

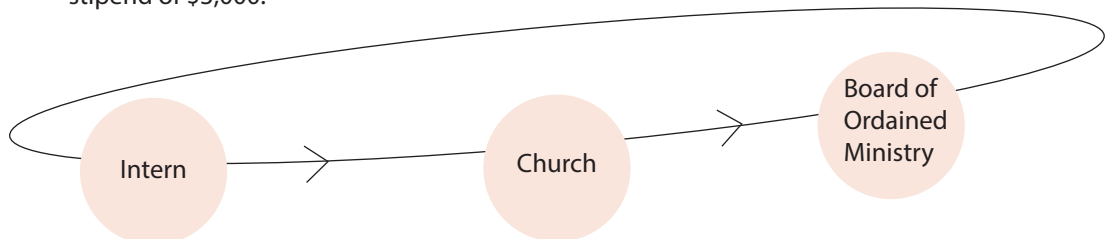
"If anyone is willing to do His will, he will know."

John 7:17 (NIV)

Elisha Internship Project



The Elisha Project is a college internship program of the Dakotas Annual Conference (DAC) of The United Methodist Church Board of Ordained Ministry to identify, encourage, and support young people who are exploring a possible call to ministry. Internships are a partnership between interested local churches, college students who have completed at least their first year of school and the DAC Board of Ordained Ministry. Most internships will be twelve weeks, or three months in length, during the fall, spring or summer semesters. Interns will receive a stipend of \$3,000.



Discerning

- Feel and pray about "What is God calling me to do?"
- Apply for internship:
 - » Sophomore year in college or beyond.
 - » Complete the Application.
 - » Attend Pre-internship gathering.
 - » Prepare an internship plan with mentor.
 - » Attend Post-internship gathering and complete the evaluation.
- Maintain ongoing contact with mentor and Board of Ordained Ministry.

Collaborating

- Say "yes" as a body of Christ to receive and pray for an intern.
- Identify, prepare and pray for a clergy mentor.
- Apply for an internship:
 - » Commit \$1,500 for a stipend and hospitality.
 - » Complete the application.
 - » Mentor attends Pre-internship gathering.
 - » Mentor completes a internship plan with intern.
 - » Mentor attends Post internship retreat and evaluation.

Leading

- Recruit and pray for interns, local churches and mentors.
- Provide a \$1,500 stipend for each intern.
- Supervise the Applications and Internship process:
 - » Review applications of interns and churches determine the best match.
 - » Provide support throughout the internship.
 - » Conduct the Pre-internship and Post-internship gathering
 - » Maintain contact after the internship.

Developing Missional Leaders



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What is all about?



"I really love planning worship. I was not as confident about visitations."

—Natalie Buck, Elisha Intern at Grand Forks Wesley

Natalie Buck, a junior at the University of North Dakota spent the summer at Wesley United Methodist Church in Grand Forks, North Dakota. She led "Wesley on Wednesday" an evening of activities and a prayer-focused worship service. Natalie also helped to design and carry out lessons, video messages and sermons for all ages based on the author Dr. Seuss.

"It was a pleasure to work with Natalie this past summer. She has so much energy and creativity. She added a lot to our Wesley community. It was an awesome experience for everyone."

—Rev. Howie Baird, Elisha Intern Mentor, Grand Forks Wesley

"I was able to spend the summer really discerning where and what God is calling me to do. It was awesome to work with Brandon (Rev. Brandon Vetter) at Fusion. The church is so new and reaching out in the community in new ways."

—Seth LaBounty, Elisha Intern Fusion UMC

The need to develop future leaders



12.3 percent of United Methodist clergy serving in the Dakotas are under age 40.



61.5 percent of Dakotas Conference clergy are eligible to retire in the next 5 years.



Questions?

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