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 ___________________________