

## OVERVIEW

The Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center's (IJPC) S. Louise Akers Fellowship, through Mercy Volunteer Corps is an opportunity to spend a year in service through education and advocacy for social justice. This position was created to honor the legacy of S. Louise Akers, SC, co-founder and first director of IJPC, tireless advocate for social justice and integrity of creation. The fellow will inspire and engage communities to create change through analysis and action. Over 11 months, the 2021-2022 fellow will advance their expertise in peace and nonviolence practices through hands-on training, utilizing the knowledge they gain to create and lead a program to offer a Certificate in Peace Promotion for residents of Greater Cincinnati.

## FELLOWSHIP BENEFITS

- Training: Leadership development, nonviolence, peace and justice, activism and advocacy, etc.
- Enrichment: one-on-one mentorship, understanding of life of S. Louise Akers, retreat and engagement opportunities.
- Support from Mercy Volunteer Corps: including housing, monthly stipend, health care, transportation, educational discount, and quarterly retreats. [Full benefits list.](#)
- Professional development: opportunities to network in social justice and nonprofit circles in Greater Cincinnati.

## FELLOW EXPECTATIONS

- Work at least 40 hours per week (9AM-5PM, Monday-Friday, with flexibility for evening and weekend events/programming).
- Work collaboratively with IJPC team.
- Attend weekly staff meetings and 1-1 supervision.
- Learn and train in nonviolence, peace, etc.
- Submit materials and final report for Certificate in Peace Promotion.
- Collaborate with IJPC throughout the Fellowship to evaluate and refine the program for future participants.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

- Apply through Mercy Volunteer Corps [here](#). Applications accepted on a rolling basis.
- Interview with IJPC as selected site.
- Confirm placement.
- Commitment: August 2021-July 2022.

## FELLOW QUALIFICATIONS

Applicants should be dedicated to the pursuit of peace and justice. The fellow will need to meet the qualifications for Mercy Volunteer Corps, [read more](#). Additionally, applicants should be:

- Knowledgeable about historical movements and principles of peace and nonviolence,
- Knowledgeable of concepts of privilege and power,
- Innovative, adaptable, problem-solver,
- Open to challenging themselves and their assumptions,
- A critical and creative thinker,
- Able to collaborate with others, especially those of differing backgrounds, experiences, and views,
- Independently motivated, and
- Able to lead, teach, and inspire others.

