

# New York Theological Seminary



**I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to the world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.**

Romans 12:1-2  
(The New Oxford Annotated Bible)

**"Welcome to the Supervised Ministry  
Experience"**

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## **SECTION IV**

### **Supervised Ministry: Uth Turn Internship**

Uth Turn is a program of the Fund for Community Leadership Development, Inc. Launched in 1999, the mission of Uth Turn is to combine and engage the untapped resources of economically depressed communities to help youth affected by the criminal justice system to turn their lives around. Uth

Turn works with youth who are in the greatest need of intervention-youth who have pending prior contact with the law. Uth Turn provides mentoring, counseling, leadership training, crisis intervention, life-skills, conflict management, educational and vocational preparation, social service and job referrals, and substance abuse support. The program serves approximately 800 youth citywide, with a success rate of 92%.

The Uth Turn model is unique because it is a collaboration of local churches, New York Theological Seminary, law enforcement agencies, community-based social service organizations, public schools, and ex-offenders.

Select graduates of NYTS' Masters in Professional Studies program at Sing Sing Correctional Facility serve as program facilitators upon earning release, in an attempt to engage those re-entering these communities in preventing more youth from going to prison. These facilitators have great success with youth who are the hardest to reach because they are well trained in case management and youth development practices and share the valuable lessons learned from their own personal experiences.

Local churches serve as Uth Turn sites, lending their space and the support of their congregations and community networks. There are five (5) Uth Turn sites throughout the five boroughs of New York City:

1. Manhattan – St. Luke A.M.E. Church
2. Brooklyn – First Baptist Church of Crown Heights
3. Queens – The Council of Korean Churches of Greater New York (Flushing)
4. Bronx – The Greater Universal Baptist Church
5. Staten Island – St. Phillip Baptist Church.

Uth Turn cooperates with partners in law enforcement and in the prison system to recruit youth and serve as an alternative to incarceration. Partners include ComAlert (Brooklyn District Attorney's Office). Legal Aid Society, New York City Administration for Children's Services (ACS), Brooklyn Family Court, New York State Office of Children & Family Services (OCFS) City of N.Y. Law Dept./Family Court Division Northern Manhattan Office of NYC County District Attorney, the Bronx Probation Intensive Supervision Program, United Way of N.Y.C. Attendance Improvement Dropout Prevention Program (AIDP) and many other organizations.

## **The Internship**

Uth Turn selects students in NYTS' Master of Divinity program each year to serve as interns to the program. Interns work at Uth Turn sites for at least twenty (20) hours per week (usually 3-4 week-day afternoons and some weekends), for a period of one year, assisting facilitators in serving the youth and families.

## **Academic Responsibilities**

Uth Turn interns are required to fulfill the internship requirements as defined and all written and class requirements of the course(s) in order to receive the credits and scholarships. Failure to complete responsibilities in either area can result in removal from the internship as well as failure of the course and loss of the scholarship.

**All interns must attend all of the Supervised Ministry Plenary Sessions. This is mandatory.**

## **Internship Responsibilities**

The Uth Turn Chief Executive Officer and the Coordinator of Supervised Ministry will, in consultation with the church Site Pastor, assign interns to the Sites where their experience and skills match the needs of the youth and the community environment, and develop specific goals, objectives and responsibilities to be achieved during the internship period. This means that interns may be required to travel to destinations outside of their home communities and work at churches that are outside of their denominations.

Interns will be expected to take on responsibilities to help the youth in the program to succeed and to assist the facilitators in running a quality program. Such responsibilities may include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Recruitment and intake
- Design and/or facilitate sessions using interactive, experiential approach
- Case management
- Court advocacy
- Individual and/or family counseling
- Plan activities/field trips
- Identify and secure services/programs/opportunities/supplies that would benefit the youth
- Liaise with church pastor and other staff
- Recruit and manage volunteers
- Provide administrative assistance such as advertising, public communications or other outreach correspondence
- Attend professional development seminars to learn best practices in youth development
- Attend staff meetings
- **All interns must attend and participate in the Supervised Ministry Plenary Sessions and small integrative groups of the Larger Supervised Ministry Program. This is Mandatory.**