baby Boomers

Adults of all ages participate in on-going service and advocacy ministries with partner organizations and congregations.

International Volunteers: International volunteers are placed upon the recommendation of partners in the Ecumenical Diaconal Year Network and recognized church partners of the United Church of Christ.

Video arts publicity	Disaster Recovery: Construction Site Coord.	Hunger Education	Hospitality	General Maintenance	Volunteer Coordination
Providing Transportation	Financial Developmen t	Presence Among the Vulnerable	Alumni & Church Relations	Disaster Recovery: Volunteer Coordinator	Immigration & Border Ministries

Additional Full-Time Volunteer Opportunities through United Church of Christ Volunteer Ministries

UCC Young Adult Service Communities (YASC): Interns, ages 21-30, serve for an 11 month term, living in intentional communities with host UCC congregations, serving with local mission agencies and congregational leadership, reflecting on service and engaging in spiritual conversations as integral to the program.

Summer Communities of Service (SCOS): Similar to the UCC YASC, this 10 week summer program is an ecumenical collaboration between the UCC and Alliance of Baptists. Interns are between the ages of 19 and 30 years.

THREE-WAY PARTNERSHIP COVENANT

Partners in Service reflects an intentional partnership among the volunteer, the hosting agency (project) and the Volunteer Ministries Office. Each party covenants with the others to share of themselves and offer their particular gifts and resources to one another to serve God's people in need. Expectations of the parties involved in a successful placement are listed below. These expectations are based on a one-year term of service. Those provisions that do not apply or are negotiable for shorter terms are marked with an asterisk (*).

Volunteer Ministries Office

- × Recruits, processes applications, and assigns each candidate to an acceptable service arrangement. Processing consists of gathering references on each candidate, sorting out likely projects according to the candidate's description of interest, and entering into an agreement with a host agency.
- × Arranges contact between agency and candidate so that both are satisfied and can make arrangements for service.
- × Prepares visa requests and provides sponsorship for international volunteers.
- × Contracts for background checks for U.S. volunteers (international volunteers must bring with them written evidence of criminal background check).
- × Arranges for limited illness and accident insurance coverage during the service period under the Volunteer ministries policy, if personal and/or agency insurance is not available.
- × Maintains contact with volunteer and the hosting agency.
- × Arranges for an annual gathering of volunteers serving terms for 9 months or longer. Pays for lodging, food and program for this gathering.
- × Arranges for the termination of volunteer's service at the end of service period or at an earlier date if circumstances demand such action.

Volunteer

- ✘ Offers skills, talents, and a willingness to be in service with others.
- ✘ Provides personal wardrobe.
- ✘ Assumes cost of any medical, optical, or dental treatment not covered by or going beyond the limits of insurance coverage.
- ✘ Pays for any personal trips or vacations during the service project.
- ✘ Pays for their entire round-trip travel costs to and from the host agency at the beginning and ending of service.

Host Agency *(Support varies at some agencies)*

- ✘ Provides orientation, training, and supportive guidance to volunteer.
- ✘ Is responsible for the volunteer during the period under its supervision in regard to working hours, days off, and vacation time in accordance with the agency's policies.*
- ✘ Provides the volunteer with room and board during the service period.
- ✘ Provides special uniforms or clothes, if these are required.
- ✘ Provides for needed on-the-job transportation, including transportation to and from service site if volunteer is housed elsewhere.
- ✘ Pays the premium of illness and accident insurance for the period of service. *(Volunteer Ministries has access to a short term limited illness and accident policy. This insurance is mandatory, unless adequate insurance coverage is provided by the agency or volunteer.)*
- ✘ Provides the volunteer with a monthly stipend of at least \$100 per month for incidentals while in service.*
- ✘ Remains aware of the volunteer's need for social activity. *(Since volunteers are not in their own communities in most cases it is requested that available social activities be shared with them.)*
- ✘ Provides the transportation cost, or contributes a minimum of \$350 for the volunteer to attend the Volunteer Retreat. *(Retreats are held one weekend during the year for volunteers serving 9 month-1 year placements. Attendance is considered an integral part of the volunteer experience.)*

GENERAL ITEMS OF IMPORTANCE

It is to be understood by all concerned that placement is full-time, approximately 40 hours per week. Additional part-time employment is strongly discouraged. Any exceptions should be decided by the parties concerned. Volunteer service schedules often vary from week to week and may include evening and weekend hours.

Premature termination is possible, when necessary, and can be initiated with the Volunteer Ministries program by the volunteer, the host agency, or both. If an unsatisfactory placement has been made, a reassignment may be pursued.

Financial Assistance

Some Conferences and local churches in which UCC Volunteers reside have financial aid programs to assist volunteers. Volunteers should make inquiries of Conferences and churches to ascertain if financial aid is available.

Loan Deferment and AmeriCorps Education Awards

In some situations, student loans may be deferred while the recipient is engaged in service. In certain placement sites and within the parameters of the AmeriCorps program, AmeriCorps Education Awards may be available.

Sabbatical Opportunities

Several hosting agencies welcome persons who are pursuing sabbatical experiences. Sabbatical placements include time for study and reflection. Details of time and expectations are negotiated prior to the beginning of Sabbatical service.

COVENANT & COMMISSIONING SERVICE

PARTNERS IN SERVICE

Long-Term Volunteers

(Adapted from UCC Book of Worship)



Introduction

Leader: There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them.

People: There are different ways of serving, but the same God is served.

Leader: There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives ability to each of us for our particular service.

People: The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all.

Leader: Christ is like a single body, which has many parts.

People: It is still one body even though it is made up of different parts.

Leader: If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it; if one part is praised, all the other parts share its happiness.

Leader: (Name) _____ has been called by God to serve through the United Church of Christ "Partners in Service" program. They have accepted their call and desire to witness to that call in the presence of this congregation.

COVENANT

Leader: It is an honor to be entrusted with responsibility for particular service in the ministry of the church, whether gathered or scattered. You will be serving as (position) _____ at (location) _____ for (period of time) _____ engaged in (type of service) _____.

Leader: Having prayerfully considered the duties and responsibilities of your ministry, are you prepared to serve with the help of God in Christ's name and for the glory of God?

