



Mentor: Job Description 2012-2013

The Peacebuilders Initiative is an integrated program of study, ministry, prayer, and reflection for Catholic high school juniors and seniors. This innovative yearlong program integrates the theology of peacebuilding with hands-on ministry and dynamic liturgical experiences.

The core experience of the initiative is an intensive seven-day Summer Program. In addition, students will participate in two retreats during the subsequent school year and a recommended workshop. The Peacebuilders Initiative is a program of the Joseph Cardinal Bernardin Center for Theology and Ministry at Catholic Theological Union.

The **Mentors** serve as the primary group leaders for high school participants throughout the seven-day residential Summer Program at CTU. **Mentors** work collaboratively with the Director and the Associate Director of the Peacebuilders Initiative to coordinate and facilitate daily activities during the Summer Program. **Mentors** are also required to attend two intensive training workshops prior to the Summer Program, assist in leading the two retreats during the subsequent academic year, and maintain a supportive role in the design and implementation of the high school participants' peace projects.

Specific responsibilities:

- 1) Attendance at each of the following program events:
 - a. Mentor Training Sessions (May 3rd and 12th and June 9, 2012)
 - b. Program Orientation (May 13, 2012)
 - c. Seven Day Summer Program (June 17-23, 2012), including overnight responsibilities and supervision in the residential areas.
 - d. Peace Groove Fundraiser (November 2, 2012 at the Chicago Cultural Center)
 - e. Fall Retreat (November 10-11, 2012 at Techny Towers in Northbrook, IL)
 - f. Spring Retreat (March 10, 2013 at CTU)
- 2) Provide pastoral leadership to youth, including the facilitation of small groups in theological reflection, faith sharing, prayer, and service-learning.
- 3) Transport and accompany youth daily to the ministry and social activities beyond CTU's campus during the Summer Program.
- 4) Maintain a formal, supportive relationship with a small group of participants throughout the duration of the Peacebuilders Initiative program year. (1-2 communications—phone conversations, e-mails, etc.—per month). This requires consistent residence in the greater-Chicago area.
- 5) Submit monthly reports documenting communication with participants.
- 6) Attend a "Protecting God's Children" certification session through the Archdiocese of Chicago or an alternative diocese, if you have not already done so.
- 7) Attend meetings with Peacebuilders staff throughout the duration of the Peacebuilders Initiative program, specifically planning and debriefing sessions before and after the Summer Program and each subsequent retreat.

Qualifications:

- 1) Deep interest in youth ministry is a must.
- 2) A strong background in theology and/or certification in youth ministry with extensive experience.
- 3) Familiar with Catholic Social Teaching in the areas of peacebuilding and reconciliation.
- 4) Dynamic, energetic, flexible, comfortable with teens, exhibits strong ministerial leadership skills, healthy self-awareness, and spiritual maturity are qualities essential for candidates to possess.
- 5) Valid driver's license and a good driving record are preferred (driving background checks will be conducted).

Benefits:

- 1) Gain substantial, enriching youth ministry experience within a professional, supportive ministerial environment.
- 2) Enhance pastoral and leadership skills, particularly in the areas of theological-reflection, prayer, service-learning, and conflict resolution.
- 3) Learn more deeply the social mission of the church modeled by Cardinal Bernardin, especially in the areas of peacebuilding and reconciliation.
- 4) Participate in multiple training sessions regarding youth development and ministry with youth.
- 5) Receive a \$2,000 stipend. Half will be awarded at the completion of the Summer Program in June, and the other half will be awarded at the end of the program year in March.

Mentors are expected to commit to every scheduled event. The following dates should be considered when applying for the position:

May 3, 2012:	Team Building (tentative; 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.)
May 12, 2012:	Mentor Training I
May 13, 2012:	New Participant Orientation
June 9, 2012:	Mentor Training II
June 17-23, 2012:	Summer Program at CTU
September 13, 2012:	Peace Projects Workshop (6:30 – 8:30 p.m.)
November 2, 2012:	Peace Groove Annual Fundraiser at Chicago Cultural Center
November 10-11, 2012:	Fall Retreat
March 10, 2013:	Spring Retreat

To apply, please visit www.peacebuildersinitiative.org/mentors and complete the online application by **Friday, February 24, 2012**. If you have questions about becoming a mentor with Peacebuilders Initiative or about the application process, please contact Andy Duran (aduran@ctu.edu) or Kyle Schreiner (kschreiner@ctu.edu). You may also reach us by phone at 773-371-5434.