

CST FIELD EDUCATION

Suggestions for intern involvement in congregational ministry

Worship leadership and preaching

- Analyze the liturgical life of church or setting
- Prepare worship with a team
- Participate in leading worship
- Participate in and plan wedding/funeral/baptism
- Analyze several sermons, with emphasis on theological issues
- Prepare a sermon, receive mentor feedback
- Deliver a sermon; receive feedback from teaching placement committee
- Other _____

Religious education

- Attend meetings of the committee(s) overseeing Christian education
- Design a unit of adult education or children's education
- Teach the units designed
- Lead a Sunday School class
- Lead a Bible Study
- Collaborate with others in shaping a curriculum
- Other _____

Spiritual/pastoral care

- Visit house-bound, hospitalized, and institutionalized persons
- Listen to stories of parishioners
- Participate in a weekly prayer group
- Observe and analyze forms of pastoral intervention and referral (e.g., sit in on a pre-marital counseling session)
- Plan and implement a congregational program to enhance pastoral care
- Other _____

Administration

- Observe/participate in administrative boards and committees
- Attend one or more staff meetings
- Observe and analyze the budget-making process; discuss with supervising mentor
- Analyze the financial status of the church/site
- Participate in stewardship activities
- Plan and implement an intervention or strategy relevant to an administrative meeting
- Other _____

Outreach evangelism, service, and justice

- Identify the social context of the church in terms of age, class, economics, gender, race, and sexual orientation
- Identify social agencies in area and establish contact with them
- Identify and participate in the social ministries of the church
- Analyze relevant missions in the community in terms of replication, resources needed, and so forth
- Call on newcomers to the church
- Analyze the church's patterns of responding to newcomers
- Investigate how the church is known (or not) in the community
- Other _____