**2021 Site Descriptions**

This is an optional piece for potential sites, and not all sites choose to add a description to their name and contact info. The sites below are indicated by an (\*) next to their name in the site lists. The following is sorted alphabetically by category:

1. Black Church Studies Sites
2. Episcopal Churches
3. Other Denominations: Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Methodist, and Presbyterian Churches
4. Schools and Clinics (we have no descriptions offered from these sites)
5. Summer Internship Opportunities
6. United Church of Christ, Baptist, and United Universalist Churches

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**Black Church Studies Sites:**

*Faith Congregational Church, Hartford*

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**Episcopal (Berkeley) Churches:**

*Church of the Holy Trinity, Middletown*

Rev. Mary Barnett ([mary@ingoodcompany.org](mailto:mary@ingoodcompany.org))

I am looking to apply for a big grant for eco-justice from the National Episcopal church to fund  a new work by our resident dance company, Ekklesia [https://www.ekklesiaballet.org](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.ekklesiaballet.org%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cjennifer.s.davis%40yale.edu%7Ca39d136dbe514d0e4a0908d8d77407cf%7Cdd8cbebb21394df8b4114e3e87abeb5c%7C0%7C0%7C637496240638983709%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=Khx%2FndVHN%2F84shXP99xXEAgKYnl5mbzabouuUn4jxZo%3D&reserved=0) as a means of creating norm busting opportunities that deepen the conversation about eco- and racial justice: our bodies and the body of the earth. The work is called Body and Land. It looks at climate change thru a seasonal lens and uses a new recording of Vivald’s Four Seasons that incorporates the sounds of seasonal climate change. (Forest fires, melting glaciers, huuricanes..)  I would like to create partnership w Yale professors to be part of this: to help inform the theological aspect of the conversation. Willie Jennings (obviously) Ebony Marshall Thurman, Donyelle McCrae, Grimm and Tucker, Caroline Sharp come to mind but the students may know others. HELP ME ROCK THE CHURCH and do some connecting with Episcopal churches IN CT and at Natl level so we can vision the best way to do this so we get the grant, build excitement, make it a profound experience, fund it locally and do it everywhere!!

Interested particularly in students w a passion for environmental justice and belief in the arts to change minds.

*St Paul’s Episcopal Church, Fairfield, CT*

Rev. Curtis Farr ([cfarr@stpaulsfairfield.org](mailto:cfarr@stpaulsfairfield.org))

St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Fairfield welcomes YDS students seeking an internship for the 2021-22 academic year. In collaboration with and under the supervision of the rector, the Rev’d Curtis Farr, interns may be involved in any of the following:

* Worship Services (preaching, planning, coordinating liturgical ministers)
* Christian Formation (planning/teaching/facilitating classes on scripture, theology, contemporary issues, etc.)
* Social Advocacy Ministry (meeting with ministry members, conversing with parish and community members about local issues of importance, coordinating letter-writing campaigns, participating in local demonstrations, writing op-eds…
* Building & Grounds Ministry (learning about maintaining an historic campus and coordinating projects related to a 2020-21 Capital Campaign
* Parish Finance (participating in vestry meetings, stewardship campaign coordination, budgeting, etc.)
* Children & Youth Ministry (volunteer coordination/training, leading Confirmation classes, teaching Godly Play to younger children, participating with monthly Family Service)

Reach out if you are interested in interning at St. Paul’s!

Rev. Curtis Farr ([cfarr@stpaulsfairfield.org](mailto:cfarr@stpaulsfairfield.org))

*Trinity Episcopal Church, Southport, CT*

Rector: Peggy Hodgkins (rector@trinitysouthport.org)

Welcome to Trinity Church, a resilient Episcopal congregation rooted in a strong heritage of faith and renewal. Through joyful worship and our musical legacy, we celebrate our loving God. We care about discipleship and also engagement with the wider community through our inter-generational ministries. Committed to social justice efforts through community organizing and food ministries in our area, we work together with partners in Bridgeport and Fairfield. After an exciting strategic planning process, we launched Trinity Spiritual Center in Jan. 2021 to serve all seekers, including those who categorize themselves as spiritual but not religious. Some of the offerings of Trinity Spiritual Center are educational programming from various wisdom traditions, cultural events, anti-racism work, meditation groups, spiritual direction, and more.

Trinity Parish has been a presence in the historic town of Fairfield/Southport. Through these years, its buildings have been ravaged by British soldiers, wind, fire, tornado, and most recently, Hurricane Sandy. But here on the church grounds, so richly blessed to be but a block away from the Long Island Sound and the magnificent views, peaceful shoreline, and nautical breezes of Southport Harbor, we enjoy the beauty of nature that surrounds our church home reminds us that all things are created new. For over 150 years, our spire remains a community landmark and a welcoming beacon to all.

