

CROSSROADS

Community Missional Experience (CME) Guidelines

The purpose of the Community Missional Experience is to challenge the CROSSROADS participant to gain face-to-face experience with an at-risk segment of our population through a faith-based, not-for-profit, local agency and also to learn how that agency is funded and what financial challenges they face.

CROSSROADS provides an approved placement. Participants who wish to be placed in another agency should make all the contacts and supply that information to Jill Peters **for approval before the placement is begun**. Participants should be in placements where they will have new experiences and work with a population that is new to them. Participants are responsible for making the contacts, scheduling their hours and reporting on their experience.

Part 1 – Direct **Client** Contact: 30 Hours

Participants will work directly with clients with agency supervision and assistance doing tasks involved with soup kitchen/emergency feeding and assistance programs, emergency housing/homeless shelters or other direct client service provision activities.

Part 2 – Funding/**Administration**/Financial Understanding: 10 Hours

Participants will learn how their agency is funded through any of the following activities – they may attend board or finance committee meetings, meet with staff, read financial reports, learn about agency grants or assist with paperwork attached to funding.

Participants are responsible for making contact with the agency, scheduling and keeping a SIMPLE log – print page two. At the conclusion of the 40 hours, participants will forward the log to Jill Peters.

The Community Missional Experience is a requirement along with the successful completion of the 16 courses for the participant to receive the Certificate of Completion from the CROSSROADS program.

Many of the CROSSROADS participants have been working with Trinity Episcopal Church, Bethlehem noon-time feeding program. Our contact there is Marcie Lightwood at milightwood@hotmail.com. This is a midday obligation. During the colder months, several CROSSROADers have worked with the night time sheltering program that is run jointly by several Bethlehem congregations. College Hill Moravian is Saturday nights, more information at http://www.collegehillmoravian.org/Outreach_Ministries.php. There are other sites for different nights of the week and we can help you connect with them. Other placements included working with the mental health population, teen moms, and a Latino outreach.

For more information on the Community Missional Experience guidelines, please contact Jill Peters at jpeters@moravian.edu BEFORE you begin your placement.

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Community Missional Experience Information:

Agency Location Contact/Phone Type of Service

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Date: **Hours:*** **Activity:**

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* Be sure to note 30 hours **Client** (C) and 10 hours **Administration** (A).

Complete this form and return it to Jill Peters along with your written reflections on this experience not to exceed one typed page. Contact us with any questions and enjoy this experience as you serve God in the community.