

SHARING OUT



The way United Methodists share in ministry with those beyond themselves.

ap·por·tion·ment (n) *Sharing out, distribution, allotment, allocation*

MINISTRY INTERNSHIPS

Where do our apportionments go? They underwrite ministries in West Ohio like:

\$45,000 for Internships to nine West Ohio college sophomores & juniors interested in ministry.

- David Allen, Westerville, ministry intern at Trinity UMC in Columbus
- Brittany Browne, Columbus, ministry intern at UM Church for All People in Columbus
- Noah Gillespie, Toledo, ministry intern at Toledo Campus Ministries
- Jacob Hauf, Galena, ministry intern at Life Well Missions in Zanesville
- David Lyell, Athens, ministry intern at Reynoldsburg UMC
- Kristen Millisor, Cincinnati, ministry intern at Church of the Savior in Cincinnati
- Lorrin Pringle, Wooster, ministry intern at First UMC in Bowling Green
- Ian Strickland, Athens, ministry intern at Central UMC in Athens
- Erin Wheat, Worthington, ministry intern at Epworth UMC & McKendree UMC in Columbus

For more information about the internship program, visit www.westohioumc.org

Discerning God's Call

By Brittany L. Browne, 2008 West Ohio Conference Ministry Intern

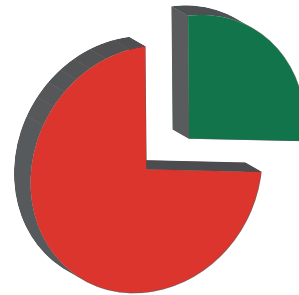


Helping young people discern the will of God is a foundational purpose for Next Generations Leadership, and the nine interns that were selected to participate in the 2008 Ministry Internship Program with the West Ohio Conference. Leadership development, specifically increasing the number of credentialed clergy under the age of 35, is part of the strategic emphasis of the conference's Next Generations area.

UNITED METHODIST CONNECTIONAL GIVING

Where Does Your Apportionment \$1.00 Go?

73¢ stays in West Ohio, supporting the ministries of the local church, district and conference.



27¢ goes to the general church, supporting United Methodist ministries worldwide.

Apportioned funds enable United Methodists to do together what no church, district or annual conference could do alone.

While the interns have experienced different callings from God, most come to the realization through an internship that it is important to nurture this call and not ignore it.

Lorrin Pringle, a student intern who served at First UMC in Bowling Green, says, "I now have a clear picture of what God wants to do with my life...not in a sense of having all the details figured out, but to where I feel more confident and listen to God's voice better."

Noah Gillespie, an intern serving at University of Toledo Campus Ministries, grew up in another denomination and became a member of the United Methodist Church through the new church start The University Church. Noah says, "I value the ecumenical interaction and would strongly encourage the internship to others because it is an opportunity to reflect on ministry, even if you're not sure of your call..."

In addition to experiencing daily ministry work in their host churches, the interns took a few educational side trips organized by the conference. They visited ministries in the urban areas of Cincinnati to view mission work in progress, and also took a seminary road trip to four seminaries. With these types of opportunities God provides for the next generations in our churches. Without these experiences, our future church and world leaders are left to discover them without community.

Jacob Houf served at South Zanesville UMC, Zanesville First UMC, and Crooksville First Hope UMC, working in their shared Life Well Ministries. Of his experience Jacob says, "being able to see the vitality of small churches and the big ministries that emerge from them has been the best experience so far."

It is my hope that the United Methodist churches and the West Ohio Conference continue to embrace the future leaders of our churches by providing the opportunities to embrace diversity, and encourage them while they understand their calling from God.

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