Through the act of foot washing, Jesus makes clear God’s call to serve others. We are invited to ministries of service that reflect God’s love by responding to the needs of the world and involving ourselves in efforts to challenge injustices. The logo of the towel and basin reminds us of God’s call to serve.

**Partners in Service** volunteers serve in diverse settings throughout the United States from 1 month to a year or more

*Camps/Conference Settings*
*Disaster Recovery Ministries*
*Community Organizing*
*Direct Social Service with Homeless Populations*
*Direct Social Service in Poverty Contexts*
*Housing Ministries*
*Mental Health Ministries*
*Youth Settings*
*and more…*

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**Partners in Service Volunteers**

Serve in full time placement for terms of 1 month to a year or more.

www.ucc.org/volunteer/partners-in-service/

**Long-Term** (9-12 months)

*Period: September - August and January - December*

**Short-Term** (1-8 months)

*Period: Begin throughout the year*

**Summer**

*Period: End of May through mid-August*

**PARTNERS IN SERVICE**
PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The *Partners in Service* program helps increase the service capacity of the partner host organization and provides leadership development and the opportunity for the volunteer to use gifts and skills.

Volunteers serve in full-time placement for terms of one month to a year or more. The *Partners in Service program* does not discriminate against applicants on the basis of religion, race, color, national origin, sex, age, sexual orientation, or disabilities.

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Adults of all ages participate in on-going service and advocacy ministries with partner organizations and congregations.

**International Volunteers:** International volunteers are placed upon the recommendation of partners in the Ecumenical Diaconal Year Network (www.edyn.org), the Evangelische Kirche im Rheinland, Arbeitsstelle ZKL und Friewilligendienst (www.aktiv-zivil.de) and other recognized church partners of Global Ministries of the UCC/Disciples of Christ (www.globalministries.org)
APPLICATION PROCEDURE

★ Complete introductory on-line application for Partners in Service available at www.ucc.org/volunteer/volunteer-on-line-application.html or call to request a printed application form at (866) 822-8224 ext. 3810.

★ Application part II will be sent to you. Complete application part II and distribute reference forms, by mail or electronically, to be returned directly to Volunteer Ministries Office. All applicants must complete an application, provide references, and be screened according to UCC guidelines to protect against sexual misconduct.

★ A telephone interview with the Executive for Volunteer Ministries is conducted after the application deadline and once the application and references are complete.

★ Additional information on projects/host sites of interest is shared to assist the volunteer in discerning an appropriate placement.

★ The Executive for Volunteer Ministries arranges for direct conversation between the project/host site and the volunteer applicant. Although an applicant requests a particular project/host site, the project/host site makes the final decision as to whether or not to invite the applicant.

*Some projects request that the applicant ALSO complete a site-specific application.

★ All details concerning service, expectations, and benefits are negotiated prior to the beginning of service by the applicant, project/host site, and Volunteer Ministries. Written confirmation is provided by office of Volunteer Ministries.
APPLICATION DEADLINES

Completed application (parts I & II), including references due at least three months before requested start of service.

Partners in Service Long-Term (9-12 months)
Start Date: September or January

Partners in Service Short-Term (1-8 months)
Start Date: Flexible or Summer

Partners in Service volunteers in long-term and short-term assignments are placed as applications are received and a good match is discerned.

Questions: Contact Mary Schaller Blaufuss, Executive for Volunteer Ministries at blaufusm@ucc.org or by calling toll-free (866) 822-8224 ext. 3214 or (216) 736-3214.

Enduring Gifts
Schlingman-Howell-Shellenberger-Bade Fund

- By donating to the above Fund for Volunteer Ministries, you are declaring your commitment to the calling of Christian service.
- This fund ensures future volunteer opportunities for people of faith to live out Christ’s call to serve one another with the gifts each has received.
- There are many ways to donate to ensure the future of Volunteer Ministries such as: a cash gift; a gift by credit card; one-time gift in memory or honor of a loved one; pledge to be paid over a designated period; gift of stock or annuity; planned gift; a trust, or a bequest from your estate. For more information, please contact us at 216.736.3810.
THREE-WAY PARTNERSHIP COVENANT

*Partners in Service* reflects an intentional partnership among the volunteer, the hosting agency (project) and the Volunteer Ministries Office. Each party covenants with the others to share of themselves and offer their particular gifts and resources to one another to serve God’s people. Expectations of the parties involved in a successful placement are listed below. These expectations are based on a one-year term of service. Those provisions that do not apply or are negotiable for shorter terms are marked with an asterisk (*).

**Volunteer Ministries Office**

* Recruits, processes applications, and assigns each candidate to an acceptable service arrangement. Processing consists of gathering references on each candidate, sorting out likely projects according to the candidate’s description of interest, and entering into an agreement with a host agency.
* Arranges contact between agency and candidate so that both are satisfied and can make arrangements for service.
* Prepares visa requests and provides sponsorship for international volunteers.
* Contracts for background checks for U.S. volunteers (International volunteers must bring with them written evidence of criminal background check).
* If personal and/or agency insurance is not available, arranges for limited illness and accident insurance coverage during the service period under the Volunteer Ministries policy.
* Maintains contact with volunteer and the hosting agency.
* Arranges for an annual gathering of volunteers serving terms for 9 months or longer. Pays for lodging, food and program for this gathering.
* Arranges for the termination of volunteer’s service at the end of service period or at an earlier date if circumstances demand such action.
**Volunteer**

- Offers skills, talents, and a willingness to be in service with others.
- Provides personal wardrobe.
- Assumes cost of deductibles or medical, optical, or dental treatment not covered by or going beyond the limits of insurance coverage.
- Pays for any personal trips or vacations during the service project.
- Pays for their entire round-trip travel costs to and from the host agency at the beginning and ending of service.