Volunteer(s): I am.

Leader: Do you promise to exercise your ministry diligently and faithfully, showing forth the love of Christ?

Volunteers(s): I do, relying on God's grace.

Leader: (addressing the congregation)
Members of this household of faith, you have heard the promises of our brothers and sisters in Christ who have answered God's call to service. Let us affirm our intention to live in covenant with them.

People: We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you and keep you in prayer. We promise to keep in prayer those with whom you will be serving that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.

PRAYER

Eternal God, you have called _____ (name/s) _____ to be United Church of Christ "Partners in Service" volunteers, to serve you in the world. Send your Holy Spirit that all may serve with honor and faithfulness. Help _____ (names/s) _____ to be diligent and joyful in their duties that your church may engage in the mission you place before it. May we each be an example to one another as we are united in Christ's ministry, to the glory of your name. Amen.

HOST SITES, BY STATE

ALABAMA

※ **Disaster Recovery Volunteer Coordinator/Registrar**



(Birmingham)

“Virtual” volunteer. Live at home. Serve through electronic media.

Mission: *Recovery from April 2011 tornadoes*

(<http://www.ucc.org/volunteer/disaster-recovery-volunteers/2011-spring-summer-storms.html>)

Volunteer Position: Schedule and correspond with disaster recovery mission trip groups serving in Alabama through UCC coordination and in partnership with local Long Term Recovery Committee.

Period: January – September 2012

Apply by: 3 months before intended start date

Housing: Volunteer lives at own home

Minimum Age: 21 years

ARIZONA

※ **BorderLinks** (Tucson)

Mission: *Coordinates experiential trips to the United States-Mexico border to foster involvement in immigration and border issues.* (www.borderlinks.org)

Volunteer Position: Group Assistance

Period: 3-12 month placements year-round

Apply by: 3 months prior to requested start date

Housing: Private room in volunteer housing or Host Family

Minimum Age: 21 years

※ **Humane Borders** (Tucson)

Mission: *Provides water to persons in the Arizona desert and facilitates research and education on issues of borders and immigration.* (www.humaneborders.org)

Volunteer Position: Humanitarian Assistance

Period: 2-12 months

Apply by: 3 months prior to requested start date

Housing: Home Stay

Minimum Age: 19 years

※ **No More Deaths** (Tucson)

Mission: *A coalition of faith-based partners working together to stem the rising numbers of migrant deaths in the Arizona deserts near the U.S.-Mexico border each year.* (www.nomoredeaths.org)

Volunteer Position: Volunteers join in groups to camp in the Arizona desert to provide humanitarian assistance to persons encountered. NMD is staffed entirely by volunteers from all walks of life and professions.

Period: Summer

Apply by: March 15

Housing: Desert Camp Site & Host Family

Minimum Age: 21 years

ARKANSAS

※ **Heifer International Learning Center, Heifer Ranch** (Perryville)

**Site specific application required in addition to UCC Partners in Service applications.*

Mission: *Offers hands-on educational experiences that promote sustainable solutions to global hunger, poverty and environmental degradation.*

www.heifer.org/ranch

Volunteer Position 1: Host, receptionist, greeters

Period: 3-12 month placements year-round

Apply by: 3 months prior to requested start date

Housing: Group housing

Minimum Age: 18 years

Volunteer Position 2: General education, livestock, horticulture, or maintenance

Period: 3-12 month placements throughout year or 7-12 month placements, beginning at staggering times throughout the year

Housing: Group housing

Minimum Age: 18 years

CALIFORNIA

※ **Habitat for Humanity** (Fresno)

Mission: *Building community in partnership with low-income families through the construction of new houses, renovation of existing structures, and revitalization of neighborhoods. Current community includes 40 percent of all households as considered low-income and unemployment is more than triple the national average. (www.habitatfresno.org)*

Volunteer Position: Volunteer coordination assistant; skilled construction leadership; assistant in ReStore, a retail store that sells construction supplies and materials to raise money for building homes.

Period: 2-12 month placements year-round

Apply by: 3 months prior to requested start date

Housing: Apartment if available or Host family

Minimum Age: 19 years

COLORADO

※ La Puente Home (Alamosa)

Mission: *Nonprofit organization that provides emergency shelter, food services, advocacy, and transitional services for homeless people and community members in crisis. Services are provided to meet immediate needs and to empower people to live independently with dignity. (www.lapuente.net)*

Volunteer Position: Shelter, thrift store, food bank, family assistance program, maintenance and repairs for La Puente's several Facilities.

Period: late August – early August

Apply by: March 15

Housing: Volunteer group housing

Minimum Age: 19 years

CONNECTICUT

※ Silver Lake Camp and Conference Center (Sharon)

Mission: *Outdoor ministries site of the Connecticut Conference, UCC. (www.silverlakect.org)*

Volunteer Position 1: Volunteer Assistant to Site Manager

Period: 4-6 months; Jan. – June OR Sept. 15 – Dec. 15

Apply by: 3 months prior to requested start date.

Housing: Camp Housing or other private housing

Minimum Age: 21 years

Volunteer Position 2: Volunteer Guest Services Assistant

Period: 4-6 months; Jan. – June OR Sept. 15 – Dec. 15

Apply by: 3 months prior to requested start date

Housing: Camp House, other private housing

Minimum Age: 21 years

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

※ Christ House (Washington)

Mission: *Residential medical facility for homeless men and women who are too sick to be on the street or in shelters but not sick enough to stay in the hospital. Round-the-clock medical care, social services, meals, structured activities, clothing, and a place to recover are provided. Housing is sought for patients upon their discharge. (www.chrighthouse.org)*

Volunteer Position: Staff nurse, nursing assistant, social worker, community builder, generalist and maintenance assistant.

Period: mid-August through early August

Apply by: March 15; positions often fill even earlier in spring

Housing: Intentional Community among volunteers in Emmanuel House near Christ House

Minimum Age: 19 years

FLORIDA

※ **Interfaith Action of Southwest Florida/Coalition of Immokalee Workers** (Southwest Florida)

Mission: *Faith-based community organizing to call on our religious values to educate, motivate and organize the religious community in the U.S. on issues and campaigns that will improve wages, benefits, and working conditions for low-wage workers*

Volunteer Position: Live and work in Immokalee, Florida alongside Farm workers and allies in the Campaign for Fair Food who are working to improve farm workers' sub-poverty wages and working conditions.

