

Churches Uniting in Christ (CUIC)

CUIC Institute for Ecumenism Application

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While there are existing programs that focus attention and resources on ecumenical formation on the global stage, there is not an existing program that is ecumenical in nature within the United States. To remedy that absence, CUIC has created the CUIC Ecumenical Academy. Young adults chosen to participate will be trained in current group leadership skills, the history and theology of the Ecumenical Movement, and the particular connections among the CUIC Member Communion, Christian unity and interreligious relationships.

This small cohort of young adults will be between the ages of 25 and 34, will represent the 10 CUIC Member Communion, and may be either lay or clergy. Those chosen must be able to read and speak English, commit to 10 months of training, be able to travel to a single in-person gathering in the United States, have access to a phone and the internet, and be willing to organize and lead a ministry project in their home context. Those chosen to participate in this special training agree to each of those requirements and agree for their name and image to be used in articles and advertisements of CUIC. Applications are due to pettism@ucc.org.

Given/First Name: _____

Family/Last Name: _____

Denominational Affiliation: _____

Current Ministry Role/Position: _____

Local Congregation in which Membership is Held:

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

6. Why are you applying for this training and what do you hope to gain?

7. How will you get other young adults in your area to join your project?

*Signature of denominational official in support of your application:

_____ Date: _____

*Signature of person submitting this application:

_____ Date: _____

To this application form add:

1. A letter of reference from an official within your denomination.
2. A letter of reference from someone attesting to your leadership skills.
3. A letter of reference from someone attesting to your ecumenical commitment.

Email all of the above to Rev. Mark Pettis at pettism@ucc.org.