**Host Agency (Support varies at some agencies)**

- Provides orientation, training, and supportive guidance to volunteer.
- Provides supervision for the volunteer’s assigned responsibilities, including creation of position description, and designation of working hours, days off and vacation in accordance with the agency’s policies. *
- Provides the volunteer with room and board during the service period.
- Provides special uniforms or clothes, if these are required.
- Provides for needed on-the-job transportation, including transportation to and from service site if volunteer is housed elsewhere.
- Pays the premium of illness and accident insurance for the period of service. *(Volunteer Ministries has access to a short term limited illness and accident policy. This insurance is mandatory, unless adequate insurance coverage is provided by the volunteer.)*
- Provides the volunteer with a monthly stipend of at least $100 per month for incidentals while in service.*
- Remains aware of the volunteer’s need for social activity. *(Since volunteers are not in their own communities in most cases it is requested that available social activities be shared with them.)*
- Provides the transportation cost, or contributes a minimum of $350 for the volunteer to attend the midyear Volunteer Retreat. *(Retreats are held one long weekend during the year for volunteers serving 9 month-1 year placements. Attendance is an integral part of the volunteer experience and is not considered vacation)*
GENERAL ITEMS OF IMPORTANCE

Full-Time Service

It is to be understood by all concerned that placement of is full-time, approximately 40 hours per week, or the residential and international programs. Additional part-time employment is strongly discouraged. Any exceptions should be decided by the parties concerned. Volunteer service schedules often vary from week to week and may include evening and weekend hours.

Virtual volunteers serve by project, the parameters are agreed upon before the start of service.

Grievance

Premature termination is possible, when necessary, and can be initiated with the Volunteer Ministries program by the volunteer, the host agency, or both. If an unsatisfactory placement has been made, a reassignment may be pursued.

Financial Assistance

Some Conferences and local churches in which UCC Volunteers reside have financial aid programs to assist volunteers. Volunteers should make inquiries of Conferences and churches to ascertain if financial aid is available.

Loan Deferment and AmeriCorps Education Awards

In some situations, student loans may be deferred while the recipient is engaged in service. In certain placement sites and within the parameters of the AmeriCorps program, AmeriCorps Education Awards may be available.
PARTNERS IN SERVICE Long-Term Volunteers
(Adapted from UCC Book of Worship)

Introduction:

Hear these words of Scripture from John 13: 34
“I give you a new commandment [says Jesus] that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Leader: To those being sent:
You are embarking on a great adventure for God. You will leave your home for awhile to live and serve among others who have need of your presence at this time. Your life may be changed by the experience. The lives of those you meet may be changed.

Do you seek to experience God in new ways through this time of service?

Partners: I/We do, with the help of God and one another.

Leader: Will you listen to the wisdom and experience of those you meet during this time of service?

Partners: I/We will, with the help of God and one another.
Leader: Do you promise to share your talents, skills and energy, as you are able, serving alongside and with others?

Partners: I/We do, with the help of God and one another.

Leader - To the Congregation:
Members of this household of faith, you have heard the promises of our brothers and sisters in Christ, who have answered God’s call to service. Let us affirm our intention to live in covenant with them.

People Respond Together:
We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you and keep you in prayer. We promise to keep in prayer those with whom you will serve, that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.

Leader - To those being sent:
We send you on behalf of this congregation, as well as the wider United Church of Christ, to be disciples of Christ in the place where you will serve – to be “Partners in Service.” Go, to love one another, as Christ has first loved you.

You Can Serve

The logo of the towel and basin reminds us of God’s call to serve.
**UCC Partners in Service Program**

**Host Sites and Volunteer Positions**

**Residential Positions – Short Term (1-8 months) and Long-Term (9-12 months)**

- Direct Social Service
- Community Organizing & Advocacy
- Outdoor Ministries

**Positions for International Volunteers serving in the U.S.A.**

International volunteers are placed upon the recommendation of partners in the Ecumenical Diaconal Year Network ([www.edyn.org](http://www.edyn.org)), the Evangelische Kirche im Rheinland, Arbeitsstelle ZKL und Friewilligendienst ([www.aktiv-zivil.de](http://www.aktiv-zivil.de)) and other recognized church partners of Global Ministries of the UCC/Disciples of Christ ([www.globalministries.org](http://www.globalministries.org)).

**‘Virtual’ Volunteer Positions**

Live at home. Serve through electronic media.
Residential Positions
Short Term (1-8 months) and
Long-Term (9-12months)

DIRECT SOCIAL SERVICE

Affordable Housing- Build or Rehab Houses

♦ Back Bay Mission (Biloxi, MS)
**Mission:** A community ministry of the United Church of Christ that operates in the primary program areas of direct services, work camps, social changes, new program development, and mission interpretation. Since 2005 long-term disaster recovery has been a focus. ([www.thebackbaymission.org](http://www.thebackbaymission.org))

**Volunteer Position 1:** Volunteer coordinator for Housing Recovery Program
- **Period:** 3-12 months throughout the year
- **Apply by:** 3 months prior to requested start date
- **Housing:** Volunteer group housing
- **Minimum Age:** 21 years

**Volunteer Position 2:** Work Site Coordinator for Housing Recovery Program
- **Period:** 3-12 months throughout the year
- **Apply by:** 3 months prior to requested start date
- **Housing:** Volunteer group housing
- **Minimum Age:** 21 years

♦ Habitat for Humanity (Fresno, California)
**Mission:** Building community in partnership with low-income families through the construction of new houses, renovation of existing structures, and revitalization of neighborhoods. Current community includes 40 percent of all households as considered low-income and unemployment is more than triple the national average. ([www.habitatfresno.org](http://www.habitatfresno.org))

**Volunteer Position:** Volunteer coordination assistant; skilled construction leadership; assistant in ReStore, a retail store that sells construction supplies and materials to raise money for building homes.
- **Period:** 2-12 month placements year-round
- **Apply by:** 3 months prior to requested start date
- **Housing:** Apartment if available or Host family
- **Minimum Age:** 19 years
Disabilities Ministries *(Direct Social Service)*

- **Camp Courageous** (Monticello, Iowa)

  **Mission:** Year-round respite care and recreational facility in a camp setting serving children and adults with physical and/or mental disabilities.
  
