



Rural Immersion Internship

Prairie Lakes Association

of the

South Dakota Conference
United Church of Christ

*The question is always asked by the curious travelers
who have crossed the Plains at Interstate speeds,
"How can you live here without the mountains,
the ocean, the woods?"
But what they are really speaking to is
their desire to "get it" right away.*

*The sublime of this place that we call the prairie
is one of patience and looking.
There is no quick fix...*

*If one is to understand the beauty of this place,
the old answers just won't do.*

- Keith Jacobshagen, "Personal Journey" in *The Changing Prairie*
(1995, A. Joern and K.H. Keeler, eds.), Oxford University Press

What: A summer intern program for seminary students.

This is an opportunity to experience rural ministry in the beauty and spaciousness of the Great Plains. The intern will spend time in several congregations with memberships ranging from 13 to over 400, in country, small-town and city locations. Learning goals and specifics are negotiable between the student, site supervisor and seminary advisor. The intern will spend 4-5 days in a local church, returning to the Prairie Retreat for 2-3 days of reflection.

Where: The Prairie Lakes Association, South Dakota Conference.

Our Association covers the northeast quadrant of South Dakota. We are within a several hour drive of the Badlands, the Black Hills and the ministries of the Dakota Association serving our Native American Churches.

When: Summer, 2012

This is a six to twelve week internship; beginning with the South Dakota Conference Annual Meeting on June 1, 2012.

Stipend: \$ 1,500 – 3,000 plus housing, most meals and gas.

The stipend will be prorated to the number of weeks, to a maximum of \$ 3,000. Home-base housing will be at the Prairie Retreat, with each church providing housing while on location.

Application: Deadline March 19, 2012

Application should be in resume format with three references, also listing any ministry experience the candidate may have had. Send materials to:

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