

**STUDENT APPLICATION: THE COLE SUMMER SEMINARY MINISTERIAL INTERNSHIP**  
Center for Pastoral Excellence · Missouri Annual Conference



*The Center for Pastoral Excellence is pleased to begin accepting applications for the*  
**2012 Franklin and Louise Cole Summer Ministerial Internships**

*The application process is open to any Missouri-related, full-time seminary student (in the candidacy process or beyond). The internship is for students who have at least one full-time seminary semester remaining. This internship is a full-time 10-week ministry appointment (May 30, 2012-August 8, 2012), so interns are not allowed to be serving in any other ministry/job during this time. A maximum of three (3) internships are available contingent on placement by the Center for Pastoral Excellence at appropriate host ministry sites. Interns are provided: a ministry stipend (up to \$8,600), travel to and from their seminary for placement, summer food voucher, and ministry mileage expenses.*

**DEADLINE:** Applications are due in the conference office by **March 2, 2012.** (See address at end of form.)

**COMPLETE THIS FORM NEATLY, COMPLETELY AND ACCURATELY. Please make a COPY and retain for your records. Attach extra sheets as needed.**

**I. PERSONAL DATA:**

LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_

PREFERRED NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTH DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

***LOCAL ADDRESS***

STREET: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

GENDER: M \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_

MARITAL STATUS: Single \_\_\_\_\_ Married \_\_\_\_\_ If engaged, wedding date \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's full name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's occupation \_\_\_\_\_ No. of children \_\_\_\_\_ Ages \_\_\_\_\_

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Host churches rarely provide housing for spouses or families of students during the placement. Have you considered the implications of this? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Where do you attend church? \_\_\_\_\_

Ordination/candidacy process status \_\_\_\_\_

Conference/Association \_\_\_\_\_

An automobile is required for most assignments. Do you have one in working condition? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have health and accident insurance? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Current Divinity Program: M.Div. \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

How many courses have you completed? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a full-time registered seminary student? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be a full-time student in the Fall of 2012? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**II. MINISTERIAL VOCATION GOALS:**

Please note your present vocational goals for ministry (RANK in priority; 1 being MOST important and 8 LEAST important):

Church Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

College-age Ministry \_\_\_\_\_

Teaching \_\_\_\_\_

Rural Ministry \_\_\_\_\_

Urban Ministry \_\_\_\_\_

Missions \_\_\_\_\_

New Church Plant \_\_\_\_\_

Discipleship Ministries/Christian Education \_\_\_\_\_

Other (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_

What specific **ministry tasks or roles** do you wish to explore during this placement?

1)

2)

3)

**Educational Experiences** (post-high school):

Institution	Degree	Year	Area(s) of concentration
A. _____			
B. _____			
C. _____			

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**Extra-curricular Activities** (explain, if necessary):

**Church Experience** (where, offices held, paid positions, special experiences, etc.)

**Work Experience** (part-time and full-time employment of whatever kind during and following college; explain if necessary)

**Special skills** you may have developed through church, educational or work experiences (for example, music, athletics, drama, organizational-management, etc.)

**Hobbies and/or special interests** (including significant travel experiences)

**FAITH PILGRIMAGE** (REQUIRED in order to consider your application): **PLEASE “SAVE” YOUR FAITH PILGRIMAGE DOCUMENT TO FORWARD TO YOUR SUPERVISOR UPON PLACEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT.**

On a separate attached sheet, please narrate your journey into ministry, including the pivotal influences on your decision to enter full-time Christian service and the high points of your spiritual and theological formation. One to two double-spaced pages should suffice. Be sure to LABEL EACH PAGE with your name and page number.

**Fruitfulness:** At this point in your journey, what are signs of fruitful ministry you have exhibited? (any context) Describe these ministries.

**Gifts for ministry:** What would you say are your greatest gifts for ministry?

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**III. PLACEMENT PROCESS:**

The placement of students in an appropriate internship is a complex one involving considerable prayer, the interests and concerns of a number of parties, and related issues including:

- The availability of intern placements
- The local church or agency program needs
- The student's learning needs
- The supervisor-student relationship

It is the responsibility of the Center for Pastoral Excellence to know these often competing needs and interests and to address them to the best of our ability when making the final decision about student assignment.

**Please indicate** below in RANK order (1 being MOST important and 4 being LEAST important) your personal preferences in your placement, realizing learning needs will be given priority consideration and that availability of settings may limit possibilities.

\_\_\_\_ Type of internship (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Supervisory needs (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Geographical location of assignment. If you wish, you may indicate a preference for a specific Missouri city, town or county, or a rural, urban or suburban setting: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Health (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Are there **compelling personal circumstances or hardships** which you feel must be considered in your internship placement? Please understand that these will be considered and acted on, **if possible**.

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YES\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ I am Missouri Conference Safe Sanctuary Certified.

(If the answer is no and you are chosen for this internship, you would be required to be certified to serve in the conference.)

YES\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ As a part of the candidacy process, I had a background check.

(If the answer is no and you are chosen for this internship, you would be required to have a background check.)

**Personal Reference:**

**Please have a non-relative person send a reference letter describing your readiness, effectiveness, and/or personal gifts for a ministry internship.** Make sure they include your name and their contact information. Mail to:

Jenny Gragg  
Re: Summer Seminary Ministerial Intern Reference  
3601 Amron Court  
Columbia, MO 65202

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**Student Covenant:**

I covenant to faithfully fulfill the service and learning opportunities of my placement insofar as my abilities permit with the support of the Center for Pastoral Excellence. My signature authorizes the release of this completed application to my pastor/supervisor.

If chosen as an intern, in addition to my ministry assigned duties:

1. I will participate in a peer learning group with other interns and the Director of Pastoral Excellence on two separate days. One day at Annual Conference and another on July 9, 2012 (location TBA).
2. Prior to Annual Conference, I will read and reflect on:  
Five Practices of Fruitful Congregation, Schnase  
Fruitful Living, Schnase  
Simple Church, Rainer & Geiger  
Communicating for Change, Stanley
3. Prior to July 9, I will read and reflect on Communicating for Change, Stanley
4. I will attend a portion of Annual Conference in Springfield Missouri on June 8- June 11, 2012, as directed by my placement.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Applications are due in the conference office by March 2, 2012. It is our intent to announce placements by March 16, 2012.**

Mail to:

**Jenny Gragg**  
**Re: Student Application: Cole Summer Seminary Ministerial Intern**  
**3601 Amron Court**  
**Columbia, MO 65202**

Office Use Only:

Placement for 10-week term (May 30 – August 8, 2012, 10 Sundays):	Date received:
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**Franklin & Louis Cole – Devotion and Generosity**

*The Cole Summer Internships are funded by the Cole Endowment administered by the Missouri United Methodist Foundation. The endowment was created with a gift from the estate of Mr. and Mrs. Cole. The Coles were devoted members of the Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church in rural Jefferson County, Missouri. Active in church and community in many leadership roles, the Coles were great friends of many United Methodist pastors who served in the area. Their nurturing love for the church and its clergy lives on through their generosity and vision.*