

Gun Violence Prevention Project Intern

- Position:** Gun Violence Prevention Project Intern
- Hours:** 360 hours (estimated two interns at 10 hours/week x 18 weeks)
- Salary:** \$20/hour, non-exempt, limited-term employee
- Benefits:** Per WCC personnel policies
- Reports to:** Advocacy & Engagement Facilitator,
Director of Ecumenical Innovation and Justice Initiatives

Purpose of Position:

The Gun Violence Prevention Project intern will learn about faith-based (primarily Christian) involvement with gun violence prevention, and how to guide learning, consensus-building and movement toward action in a church context. Their work will lay foundations with congregations who are new to taking action in this arena.

We anticipate the work taking place over two semesters:

- With support and supervision from WCC staff, the intern will engage in outreach to ecumenical partners to invite them to participate in Wear Orange Weekend in June and/or the Guns to Gardens program. Interns will support congregations with resources developed by national partners and the WCC and may assist in the creation of resources.
- The intern will also assist in the creation of promotional materials and social media content creation at events for use on WCC, local church, and judicatory channels. This may involve attendance at events.
- The intern will reflect and brainstorm with staff about how to deepen the work of faith-based involvement with gun violence prevention beyond one-time events such as Wear Orange Weekend or a Guns to Gardens activity.

Desired start: February 2024. Work schedule and worksites negotiable. Must be available to work through the beginning of June. There is a possibility to continue in the summer/fall with another 18-week internship.

The Gun Violence Prevention Project Intern may be based anywhere in the state of Wisconsin, but because of funding restrictions, must be a student at a college or university that does not currently have a United Church of Christ campus ministry on its campus. They must have access to reliable Internet and be available to participate in digital meetings. They may be asked to participate in periodic in-person meetings or events as well. The intern(s) will work as part of a staff team to complete the goals of the Gun Violence Prevention projects of the WCC.

Specific Responsibilities:

Assessment of Gun Violence Prevention Work

- Take the lead in creating a list of Wisconsin churches interested in engaging in gun violence prevention work.
- Update church contacts in database as appropriate. Create narrative database entries and note churches on relevant checklist.
- Draft a summary report based on the assessment and collaborate with other staff on communicating the results.

Engage Faith Communities in entry-level gun violence prevention events

- Reach out to faith communities identified as interested in gun violence prevention work and encourage them to participate in Wear Orange Weekend and/or host a Guns to Garden event.
- Help identify needed resources and either curate or develop them as needed (in collaboration with WCC staff) that allow faith communities to meaningfully engage in entry-level gun violence prevention events.

Content Creation and Communication

- Gather impactful first-person stories with permission to use in multiple mediums either by attending events, follow-up interviews, or recruiting a volunteer to take photos and/or video.
- Participate in the editing, workshopping and revising process of content prior to publishing.

General

- Maintain timely and accurate communication, and coordinate scheduling with transparency and accountability with supervisor.
- Attend select WCC programs and regular staff meetings as requested.

Qualifications:

The ideal candidate for the Gun Violence Prevention Intern will be someone who is/has:

- United Church of Christ (UCC) background/connections. *Please note: while UCC students are of specific interest to the funder, any/all interested students are encouraged to apply.*
- Interested in working in an intentionally Christian institution, with openness to working in interfaith collaborations.
- Committed to ecumenical, cultural and pastoral sensitivity, including confidentiality as needed.
- Well-prepared candidates will be pursuing a Bachelor's or Master's Degree.
- Demonstrated capacity for theological reflection. Has a connection to the Church and can identify signs of the Church at work within and outside of institutions.
- Self-starting, highly motivated, and able to function dependably and independently.
- Comfortable with entering new settings and situations. Enthused by meeting new people. Excellent listener.
- Clear in communication, with excellent phone and interpersonal skills.
- Able to work efficiently and flexibly; to collaborate with others toward a shared goal.
- Competent in Microsoft Office, videoconferencing, social media. Competency in data entry a plus.
- Able to secure reliable transportation to occasional meetings around the state.* Financial assistance can be provided to offset costs
- Disciplined in documentation.

**subject to COVID-19 and public health conditions*

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