A. BRIEF OVERVIEW OF AGENCY SETTING
Emmaus is a diverse Christian campus ministry at the University of Montana which is sponsored by the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church of America) Lutherans, in partnership with the Episcopalian Church USA & the United Church of Christ. We value and foster strong relationships, honest conversations, eating well, spiritual grounding, service to others, social justice, care of the earth, leadership development, and vocational discernment. Weekly we offer Sunday night Dinner and Discussion and a mid-week Dinner Church. We also offer ongoing service and advocacy projects, interfaith events, retreats and trips. In addition, we offer monthly educational lunches, occasional workshops, university learning events, and faith-based organizing around issues of justice and service in partnership with local faith communities and agencies. ECM is a Reconciling in Christ ministry; welcoming believers, doubters and seekers of all faith traditions, political perspectives, ethnic backgrounds, sexual orientations, and gender identities.

B. DESCRIPTION OF CLIENT GROUP
Coalition for Interfaith Dialog: This practicum will focus on building relationships, dialog, and community service between various interfaith communities in Missoula. In particular, we will focus on building relationships between the Abrahamic traditions of Christians, Muslims, Jews. In addition we may include Buddhists, Native American perspectives, Wiccans and others.

The Coalition for Interfaith Dialog hopes for and anticipates two main long term outcomes of this work. First, we will establish a sustainable coalition of faith, education and community groups who will foster interfaith dialog amongst the Abrahamic Traditions and other faith traditions over many years. Having this long term dialog will help reduce the likelihood of Jewish and Muslim people being targeted for discrimination, prejudice and violence. It will also provide a core group of community leaders to respond positively if discrimination, prejudice and violence occurs.

Secondly, because of our unique location and community make-up that brings religious diversity closer to rural places that experience very little diversity, the Coalition for Interfaith Dialog anticipates experimenting with and modeling new ways to interfaith dialog to rural communities. Over time we will develop best practices for doing authentic dialog in rural communities that bring Christian, Native American or non-religious people in contact with more Muslim and Jewish people.

C. LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES
The primary work of this practicum is to be the lead organizer for a coalition of faith leaders, UM faculty and staff, students and community members who are interested in building interfaith cooperation and dialog.

The objective for the Coalition for Interfaith Dialog is to build sustainable capacity to engage in this dialog over the long haul. Specific outcomes will be:
- Have an active and engaged steering committee to set the vision, mission and goals of this work.
- Grow the number of organizations and faith communities who are actively participating in interfaith dialog.
- Model respectful dialog and discourse for youth and the wider community at at-least 10 community events attended by a total of at-least 800 community members each year.
- Generate 2 to 3 media stories about interfaith dialog throughout the year.
- Get at-least 200 community leaders to attend a major speaker / community event to build Missoula side support in the spring of 2016.
- Begin to experiment on how to bring this type of dialog to surrounding rural communities with little or no religious diversity.
- Build a sustainable funding plan that supports this dialog and can fund either an ongoing Jesuit Volunteer, VISTA, Americorps or other service oriented position.

### D. EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS

Job duties will include:
1. Work directly with the Emmaus campus pastor to set agendas and priorities for this work.
2. Work as the organizer for the Coalition.
3. Have one-on-one meetings with leaders of all the key groups including the Muslim student groups, Jewish student group, different Christian campus ministry groups, key faculty and staff, and local clergy and faith leaders.
4. Help set priorities and goals for monthly interfaith events throughout the year.
5. Take the lead (with help and support from the Coalition) to organize the invitations, publicity, logistics, and follow-through of events.
6. Work with team leaders to have at least one larger keynote speaker event in Missoula in 2016.
7. Develop tools to receive feedback from leaders and participants and to measure outcomes.
8. Help the Coalition in the work of long-term vision and sustainability.

Applicants should be able to work well with others on a team, take direction when needed from a supervisor, be flexible as plans change, and be able to take initiative on their own. They will need to communicate clearly and promptly with supervisor, team members, and people from a variety of campus and community groups. They should have solid organizing skills, competent computer skills, and the ability to carry a project through from start to finish. They must have their own laptop.

Emmaus Campus Ministry will provide adequate work space, a printer, a local phone, wireless internet, weekly supervision, funding for programs and advertising as needed. We will also provide a $800 stipend per semester.

Interested second or first year MSW students should contact John Lund for an application and interview. Selection will be made based on qualifications and fit for our organization.