

“The impact and power of interfaith work is undeniable in working toward a more just world.”

- Ben Greenberg

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Interfaith Worker Justice is a network of people of faith that calls upon our religious values in order to educate, organize and mobilize the religious community in the United States on issues and campaigns that will improve wages, benefits and conditions for workers, and give voice to workers, especially low-wage workers.

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Seminary Summer & Islamic
Internship for Worker Justice

A Paid Internship for
Future Religious
Leaders of all Faiths

June 8 to
August 14, 2009

IWJ Summer Internships

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A Life Changing Summer!

The Seminary Summer/Islamic Internship for Worker Justice combines education, action, and reflection for students interested in becoming more knowledgeable about issues faced by workers.

Education: The program begins in New Orleans with a one-week training about organizing skills, labor history, union structure, religious denominations, and workers' rights. Interns will also have the unique opportunity to participate in IWJ's National Conference.

Action: Students are assigned to unions engaged in progressive organizing campaigns, putting their faith into action. Through hands-on experiences, students help educate and mobilize the religious community to stand with workers on workplace issues and campaigns.

Reflection: During the 10 weeks, students meet with a theological mentor who helps the students integrate their work with their theological beliefs. At the end of the summer, students are brought back together in Chicago to reflect on their experiences and plan ways in which they can incorporate what they have learned into their lives and vocations.

Deadline for early acceptance is March 15, 2009. Last day to apply is April 15, 2009.



2008 Interns



The SS/IWJ Internship program coordinator is Rev. April McGlothlin-Eller.

For more information, contact April at 773.728.8400 ext. 21 or at aeller@iwj.org.

Internship applications can be found at www.iwj.org.

“Each person has human dignity, whether they are working in fast food or are the president of a company, because they are a child of God.”

-Caitlin Schwartz

About the Graduate Summer Program

A partnership between Interfaith Worker Justice and the AFL-CIO and Change to Win unions, Seminary Summer/Islamic Internship involves 25 to 35 future religious leaders in a 10-week paid internship program of faith and action. Seminarians, rabbinical students, Muslim graduate students, and novices are eligible to apply.

Interns receive:

- Transportation to/from training/debrief;
- A weekly stipend;
- Possible academic credit;
- Housing cost if relocating;
- On-the-job transportation costs;
- A mentor for theological reflection.

The summer internship program begins June 8, 2009 in New Orleans for an intensive week of training and orientation with social justice workers and theologians. Interns also have the unique opportunity to attend IWJ's National Conference.

Interns are assigned to unions or allied groups engaged in progressive organizing campaigns, putting their faith into action. Participants reconvene in Chicago August 11-14 for reflection and exploring next steps.

