A Story from the National Benevolent Association

Are you looking to discover yourself?
Are you at a stand still at what you want to do next in your life?
Do you believe that service to others is primary to your life?
Are you ready to take an honest look at your faith—
where it has been and where you want it to go?
Could you become excited about living in an intentional, simple,
diverse, Christian community?

I didn't apply to XPLOR to be a part of a ten-month program. I applied because I saw it as a platform to sit with big questions that I couldn't ask at home about my life's purpose. I've come out to California for ten months hoping to develop an understanding of who I am and who God has called me to be that will color my next ten years.

Rebecca Wells, XPLOR Resident 2014-15

The NBA XPLOR Project is a ten-month residential service opportunity for young adults, ages 21-30, who want to explore lives of faith and service. We provide opportunities to serve in cities across the United States, while offering Residents housing, a small living stipend, vocational support, career development, travel opportunities, and more.

The Four Cornerstones of the XPLOR Project are:

- **Hands-on Service/Justice Work:** Working in and among neighborhoods to empower local mission efforts while gaining awareness of systems of injustice.
- **Simple Living in Community:** Learning and practicing faithful, intentionally simple and culturally competent communal living.
- **Spiritual Discernment on Vocation:** Striving through spiritual disciplines to discern the purpose for which one's soul is made.
- **Disciples Leadership Development:** Living out one's Disciples identity and unleashing one's leadership capacity.

Without naming all the natures of diversity, XPLOR is committed to the cultivation of a widely diverse population living in all XPLOR Houses.

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:11-13

(*worship litany and prayer on backside*)

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MISSION

Following God's call, the National Benevolent Association exists to inspire and connect the people and ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), to accompany one another in the creation of communities of compassion and care, and to advocate for the well-being of humanity.

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WORSHIP LITANY

One: In a given time and place, how do we recognize our passion, our purpose, our call?

Many: Discovering our purpose is a journey for all people. We seek to know God's voice and find ourselves.

One: This path has been taken by the confident, self-assured, and gifted. This path has been taken by the depressed, discouraged, and scarred.

Many: Wherever we find ourselves in geography or history – we seek to know, "How do I fit in God's greater story?"

PRAYER

Let us take seriously God's word through Jeremiah and hear its challenge and promise. Trust that God has plans for you to prosper, to have a future with hope. Trust that as you call upon God and pray, as you seek God, God will hear you and be with you. Always guiding you forward to use your gifts to serve our world. Amen.

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The **NBA XPLOR Project** is a ten-month service residency opportunity for young adults ages 21-30 with the purpose of empowering young adults to discern and develop a "heart for care" as they live together in simple community, engage in direct service and justice work, engage in leadership development, and discern their vocational calls to honor the various communities they are called to serve.

Applications will be processed as they are received between these deadlines:
Early Decision Deadline: December 5, 2014, announced by December 22, 2014.
Applicant interviews and reference calls will be conducted between 12/6 – 12/22.
Cornerstone Deadline: January 9, 2015, announced by January 23, 2015.
Applicant interviews and reference calls will be conducted between 1/12 – 1/22.
Extended Deadline: February 8, 2015, announced by February 27, 2015.
Applicant interviews and reference calls will be conducted between 2/10 – 2/26.

Find out more at www.nbacares.org/xplor or email xplor@nbacares.org.