Invitation to Apply for Summer 2020 Pastoral Residency
Northeast Association of Vermont Conference UCC

Come and spend the summer in Vermont! Experience ministry among the small, but vibrant UCC and federated churches of the Northeast Kingdom in an innovative and fully funded pastoral residency!

What is the Northeast Kingdom you ask? So named in 1949 by former Governor George Aiken, the Northeast Kingdom is an area of Northeast corner of the state of Vermont and the three counties (Orleans, Essex and Caledonia) that comprise it. The Kingdom or NEK as it is often known, is full of incredible outdoor opportunities, including lakes, rivers and mountains, home to amazing hiking as well as biking at world renown Kingdom Trails. We have long been a haven for artists, writers, and theater programs, including Bread and Puppet in Glover and the Highland Center for the Arts in Greensboro. We have a burgeoning food and craft beer culture, including Hill Farmstead Brewery! And each community has faithful people with long established church communities.

But as in many parts of rural America in the 21st century, the Kingdom also faces higher than average rates of poverty, food insecurity, opiate addiction and a struggle for sustainable growth and job development. Churches in our area are critical in meeting the needs of the people in the NEK.

This new pastoral residency would provide 8 weeks of practical ministry experience with an emphasis on weekly preaching and participation in a variety of community ministries taking place in area churches. Opportunities include but not limited to: regional food shelves, community gardens, community organizing, and community meal programs. The student would also have access to congregational study and congregational life in a variety of church settings. The student would receive mentoring and supervision weekly during the residency.

The student will be provided with housing, stipend of $2500.00 to cover expenses and will receive payment for pulpit supply. The student must have their own vehicle and will need to supply a letter of interest as well as three references including an employer, a professor and a minister or clergy person. Deadline for applications is February 15th, 2020. Candidates will be notified by April 1st of the decision.

Please send applications to Pastoral Residency Committee c/o Rev. Alyssa May at vtrevam@hotmail.com