Period: Summer

Apply by: March 15

Housing: Host Family

Minimum Age: 21 years

※ **Direct Action & Research Training Network Faith & Action for Strength Together (FAST)** (St. Petersburg)

Mission: *Coalition of over 35 religious congregations working together to achieve social and economic justice in Pinellas County, FL. FAST is a grassroots, direct-action, multi-issue organization which brings people together to improve the quality of life in their communities. FAST's mission is to build the power of religious congregations to solve community problems by holding systems accountable. FAST organizes its membership to a large 'direct action' where leaders negotiate with public officials from a position of mutual power and respect. (<http://www.thedartcenter.org/location/fast/>)*

Volunteer Position: Community organizing with congregations. This position includes coordination with leaders in congregations, research, action and financial development.

Period: 9-12 month placements throughout the year.

Apply by: 3 months prior to requested start date.

Housing: Host Family

Minimum Age: 21 years with college degree.

※ **Direct Action & Research Training Network Interfaith Coalition for Action, Reconciliation, & Empowerment (ICARE)** (Jacksonville)

Mission: *ICARE is a coalition of over 20 religious congregations working together to achieve social & economic justice in the Jacksonville area. ICARE's mission is to build the power of religious congregations to solve community problems by holding systems accountable. ICARE organizes its membership to a large 'direct action' where leaders can negotiate with public officials from a position of mutual power and respect. The DART Network of congregation-based community organizations based in nineteen cities throughout five states. (www.icarejax.org)*

and (<http://www.thedartcenter.org/location/icare-5/>)

Volunteer Position: This position includes coordination with leaders in congregations, reach, action and financial development.

Period: 9-12 month placements throughout the year.

Apply by: 3 months prior to requested start date

Housing: Host Family

Minimum Age: 21 years with college degree.

GEORGIA

※ **Jubilee Partners** (Comer)

Mission: *Hosting and resettling newly arrived refugees.*

Jubilee Partners is also involved in various peacemaking activities and anti-death penalty work. Residential Christian service community located in rural northeast Georgia, focusing on a compassionate lifestyle and trying to be responsible stewards of the resources available. (www.jubileepartners.org)



Volunteer Position: Volunteers work in almost every activity at Jubilee—teach English and provide childcare for refugees as well as provide cultural information and skills, clean refugee houses between occupants, and do gardening, construction, and maintenance as needed. Work is matched with experience and interest, but all also share in lots of work that is mundane.

Period: January 3 – May 21; May 29 – August 13
August 21 – December 23

Apply by: 3 months prior to requested start date

Housing: Intentional community with resident partners, seasonal volunteers, and newly arrived refugees

Minimum Age: 19 years

※ **Koinonia Partners** (Americus)

Mission: *Offer opportunities for spiritual renewal and work for social justice by serving neighbors and participating in peacemaking projects.*

(www.koinoniapartners.org)

Volunteer Position: Volunteers' days consist of prayer, work, study, service, and fellowship. Common tasks include tending pecan and fruit orchards, bakery work, maintenance and home repair ministry, work with children & elders, and office work.

Period: February – April; June – August; September – December

Apply by: 3 months prior to requested start date

Housing: Intentional community with volunteers

Minimum Age: 19 years

※ **New Hope House** (Barnesville)

Mission: *Intentional Christian community working for the abolition of the death penalty.*

Volunteer Position: Assist in the running of the hospitality house, visit prisoners, attend trials, and provide support to prisoners' families.

Period: 2-6 month placements throughout the year

Apply by: 3 months prior to requested start date

Housing: In community with volunteers and staff in rural GA.

Minimum Age: 21 years

※ **Open Door Community** (Atlanta)

Mission: *Residential Christian community in the Catholic worker tradition (sometimes called a Protestant Catholic Worker House), serving the homeless, poor, and prisoners. (www.opendoorcommunity.org)*

Volunteer Position: Resident volunteers assist with and participate in all activities of the Community, including soup kitchen work, supervision of showers and clothes closet, house cleaning, answering the phone and door, receiving and sorting donations, meal preparation and clean-up. Volunteers participate in the work of the Open Door Community in working for change in our social structures and in ourselves; in practicing hospitality & friendliness.

Period: September – August

Apply by: March 15

Housing: Intentional community with volunteers and those served

Minimum Age: 20 years



ILLINOIS



※ **Interfaith Worker Justice Summer Internship** (national office in Chicago, placement possible throughout the United States)

Mission: *The Interfaith Worker Justice Summer Internship is a 10-week program for undergraduate students who want to be active in the worker justice movement. (www.ijw.org)*

Volunteer Position: Through hands-on experiences, interns advocate for the right of all people to be treated with dignity in their work. Interns are placed at interfaith committees or workers' centers across the country, where their responsibilities can include outreach to the religious community on labor issues, interviewing workers' and business leaders, participating in local and national campaigns, and working on public policy.

Period: June -August

Apply by: March 15 with applications considered as space allows until April 15. Interfaith Worker Justice requests, but does not require, intern to raise funds towards their stipend. *Site specific application required in additional to UCC Partners in Service applications.

Housing: With local interfaith committee.

Minimum Age: 18 years

※ **Interfaith Worker Justice Seminary Summer & Islamic Internship**

Mission: *Interfaith Worker Justice (IWJ) is a network of people of faith that calls upon our religious values in order to educate, organize, and mobilize the religious community in the United States on issues and campaigns that will improve wages, benefits, and conditions for workers, and give voice to workers, especially workers in low-wage jobs. (www.iwj.org); (<http://67.199.88.109/template/page.cfm?id=14>)*

Volunteer Position: The Seminary Summer & Islamic Internship for Worker Justice is a 10-week paid internship for seminary, rabbinical, and Muslim graduate students combining education, action, and reflection. Participants are placed at labor unions around the country to support campaigns involving workers in low-wage jobs. Through hands-on experiences, interns help educate and mobilize the religious community to stand with workers on workplace issues.

