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Dear Colleague in Ministry,

I am writing to you to share an opportunity for young adults through St. Hilda's House, an Episcopal Service Corps (ESC) program here at Christ Church, New Haven. We are looking for potential Hildans and wonder if you know of a recent college graduate of any religious background who might enjoy and benefit from spending a year of discernment, serving and living in community.

Saint Hilda's House is located next to the Yale campus in the vibrant city of New Haven. A ministry of Christ Church, it is an intentional community of young adults providing enriching experiences and discernment opportunities for college graduates, turning faith into action. This year's class includes Episcopalians, Lutherans, and members of evangelical and non-denominational churches.

The seven Hildans live in the renovated St. Hilda's House. They serve Monday-Thursday in non-profits that serve vulnerable communities here in New Haven including feeding programs, shelters, health, and immigration services. These deeply enriching and engaging experiences enable interns to develop their professional skills and, in a supervised environment, provide intervention in community efforts to serve those in need. On Fridays they have a unique opportunity in the ESC, to reflect and integrate their experiences through group spiritual direction and conversations with Yale professors and leaders in mission, theology, and social justice. Each Hildan receives a mentor from our Advisory Committee. In addition to the day of reflection, integration and learning, Hildans worship at Christ Church, host the weekly Compline service and can be involved in leading worship here. People of the parish and local graduate students get to know the Hildans and welcome them warmly.

"This past year has been a chance for me to develop as an individual within the context of a caring faith community. My time at my service site in the Hill neighborhood has been incredibly valuable and has provided me with insight into non-profit work and best practices in the social service setting. This year has been full of love, hope, challenge, and nitty grittiness; I wouldn't trade any of it." Heather Burtman, Class of 2016, St. Hilda's House

If you know of young adults who might like to learn more and potentially join us in our walk of faith as we exit the gates and enter the city, please let me know. We hope to complete our interviews and offer invitations during the month of June. For further information see <http://www.sainthildashouse.org/> and contact me via email at sjarrett@christchurchnh.org or by telephone 203-865-656354.

Sincerely,

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