

Ladue Chapel and Webster Groves
Matthew 25 Fellowship 2021
Job Description

Position

In an effort to learn about, engage and serve in our community, the Matthew 25 Fellowship will provide an opportunity for students (Fellows) to hear from community leaders, participate in conversations that invite them to think critically and deepen their faith, and put their hands and feet into action by working alongside agencies here in St. Louis.

This is a collaboration between Ladue Chapel Presbyterian Church and Webster Groves.

The goal of the Fellowship is for Fellows to:

- **Grow** in their understanding of the needs people face here in St. Louis,
- **Learn** about the underlying causes of inequities,
- **Engage** speakers and agencies who are working to respond and address those needs and inequities,
- **Explore** how faith calls us to action,
- **Discover** their own passion for how they want to work in their community going forward.

Ladue Chapel and WGPC are Matthew 25 congregations which means we are committed to:

- Building congregational vitality
- Dismantling structural racism
- Eradicating systemic poverty

With an overarching Matthew 25 focus, each week will have a specific focus and together we will unpack different areas of inequity, weaving in the intersectionality of each subject that adds to the overall disparities that lead to poverty.

Topics will include:

- Healthcare
- Housing
- Environmental Stewardship and Justice
- Hunger

- Education/Incarceration
- Gender/Orientation

Fellows will spend time:

- gathering virtually via Zoom and in person as COVID-19 guidelines allow
- engaging conversations with speakers,
- watching videos,
- reading,
- And serving at agencies

Some of the activities will include:

- projects to help prepare for VBS,
- Work with your church leadership to be involved with Sunday worship
- Write one reflection to be included in a church wide communication
- Decide together on a tangible way that they can partner with at least one of the organizations they learn from--this is at their discretion with the guidance of M25 leadership.
- For WGPC: work together and with M25 leadership to create, organize, and implement a regular local mission project for Agape during the 2021-2022 school year

Example of weekly schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
9:00-10:00 a.m.	Orientation to week's theme & Bible study	Group meeting & Bible study	Group meeting & Bible study	Work with partnering agency	Read/work on projects/write one-pager		
10:00-11:00 a.m.		Work with partnering agency	Work with partnering agency				Attend worship
11:00-Noon		Lunch	Lunch			Lunch	
Noon-1:00 p.m.				Bible study			
1:00-2:00 p.m.	Continued Orientation	Keynote & Conversation	Keynote & Conversation	Meet with respective church leadership			
2:00-3:00 p.m.							
3:00-4:00 p.m.							
4:00-5:00 p.m.							

Compensation

\$10.00 per hour, 30 hrs a week, for six weeks

Term

This position will begin June 14, 2021 and continue through July 25, 2021. Each fellow will be expected to complete an approximate average of 30 hours per week for the duration of the program.

Important Dates

Deadline to apply:	May 10, 2021
Interviews will be scheduled between:	May 17-21, 2021
Start date of Fellowship:	June 14, 2021
End date of Fellowship:	July 25, 2021

Reporting

Fellows will work in close cooperation and meet either on Zoom or in person with scheduled staff and members from Webster Groves and Ladue Chapel each week day.

Description of Duties

Fellows are expected to:

- **Regularly attend worship in their own congregation:** either in person or virtually
- **Be aware of the weekly schedule and show up on time:** Fellows will be given the schedule for the week and are expected to be punctual when attending all meetings.
- **Write a weekly one-pager:** Fellows will be given a prompt each week that will help them reflect on their experience of the previous week. One-pagers will be due each Saturday by 10 p.m.
- **Sundays:** depending on program schedule, either meet with respective church leadership or together as large group
- **Commitment:** to abide by the Matthew 25 Fellowship Covenant (To be written in conjunction with M25 leadership).

Qualifications

- Students entering junior year in high school through recently graduated high school seniors;
- Be a member of either congregation or be involved in the life of either congregation.

- Have an interest and commitment to mission work and community engagement, in general
- Have reliable access to internet;

Priority will be given to those who are participating regularly in the life of the church and are, or have been, actively involved in the youth program.

Selection Criteria

See Ladue Chapel's website for Application form:

<https://laduechapel.org/matthew-25-fellowship/>

Personal Interviews

Candidates selected for interviews will be invited to meet with the Matthew 25 Fellowship Committee for a 20-minute Zoom interview (May 17-21, 2021).