Period: June - August

Apply by: March 15 with applications considered as space allows until April 15. *Site specific application required in additional to UCC Partners in Service applications.

Housing: With local interfaith committee

Minimum Age: Enrolled or accepted into a graduate program preparing to be religious leaders

※ **Su Casa Catholic Worker House** (Chicago)

Mission: *Provides place of hospitality and healing for displaced Latino families who are poor and homeless by providing a supportive community and intensive case management services as well as engagement in educational and social action activities concerning social justice issues related to immigration and homelessness. (www.sucasacw.org/home.html)*

Volunteer Position: Volunteers are expected to living a life of simplicity and non-violence while working for social change. Positions include: House manager, social justice coordinator, newsletter editor, maintenance/mechanic, food service, community outreach, gardening, volunteer coordinating, celebrations & activities coordinator, tutor

Period: Long-Term: September – August OR January – December
Short-Term: 3-8 month placements throughout the year

Apply by: March 15; September 30; or 3 months prior to requested start date for short term placement.

Housing: Live in community of same building with volunteer workers and guests (adults and children). Private bedroom. All other spaces are shared in common.

Minimum Age: 19 years

IOWA

※ **Camp Courageous** (Monticello)

Mission: *Year-round respite care and recreational facility in a camp setting serving children and adults with physical and/or mental disabilities. (www.campcourageous.org)*

Volunteer Position: Camp counselor, pool lifeguard, or maintenance.

Period: 2-12 months throughout year or summer

Apply by: 3 months prior to requested start date

Housing: Volunteer group housing

※ **Pilgrim Heights Camp & Retreat Center, UCC** (Montour)

Mission: *Outdoor ministry and retreat opportunities for children in summer camp programs as well as for people of all ages in an adult and family retreat programs throughout the year. (www.pilgrimheights.org)*

Volunteer Position: Building/equipment maintenance and grounds staff; kitchen and housekeeping staff or summer camp counselors, nurse, or chaplain.

Period: 2-12 month placements throughout the year; or summer

Apply by: 3 months prior to requested start date

Housing: Camp housing

Minimum Age: 19 years

KENTUCKY

※ **Urban Spirit** (Louisville)

Mission: *Engagement of people who are not poor in an experience and exploration of social realities in what it means to be among the working poor in America and reflection on that experience in context of faith.*

www.urbanspirit.org

Intern Position: Lead mission trip groups in poverty immersion experience, reflect on vocation in light of this leadership. Requirement: 1 previous summer as Disciples Home Mission intern or UCC F.A.S.T. intern.

Period: Summer

Apply by: March 15

Housing: Intern apartment with shared bathroom

Minimum Age: 19 years

MARYLAND

※ **Meeting Ground** (Elkton)

Mission: Helps meet basic human needs and addresses the root problems that perpetuate the cycle of poverty and homelessness. Meeting Ground brings together homeless and non-homeless persons in a context of shared life and work by providing hospitality, shelter, food and education.

www.meetingground.org

Volunteer Position: Program Assistant Positions: Kitchen Operations Coordinator, Retail Coordinator, Hospitality Coordinator, Maintenance and Grounds Assistant, Overnight Monitor, Spiritual Life Coordinator, Child/Youth Support

Period: September - August OR January - December

Apply by: March 15 or September 15

Housing: Housing available for individuals or couples

Minimum Age: 19 years

※ **Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs** (Frederick)

Mission: *Manages food banks and assists those with emergency, short-term needs to return to and maintain a state of economic self-sufficiency.*

Volunteer Position: Volunteers assist clients, help coordinate special projects, help maintain an up-to-date resource directory, participate in the computerization of office operations, work with local churches, and assist in the recruitment, training, and coordination of the volunteer staff.

Period: September – August and January – December

Apply by: March 15 OR September 30

Housing: Shared apartment

Minimum Age: 19 years

MASSACHUSETTS

※ **Gould Farm** (Monterey and Boston)

Mission: *Therapeutic community for adults with mental illness.*

(www.gouldfarm.org)

Volunteer Position: Community volunteer – Volunteers work directly with those who come for care and live in a community setting, participating in gardening, livestock care, cooking, reception, marketing, maintenance, recreation and residential support, roadside store and café, community health team, residential client services, child care, and community coordination.

Period: September – August

Apply by: March 15

Housing: Volunteer group housing

Minimum Age: 19 years

※ **Heifer International, Overlook Farm** (Rutland)

Mission: *Educates visitors about eliminating hunger and poverty through sustainable agriculture. It is a working farm that markets products from its integrated woodlands, organic garden, and more than a dozen livestock enterprises.* (www.heifer.org)

Volunteer Position: Visitor Center hosts, education department to conduct field trips and lead education sessions, or agriculture department volunteer to help with animal chores and garden work.

Period: 3-12 month placements throughout the year

Apply by: 3 months prior to requested start date

Housing: Group housing

Minimum Age: 18 years

MISSISSIPPI

※ **Back Bay Mission** (Biloxi)

Mission: *A community ministry of the United Church of Christ that operates in the primary program areas of direct services, work camps, social changes, new program development, and mission interpretation. Since 2005 long-term disaster recovery has been a focus.* (www.backbaymission.com)

Volunteer Position 1: Volunteer coordinator for Housing Recovery Program

Period: 3-12 months throughout the year

Apply by: 3 months prior to requested start date

Housing: Volunteer group housing

Minimum Age: 21 years

Volunteer Position 2: Work Site Coordinator for Housing Recovery Program

Period: 3-12 months throughout the year

Apply by: 3 months prior to requested start date

Housing: Volunteer group housing

Minimum Age: 21 years

Volunteer Position 3: Micah Day Center Coordinator,
(a day center for homeless populations)

Period: September – August

Apply by: March 15

Housing: Volunteer group housing

Minimum Age: 19 years

MISSOURI

※ **Disaster Recovery** (Joplin)

Mission: *Long-term disaster recovery through work with rebuilding efforts from tornado in May 2011.*

(<http://www.ucc.org/volunteer/disaster-recovery-volunteers/joplin-mo.html>)



Volunteer Position 1: Construction Site Supervisor

Full-time volunteer facilitates the work of short-term disaster recovery mission trip groups through service as on-site construction supervisor.

