

## **DUKE MINISTRY FELLOWSHIPS FOR YOUTH WORKERS**

### **DATES**

Fellows will convene on Sunday, July 13, 2008 and depart on Saturday, July 26, 2008. Participants are expected to be in residence at Duke University for the duration of the two-week program.

### **LOCATION & SPONSOR**

Duke Divinity School, the graduate theological school of Duke University, will host program fellows through the Duke Youth Academy for Christian Formation. Duke University is located in Durham, North Carolina.

### **GOALS**

Through this fellowship program, the Duke Youth Academy hopes to:

- Share a model of youth ministry rooted in ancient Christian practices.
- Build community with thoughtful youth ministry peers.
- Provide space for each fellow to deepen her/his vocation for ministry with youth.

### **DESIGN**

Fellows will participate in the community of the residential program of the Duke Youth Academy (see enclosed brochure). Fellows will attend worship, plenary sessions, meals and program activities with approximately 50 youth participants and 30 staff members responsible for direct programming and supervision of the youth. Times for small group reflection and vocational discernment for fellows will be woven into the program. Dr. Fred Edie, assistant professor of the practice of Christian education and faculty director of the youth academy, will serve as faculty sponsor and director of the fellowship program.

### **REQUIREMENTS**

Fellows will be required to read approximately 200 pages of assigned material before the fellowship begins. After the fellowship, fellows will be required to submit a 5-page reflection essay on their experience and the ways that it has impacted, or has the potential to impact, their own youth ministry practice.

### **EXPECTATIONS**

Fellows should expect an opportunity to explore an approach to youth ministry based on strong theology, worship, disciplined practices, and community formation. Fellows may also expect to be challenged by the intensity and character of the Duke Youth Academy community. Moreover, fellows should be open to their own formation and discernment during their time at Duke. Participation in the life and community of the Duke Youth Academy is integral to the experience of the fellowship; therefore fellows should expect a tightly scheduled time in residence. Fellows will not be expected to supervise, teach, lead or assume responsibility for the programming or safety of students of the youth academy, as the program staff will assume such roles.

## **BACKGROUND CHECK**

Because fellows will be entering into community with minors, each fellow will be required to submit to a background check. Satisfactory clearance of this check is a requirement for the fellowship. Accepted fellows will be required to complete Duke University background check paperwork prior to arrival on campus in July.

## **LIVING ARRANGEMENTS**

Fellows will live on the campus of Duke University in residence halls with the Duke Youth Academy community. A shared room will be assigned with another fellow in the program. Meals will be provided with the youth academy in the university dining halls, the divinity school, and with special events.

## **CRITERIA**

Successful applicants will meet the following criteria:

- Serve currently in a youth ministry setting in a church
- Hold a bachelors' degree but have no seminary training
- Have two years or less of full-time youth ministry experience or five years or less of part-time youth ministry experience
- Express desire to deepen the practice of youth ministry in church and world.

A maximum of 6 fellowships will be awarded for 2008.

## **APPLICATION**

Application for a fellowship requires completion of a written application, two brief essays, and one letter of recommendation. The application deadline is January 30, 2008.

## **COST**

Tuition, materials, room & board, and leadership are provided by the Duke Youth Academy at no cost to fellowship recipients. Accepted fellows will be required to submit a \$100 deposit, refundable at matriculation. Fellows will be responsible for the cost of their transportation to and from Durham, North Carolina.

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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**APPLICATION DEADLINE JANUARY 30, 2008.**

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