In Baptism all young people are called by God into the community of Jesus, the church. From Baptism and beyond it is the responsibility of the young person’s family and church community to help them grow in faith and reflect on what it means to be in school and be a Baptized child of God.

This program is designed to help young people of color or whose primary language is a language other than English acquire a missional imagination to help them discern their future, and the role that Jesus and the church has in their life.

Each apprentice accepted into the program will receive a stipend of $1,600 for the summer. A young person may participate in the program up to two times.

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Or visit: www.elca.org/HorizonApprenticeshipProgram
2021 Nomination Deadline: Tuesday, March 23
An ELCA congregation can nominate a young person (or persons) with growing leadership skills in their worshipping community to participate in the program. By nominating the young person, the congregation’s leader agrees to oversee their apprentice’s summer internship if accepted into the program.

Nominees must be young people of color or whose primary language is that other than English. Nominees must be enrolled in high school or college and be between the ages of 16 and 20 for the entire program. Nominees must have access to the internet and have a device that has a camera for participation in online sessions.

The commitment is for nearly 2 months, from Sunday, June 6th – Sunday, August 1st, at 20+ hours per week. The pastor or deacon will serve as the student’s internship mentor/supervisor and will include them in worship, bible study and other aspects of congregational life. Each student participant will work with their mentor to develop and implement a project for the summer (i.e. Bible study, sermon, community or congregational project). Remote or partially remote internships are accepted.

An important part of the program are the online group building activities and formative sessions. Apprentices must be able to attend all of the following:

- **Monday, June 7** from 6:30 - 7:30 PM central time - Online Orientation
- **Monday, June 14 & Tuesday, June 15** from 10 AM - 3 PM central time - Online Retreat
- **Mondays: June 21, June 28, (off July 5), July 12, July 19, July 26** from 6:30 - 8 PM central time - Online Learning & Small Group Time