Period: 2-6 month placements

Apply by: 3 months prior to requested start date

Housing: Volunteer House

Minimum Age: 21 years

Volunteer Position 2: Hospitality Coordinator

Full-time volunteer assists groups with housing needs and accessing building materials

Period: 2-6 month placements

Apply by: 3 months prior to requested start date

Housing: Volunteer House

Minimum Age: 21 years

Volunteer Position 3: Disaster Recovery Group Registrar

“Virtual” volunteer. Live at home. Serve through electronic media.

Schedule and correspond with disaster recovery mission trip groups serving in Joplin, MO through UCC and Disciples of Christ partnership with local Long Term Recovery Committee.

Period: 12 months

Apply by: 3 months before intended start date

Housing: Volunteer lives at own home

Minimum Age: 21 years

※ **Every Child's Hope (ECH)** (St. Louis)

Mission: *Child and family service agency offering residential treatment for abused, abandoned, and neglected youth. Daycare center for preschool-aged children on campus. (www.newbeginnings-ech.org)*

Volunteer Position: Recreation and Activities assistant & grounds keeping assistant.

Period: September – August

Apply by: March 15

Housing: Volunteer group housing

Minimum Age: 18 years

※ **National Farm Worker Ministry** (Placement possible in Oregon, California, North Carolina or Florida; national office in St. Louis)

Mission: *Interfaith organization whose purpose is to be present with and support farm workers as they organize for justice, empowerment, and equality.*

Volunteer Position: Community organizer; volunteers educate consumers, coordinate boycotts, promote union label products, organize rallies and delegations, arrange visits to farm worker camps and homes, write letters and leaflet, march, and pray. Volunteers assist in the development of educational materials and worship resources, organize faith-based groups for farm workers, assist with presentations to local congregations. (www.nfwm.org)

Period: 3-12 months throughout the year

Apply by: 3 months prior to requested start date

Housing: Host family

Minimum Age: 21 years

※ **Neighborhood Houses** (St. Louis)

Mission: *Neighborhood-centered ministry that supports inner-city families by helping children become hopeful, healthy, self-sustaining members of the community. (www.neighborhoodhouses.org)*

Volunteer Position: Works with food pantries and serves as a program assistant for after-school activities and programs including summer camp.

Period: September-August

Apply by: March 15

Housing: Apartment

Minimum Age: 21 years

NEW HAMPSHIRE

※ **Geneva Point Center** (Moultonborough)

Mission: *Ecumenical camp and conference center located on Lake Winnepesaukee, running a day camp, overnight resident camp and hosting nonprofit and religious groups for retreats, conferences, and camps.* (www.genevapoint.org)



Volunteer Position: Office assistance, building/grounds maintenance, guest housekeeping, and naturalist activities

Period: 2-3 months throughout the year, especially summer

Apply by: 3 months prior to requested start date

Housing: Camp Housing

Minimum Age: 19 years

NEW MEXICO

※ **Menaul School** (Albuquerque)

Mission: *Coeducational school for grades 6 through 12 whose mission is to serve Native American, Hispanic, and other students. Menaul School provides a college-preparatory, faith-based education with emphasis on preparing youth to serve their communities and the world.* (www.menaulschool.com)



Volunteer Position: Volunteers may work in the library, help with maintenance, assist the support staff and tutor students.

Period: September – December OR January – May

Apply by: 3 months prior to requested start date

Housing: Apartment

Minimum Age: 21 years

NEW YORK

※ **United Church Aids Network (UCAN)/New York City Faith in Action Coalition for HIV and AIDS**
(New York City)

Mission: *Coordinates service with various ministries serving with populations with HIV AIDS and facilitates educational programs.*

Volunteer Position: Multi-Media Technician

Period: February –September 2012

Apply by: Flexible

Housing: Volunteer Position only available when home stay can be arranged

Minimum Age: 21 years



※ **Plymouth Congregational Church United Church of Christ/Worker Rights Center of Central New York** (Syracuse)

Mission: *Plymouth Congregational Church is an open and affirming, just peace and sanctuary congregation of the UCC. The Workers Rights Center organizes education opportunities for workers in various industries to get to know their rights.*

Volunteer Position: Staff Support to Worker Rights Center and the Detention Taskforce of Central New York

Period: 2-12 months

Apply by: 3 months prior to requested start date

Housing: Apartment

Minimum Age: 19 years

NORTH CAROLINA

※ **Blowing Rock Conference Center** (Blowing Rock)

Mission: *Ecumenical Conference Center affiliated with the Southern Conference of the UCC located near the Blue Ridge Mountains, hosting retreats, reunions, special events for all ages, and specializing in the ministry of hospitality. (www.brccenter.org)*

Volunteer Position: Office assistant and host team, maintenance/housekeeping team, program implementation

Period: 2-12 month placements throughout the year

Apply by: 3 months prior to requested start date

Minimum Age: 19 years



※ **Prodigals Community** (Winston-Salem)

Mission: *Ecumenical Christian community that*

provides vocational training, accountability and spiritual and emotional structure for residents with chronic substance abuse problems. The outreach program educates and supports families of addicts and alcoholics.

Volunteer Position: Transportation and maintenance assistance, work crew leader, residence assistant, education aide for tutoring and computer training.

Period: 2-12 months

Apply by: 3 months prior to requested start date

Housing: Apartment or Community Living with residents

Minimum Age: 19 years



※ **United Church Homes and Services (UCHS)**

(Newton, Thomasville & Lake Prince Woods)

Mission: *Continuing care retirement living opportunities in this not-for-profit organization affiliated with the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ. (www.uchas.org)*

Volunteer Position: Reception and hospitality office assistance, campus activities assistant.