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**Other Denominations: Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Methodist, and Presbyterian:**

*First and Summerfield United Methodist Church, New Haven*

Rev. Vicki Flippin ([vicki.flippin@gmail.com](mailto:vicki.flippin@gmail.com))

First & Summerfield United Methodist Church is a multi-racial, LGBTQ+ affirming, sanctuary church. For the last few years, our justice focus has been on immigration as we have housed several undocumented neighbors at risk of deportation. This has led the church into intimate partnership with immigrant justice groups in Connecticut as we have learned to join as allies in the struggle for our undocumented neighbors to live with their families in safety. We have also long been involved in community efforts to reduce the suffering of those in our community experiencing homelessness and hunger. Located in downtown New Haven, First & Summerfield has had many significant relationships with Yale students and considers the development of future Christian leaders to be a very meaningful aspect of its ministry. Our current pastor, Rev. Vicki Flippin, also serves as pastoral advisor to Yale Progressive Christian Students, as the Director of the YDS Methodist Studies Certificate Program, and as a member of the New York Annual Conference Board of Ordained Ministry. We would welcome interns interested in worship, social justice, campus ministry, pastoral care, community organizing, communications, etc!

*St. Thomas More at Yale University, Roman Catholic Community*

Fr. Ryan Lerner (ryan.lerner@yale.edu)

Mission Statement: Saint Thomas More Catholic Chapel & Center at Yale (STM): Helping Catholics serve God and humanity locally and globally.

About STM: Focusing on the areas of Study, Pray and Act, Saint Thomas More Catholic Chapel & Center at Yale University (STM) fosters intellectual growth, a rich sacramental life and faith formation opportunities. This is enhanced through social events and both local and international service/immersion experiences. As a campus ministry, STM accompanies students as they navigate their maturation as Catholics at a liberal arts college, and upon graduation prepares them to be leaders in Church and society.

A vibrant and welcoming community, STM includes ministry to Yale graduate and undergraduate students, faculty and staff, and members of the wider community, including intentional ministry to students with manifold expressions of diversity. Student leaders assist in planning and developing programs that incorporate every aspect of Catholic life.

Position Overview:

* Organize and preside at prayer and participate in Sunday Masses & Liturgy
* Assist in the social justice ministry of STM
* Assist/facilitate graduate men’s spirituality
* Assist the chaplaincy team with designing and organizing programs
* Study and discuss the current issues facing the church and wider culture
* Aid in pastoral mentoring of students, as needed and corresponding to the intern’s skillset and comfort level
* Assisting in the day-to-day work of the chaplaincy
* Working with the Grad Council and acting as a liaison between the RCF and Grad Council

*Trinity Lutheran Church, New Haven*

Pastor Ryan Mills ([Pastor@TrinityLutheranNH.org](mailto:Pastor@TrinityLutheranNH.org))

Trinity Lutheran Church in New Haven is interested in partnering with a YDS Student Intern for the 2021-22 Academic Year.  A vibrant, diverse, historic downtown congregation deeply rooted in Word and Sacrament, Trinity offers a unique and supportive learning-praxis environment. Opportunities will be available for Law and Gospel preaching, worship leadership, pastoral care (hospital calls, home visits, weddings, funerals), adult education teaching, community ministry, online devotions, and becoming a part of a welcoming and warm New Haven church family. Weekly supervision sessions with our Pastor, The Rev. Dr. Ryan Mills, will help support your discernment process and ministerial formation. Easily walkable from YDS, Trinity has a strong record of partnering with YDS students discerning a call to pastoral ministry from across the Church, especially those interested in deeply engaging the Lutheran theological tradition. See services and studies at Facebook.com/TrinityLutheranNH and our website, TrinityLutheranNH.org. Contact Pastor Ryan Mills for more information at [Pastor@TrinityLutheranNH.org](mailto:Pastor@TrinityLutheranNH.org)

*Wilton Presbyterian Church, Wilton, CT*

Rev. Shannon White ([shannonwhite23@gmail.com](mailto:shannonwhite23@gmail.com))

Wilton Presbyterian Church has been a long sought-after site for internships and students under care of the PCUSA. Over the last 8 years, we have had 3 year-long interns, and 3 students under care.

As a supervisor, I believe the congregation and the student both benefit from experiencing as much as they can from each other. I like giving students a wide range of responsibilities and opportunities so that they can get a feel for life as a parish pastor. Of course, it is all done with the careful and watchful eye of supervision.

Wilton Presbyterian Church is a suburban congregation of over 250. We have been worshipping online since COVID, but plan to begin in-person, outdoor services outside once the weather permits. We are an inclusive congregation~proudly More Light. We are committed to mental health ministry in various forms and our approach to ministry is very hands-on.

We are unique in that we are on a campus with St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church. While we have separate sanctuaries, our church school and youth programs are joint, as are some of our worship and mission projects. It’s ecumenism at its best.

