## INTERNSHIP GUIDELINES



- f An internship is a required component of the Studies in Ministry Minor Ideally, this year -long internship is the culminating activity of the minor, which students take concurrently with a year -long capstone seminar, having completed all of their other minor coursework.
- f The internship is a closely supervised practical experience—in a church, parachurch ministry, community organization, or other relevant setting. This experience involves six to twelve hours a week of supervised involvement with the ministry or organization for a full academic year (14 weeks per semester). Students receive two, three or four credits a semester for this internship. The decision about how many credits an internship will be is based on conversations with the minor's director and coordinator of mentoring and internships, a student's track and ministry interests, and a student's other academic requirements. In special circumstances, students may request to do an iministry to which he/she is discerning a call. The internship should be designed so that it enables the student to gain a clear understanding of the expectations, responsibilities, and challenges involved in the type of ministry being considered and the specific organization of which- be 8 Tw [(-6 (ei)ion)5 [(noemn)5 [(n (-b)10.1 d,)3]]
- f The internship includes regular meetings with an on-site supervis or. These meetings will provide a time for the supervisor to provide feedback to the student, for the student to discuss his/her internship -related experiences with the supervisor, and for both to plan and prepare for future activities and responsibilities. These meetings should occur weekly.
- f The student and the supervisor will together fill out a Learning Covenant during the first week of the internship. This Learning Covenant involves identifying specific learning goals for the internship experience, along with activities that can help the student meet those goals and assessment measures to indicate how the student has done in meeting those goals. It also involves a written description of the primary activities and responsibilities of the internship. The student will spend time thinking about his/her goals before your first meeting and then you can further clarify those goals during your time together.