

**Truitt Center for Religious and Spiritual Life
Program Areas for 2009-2010**

The Truitt Center will hire student program interns for five of the following areas depending upon the interests and talents of the applicant pool.

1. Interfaith Experiences

Understanding my own and others' faith traditions. Invite representatives of diverse religious traditions to appear together, demonstrating genuine interfaith conversation. Provide opportunities for students of different traditions to learn from one another.

2. Faith and Integrity

Living an authentic life with meaning and purpose. Create workshops to help students articulate the spiritual values that underlie their life choices. Invite panelists who include professionals from diverse fields and majors to share how their vocations express their spiritual values.

3. Thursday Chapel

Honoring spirituality as essential to wholeness. Provide a hospitable space for people from diverse traditions to reflect on the universal human experience of seeking wholeness. Coordinate campus speakers and student participants.

4. Spiritual Growth Opportunities

Exploring spiritual development in innovative ways. Establish small group opportunities to provide a safe place for learning to see the sacred in everyday life. Engage in spiritual practices such as paying attention, being grateful and nurturing the inner life.

5. Reconciliation and Social Justice

Practicing peacemaking and community building. Organize monthly off-campus service opportunities. Invite people committed to justice and the work of reconciliation to come to campus for a 2-3 day residency program each semester.

6. Spirituality and the Arts

Exploring spirituality through music, dance, drama and the visual arts. Host a guest artist, musician, sculptor, etc. who illustrates the spiritual dimension of art. Assist the Thursday Chapel Intern to enrich the weekly service by inviting students and faculty/staff to share their artistic talents.

7. Environmental Stewardship

Practicing care for the creation. Provide programs giving attention to issues such as threats to the environment, species protection and sustainable development. Create experiences to provide an increased awareness of creation care.

8. Create a New Program Area

Suggest a new way to fulfill the Truitt Center Mission "to enable Elon students to learn about their own and other faiths and to live lives of reconciliation." Describe a new Program Area that draws upon your passion and talents which will benefit the University community.

Two projects that all Program Interns work on together:

1. University Worship

Coordinate the worship experience for new students during Orientation, drawing on the talents of the entire team of Truitt Center Interns and introducing the theme of the fall Chapel series.

2. Spiritual Growth Retreat or Workshop

Plan a spring experience focusing on vocation (*calling*) that will help students identify the spiritual values that are at the center of their life choices. Ask questions like, "Who am I at the core?", "What is my life project?" and "How will my life serve the common good?" Invite guest leaders from diverse traditions.

The Truitt Center is a safe place for spiritual growth and interfaith exploration.

General Expectations of Program Interns:

Interns are expected to commit a total of 10-12 hours per week to the programs of the Center and to their specific area of responsibility. This includes supporting one another's Truitt Center programs as well as attendance at Truitt Center events.

- Meet collectively for one hour each week with the University Chaplains for personal spiritual enrichment based on common readings.
- Attend weekly team meeting to discuss preparation, promotion and presentation of upcoming programs.
- Meet independently once each week with Program Mentors (Truitt Center staff) regarding development of events/programs.
- Identify students, faculty and staff who are interested in each program area and convene them at least once per semester to prepare and promote events.
- Each program area is responsible for a minimum of one (1) campus wide event per semester.
- Participate in the selection of guest speakers and workshop leaders.
- Prepare itinerary for each guest (travel, lodging, meals, speaking engagements) promote, and present the programs offered to the community. Prepare bio introductions of each speaker and workshop leader for each event and publish a program handout.
- Contribute three hours weekly during the regular work day in the Truitt Center.
- Establish regular personal office hours for programmatic planning.
- Identify and build partnerships with campus groups to co-sponsor programs, for example, Career Center, Kernodle Center for Service Learning, Multicultural Affairs and interested faculty from various departments.
- Attend each of the three Truitt Center planning retreats: Spring (April/May), Late Summer (August) and Mid-year (January-February)