

GOALS FOR THE METROPOLIS PROJECT

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Proposal to the Urban Training Center for Christian Mission for Internships Related to the Goals for the Metropolis, Los Angeles, CaliforniaPurpose of the Goals for the Metropolis Project

The City and County of Los Angeles have officially instituted a program of goal formation for public policy development. The task of guiding this process has been assigned to the planning departments. It has as its aim to project a city structure that will promote the continuing well-being of the people in the urban environment. Its concern is not alone the physical development of the region but also economically, socially and functionally.

Organizations, professionals and citizens are being asked and will be asked to participate in this program of goal formulation. The discussion of goals for this region is an important step towards the solution of problems. They will focus realistically upon current problems, anticipate the future course of this region, evaluate conflicting values, weigh alternatives and develop strategies to guide this course. Only through patient discussion, dialogue, interesting forums, and thoughtful analysis can the implicit wants of the people be made explicit in the form of goals and objectives.

The Goals Project has been approached by dividing the scope of goals into four major categories: social and human determinants, economic determinants, technological determinants and physical determinants. For each of these areas advisory groups have been formed or, where existing groups exist, have been requested to give their attention to this task. Technical experts are being provided to these groups. Through a process of work, the goal concepts and their implications will be accumulated, evaluated and synthesized and will be incorporated into the planning developments of governmental units.

The City has requested the religious groups to become a significant component of this project through a directing Committee, representative of religious organizations, a program of response is being planned. John Wagner has been deployed to Los Angeles by the National Council of Churches to be Staff Executive for this Committee. Miss Marlies Cremer, on leave from Bad Bol Academy in Germany, has been at work as Program Consultant.

Some of the responsibilities of this directing committee will be: identity of interested laity with skills in a number of special areas, enable dialogue on values in the metropolis among functional and community groups, provide training for metropolitan mission development and action, provide curriculum materials and leadership, be a nexus for the feedback of determinations, document and communicate needed programs and decisions, and evaluate this operation from the standpoint of a new style and form of Christian mission.

Proposal:

The Los Angeles Goals Project proposes that the National Urban Training Center for Christian Mission assign interns to this program on a regular basis in accordance with its internship program.

Selection of Interns:

It would be understood persons attending the UTC may consider the Goals Project as a program for extended internship. This would be especially true for those students involved in the Metropolitan Mission curriculum of the UTC. If a student expresses a desire for this assignment and meets the criteria for the internship program, negotiations with the Goals Project may ensue. Identical communications will go to Calvin Hamilton, Director of the Los Angeles Planning Department and John Wagner, Staff Executive for the Religious Committee. A program of work will be developed by them and suggested to the UTC which it will negotiate with the student.

Generally speaking judicational executives, urban church specialists, certain seminary professors and prestigious pastors would be benefited by this program.

If it is feasible, teams of interns from the UTC would be preferable to individual assignments.

Field Placement:

Depending on the stage of development of the Goals Project and the talents of the interns, field placements will be made with the Planning Department, the religious group program for this project, the specialist dialogue groups' pilot projects and the various points of converging determinations.

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Also, groups will be forming to promote certain values and goals developing curriculum, program proposals and engaging in action. These will be generated by various groups including the religious training center. It is anticipated following a period of orientation to Los Angeles an intern will tackle a particular kind of problem utilizing the issue "plunge" approach and aimed toward proposal development, e. g.: physical planning, educational programs, application of technology, etc.

Supervision:

It is understood the Director of Internship of the UTC will provide a general supervision during the negotiation stages with the students interested in the Goals Project. Also, UTC will provide supervision over the concluding evaluation phase which will be a requirement of every intern.

While on the field, Calvin Hamilton of the Planning Department will give general supervision. In those relationships an intern has with the religious groups activities, John Wagner will give supplemented direction, however, always cleared with Calvin Hamilton.

Length of Time:

Interns will not be assigned for less than three months nor more than six months.

Living Arrangements:

The Goals Project anticipates providing living quarters for the interns at a reasonable rate per week. Allotments for food and transportation will be the obligation of the internship program.

Supervisory Fee:

We feel it is desirable to charge the supervisory fee.

Reciprocal Staff:

As resources are available and as we can find additional resources, we could make individuals available who have been participating in the Goals Program to spend short periods of time in Chicago in the UTC Metropolitan Development Curriculum.

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