  *(www.campcourageous.org)*

  **Volunteer Position:** Camp counselor, pool lifeguard, or maintenance.

  **Period:** 2-12 months throughout year or summer

  **Apply by:** 3 months prior to requested start date

  **Housing:** Volunteer group housing

- **Innisfree Village** (Crozet, Virginia)

  **Mission:** Life-sharing community for adults who have intellectual disabilities. The community lies in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Volunteers come from all over the world to share a year of their lives.
  
  *(www.innisfreevillage.org)*

  **Volunteer Position:** Long-term volunteers serve as house managers and companions who are responsible for cooking, housekeeping, and assistance with physical and social needs for their housemates, and the household budget. Volunteers also work side-by-side with adults with intellectual disabilities in therapeutic workstations including a woodshop, a weavery, organic gardens and bakery.

  **Period:** September – August OR January – December

  **Apply by:** March 15 OR September 30

  **Housing:** Community living in homes with volunteers & residents

  **Minimum Age:** 21 years

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*God is still speaking,*

*[www.ucc.org/volunteer]*
Disaster Recovery *(Direct Social Service)*

◈ **Brethren Disaster Ministries & Children’s Disaster Services**
(Church of the Brethren) – Ecumenical Opportunity

**Mission:** Ecumenical effort that trains volunteers to provide special childcare in disaster locations.

**Contact:** Roy Winter; 601 Main Street; P.O. Box 188; New Windsor, MD 21776. Phone: (410) 635-8748 or (800) 451-4407

◈ **Disaster Recovery** (Joplin, Missouri)

**Mission:** Long-term disaster recovery through working with rebuilding efforts from the tornado damages from May 2011.

([http://www.ucc.org/volunteer/disaster-recovery-volunteers/joplin-mo.html](http://www.ucc.org/volunteer/disaster-recovery-volunteers/joplin-mo.html))

**Volunteer Position 1:** Construction Site Supervisor
Full-time volunteer facilitates the work of short-term disaster recovery mission trip groups through service as on-site construction supervisor.

**Period:** 2-6 month placements

**Apply by:** 3 months prior to requested start date

**Housing:** Volunteer House

**Minimum Age:** 21 years

**Volunteer Position 2:** Hospitality Coordinator
Full-time volunteer assists groups with housing needs and accessing building materials.

**Period:** 2-6 month placements

**Apply by:** 3 months prior to requested start date

**Housing:** Volunteer House

**Minimum Age:** 21 years
Drug & Alcohol Rehabilitation (Direct Social Service)

♦ **Prodigals Community** (Winston-Salem, North Carolina)

**Mission:** Ecumenical Christian community that provides vocational training, accountability and spiritual and emotional structure for residents with chronic substance abuse problems. The outreach program educates and supports families of addicts and alcoholics.

**Volunteer Position:** Transportation and maintenance assistance, work crew leader, residence assistant, education aide for tutoring and computer training.

**Period:** 2-12 months

**Apply by:** 3 months prior to requested start date

**Housing:** Apartment or community living with residents

**Minimum Age:** 19 years

Health Care Support, Physical & Mental Illnesses (Direct Social Service)

♦ **Christ House** (Washington DC)

**Mission:** Residential medical facility for homeless men and women who are too sick to be on the street or in shelters but not sick enough to stay in the hospital. Round-the-clock medical care, social services, meals, structured activities, clothing, and a place to recover are provided. Housing is sought for patients upon their discharge. ([www.christhouse.org](http://www.christhouse.org))

**Volunteer Position:** Staff nurse, nursing assistant, social worker, community builder, generalist and maintenance assistant.

**Period:** mid-August through early August

**Apply by:** March 15; positions often fill even earlier in spring

**Housing:** Intentional Community among volunteers in Emmanuel House near Christ House

**Minimum Age:** 19 years

♦ **Gould Farm** (Monterey and Boston, Massachusetts)

**Mission:** Therapeutic community for adults with mental illnesses. ([www.gouldfarm.org](http://www.gouldfarm.org))

**Volunteer Position:** Community volunteer – Volunteers work directly with those who come for care and live in a community setting, participating in gardening, livestock care, cooking, reception, marketing, maintenance, recreation and residential support, roadside store and café, community health team, residential client services, child care, and community coordination.

**Period:** September – August

**Apply by:** March 15

**Housing:** Volunteer group housing

**Minimum Age:** 19 years
- **Hopewell Farm** (Mesopotamia, Ohio)
  
  **Mission:** Therapeutic farm community for adults with mental illnesses. ([www.hopewell.cc](http://www.hopewell.cc))
  
  **Volunteer Position:** Resident assistant, animal and land care assistant; building, grounds and gardens caregiver.
  
  **Period:** 2-12 months throughout the year
  
  **Apply by:** 3 months prior to requested start date
  
  **Housing:** Host Family
  
  **Minimum Age:** 19 years

- **Plymouth House of Healing** (Seattle, Washington)
  
  **Mission:** Transitional home for formerly homeless people or those at risk of being homeless who struggle with intellectual illness. ([www.plyhc.org](http://www.plyhc.org))
  
  **Volunteer Position:** Resident companions spend a year living in community with people in this transitional housing. Being a companion here is an opportunity to provide friendship and support.
  