Period: 2-3 months throughout the year

Apply by: 3 months prior to requested start date

Housing: Apartment or Host Family

Minimum Age: 19 years

NORTH DAKOTA

※ **Charles Hall Youth Services (Bismarck)**

Mission: *Serves foster care youth, ages 10-18, in three neighborhood-based group homes, located in Bismarck, ND. The mission is to meet the needs of at-risk youth in a holistic way, working toward healing and strengthening youth mentally, emotionally, physically and spiritually. The goal is for today's at-risk adolescents and teenagers to discover their innate strengths, develop important life skills and become emotionally stable and psychologically resilient. Over 50% of the youth served at CHYS are Native American from tribes across a multi-state region. (www.charleshallyouthservices.com)*



**Charles Hall
Youth Services**

Gearing Up Youth for Positive Life Choices

Volunteer Position: Church Relations Associate(s) – East Coast

Period: Ongoing. Looking for volunteers who would consider working in this capacity for two – five years. One-year appointments will be considered, though longer-term appointments are desired.

Apply by: 45 days prior to requested start date.

Housing: This position would allow volunteers living in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Pennsylvania or Vermont to reside in their own home and work from home.

Minimum Age: 21 years

Other Requirements: Occasional travel will be required in the East Coast region and will depend on the number of associates recruited. Travel to North Dakota once annually is anticipated; related costs will be covered by the agency. Must have a valid driver's license and be able to drive using own vehicle. Mileage and other travel expenses will be reimbursed. Office expenses (e.g., postage, long-distance telephone) also will be reimbursed.

OHIO

※ **Health and Wholeness Advocacy Office, Wider Church Ministries, UCC national setting**

"Virtual" volunteer. Live at home. Serve through electronic media.



Mission: HWA Office consults with and develops resources in response to the needs of individuals and congregations regarding lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender concerns, HIV/AIDS and global health issues. The ministry also provides leadership for worship, workshops, seminars, and panel discussions. (www.ucc.org/hivaids; www.ucc.org/lgbt)

Volunteer Position: Communications assistant, including newsletter editing and writing for the web.

Period: 12 months

Apply by: 3 months prior to requested start date

Housing: Volunteer lives at home

Minimum Age: 21 years

※ **Hopewell Farm** (Mesopotamia)

Mission: *Therapeutic farm community for adults with mental illnesses.* (www.hopewell.cc)

Volunteer Position: Resident assistant, animal and land care assistant; building, grounds and gardens caregiver.

Period: 2-12 months throughout the year

Apply by: 3 months prior to requested start date

Housing: Host Family

Minimum Age: 19 years

※ **InterReligious Task Force on Central America** (Cleveland)

Mission: *Advocacy on issues in Central America*

Volunteer Position: Communications assistant; communicate with supporters and constituents; create newsletters.

Period: 2-12 months throughout the year

Apply by: 3 months prior to requested start date

Housing: Host Family or Catholic Worker House member

Minimum Age: 19 years

※ **Washington UCC (Cincinnati)**

Mission: This congregation of the UCC coordinates an emergency food bank and conducts youth after-school tutoring and activities.

Volunteer Position: Program assistant and tutor

Period: 2-12 months throughout the year

Apply by: 3 months prior to requested start date

Housing: Apartment

Minimum Age: 19 years

OREGON

※ **Pineros y Campesinos Unidos de Noroeste (PCUN)** (Woodburn)

Mission: *Union of farm workers, tree planters, and nursery workers striving to improve working and living conditions for farm workers through education and collective bargaining.* (www.pcun.org)

Volunteer Position: Archives and office assistance and in radio broadcasting program. Spanish language skills helpful, but not mandatory.

Period: 2-12 months throughout the year

Apply by: 3 months prior to start date

Housing: Host Family

Minimum Age: 19 years

※ **JOIN: Connecting the Street to A Home** (Portland)



JOIN
Connecting the street to a home.

Mission: *Non-profit organization serving homeless individuals and families through street outreach, basic services, and rapid permanent housing placement. A drop-in*

center ('the House') is a community space governed by principles of non-violence that offers homeless individuals and families access to showers, lockers, restrooms, and a place to build relationships. (www.joinpdx.com)

Volunteer Position 1: Homeless Drop-in Center, House Coordinator

Period: April/May – March/April

Apply by: January 1 (Flexible)

Housing: Site provides housing stipend

Minimum Age: 19 years

Volunteer Position 2: Outreach Support

Apply by: March 15

Housing: Site provides housing stipend

Minimum Age: 19 years

※ **Camp Adams** (Molalla)

Mission: One of 2 outdoor sites of the Central Pacific Conference, UCC. The camp hosts outdoor school for students in Oregon's public schools as well as spiritual retreats organized by area churches.

Volunteer Position: Camp host

Period: 6 Weeks

Apply by: 3 months prior to requested start date.

Housing: Camp housing

Minimum Age: 25 years

PENNSYLVANIA

※ **Bethany Children's Home**

(Womelsdorf)



Mission: Residential treatment program serving boys and girls from 6 to 18 years of age. (www.bethanyhome.org)

Volunteer Position: Administrative aide with responsibility for tutoring and driving children to necessary appointments.

Period: 6-12 months throughout the year

Apply by: 3 months prior to requested start date

Housing: Host Family or Campus Housing

Minimum Age: 21 years



※ **Church World Service**

Immigration & Refugee Program

(Lancaster)

Mission: Resettlement of international refugees in the U.S.

Volunteer Position: Program Assistance

Period: September – August

Apply by: March 15

Housing: Shared housing

Minimum Age: 19 years

※ **Living Waters Outdoor Ministry** (Greensburg)

Mission: Outdoor ministry and meeting center for the Penn West Conference of the UCC. (www.pennwest.org)

Volunteer Position: Summer camp director, counselor, nurse, grounds keeping/maintenance assistant.

Period: Summer

Apply by: March 15

Housing: Camp housing

Minimum Age: 19 years

※ **The Neighborhood Academy** (Pittsburgh)

Mission: *Provides a college preparatory education to low income students. The approach includes an extended school stay, small classes, close communication with families and college preparatory curriculum. Counseling, transportation, three meals a day and assistance with emergency needs like medical care are all part of the program. (www.theneighborhoodacademy.org)*

Volunteer Position: Teaching associate. May serve as teacher, academic advisor, coach, evening study session proctor, and other program assistance.

