

SUMMER IN THE CITY INTERNSHIP SHOWCASE WITH

# CHARLES STEHLIK

Presenting: Lutheran Metropolitan  
Ministry (LMM)





# Charles Stehlik

## ABOUT ME

- Grad Student
- Nonprofit Administration Masters Degree

# Mission:

## LUTHERAN METROPOLITAN MINISTRY

*Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry seeks that people who are oppressed, forgotten, and hurting be empowered, valued, and healed by our unwavering commitment to addressing chronic needs. We've embraced this missional purpose for 51 years.*



lutheran  
metropolitan  
ministry

listening. serving. empowering

# Services Provided

- Advocacy
- Youth Services
- Guardianship
- Health and Wellness
- Housing and Shelter
- Workforce Development



# Internship Roles & Responsibilities

Inform staff of proceedings in local, state, and federal government, nonprofit entities, and news events

Research funding opportunities through national foundations

Facilitate a census and voting campaign through social media

# Projects

## COMPLETED

a project where I researched a contentious U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development decision involving exclusion of trans persons from federally-funded shelters.





There is not a shortage of people interested in serving-- there is, though, a gap in faith-focused talk of justice. JCU can equip students to direct the conversation to speak to this gap in ways that other students are not equipped.

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# New Insights

## ABOUT ADVOCACY

There is no shortage of people in the "helping" community working toward solutions, but I also see a disconnect between this community, our government, and our voters. Without the three having a candid discussion together, it seems that we will have difficulty moving toward enduring solutions to our injustices. I also see that many organizations are withdrawing from faith-based language into secular language. We've given up useful language for addressing injustice for a milquetoast and sanitized expression of secular justice-- and I think the work suffers for it. In our silence, others speak.



# As a result of COVID-19...

## I DISCOVERED...

- We're living in a great time for advocates, where as long as you know where to look, you can learn all of the up-to-date on-goings from the comfort of your home.
- With no need to commute to City Hall, for example, I was able to attend far more meetings as a result of reduced transit time.

# Future Plans



AS I CONTINUE ON MY PATH  
I will be the change that I want  
to see in the world.

# Highlights & Takeaways

## MAKING CONNECTIONS

I experienced connection to interns through other organizations in similar work. We got to meet other motivated and enthusiastic workers from other schools!

## A NOTE ON MEETINGS

Much of my work included taking thorough notes on meetings-- I learned that it is trivially easy to watch our county council, for example. The biggest hurdle is knowing when they meet.

## FINDING DONORS

I got to explore grant-finding software and had exposure to information about major donors in America. There's a lot of money waiting to be used, the challenge is finding the donor whose interests align with yours.



# Why Apply for a Summer in the City Internship?

**Meet** your phenomenal people who will stretch and push you to be your best

**Professionalism:** LMM was consummately professional and richly staffed with people from varying backgrounds

**Experience** firsthand an established, successfully structured organization



# How to Reach CSSA

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YOU MAY HAVE ABOUT APPLYING

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