  **Period:** September – August
  
  **Apply by:** March 15
  
  **Housing:** House with volunteers and residents
  
  **Minimum Age:** 21 years

**Homeless and Emergency Services** (*Direct Social Service*)

- **Humane Borders** (Tucson, Arizona)
  
  **Mission:** Provides water to persons in the Arizona desert and facilitates research and education on issues of borders and immigration. ([www.humaneborders.org](http://www.humaneborders.org))
  
  **Volunteer Position:** Humanitarian Assistance
  
  **Position Description & Availability:** See [www.ucc.org/volunteer](http://www.ucc.org/volunteer)
  
  **Period:** 2-12 months
  
  **Apply by:** 3 months prior to requested start date
  
  **Housing:** Home Stay
  
  **Minimum Age:** 19 years
Meeting Ground (Elkton, Maryland)
Mission: Helps meet basic human needs and addresses the root problems that perpetuate the cycle of poverty and homelessness. Meeting Ground brings together homeless and non-homeless persons in a context of shared life and work by providing hospitality, shelter, food and education. (www.meetingground.org)
Volunteer Position: Program Assistant Positions: kitchen operations coordinator, retail coordinator, hospitality coordinator, maintenance and grounds assistant, overnight monitor, spiritual life coordinator, child/youth support
Period: September - August OR January - December
Apply by: March 15 or September 15
Housing: Housing available for individuals or couples
Minimum Age: 19 years

Open Door Community (Atlanta, Georgia)
Mission: Residential Christian community in the Catholic worker tradition (sometimes called a Protestant Catholic Worker House), serving the homeless, poor, and prisoners. (www.opendoorcommunity.org)
Volunteer Position: Resident volunteers assist with and participate in all activities of the Community, including soup kitchen work, supervision of showers and clothes closet, house cleaning, answering the phone and door, receiving and sorting donations, meal preparation and clean-up. Volunteers participate in the work of the Open Door Community in working for change in our social structures and in ourselves; in practicing hospitality & friendliness.
Period: September – August
Apply by: March 15
Housing: Intentional community with volunteers and those served
Minimum Age: 20 years

Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs (Frederick, Maryland)
Mission: Manages food banks and assists those with emergency, short-term needs to return to and maintain a state of economic self-sufficiency.
Volunteer Position: Volunteers assist clients, help coordinate special projects, help maintain an up-to-date resource directory, participate in the computerization of office operations, work with local churches, and assist in the recruitment, training, and coordination of the volunteer staff.
Period: September – August and January – December
Apply by: March 15 OR September 30
Housing: Shared apartment
Minimum Age: 19 years
Intentional Social Justice Community
(Direct Social Service)

📍 Bethlehem Farm (Pence Springs, West Virginia)

**Mission:** Bethlehem Farm is a Catholic Community in Appalachia that strives to transform lives through serving the local community and teaching sustainability. Volunteers join in living out the Gospel cornerstones of prayer, community, simplicity and service. ([www.bethlehemfarm.net/main](http://www.bethlehemfarm.net/main))

**Volunteer Position:** Caretakers or Summer Servants live in community, run the farm and home repair program with group staff and volunteer caretakers.

**Period:** Caretaker - 12 month placements, begin throughout year. Summer Servant - 2-6 weeks, April - October *Only room and board provided.

**Apply by:** 3 months prior to requested start date.

**Housing:** Volunteer group housing

**Minimum Age:** 19 years

📍 Jubilee Partners (Comer, Georgia)

**Mission:** Hosting and resettling newly arrived refugees. Jubilee Partners is also involved in various peacemaking activities and anti-death penalty work. Residential Christian service community located in rural northeast Georgia, focusing on a compassionate lifestyle and trying to be responsible stewards of the resources available. ([www.jubileepartners.org](http://www.jubileepartners.org))

**Volunteer Position:** Volunteers work in almost every activity at Jubilee—teach English and provide childcare for refugees as well as provide cultural information and skills, clean refugee houses between occupants, and do gardening, construction, and maintenance as needed. Work is matched with experience and interest, but all also share in lots of work that is mundane.

**Period:** January 3 – May 21; May 29 – August 13

**Apply by:** August 21 – December 23

**Housing:** Intentional community with resident partners, seasonal volunteers, and newly arrived refugees

**Minimum Age:** 19 years
**Koinonia Partners** (Americus, Georgia)

**Mission:** Offers opportunities for spiritual renewal and work for social justice by serving neighbors and participating in peacemaking projects. ([www.koinoniapartners.org](http://www.koinoniapartners.org))

**Volunteer Position:** Volunteers’ days consist of prayer, work, study, service, and fellowship. Common tasks include tending pecan and fruit orchards, bakery work, maintenance and home repair ministry, work with children & elders, and office work.

**Period:** February – April; June – August; September – December

**Apply by:** 3 months prior to requested start date

**Housing:** Intentional community with volunteers

**Minimum Age:** 19 years

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**Prisoner Visitation** *(Direct Social Service)*

**Alderson Hospitality House** (Alderson, West Virginia)

**Mission:** Offers support to incarcerated women by providing hospitality to family and friends who come to visit them. ([www.aldersonhospitalityhouse.org](http://www.aldersonhospitalityhouse.org))

**Volunteer Position:** House coordinator to welcome people, provide a listening ear, offer transportation, and assist with housekeeping and house maintenance. Office skills and Spanish are helpful.

