

SUMMER INTERNSHIPS
AT THE AGAPE COMMUNITY—
HARDWICK, MA.
QUABBIN RESERVOIR WATERSHED

Students throughout the years have been an integral part of the **ecological** or "green" aspects of the community, cultivating, planting and harvesting in the **organic garden**. They've also helped in building and maintaining buildings, which include a **straw bale house**, named Brigid House, with **solar energy**, a **compost toilet** and **wood cook stove**. Wood splitting, gathering and stacking are part of the community rhythms as well as filtering vegetable oil for Agape's automobile that runs on grease from a local restaurant.

The Agape Ministry includes welcoming college students (undergrad and grad) from area colleges and universities for weekend retreats, ongoing programs and activities at Agape, as well as annual events and regular witness days such as anti-war witness.

Prayer and music complement office work and a daily schedule of homesteading and witness in the local community as well as outreach and programs at area colleges. We use our voices and our instruments as we engage art, music and poetry as key ingredients in lives of practicing nonviolence.

Agape is a vegetarian community, Catholic in practice, ecumenical and interfaith in outreach. Prayer is optional, but encouraged and includes many sources, as well as daily Scripture.

Agape is a lively place to be in the summer, with lots of preparation for the fall and winter on our beautiful 34 acres of land.

Volunteers and short term interns are enthusiastically encouraged. People may join us for a day, a week, a month. Jobs include homesteading, planting, gardening, wood splitting, kindling gathering, office work and outreach to the community, as well as working with youth and other groups who come to Agape for programs.

Summer internships offer trips to local lakes, involvement with inner-city youth who come for programs, on-site volunteers, as we stack wood together, plant organic vegetables for the fall harvest, work on outreach in nonviolent education, enjoy the beauties of nature here in the Quabbin Reservoir. We study, think, talk about, pray about and practice a nonviolent lifestyle. **Trips to other communities are often planned, reflecting our ongoing desire to stay connected with other small communities of peace.**

We also offer long-term 9-month internships, with small stipends available.

Hope to hear from you. Check out our website!

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