Period: 9-12 months beginning each September (Long-Term)
3 months placements throughout the year (Short-Term)

Apply by: March 15 – Long-Term (placements begin September)
3 months prior to requested start date (Short-Term)

Housing: Volunteer Group Housing (Long-Term)
Host Family (Short-Term)

Minimum Age: 21 years with college degree.

※ **Old First Reformed UCC** (Philadelphia)

Mission: *Historic downtown church with an extensive outreach ministry that includes a homeless shelter that operates in the church November through May. (www.oldfirstucc.org)*

Volunteer Position: Assistant Director of Urban Ministries. Volunteer acts as liaison between the church and shelter, supervises the shelter program and coordinates a work camp program for short term volunteer groups.

Period: September – August

Apply by: March 15

Housing: Apartment

Minimum Age: 21 years

※ **Tabor Lutheran Church** (Philadelphia)

Mission: *Provides opportunities for international volunteers from partner church in Germany to serve in the United States. This is a Lutheran-UCC ecumenical relationship.*

Volunteer Position #1: Paul's Run Retirement Community (www.PaulsRun.org); therapeutic Recreation Services Assistant.

Volunteer Position #2: Lutheran Children and Family Service (www.lcfsinpa.org); Refugee Case processing Assistant.

Volunteer Position #3: Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS) (www.hias.pa); Refugee Resettlement.

Volunteer Position #4: Tabor Lutheran Church; Children's Tutoring Program.

Period: 12 months. September – August

Apply by: Deadlines of *Freiwilliger Friedensdienst* (Evangelical Church of the Rhineland) <http://www.aktiv-zivil.de/>

Housing: Shared housing at Tabor Lutheran Church

Minimum Age: 19 years

※ **Phoebe Ministries** (Allentown)

Mission: Long-term care through nursing homes, life-care communities, and apartments for independent living. (www.phoebe.org)

Volunteer Position: Patient care assistant, Chaplain's assistant

Period: 2-12 months throughout the year

Apply by: 3 months prior to request start date

Minimum Age: 21 years

※ **Cross Keys Village – The Brethren Home Community**

(New Oxford)

Mission: Long-term continuing care retirement community, which includes independent, assisted living and nursing care. (www.crosskeysvillage.org)

Volunteer Position: Community life assistant, therapy assistant, all hands dining assistant, grounds assistance and campus shuttle driver

Period: Long-term 9-12 months; Short-term 6-8 months

Apply by: 3 months prior to request start date

Minimum Age: 19 years

TENNESSEE

※ **F.A.S.T. (Faithful Advocates Serving Together)**

(3-Way Partnership - United Church of Christ, Christian Church/Disciples of Christ, Morgan-Scott Project, Deer Lodge)

Mission: F.A.S.T. mission trips involve groups in hands-on service in home rehabilitation in the Appalachian region while deliberately reflecting on issues of economic justice and faith. (<http://www.ucc.org/volunteer/fast/fast-2011.html>)

Intern Position: Serve as summer host for F.A.S.T. groups. Serve with program coordinator and local leadership at Morgan-Scott Project. Work alongside groups, lead groups in reflection on economic justice and faith, provide hospitality and facilitate group-building among participating groups

Period: May 30 – August 10, includes 1 week of intern training

Apply By: March 15

Housing: Volunteer house provided by Morgan-Scott Project

Minimum Age: 19 years



TEXAS

※ **Annunciation House** (El Paso)

Mission: *In a Gospel Spirit of service and solidarity, we accompany the migrant, homeless, and economically vulnerable peoples of the border region through hospitality, advocacy, and education. We place ourselves among these poor so as to live our faith and transform our understanding of what constitutes more just relationships between peoples, countries, and economies.*

www.annunciationhouse.org

Volunteer Position: The volunteer staff is responsible for the operation of the house, attending to the needs of the guests, coordinating the meals, picking up food donations, doing house and car maintenance, and all the other things that are necessary to maintain a house of hospitality for 50 people. Spanish or a proactive desire to learn Spanish on the job is required.

Period: One year commitment, beginning August 1, November 1, February 1, and May 25; summer internship from May 25-August 3

Apply by: One month prior to arrival

Housing: Community living with volunteers and those served

Minimum Age: 20 years

※ **Slumber Falls Camp and Retreat Center UCC**

(New Braunfels, TX)

Mission: *Year-round outdoor ministry setting of the South Central Conference. During June and July a residential youth camping program operates.*

www.slumberfalls.org

Volunteer Position: Volunteers have the opportunity to work in the area of their choice based on their gifts and talents. Areas of service include welcoming and assisting retreat groups, office work, data entry, food service, and assisting our maintenance person. Counselors and resource specialists during summer.

Period: 2-12 months including summer

Apply by: 3 months prior to requested start date

Housing: Year-round facility for volunteer includes heat/ac, private bedroom and bath, plus a living area with television & kitchenette. Wi-Fi is available throughout most of the camp.

Minimum Age: 19 years

VIRGINIA

※ **Innisfree** (Crozet)

Mission: *Life-sharing community for adults who have intellectual disabilities. The community lies in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Volunteers come from all over the world to share a year of their lives. (www.innisfreevillage.org)*

Volunteer Position: Long-term volunteers serve as house managers and companions who are responsible for cooking, housekeeping, and assistance with physical and social needs for their housemates, and the household budget. Volunteers also work side-by-side with adults with intellectual disabilities in therapeutic workstations including a woodshop, a weavery, organic gardens and bakery.

Period: September – August OR January – December

Apply by: March 15 OR September 30

Housing: Community living in homes with volunteers & residents

Minimum Age: 21 years

WASHINGTON

※ **Plymouth House of Healing** (Seattle)

Mission: *Transitional home for formerly homeless people or those at risk of being homeless who struggle with intellectual illness. (www.plyhc.org)*

Volunteer Position: Resident companions spend a year living in community with people in this transitional housing. Being a companion here is an opportunity to provide friendship and support.

