

**LEARNING - SERVING AGREEMENT**

**Community Ministry Internship  
with Parish-Ministry Component**

**Intern**  
Home Address  
Phone, Email  
Seminary  
Advisor

**Int'ship Begins** June 1, 1999  
**Int'ship Ends** January 15, 2000

**Internship Sites**

**COMMUNITY** Dept. of Pastoral Services  
Adult Detention Facility (county jail)

**Site Supervisor**  
**Hours & Stipend** approx. 24 hrs/wk @ \$9.37/hr (approx. \$900/month)

**PARISH**

**Site Supervisor**  
**Hours & Stipend** 8-10 hrs/wk (incl. work with Social Justice Alliance of county Interfaith Council, up to 20 hrs/month @ \$15/hr)

**Intern Committee Members**

### Overall Learning Goal

Through my internship, I want to increase my ministerial experience and skills in chaplaincy (specifically, detention ministry) and in UU parish ministry, and explore how my ministries in these two sites might be interwoven to be mutually enriching.

### Objective #1 - Detention Ministry/Chaplaincy

*In order to increase my ministerial experience and skills in chaplaincy and detention ministry, I will:*

- offer pastoral counseling and spiritual care to male and female jail inmates;
- perform administrative duties related to the jail chaplaincy, as appropriate;
- interact with jail staff in both pastoral and administrative capacities;
- develop collegial relationships with pastoral care staffpersons at other county and regional detention facilities, and with pastoral care volunteers at the jail;
- reflect on these experiences in weekly meetings with my site supervisor.

### Objective #2 - UU Parish Ministry

*In order to learn more about the overall healthy functioning of UU congregations, I will:*

- attend Sunday services regularly at [redacted], and make myself available before and after services to interact, as the CM intern, with members of the congregation;
- attend the regular monthly meetings of the church's Board of Trustees;
- attend as an observer at least one meeting of as many committees as possible;
- participate in other church events and programs, as my time commitment allows;

*In order to increase my experience and skills in UU parish ministry, I will:*

- lead and preach at one Sunday service, and assist at several others;
- observe, assist, and/or officiate at memorials, weddings/services of union, child dedications, and other rites of passage, as negotiated with my parish supervisor;
- attend regular parish staff meetings, and develop collegial relationships with staff;
- assist the Canvass Comm. in its fall preparations for the coming year's canvass;
- participate in UUMA [redacted] chapter retreats and other collegial gatherings;
- participate in [redacted] District events, as my time commitment allows;
- participate in 1999 General Assembly and the preceding UUMA Ministry Days.

*In order to better integrate and interweave my ministries in the community and in the parish, I will:*

- lead and preach at one Sunday service focusing on UU community ministries and my work at the county jail;
- write regularly for the church newsletter about my community ministry;
- actively participate, as CM intern, in the work of 1-3 appropriate church committees;
- actively participate in the county Interfaith Council's Social Justice Alliance, and serve as the Alliance's part-time staff to help prepare for its fall Forum on Homelessness;
- explore with the Director of Religious Education one or more ways to bring my community ministry work/experience into the church's Lifespan RE program;
- give particular attention to my collegial relationship with [redacted]'s parish ministry intern, whose "tenure" will overlap mine from September 1999 to January 2000;
- seek out opportunities to preach/lead services at other UU congregations/fellowships in the greater [redacted] Area and the [redacted] District;
- reflect on these experiences in weekly meetings with my site supervisor.

Objective #3 - Self-Care in Ministry

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Theological/Prayer Component to be met by:

- include regular personal prayer and journaling as part of my ministerial self-care and theological reflection on my work in ministry;
- meet weekly with supervisors at both the jail and parish for theological reflection;
- meet regularly with a group of seminary peers involved in community ministry internships and field placements, to reflect and learn together about our experiences;

Team-Ministry Component to be met by:

- work in the jail as part of the pastoral care team of staff and volunteers;
- work at \_\_\_\_\_ as part of the parish ministry staff, including developing a collegial relationship with the parish ministry intern who will also be at \_\_\_\_\_ in Fall 1999;

My Ministerial Strengths

- my experience as an active member of the First Unitarian Church of \_\_\_\_\_ ;
- three years of M.Div. studies at Starr King School for the Ministry;
- four units of CPE, including 8 months prior experience as a chaplain intern at the \_\_\_\_\_ County Jail in \_\_\_\_\_ ;
- experience offering pastoral care in hospitals, hospices and inner-city settings, including four years on staff with the chaplaincy at \_\_\_\_\_ General Hospital;
- completion of seven courses toward UC Berkeley Extension's certificate program in Alcohol and Drug Abuse Studies;
- strong interpersonal and communication skills;

My Definition of Ministry includes: embodying, to the best of my ability, in my relationships with self and others, the life-affirming unconditional Love of the creator as I have experienced it; expressing in word and action, in my professional, collegial and personal relationships, my own highest values and principles and those of the Unitarian Universalist Association; and in so doing, call myself and others into "real-izing," individually and corporately, our fullest potential for living lives of justice, joy and love.

Approval Signatures

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Intern

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Site Supervisor, Jail

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Seminary Advisor

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Site Supervisor, Parish