Internship Proposal for Central Presbyterian Church
Faith Formation for Families

- Semester-long or Year-long internship available, beginning Fall 2015 or Spring 2016
- 15-20 hours per week
- Supervised by Parish Associate Rev. Dr. Mary Swierenga
- Candidate will be a 2nd-year M.Div student at APTS
  Background check required; experience with children preferred; experience with urban ministry preferred

About Us
Central Presbyterian Church (CPC) is a 175-year-old congregation, located in downtown Austin. Membership is currently 411. We are a diverse community, with broad spectrum of ages, incomes, and church experience. We've recently had many new families join, from all over the city. We've had 25 baptisms in the last two years. Currently, we are in transition, in search of an interim pastor. Our church has a dedicated focus on mission, outreach, and service opportunities in the city.

Purpose of Internship
The Christian Education Team and church staff are interested in offering a seminary student the opportunity to help cultivate faith formation for families in an urban environment. The intern would gain experience in helping develop a relationship-based educational program.

- Work primarily with families with younger children; help parents develop faithful life practices, such as bible study, regular worship attendance, prayer, and small group participation
- Run a weekly bible study for parents; organize family meet-ups and activities; encourage younger parents to build relationships with each other
- Assist the Christian Education team in developing new classes, choosing curricula, and scheduling educational small groups and events throughout the year
- Be a friend and resource to our children and parents

Supervision
The intern would meet weekly with Rev. Dr. Mary Swierenga, Parish Associate for Christian Education, to review the week's activities and to develop goals for further educational growth. Rev. Swierenga would evaluate progress toward those goals and develop strategies, along with the student, for reaching them.