**Period:** Flexible

**Apply by:** 3 months prior to requested start date

**Housing:** Community living with other volunteers and those served

**Minimum Age:** 19 years

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**Prisoner Visitation and Support** *(non-residential)*

**Mission:** Nationwide visitation ministry to federal and military prisoners. The focus is on prisoners who do not ordinarily receive visits from family and friends, want or need supportive human contact, are in solitary confinement, or are serving long sentences. ([www.prisonervisitation.org](http://www.prisonervisitation.org))

**Volunteer:** Trained PVS volunteer visitors offer friendship and a listening ear to help prisoners prepare to assume a useful place in society. Visit at a federal or military prison within driving distance of your home. National map of prisons [ link to BOP and DOD]

**Period:** Monthly visits for a period of 2 years. Can be extended.

**Contact:** Eric Corson, PVS; 1501 Cherry St.; Philadelphia, PA 19102

  Phone: (215) 241-7117; Email: pvs@afsc.org

**Informational DVD:** Available to borrow. Call (866) 822-8224 ext. 3214.
Tutor/Youth Support (Direct Social Service)

- **Appalachian South Folklife Center** (Pipestem, West Virginia)
  
  **Mission:** Serves children and youth from around the area, providing various learning experiences through day camps and workshops that cover topics including tolerance, anger management, and environmental consciousness. ([www.folklifecenter.org](http://www.folklifecenter.org))

  **Volunteer Position:** Office Assistant/Program Implementation
  
  **Period:** June – August
  
  **Apply by:** March 15
  
  **Housing:** Private space in volunteer housing
  
  **Minimum Age:** 19 years

- **Bethany Children’s Home** (Womelsdorf, Pennsylvania)
  
  **Mission:** Residential treatment program serving boys and girls from 6 to 18 years of age. ([www.bethanyhome.org](http://www.bethanyhome.org))

  **Volunteer Position:** Administrative aide with responsibility for tutoring and driving children to necessary appointments.

  **Period:** 6-12 months throughout the year
  
  **Apply by:** 3 months prior to requested start date
  
  **Housing:** Host family or campus housing
  
  **Minimum Age:** 21 years

- **Menaul School** (Albuquerque, New Mexico)
  
  **Mission:** Coeducational school for grades 6 through 12 whose mission is to serve Native American, Hispanic, and other students. Menaul School provides a college-preparatory, faith-based education with emphasis on preparing youth to serve their communities and the world. ([www.menaulschool.com](http://www.menaulschool.com))

  **Volunteer Position:** Volunteers may work in the library, help with maintenance, assist the support staff and tutor students.

  **Period:** September – December OR January – May
  
  **Apply by:** 3 months prior to requested start date
  
  **Housing:** Apartment
  
  **Minimum Age:** 21 years
The Neighborhood Academy (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania)

Mission: Provides a college preparatory education to low income students. The approach includes an extended school stay, small classes, close communication with families and college preparatory curriculum. Counseling, transportation, three meals a day and assistance with emergency needs like medical care are all part of the program. (www.theneighborhoodacademy.org)

Volunteer Position: Teaching associate. May serve as teacher, academic advisor, coach, evening study session proctor, and other program assistance.

Period: 9-12 months beginning each September (Long-Term)
         3 months placements throughout the year (Short-Term)

Apply by: March 15 – Long-Term (placements begin September)
          3 months prior to requested start date (Short-Term)

Housing: Volunteer Group Housing (Long-Term)
         Host Family (Short-Term)

Minimum Age: 21 years with college degree.

Washington UCC (Cincinnati)

Mission: This congregation of the UCC coordinates an emergency food bank and conducts youth after-school tutoring and activities.

Volunteer Position: Program assistant and tutor

Period: 2-12 months throughout the year

Apply by: 3 months prior to requested start date

Housing: Apartment

Minimum Age: 19 years

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United Church of Christ Core Values

Continuing Testament
Extravagant Welcome
Changing Lives
Residential Positions
Short Term (1-8 months) and Long-Term (9-12 months)

COMMUNITY ORGANIZING & ADVOCACY

Faith Community Organizing

- Direct Action & Research Training Network
  Faith & Action for Strength Together (FAST)
  (St. Petersburg, Florida)
  **Mission:** Coalition of over 35 religious congregations working together to achieve social and economic justice in Pinellas County, FL. FAST is a grassroots, direct-action, multi-issue organization which brings people together to improve the quality of life in their communities. FAST’s mission is to build the power of religious congregations to solve community problems by holding systems accountable. FAST organizes its membership to a large ‘direct action’ where leaders negotiate with public officials from a position of mutual power and respect. ([http://www.thedartcenter.org/location/fast/](http://www.thedartcenter.org/location/fast/))
  **Volunteer Position:** Community organizing with congregations. This position includes coordination with leaders in congregations, research, action and financial development.
  **Period:** 9-12 month placements throughout the year.
  **Apply by:** 3 months prior to requested start date.
  **Housing:** Host Family
  **Minimum Age:** 21 years with college degree.

- Direct Action & Research Training Network Interfaith Coalition for Action, Reconciliation, & Empowerment (ICARE) (Jacksonville, Florida)
  **Mission:** ICARE is a coalition of over 20 religious congregations working together to achieve social & economic justice in the Jacksonville area. ICARE’s mission is to build the power of religious congregations to solve community problems by holding systems accountable. ICARE organizes its membership to a large ‘direct action’ where leaders can negotiate with public officials from a position of mutual...
power and respect. The DART Network of congregation-based community organizations based in nineteen cities throughout five states. (www.icarejx.org) and (http://www.thedartcenter.org/location/icare-5/)

**Volunteer Position:** This position includes coordination with leaders in congregations, reach, action and financial development.

**Period:** 9-12 month placements throughout the year.

**Apply by:** 3 months prior to requested start date

**Housing:** Host Family

**Minimum Age:** 21 years with college degree

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**Interfaith Action of Southwest Florida/Coalition of Immokalee Workers (Southwest Florida)**

**Mission:** Faith-based community organizing to call on our religious values to educate, motivate and organize the religious community in the U.S. on issues and campaigns that will improve wages, benefits, and working conditions for low-wage workers.

**Volunteer Position:** Live and work in Immokalee, Florida alongside Farm workers and allies in the Campaign for Fair Food who are working to improve farm workers’ sub-poverty wages and working conditions.

