



Internship with Rural & Migrant Ministry
Fall 2019
Riverhead, New York
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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

Students interning with RMM will be working closely with Noemi Sanchez, the Popular Education Coordinator, and Angel Reyes, the Long Island Coordinator. Interns can choose from one of three possible internships, each one requiring an average of 8 hours per week:

Communications and/or Graphic Design Intern

Amandla is a fast-growing center in Riverhead, and as our mission grows in scope, we need to update our marketing materials and social media presence in order to better communicate our work and invite new people to join us. We are looking for an intern with experience in digital marketing, branding, and graphic design so that we can create a consolidated appearance and messaging for Amandla. We would like to revamp our social media strategy in addition to traditional print materials such as flyers and information sheets.

Given the scope of the work ahead, you do not need to be an expert at all of the projects we described above. We will construct a plan based on a couple of key goals coming out of our priorities, and which skills (design, communication, social media) you have and wish to develop further.

This is a good internship for someone who cannot regularly come to our center in Riverhead, as much of this work can be completed remotely from home or campus.

Popular Education ESL classes/ Outreach—Riverhead

RMM in partnership with the *Consejo* (council) of farmworker and other rural leaders operates Amandla, the Rural Worker Education Center in Riverhead NY. We are looking for two-three interns to dedicate at least one evening per week to facilitate weekly evening ESL classes with workers utilizing our curriculum that focuses on justice, equity, and critical consciousness. Depending on your availability and learning objectives, you may also choose to dedicate one afternoon/evening per week to conduct outreach with Noemi or help with a social gathering.

Interns' responsibilities include:

- Offer an evening ESL class at least once per week at Amandla, the center in Riverhead
 - Read curriculum and develop lesson plans prior to each session. Take notes on how each session went and who came.
- Optional component: Build relationships with workers and connect them to Amandla
 - Visit farms, homes, churches, local gathering places, and attend events on the east end
 - Help with social event on occasional Fridays from 7-9pm in the Center

Rural Women's Network – Riverhead

Amandla is currently home to a vibrant group of female leaders who have been regularly meeting to build skills and discuss issues they witness in the community and the agricultural industry in particular. Members have spoken out in Albany about sexual abuse in the workplace, provided space for healing to one another, and engaged in projects like providing transportation and childcare to help others. We are looking for an intern to help Noemi with the logistics necessary to continue meeting, as well as add a voice and ideas to planning sessions. In addition, the intern will help Noemi connect with other RMM staff at centers around the state who also coordinate women's groups. Each region hosts yearly weekend retreats in December as well as participating in larger assemblies that bring together women.

Interns' responsibilities may include:

- Connecting with the participants via phone and house visits
- Attending meetings, which are usually in the evenings or weekends (Fall schedule TBD)
- Proposing ideas for activities and working on the logistics necessary to make them happen
- Participation in calls with other RMM staff from around the state to help arrange opportunities for women to connect and the development of a shared curriculum

All positions require the following:

- Flexible availability*
- Passion to be an ally for justice
- Driver License and access to vehicle preferential, or ability to arrive to Riverhead office (less necessary for Communications position)
- Strong communication skills
- Knowledge of Spanish for the Popular Education and Rural Women's Network positions, optional for Communications/ Graphic Design

* For any of the positions, we will have a conversation at the outset of the internship to discuss your availability. We will set a typical weekly schedule that may change in accordance to shifting program needs (though always within agreed upon parameters).

*For more information, contact Intern Coordinator Katia Chapman at ktachapman@gmail.com
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