

Courage & Renewal

Retreats will be facilitated by Circle of Trust® Co-Facilitators. Interns, ministry mentors, and Eli Elders are expected to attend the 2017 Retreats. For more information about Circles of Trust® as a model of discernment for vocation and call go to <http://www.couragerenewal.org/approach>.



Important Dates:

February 1: Intern applications due

May 22 : Internships begin with Opening Retreat.

July 28 : Internships end including Closing Retreat

February 2018: Optional Retreat for all 2016 & 2017 participants.

2016 Interns

Brennon Adams, Clemson University,
Salem Presbyterian Church

Bette Klauber, Anderson University,
John Knox Presbyterian Church

Sung Min Kim, Anderson University,
St. Giles Presbyterian Church

Jessica Meggs, Wofford College,
Greer Relief

Lal Tan, Presbyterian College,
Greenville Chin Presbyterian Church



Searching for a college summer internship?

“Discovering vocation does not mean scrambling toward some prize just beyond my reach but accepting the treasure of true self I already possess. Vocation does not come from a voice out there calling me to be something I am not. It comes from a voice in here calling me to be the person I was born to be, to fulfill the original selfhood given me at birth by God.” ~Thomas Merton

- ◇ In college and looking for something unique to do with your time this summer?
- ◇ Not really sure what you want to do with your life post-college?
- ◇ Want to be surrounded by peers who represent various denominations and schools of thought?
- ◇ Potentially interested in working in ministry?

Hear from the 2016 Interns:

“[The] process of this internship helped me to gain a better sense of self. Learning to let silence allow my inner teacher to come in and teach was one of the most valuable lessons I have benefitted from this summer. This internship was way more than what I expected and I am extremely thankful for them having chosen me to partake in this search of vocation. This has not only helped me figure out where I want to head in my life, but also, it has helped me identify areas that I don’t want to go into as well.” ~Brennon Adams

“From having the opportunity to serve on the Presbyterian Youth Council, I knew I had a passion for Jr. Highs. In a moment of silence on a mission trip that this internship allowed me to help lead, God called me to John 13- and so the group of middle school students washed each other’s feet. As they went around and practiced in this act of worship, they spoke beautiful sentiments about one another. Never will I forget God’s presence in those moments and never will I forget the opportunity this internship gave me to pursue my passion for youth ministry.” ~Bette Klauber

“The internship has been a bridge for me to take further steps into my discernment with the guidance of mentors, interns, & most of all, a circle of trust that opened a space for me to be vulnerable. I have learned the importance of digging deep into my inner self & the importance of listening. It may not all be clear for me now but I am learning to trust in the process & I’m so thankful to have experienced this journey of seeking my call. This program has been more than what I hoped for.” ~Lal Tan



What is “Listening for the Sacred Voice of Vocation and Call?”

- ◇ a unique opportunity for college students of racial-ethnic diverse backgrounds to gain professional experience & reflect upon their interests & vocation.
- ◇ a chance to get a taste of ministry in various settings. Foothills Retirement Community is excited to help coordinate this program with the assistance of the Forum of Theological Exploration (FTE).
- ◇ Our purpose is to provide 8 racially diverse college students intentional opportunities for vocational discernment in Christian leadership, including (but not limited to) pastoral ministry. Come explore God’s call & be a witness, showing that Christian leadership is valued.
- ◇ Ministry Mentors & Eli Elders (Foothills Senior Adults) will be paired with each intern. They will be available at least weekly for conversations and prayer to offer support, encouragement, & discernment.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- ◇ Participants will include Upstate college students from various schools:

Anderson, Furman, Clemson, Wofford, Presbyterian College, & more
- ◇ Potential college interns may come from congregations including one of the 6 African American Congregations of Foothills Presbytery, plus John Knox, St. Giles, the Greenville Chin Presbyterian Church, the Korean Presbyterian Congregation , & other congregations.

WHERE WOULD I BE SERVING?

This 10-week ecumenical program will include area congregations and non-profit ministries, as well as the Foothills Retirement Community.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Contact Joseph Gaston, Director of “**Listening for the Sacred Voice of Vocation and Call**”

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HOW MUCH DOES IT PAY?

\$3000 financial compensation for 10 weeks of service*

* Interns must commit to completing the 10-week program and will participate fully in program components.

WHAT IS FTE ANYWAY?

“FTE nurtures faithful, wise, courageous leaders for the church and the academy. One way we accomplish this is by offering diverse young adults, students and partner organizations financial support and opportunities to develop leadership in the face of complex shifts in the church, economy and theological education.” (<http://fteleaders.org/grants-fellowships>)



*Worship, reflect, play, grow
together as the body of Christ*