**Period:** Summer

**Apply by:** March 15

**Housing:** Host Family

**Minimum Age:** 21 years

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**National Farm Worker Ministry** (Placement possible in Oregon, California, North Carolina or Florida; national office in St. Louis)

**Mission:** Interfaith organization whose purpose is to be present with and support farm workers as they organize for justice, empowerment, and equality.

**Volunteer Position:** Community organizer; volunteers educate consumers, coordinate boycotts, promote union label products, organize rallies and delegations, arrange visits to farm worker camps and homes, write letters and leaflets, march, and pray. Volunteers assist in the development of educational materials and worship resources, organize faith-based groups for farm workers, assist with presentations to local congregations. (www.nfwm.org)

**Period:** 3-12 months throughout the year

**Apply by:** 3 months prior to requested start date

**Housing:** Host family

**Minimum Age:** 21 years
**Hunger & Poverty Advocacy**
*(Community Organizing & Advocacy)*

- **Heifer International Learning Center, Heifer Ranch** *(Perryville, Arkansas)*
  *Site specific application required in additional to UCC Partners in Service applications.*
  **Mission:** Offers hands-on educational experiences that promote sustainable solutions to global hunger, poverty and environmental degradation. *(www.heifer.org/ranch)*
  **Volunteer Position 1:** Host, receptionist, greeters
  **Period:** 3-12 month placements year-round
  **Apply by:** 3 months prior to requested start date
  **Housing:** Group housing
  **Minimum Age:** 21 years

  **Volunteer Position 2:** General education, livestock, horticulture, or maintenance
  **Period:** 3-12 month placements throughout year or 7-12 month placements, beginning at staggering times throughout the year
  **Housing:** Group housing
  **Minimum Age:** 18 years

- **Heifer International, Overlook Farm** *(Rutland, Massachusetts)*
  **Mission:** Educates visitors about eliminating hunger and poverty through sustainable agriculture. It is a working farm that markets products from its integrated woodlands, organic garden, and more than a dozen livestock enterprises. *(www.heifer.org)*
  **Volunteer Position:** Visitor Center hosts, education department to conduct field trips and lead education sessions, or agriculture department volunteer to help with animal chores and garden work.
  **Period:** 3-12 month placements throughout the year
  **Apply by:** 3 months prior to requested start date
  **Housing:** Group housing
  **Minimum Age:** 18 years
InterReligious Task Force on Central America (Cleveland, Ohio)
Mission: Advocacy on issues in Central America
Volunteer Position: Communications assistant; communicate with supporters and constituents; create newsletters.
Period: 2-12 months throughout the year
Apply by: 3 months prior to requested start date
Housing: Host Family or Catholic Worker House member
Minimum Age: 19 years

Urban Spirit (Louisville, Kentucky)
Mission: Engagement of people who are not poor in an experience and exploration of social realities in what it means to be among the working poor in America and reflection on that experience in context of faith.
Intern Position: Lead mission trip groups in poverty immersion experience, reflect on vocation in light of this leadership. Requirement: 1 previous summer as Disciples Home Mission intern or UCC F.A.S.T. intern.
Period: Summer
Apply by: March 15
Housing: Intern apartment with shared bathroom
Minimum Age: 19 years

Immigration Issues Advocacy
(Community Organizing & Advocacy)

BorderLinks (Tucson, Arizona)
Mission: Coordinates experiential trips to the United States-Mexico border to foster involvement in immigration and border issues. (www.borderlinks.org)
Volunteer Position: Delegation Leader
Period: 3-12 month placements year-round
Apply by: 3 months prior to requested start date
Housing: Private room in volunteer housing or Host Family
Minimum Age: 21 years
Prison Advocacy (Community Organizing & Advocacy)

- **New Hope House** (Barnesville, Georgia)

  **Mission:** Intentional Christian community working for the abolition of the death penalty.

  **Volunteer Position:** Assist in the running of the hospitality house, visit prisoners, attend trials, and provide support to prisoners’ families.

  **Period:** 2-6 month placements throughout the year

  **Apply by:** 3 months prior to requested start date

  **Housing:** In community with volunteers and staff in rural GA.

  **Minimum Age:** 21 years

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HIV/AIDS Advocacy (Community Organizing & Advocacy)

- **United Church AIDS Network (UCAN)/New York City Faith in Action Coalition for HIV and AIDS** (New York City, New York)

  **Mission:** Coordinates service with various ministries serving with populations with HIV AIDS and facilitates educational programs.

  **Volunteer Position:** Multi-Media Technician

  **Period:** February – September 2012

  **Apply by:** Flexible

  **Housing:** Volunteer Position only available when home stay can be arranged

  **Minimum Age:** 21 years
Residential Positions
Short Term (1-8 months) and
Long-Term (9-12 months)

OUTDOOR MINISTRIES/CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTERS

Ecumenical Centers (Outdoor Ministries)

♦ A Christian Ministry in the National Parks
Mission: Individuals serve in U.S. national parks to lead worship and fellowship activities in the parks. (www.acmnp.com)
Position: Participants work with park concessionaires. ACMNP volunteers then coordinate Christian worship experiences and Bible study in the setting of the national park.
Contact: ACMNP Office. Phone: (207) 865-6852 or (800) 786-3450; Fax: (207) 865-6852
Period: Summer
Housing: Live with other summer national park employees in dormitory style housing
Age: 18-30 years

♦ Geneva Point Center (Moultonborough, New Hampshire)
Mission: Ecumenical camp and conference center located on Lake Winnipesaukee, running a day camp, overnight resident camp and hosting nonprofit and religious groups for retreats, conferences, and camps. (www.genevapoint.org)
Volunteer Position: Office assistant, building/grounds maintenance, guest housekeeping, and naturalist activities
Period: 2-3 months throughout the year, especially summer
Apply by: 3 months prior to requested start date
Housing: Camp Housing
Minimum Age: 19 years
UCC Camp & Conference Centers (Outdoor Ministries)

For summer volunteer opportunities with Camps & Conference Centers, see http://oma-ucc.org for list. You can apply through Partners in Service program.