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**Schools and Clinics: (no descriptions available)**

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**Summer Internship Opportunities:**

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*Urban Village Church in Chicago*

Rev Hannah Kardon ([Hannahk@urbanvillagechurch.org](mailto:Hannahk@urbanvillagechurch.org))

Urban Village Church is an anti-racist, LGBTQIA-celebrating, bold, inclusive, relevant community deeply rooted in the gospel of Jesus Christ and the neighborhoods of Chicago. Student Pastors at UVC are given the opportunity to take the lead on creative, experimental projects in modern church, as well as developing skills in worship leadership, justice making, outreach, and community formation. We'll try anything once, and want to be changed by your unique giftings and insight. We have supervising Pastors who are United Methodist, United Church of Christ, and Presbyterian (PCUSA) if that's needed, and have had Student Pastors and congregants of almost every spiritual background.

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**UCC/Baptist/UU (Andover-Newton) Churches:**

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*First Church of Christ, Suffield, CT*

Rev. Dianne Bailey (senior@fcsuffield.org)

Current Intern: David Figliuzzi

First Church of Christ, Congregational, is an open and affirming church of the United Church of Christ, located in the north central part of CT. It is a warm and caring faith community who has embraced this pandemic time with energy and enthusiasm. An intern will have the opportunity to preach, design liturgy, participate in weekly worship, engage with lay leaders and plan intergenerational outreach. We have moved to pre-recorded online worship and when we gather together again, likely in the Fall, we will work to blend in-person worship with a virtual online presence. The pandemic has led the congregation to seek more creative ways to “Be the Church” in the community and beyond. We have strong collegial partnerships with area churches and the Greater Suffield Interfaith Council. This congregation takes great pride in being a Teaching Congregation. They welcome students with open arms and encourage them to fully engage and practice the art of ministry during their time here. The Senior Minister, as supervisor, seeks out as many ministerial opportunities as possible for the student as they journey together in faith. We do not know what the fall will bring, but we are flexible with on-site and remote ministry.

*The First Congregational Church, UCC, Cheshire, CT*

The Rev. Dr. James Campbell, Senior Minister

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First Congregational Church of Cheshire is a large, vibrant, Open and Affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ, situated 14 miles north of New Haven.  Our 300-year-old congregation, housed in a National Historic Site, is proud of its past, but not bound to it.  We seek new ways to be faithful in a rapidly changing world, especially as we reemerge from COVID.  A potential student intern would engage in a wide variety of activities, allowing for exposure to multiple facets of the church's ministry.  While this is a "generalist" internship, special attention could be paid to particular areas of interest to the student (i.e. outreach work, alternative worship experiences, interfaith connections, etc.) allowing the congregation to benefit from the creativity of the student.  The student intern would be supervised by the Senior Minister, the Rev. Dr. James Campbell.

First Church Vision Statement: First Church is a welcoming, vibrant congregation seeking to deepen our faith and follow Jesus’ example in pursuing justice and caring for each other, the community, and God’s world.

*First Congregational Church, Madison, CT*

Rev. Sarah Vetter ([svetter@fccmadison.org](mailto:svetter@fccmadison.org))

First Congregational Church of Madison is an Open and Affirming, active and growing spiritual community in the heart of Madison (just 25 minutes from YDS).  Throughout 2020 we have been learning to lead with greater flexibility and creativity, finding new ways to be church and discovering new ways to connect with and serve in the broader community. Though a challenging time, it is exciting to be part of new life that God is creating within and among us.  We invite a YDS intern to join us on this path of growth and innovation, participating in the general responsibilities of ministry, as well as a possible emphasis on leading the redevelopment of our hands-on outreach work and its integration into our worship life. You will join an open-hearted and experienced team, which includes a Senior Minister, Minister of Community Life and a Youth Minister.   We look forward to welcoming your unique gifts and skills and fostering learning as we walk this road together.

*North Guilford Congregational Church, Guilford, CT*

Rev. Judith Cooke (rev.jcooke@gmail.com)

North Guilford Congregational Church UCC is a medium-sized Open & Affirming church. We are known for our vibrant worship, our amazing music ministry, our creative Sunday School, and our Chicken Pie Dinners. Since NGCC is well-staffed (Pastor, CE Director, Music Director, Organist, Office Manager, and Sexton), we have the luxury of adapting the internship to meet the needs and desires of the seminarian. Our ideal intern, will bring enthusiasm for ministry, and will both be ready to assist where needed and explore areas of ministry about which they are passionate, and will enjoy working collaboratively with the staff and congregation. Supervising the intern will be the Rev. Judith Cooke, who has over 20 years of experience as a Pastor. In addition, she is a Clergy Coach, enjoys writing, drinks too much caffeine, and is excited about working with a YDS seminarian.