

FALL 2019 SEMESTER INTERNSHIP AVAILABLE

Lyons, New York: Liturgia
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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 mostly children of farmworkers meet to discuss social justice issues pertinent to their lives and ways to make a change. The primary chosen medium of the group to engage with others is through performance art, chiefly using Theater of the Oppressed techniques. 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 Fall in addition to recruiting new members they will be finalizing their summer theater projects such as monologues and skits. Interns help design and facilitate activities, in addition to providing transportation to members using RMM's van. Interns must participate in RMM's van and child safety training prior to starting the internship. The van rides also provide a space for informal mentorship.

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 Liturgia in Lyons where can pick up our 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 home or 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 annual symposium and gala takes place on November 7th and is a great opportunity to help realize a special event. The PR intern can also help us organize photo archives and contribute to our twitter and facebook accounts. We welcome students who wish to offer photography, graphic design, or film to improve our media presence.

Position requires:

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

3. **Adelante Student Voices:** RMM is the fiscal sponsor of Adelante Student Voices, an independent project founded by Gabriela Quintanilla, also the coordinator of JOY. Adelante offers a 10-day

overnight summer program for undocumented high school students in rural and suburban New York. It serves as a peer networking and empowerment experience, as well as a place to build skills and knowledge regarding how to navigate their legal status, especially when it comes time to apply for college.

We are looking for interns who can dedicate themselves to join the planning committee for the year, and even ideally join us as counselors during summer 2020 (we can help you apply for funding when it comes time). Responsibilities include mentoring current members, developing promotional and fundraising materials, and contacting both schools and out of school programs to build relationships and recruit young people to apply. This is a good position for someone who would have difficulty coming to the office, as much of the work is remote.

Position requires:

- Flexible availability
- Passion to be an ally for justice and youth empowerment
- Knowledge of Spanish or another language preferred

Contact Gabriela Quintanilla for more information. gabrielaq.rmm@gmail.com

** RMM also offers an Alternative Spring Break Program. If you intern with us, you receive a discount on the program from RMM. Please inquire.