♦ Camp Adams (Molalla, Oregon)
Mission: One of 2 outdoor sites of the Central Pacific Conference, UCC. The camp hosts outdoor school for students in Oregon’s public schools as well as spiritual retreats organized by area churches.
Volunteer Position: Camp host
Period: 6 Weeks
Apply by: 3 months prior to requested start date.
Housing: Camp housing
Minimum Age: 25 years

♦ Living Waters Outdoor Ministry (Greensburg, Pennsylvania)
Mission: Outdoor ministry and meeting center for the Penn West Conference of the UCC. (www.pennwest.org)
Volunteer Position: Summer camp director, counselor, nurse, grounds keeping/maintenance assistant.
Period: Summer
Apply by: March 15
Housing: Camp housing
Minimum Age: 19 years

♦ Pilgrim Heights Camp & Retreat Center, UCC (Montour, Iowa)
Mission: Outdoor ministry and retreat opportunities for children in summer camp programs as well as for people of all ages in an adult and family retreat programs throughout the year. (www.pilgrimheights.org)
Volunteer Position: Building/equipment maintenance and grounds staff; kitchen and housekeeping staff or summer camp counselors, nurse, or chaplain.
Period: 2-12 month placements throughout the year; or summer
Apply by: 3 months prior to requested start date
Housing: Camp housing
Minimum Age: 19 years
Silver Lake Camp and Conference Center (Sharon, Connecticut)

Mission: Outdoor ministries site of the Connecticut Conference, UCC.
(http://silverlake.ctucc.org/)

Volunteer Position 1: Volunteer Assistant to Site Manager
Period: 4-6 months; Jan. – June OR Sept. 15 – Dec. 15
Apply by: 3 months prior to requested start date.
Housing: Camp Housing or other private housing
Minimum Age: 21 years

Volunteer Position 2: Volunteer Guest Services Assistant
Period: 4-6 months; Jan. – June OR Sept. 15 – Dec. 15
Apply by: 3 months prior to requested start date
Housing: Camp House, other private housing
Minimum Age: 21 years

Slumber Falls Camp and Retreat Center UCC
(New Braunfels, Texas)

Mission: Year-round outdoor ministry setting of the South Central Conference. During June and July a residential youth camping program operates.
(www.slumberfalls.org)

Volunteer Position: Volunteers have the opportunity to work in the area of their choice based on their gifts and talents. Areas of service include welcoming and assisting retreat groups, office work, data entry, food service, and assisting our maintenance person. Counselors and resource specialists during summer.
Period: 2-12 months including summer
Apply by: 3 months prior to requested start date
Housing: Year-round facility for volunteer includes heat/ac, private bedroom and bath, plus a living area with television & kitchenette.
Minimum Age: 19 years

United Church Camps, Inc. (Ripon & St. Germain, Wisconsin)

Mission: Operates Pilgrim Center and Moon Beach Camp for the Wisconsin Conference. (http://www.ucci.org/)

Volunteer Position: Site and grounds maintenance
Period: 2-12 months
Apply by: 3 months prior to requested start date
Housing: Volunteer housing
Minimum Age: 21 years
Residential Positions
Long-Term (9-12months)

POSITIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERS SERVING IN THE U.S.A.

♦ **Back Bay Mission** (Biloxi, Mississippi)
  **Mission:** A community ministry of the United Church of Christ that operates in the primary program areas of direct services, work camps, social changes, new program development, and mission interpretation. Since 2005 long-term disaster recovery has been a focus. ([www.thebackbaymission.org](http://www.thebackbaymission.org))
  **Volunteer Position:** Micah Day Center Coordinator
  (a day center for homeless populations)
  **Period:** September – August
  **Apply by:** March 15
  **Housing:** Volunteer group housing
  **Minimum Age:** 19 years

♦ **Camp Courageous** (Monticello, Iowa)
  **Mission:** Year-round respite care and recreational facility in a camp setting serving children and adults with physical and/or mental disabilities. ([www.campcourageous.org](http://www.campcourageous.org))
  **Volunteer Position:** Camp counselor, pool lifeguard, or maintenance.
  **Period:** 2-12 months throughout year or summer
  **Apply by:** 3 months prior to requested start date
  **Housing:** Volunteer group housing
  **Minimum Age:** 19 years

♦ **Church World Service Immigration & Refugee Program**
  (Lancaster, Pennsylvania)
  **Mission:** Resettlement of international refugees in the U.S.
  **Volunteer Position:** Program Assistant
  **Period:** September – August
  **Apply by:** March 15
  **Housing:** Shared housing
  **Minimum Age:** 19 years
Every Child’s Hope (ECH) (St. Louis, Missouri)
Mission: Child and family service agency offering residential treatment for abused, abandoned, and neglected youth. Daycare center for preschool-aged children on campus. (www.newbeginnings-ech.org)
Volunteer Position: Recreation and Activities assistant; grounds keeping assistant.
Period: September – August
Apply by: March 15
Housing: Volunteer group housing
Minimum Age: 18 years

Gould Farm (Monterey and Boston, Massachusetts)
Mission: Therapeutic community for adults with mental illnesses. (www.gouldfarm.org)
Volunteer Position: Community volunteer – Volunteers work directly with those who come for care and live in a community setting, participating in gardening, livestock care, cooking, reception, marketing, maintenance, recreation and residential support, roadside store and café, community health team, residential client services, child care, and community coordination.
Period: September – August
Apply by: March 15
Housing: Volunteer group housing
Minimum Age: 19 years

