



St. Hilda's House is a residential young adult discernment program devoted to spiritual formation and urban ministry while living in community. It is based at Christ Church New Haven in partnership with Berkeley Divinity School at Yale University and is supported, in part, by a generous grant from Trinity Church Wall Street's Trinity Grants Program as part of the Episcopal Service Corps. The unique setting, in the heart of Yale University and New Haven, gives interns access to a diverse range of service, educational, and spiritual resources.

St. Hilda's House interns deepen their understanding of themselves, their work, their faith, and their ministry by participating in mutual support, communal formation, and intentional worship and prayer. This community and vocational discernment is nurtured when work, home, and faith are integrated and reflected upon so as to transform our thinking, our intentions, and our purposes.

Twice per month, the interns meet with the program coordinator to explore their personal and collective experiences. Additionally, the coordinator also visits each intern at his or her worksite for individual guidance and support. Interns share dinner one evening a week with Christ Church rector Fr David Cobb, and another with the program coordinator. They will also have the benefit of consulting with scholars and mentors from Berkeley Divinity School.

One evening a week is devoted to theological discussion based on carefully selected readings engaging the text, our tradition, and their experiences. Interns craft a Rule of Life considering their spiritual needs and the needs of the community while sharing in the Anglican patterns of the daily office and Holy Communion as well as Berkeley Divinity's community Eucharist.

Interns serve throughout the greater New Haven area in various urban ministries like food banks, Christ Church's daily soup kitchen, shelters, clothing collection and distribution. Other opportunities include hospice work, low-income housing renovation, Chapel on the Green, just to name a few.

The interns will be part of a program that gives depth and meaning to the liturgical and calendar year. At orientation and then on quarterly retreats throughout the year, interns engage in personal, spiritual and theological reflection to absorb and integrate the year's experiences while working to discern God's call. Beginning with orientation, interns share in decision making, developing their community covenant, considering activities such as community dinners, meetings, and worship, rotating leadership, and participation in social, cultural, and educational events.

This program presents incredible opportunities for people seeking to focus on the interior life, to deepen our relationships with God, and for our engaging with God in the imperative to create with Him. We seek to be the image of God as we are transformed individually and in community for the sake of those with whom we live, work, study, and play. It is a community of companions in transformation living in the shadow of the cross as we walk together through the gates into the city.

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