

SPRING 2018 SEMESTER INTERNSHIP AVAILABLE

Lyons, New York: Liturgia

Rural & Migrant Ministry (RMM) is a non-profit, non-sectarian organization that works for the creation of a just, rural New York State through: Nurturing leadership; Standing with the disenfranchised, especially farmworkers and rural workers; Changing unjust systems and structures.

RMM, in partnership with farmworkers in Western New York, has developed the **Liturgia Rural Worker Education Center in Lyons, NY**. Liturgia means: "Honoring the public work of the People". The Center offers experiential leadership development programs as we stand with rural workers as they seek to improve working and living conditions.

This Fall, we are highlighting three different internship opportunities at Liturgia. We also welcome students with specific interests and skills to contact us to brainstorm potential new positions.

1. **Justice Organization of Youth (JOY) Interns:** Every week a group of local high school students who are children of farmworkers meet to discuss social justice issues pertinent to their lives and ways to make a change. They are a relatively new group, so interns (we need two) at this stage have the opportunity to watch as the young people create their group identity. In the Spring in addition to recruiting new members they will be finalizing a skit they are writing this summer using Theater of the Oppressed techniques, and will perform it. Interns help facilitate activities and provide transportation to members using RMM's van and vehicle policy. Interns must participate in RMM's van and child safety training prior to starting the internship.

Position requires:

- Availability Fridays 3:30-10:30pm (includes transportation) and for occasional weekend trips
- Passion to be an ally and learn popular education methods
- Knowledge of Spanish or Haitian Creole is preferential but not required
- Driver's license required, and a vehicle is preferred to get to Lyons where can pick up van for student transport.

2. **Public Relations and Development Intern:** This internship is ideal for college students who wish to see behind the scenes of a nonprofit, work from campus, and have a flexible schedule. We hope the PR intern will help advertise RMM events on campus and strengthen existing partnerships, in addition to doing research to find new opportunities. The PR intern can also help us collect blog entries, and contribute to our twitter and facebook accounts. We welcome students who wish to offer photography, graphic design, or film to improve

Position requires:

- Availability during the day and willingness to be flexible with hours
- Strong communication skills
- Preferably experience with traditional or social media.

3. **Farmworker Solidarity Project Intern:** RMM has a long history of engaging college students in the Justice for Farmworkers Campaign through internships, campus events, alternative spring breaks, and partnerships on direct actions. Starting winter 2017/2018, we are launching a **new** initiative to increase our student support by creating a student led group to stand with farmworkers. While RMM completes its goal of nurturing young leaders, students will become seasoned advocates and organizers for the JFW campaign and all other future campaigns. The "FSP" intern for Spring 2018

will help us finalize our plan of action for the new project, implement a series of programs to recruit more students, and be an early campus leader. We are seeking at least one intern in the Finger Lakes and at least one intern in Long Island (where we operate another worker education center) to collaborate on this project launch.

Position requires:

- Availability during the day and willingness to be flexible with hours
- Strong communication skills
- Drivers license and vehicle preferential (though not required) to occasionally visit other colleges or our Lyons office

For more information or to apply for a position contact Katia (Intern Coordinator) 845-309-8420
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** RMM also offers an Alternative Spring Break Program. If you intern with us, you receive a discount on the program from RMM. Please inquire.