Heifer International Learning Center, Heifer Ranch (Perryville, Arkansas)
*Site specific application required in additional to UCC Partners in Service applications.
Mission: Offers hands-on educational experiences that promote sustainable solutions to global hunger, poverty and environmental degradation. (www.heifer.org/ranch)
Volunteer Position: General education, livestock, horticulture, or maintenance
Period: 3-12 month placements throughout year or 7-12 month placements, beginning at staggering times throughout the year
Housing: Group housing
Minimum Age: 18 years
♦ **Innisfree** (Crozet, Virginia)

**Mission:** Life-sharing community for adults who have intellectual disabilities. The community lies in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Volunteers come from all over the world to share a year of their lives. ([www.innisfreevillage.org](http://www.innisfreevillage.org))

**Volunteer Position:** Long-term volunteers serve as house managers and companions who are responsible for cooking, housekeeping, and assistance with physical and social needs for their housemates, and the household budget. Volunteers also work side-by-side with adults with intellectual disabilities in therapeutic workstations including a woodshop, a weavery, organic gardens and bakery.

**Period:** September – August OR January – December

**Apply by:** March 15 OR September 30

**Housing:** Community living in homes with volunteers & residents

**Minimum Age:** 21 years

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♦ **La Puente Home** (Alamosa, Colorado)

**Mission:** Nonprofit organization that provides emergency shelter, food services, advocacy, and transitional services for homeless people and community members in crisis. Services are provided to meet immediate needs and to empower people to live independently with dignity. ([www.lapuente.net](http://www.lapuente.net))

**Volunteer Position:** Shelter, thrift store, food bank, family assistance program, maintenance and repairs for La Puente’s several Facilities.

**Period:** Late August – early August

**Apply by:** March 15

**Housing:** Volunteer group housing

**Minimum Age:** 19 years

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♦ **Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs** (Frederick, Maryland)

**Mission:** Manages food banks and assists those with emergency, short-term needs to return to and maintain a state of economic self-sufficiency.

**Volunteer Position:** Volunteers assist clients, help coordinate special projects, help maintain an up-to-date resource directory, participate in the computerization of office operations, work with local churches, and assist in the recruitment, training, and coordination of the volunteer staff.

**Period:** September – August and January – December

**Apply by:** March 15 OR September 30

**Housing:** Shared apartment

**Minimum Age:** 19 years
Tabor Lutheran Church (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania)

Mission: Provides opportunities for international volunteers from partner church in Germany to serve in the United States.

3 Volunteer Positions in Refugee Ministries

Volunteer Position #4: Tabor Lutheran Church; Children’s Tutoring Program.

Period: 12 months. September – August

Apply by: Deadlines of Freiwilliger Friedensdienst (Evangelical Church of the Rhineland) [http://www.aktiv-zivil.de/]

Housing: Shared housing at Tabor Lutheran Church

Minimum Age: 19 years
‘Virtual’ Volunteer Positions
Live at home. Serve through electronic media.

* Charles Hall Youth Services (Bismarck, North Dakota)
  Mission: Serves foster care youth, ages 10-18, in three neighborhood-based group homes, located in Bismarck, ND. The mission is to meet the needs of at-risk youth in a holistic way, working toward healing and strengthening youth mentally, emotionally, physically and spiritually. The goal is for today’s at-risk adolescents and teenagers to discover their innate strengths, develop important life skills and become emotionally stable and psychologically resilient. Over 50% of the youth served at CHYS are Native American from tribes across a multi-state region. (www.charleshallyouthservices.com)
  Volunteer Position: Church Relations Associate(s) – East Coast
  Period: Ongoing. Looking for volunteers who would consider working in this capacity for two – five years. One-year appointments will be considered, though longer-term appointments are desired.
  Apply by: 45 days prior to requested start date.
  Housing: This position would allow volunteers living in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Pennsylvania or Vermont to reside in their own home and work from home.
  Minimum Age: 21 years
  Other Requirements: Occasional travel will be required in the East Coast region and will depend on the number of associates recruited. Travel to North Dakota once annually is anticipated; related costs will be covered by the agency. Must have a valid driver’s license and be able to drive using own vehicle. Mileage and other travel expenses will be reimbursed. Office expenses (e.g., postage, long-distance telephone) also will be reimbursed.

* Disaster Recovery UCC Registrar of Volunteers
  Mission: Accompanying local communities in their long-term recovery from a disaster event.
  Volunteer Position: Schedule and correspond with disaster recovery mission trip groups serving in various locations in the U.S. through UCC coordination and in partnership with local Long Term Recovery Committees.

  Position Description & Availability  See www.ucc.org/volunteer
  Period of Service  Negotiable; related to specific disasters
  Apply by: 3 months before intended start date
  Housing: Volunteer lives at own home
  Minimum Age: 21 years
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Interns, ages 21-35, serve for an 11 month term.
- Live in intentional community with host UCC congregation
- Serve with local mission agency
- Experience congregational leadership
- Reflect on service and engage in spiritual conversations

Summer Communities of Service (SCOS)
http://www.ucc.org/volunteer/SCOS/

Similar to the UCC YASC, this 10 week summer program is an ecumenical collaboration between the UCC and Alliance of Baptists. Interns are between the ages of 19 and 30 years.

Hear what others have to say about YASC & Summer Communities
“[I’ve learned that] it is very important to recognize gifts already in the community instead of focusing only on the needs.” (Whitney)

"I had become somewhat cynical of church ... But the mission of our host church as well as the people in it gave me hope again in the effectiveness of the church." (Melanie)
Volunteer Opportunities through
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Of the United Church of Christ
& Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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Contact Global Ministries Personnel Office, P.O. Box 1986, Indianapolis, IN 46262. Phone: (317) 713-2565. Website: [www.globalministries.org](http://www.globalministries.org) under “People in Mission.”
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