

**CSU & Imani Village/Trinity UCC /Nehemiah
Social Justice Internship
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

**STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY VIA RESTORATIVE JUSTICE AS A PATHWAY TO
PUBLIC SAFETY**

Nehemiah Rising is in partnership with several organizations, including the Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference, Advocate's Center for Faith & Community Health Transformation and the Chicago Mennonite Learning Center to completely overhaul and formalize restorative justice education, training and implementation strategies to assist community stakeholders in devising strategies to build restorative justice eco-systems particularly relevant for strengthening community capacity to ensure the safety of their specific community.

Beginning in January 2021 the roll out of the curriculum will take place with a cohort of community stakeholders, who will provide feedback and strategies for utilizing the methodology for building restorative justice ecosystems as appropriate within their own communities. The curriculum includes restorative justice philosophy and practices at the intersections of Identity, Faith, System/Structural Inequity, Trauma and Resilience, Systems Thinking, and Economic power building. The methodologies include community asset mapping, utilization of truth telling commissions and community organizing.

INTERN DUTIES

- Learn or review as a way of orientation, and context for position, the origins, mission, goals, objectives and methodology of Nehemiah Rising, including, but not limited to interviews/conversations with local leaders of the organization.
- Assist in development of the community cohort with grassroots community stakeholders
- Administrative support
- Contribution to delivery of education and training
- Assistance with evaluation and analysis of
- Participation with Trinity Justice Watch team meetings
- Participation in meetings within the restorative justice community

ABOUT US

Restorative Justice includes advocating for alternatives to arrest and incarceration, but it is so much more. It also provides the knowledge, skills, and relationships for living out our call to be in right relationship – to be peacemakers by identifying and boldly addressing issues of interpersonal, structural and systemic relationships broken by oppression and violence.

Nehemiah Rising is a faith-based, African American owned and operated, 501(c) (3) corporation dedicated to building peace. We provide education about restorative justice practices, skills for using such practices and develop relationships for implementing such practices in different settings as a way of transforming interpersonal, community, systemic and structural relationships. We have assisted in developing implementation strategies in Austin, Roseland and Chatham and provided training and strategies for community engagement for organizations such as the Heartland Alliance READI program.

To apply, email your resume, a cover letter expressing your interest in the internship, and a letter of recommendation from a CSU faculty member to Ms. Michelle Day: mday2@sbcglobal.net.

PROFESSOR:

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