



Climate Conscious Chaplaincy Initiative Intern Position Description

Location: Remote

Duration: Internship opportunities are available for summer, fall and/or winter terms

Hours: Part-time, flexible hours, approximately 8-10 hours per week

Compensation: Negotiable, depending on field education / work study compensation available from home institution / seminary.

Supervision: The Climate Conscious Chaplaincy Initiative Intern works collaboratively with and under the supervision of the Chaplaincy Initiative Coordinator, the Rev. Alison Cornish.

About The BTS Center:

With roots dating back to 1814, The BTS Center is an operating foundation in Portland, Maine, growing from the legacy of the former Bangor Theological Seminary. Today The BTS Center *seeks to catalyze spiritual imagination, with enduring wisdom, for transformative faith leadership*. The BTS Center's work springs from deep roots within the progressive Christian tradition, and today claims that lineage while also investing in intentional relationship and collaboration with people of other faith traditions, as well those who bring a secular perspective while sharing values and priorities. Guided by the vision of *human hearts renewed, justice established, and creation restored*, The BTS Center offers theologically grounded programs that cultivate and nurture *spiritual leadership for a climate-changed world*.

About The BTS Center's Climate Conscious Chaplaincy Initiative:

The BTS Center offers programs, an emerging network, and a growing collection of resources for chaplains and spiritual care providers serving in a variety of settings who recognize that the effects of the climate crisis are increasingly felt by all the Earth's peoples. Those who are called to offer spiritual care will require particular perceptions, postures, and practices to minister effectively and compassionately in a changed world. These programs address the growing necessity for responsive, skilled, compassionate spiritual care to focus on the short- and long-term needs of those who are, and will be, affected by the reality of conditions to which we must adapt, and of the changed landscape of which we must make sense.

Position Overview:

The BTS Center is seeking a Climate Conscious Chaplaincy Intern to play a vital role in providing support to this initiative for this evolving aspect of spiritual care. Individuals from historically marginalized or underrepresented groups are encouraged to apply.

Key Opportunities:

- Research, interview and write for the Climate Conscious Chaplaincy Initiative's quarterly newsletter, *Murmurations*
- Assist in developing themes for online events offered in collaboration with our organizational partner, Chaplaincy Innovation Lab

- Research opportunities for expansion of our audience with whom to share programs, publications and archived recordings
- As possible, attend and participate in the BTS Center's Program Team Meetings and Staff Meetings

Qualifications:

- Actively pursuing graduate-level education in chaplaincy, or pastoral/spiritual care
- Interest in climate change, social justice, and community building
- Strong organizational and communication skills
- Ability to work independently and as part of a collaborative team
- Eagerness to learn new skills and engage with complex topics
- Attention to detail and ability to meet deadlines

What You Will Gain:

- Opportunity to contribute to meaningful discussions on climate change
- Skills development in communications, research and networking
- Meaningful connections with the team developing this new and evolving field of spiritual care

To Apply:

Please submit a thoughtful cover letter expressing your interest in the role and how your background aligns with The BTS Center's work, along with your resume. Applications should be sent to the Rev. Alison Cornish, alison@thebtscenter.org. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis.