Executive Summary

For my Lily internship this past summer, I went to Winter Garden, FL and worked with the Teens N Touch Youth Organization. Teens N Touch, or TNT, is a youth group based out of the First United Methodist Church of Winter Garden. I assisted the youth and children’s ministry staff that includes supervisor Danny Pearcy, Richard Blankenhorn, Jamie Wiggins, and several adult volunteers. Although attending church meetings and leading worship was part of my internship, the main goal was to enhance the TNT summer program. During the internship, I helped organize and lead two mission trips (one to Costa Rica and the other to North Carolina), assisted in Sunday night worship, organized and supervised youth work projects around the church, helped facilitate Vacation Bible School, and planned and executed youth week activities which included a daily service project and a fun activity.

A lot of the summer included work projects. While in Costa Rica, I worked with the young adult group scraping, painting, and transforming a small church in San Jose, Costa Rica. Youth work projects that I organized and supervised at the Winter Garden church included the painting of three preschool classrooms and the scraping and painting of a portion of the church’s Main Office building. During the Hayesville, NC trip, I worked with six teenagers replacing the floor and other small repair jobs on the house of a local retired family.

My other major role during the summer was planning and implementing Youth Week activities and supporting youth who played a major role during Vacation Bible School.