Period: September – August

Apply by: March 15

Housing: House with volunteers and residents

Minimum Age: 21 years

※ **Multifaith Works** (Seattle)

Mission: *Multifaith Works builds relationships of mutuality and care with people who are often abandoned and alone. Connects with people living with AIDS and other life-threatening illnesses, people in chemical addiction recovery, and people wrestling with grief and loss. By their practical assistance (sharing meals, providing transportation, assisting with household chores) and emotional support through nonjudgmental listening. (www.multifaith.org)*

Volunteer Position: Resident Advisor in transitional housing program

Period: September – August OR January – December

Apply by: March 15 OR September 30

Housing: Community living with those served

Minimum Age: 21 years

WEST VIRGINIA

※ **Alderson Hospitality House** (Alderson)

Mission: Offers support to incarcerated women by providing hospitality to family and friends who come to visit them. (www.aldersonhospitalityhouse.org)

Volunteer Position: House coordinator to welcome people, provide a listening ear, offer transportation, and assist with housekeeping and house maintenance. Office skills and Spanish are helpful.

Period: Flexible

Apply by: 3 months prior to requested start date

Housing: Community living with other volunteers and those served

Minimum Age: 19 years

※ **Appalachian South Folklife Center** (Pipestem)

Mission: Serves children and youth from around the area, providing various learning experiences through day camps and workshops that cover topics including tolerance, anger management, and environmental consciousness. (www.folklifecenter.org)

Volunteer Position: Office Assistant/Program Implementation

Period: June – August

Apply by: March 15

Housing: Private space in volunteer housing

Minimum Age: 19 years



※ **Bethlehem Farm** (Pence Springs)

Mission: Bethlehem Farm is a Catholic community in Appalachia that strives to transform lives through serving the local community and teaching sustainability. Volunteers join in living out the Gospel cornerstones of prayer, community, simplicity and service. (<http://www.bethlehemfarm.net/main/>)

Volunteer Position: Caretakers or Summer Servants live in community, run the farm and

home repair program with group of staff and volunteer caretakers.

Period: Caretaker – 12 month placements, begin throughout year.
Summer Servant – 2-6 weeks, April – October
*Only room and board provided

Apply by: 3 months prior to requested start date.

Housing: Volunteer Group housing.

Minimum Age: 19 years

WISCONSIN

※ **United Church Camps, Inc.** (Ripon & St. Germain)

Mission: Operates Pilgrim Center and Moon Beach Camp for the Wisconsin Conference. (<http://www.ucci.org/>)

Volunteer Position: Site and grounds maintenance

Period: 2-12 months

Apply by: 3 months prior to requested start date

Housing: Volunteer housing

Minimum Age: 21 years

Full-Time Service Opportunities through UCC Volunteer Ministries

Partners in Service Volunteers, Long-Term (9-12 months)

Period: September - August and January - December

Partners in Service Volunteers, Short-Term (1-8 months)

Period: Begin throughout the year

Partners in Service Volunteers, Summer

Period: End of May through mid-August

UCC Young Adult Service Communities

Period: September – beginning of August

Summer Communities of Service

*An Ecumenical Collaboration of UCC Volunteer Ministries &
Alliance of Baptists*

Period: June through mid-August





Young Adult Service Communities (YASC)

Are you committed to actions of service and social justice, conscientious living and spiritual reflection?

UCC Host Congregations provide intentional community settings ... **YOU** serve in an agency focusing on service and justice advocacy. Share in congregational life and leadership. Network with volunteers in UCC Young Adult Service Communities across the United States in either year-long or summer terms.

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"[I've learned that] it is very important to recognize gifts already in the community instead of focusing only on the needs." (Whitney Pardun, 2011)

"I had become somewhat cynical of church ... But the mission of our host church as well as the people in it gave me hope again in the effectiveness of the church." (Melanie Fox, 2010)



ECUMENICAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES in the United States

A Christian Ministry in the National Parks

Mission: *Places individuals in U.S. national parks to lead worship and fellowship activities in the parks. (www.acmnp.com)*

Position: Participants work with park concessionaires while leading worship and Bible study in the setting of the national park.

Contact: ACMNP Office. Phone: (207) 865-6852 or (800) 786-3450;
Fax: (207) 865-6852

Period: Summer

Housing: Live with other summer national park employees in dormitory style housing

Age: 18-30 years

Brethren Disaster Ministries & Children's Disaster Services

Mission: *Ecumenical effort that trains volunteers to provide special childcare in disaster locations.*

Contact: Roy Winter; 601 Main Street; P.O. Box 188; New Windsor, MD 21776. Phone: (410) 635-8748 or (800) 451-4407

Prisoner Visitation and Support

Mission: *Nationwide visitation ministry to federal and military prisoners. The focus is on prisoners who do not ordinarily receive visits from family and friends, want or need supportive human contact, are in solitary confinement, or are serving long sentences. (www.prisonervisitation.org)*

Volunteer: Trained PVS volunteer visitors offer friendship and a listening ear to help prisoners prepare to assume a useful place in society.

Contact: Eric Corson, PVS; 1501 Cherry St.; Philadelphia, PA 19102
Phone: (215) 241-7117; Email: pvs@afsc.org

Informational DVD: Available to borrow. Call (866) 822-8224 ext. 3214.

Servcorps (Farmington, CT)

Mission: *Non-profit organization offering the facilitation of week long trips for groups and long-term placements for individuals in order to promote "a culture of service."*

For more information visit their website at www.servcorps.org.

Ecumenical International Partner Organizations

(International Volunteers Serving in the United States)

Ecumenical Diaconal Year Network (www.edyn.org)

Period: September - August

**Evangelische Kirche im Rheinland
Arbeitsstelle ZKL und Freiwilligendienst**

Period: September - August

Volunteer Opportunities through Global Ministries Of the United Church of Christ & Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Volunteer placements with international partners are available through the Global Ministries Office of Mission Personnel.

Global Mission Interns are recent college graduates appointed for one to three years, working with church agencies or ecumenical partners in ministry with the poor, or working with Christian action groups dealing with Human rights, reconciliation and development projects.

Contact Global Ministries Personnel Office, P.O. Box 1986, Indianapolis, IN 46262. Phone: (317) 713-2565. Website: www.globalministries.org under "People in Mission."



