

YOUNG ADULT SERVICE COMMUNITIES SIMSBURY (YASC @ SIMSBURY) CONGREGATIONAL COORDINATOR POSITION OVERVIEW

Young Adult Service Communities (YASC), is a program of our denomination, the United Church of Christ. Congregations from around the country participate in YASC by committing to host a community of young adult interns (ages 21-35). These interns live in intentional community with other young adult interns who share a common commitment to mission and justice work, congregational service, spiritual growth, and personal discernment. First Church, Simsbury, is excited to join the YASC network of churches and host three young adults for the 2017- 2018 program year!

These young adults will live at the church house on the upper end of the church parking lot. Each intern will be placed with a different local nonprofit agency dedicated to mission work, justice advocacy, and collaborative action. Each nonprofit has committed to pay a stipend plus health insurance, and contribute towards the cost of utilities at the church house, in exchange for 32 hours per week of work at their agency. We are thrilled to be partnering with the following agencies: [Our Piece of the Pie](#), [Christian Activities Council](#) and [The Village for Families and Children](#).

Young adults will also become part of the First Church community, regularly attending worship and or assisting with church school, and choosing two or three areas of focus in which to provide leadership within the life of the church (4 1/2 hours per week per intern). Each young adult will be paired with a First Church Companion, a member of First Church who commits to welcoming and checking in with his or her assigned young adult throughout the year.

In addition to their agency work and involvement at First Church, each intern will spend time with the CT Conference of the United Church of Christ (1 1/2 hours per week per intern), attending workshops, conferences, and taking on a social justice project. Finally, our young adult interns will spend time in reflection and discernment with a spiritual sojourner (2 hours per week), exploring God's call upon their lives.

To ensure YASC is successful at First Church, we are hiring a part-time Congregational Coordinator, to team with clergy and laity to organize and support our young adults. The Congregational Coordinator will work 15-20 hours per week, based upon the program needs. The person seeking this position must have an understanding and passion for social justice, church life and ministry, and the benefits of community living and discernment.

Primary Responsibilities include:

- Supervision and Guidance of Interns
- Facilitate Agency Partnerships
- Nurture Relationship with First Church
- Support CT Conference Partnership
- Coordinate Program Finances
- Collaborate with YASC Network
- Plan and Build for Future of the Program

To learn more about YASC Simsbury, visit <http://fccsimsbury.org/young-adult-service-communities/>