Meet Our Episcopal Service Corps (ESC) Programs: New York Service + Justice Collaborative

New York Service and Justice Collaborative (NYSJC) is a ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of New York and a program of the Episcopal Service Corps. Our ministry forms spiritually grounded leaders through community and action for social justice. NYSJC provides an opportunity for young adults to commit to a year of service, discernment, social justice, and intentional community, bringing them into a new and deeper understanding of the complexities of systemic injustice while also empowering them to explore and enact faith-filled responses.

During a year of service with NYSJC, Fellows serve in community-based organizations with missions focused on:
- Workforce development for formerly incarcerated individuals
- Food justice
- Education equity and access
- Church mission outreach with the homeless and hungry

Throughout the year, NYSJC Fellows receive abundant support and formation facilitated by NYSJC staff to help each individual connect experiences with their own yearnings and leadings.

**Spiritual Formation**
Sharing in the parish life of Trinity Episcopal Church, Morrisania, is foundational to NYSJC. Fellows attend Sunday morning worship at their host church. They lead and celebrate with parish members during fellowship hour. Spirituality is deepened through group reflection and prayer, sharing spiritual practices, retreats, field trips, monthly theological teachings, and exploring other faith traditions. Every receives the gift of an experienced spiritual director with whom they meet monthly.

**Community**
NYSJC Fellows collaborate on their own Rule of Life, a process that begins during orientation and is revisited throughout the year. Fellows make collective decisions to develop a Community Covenant and collaborate on activities like community dinners, group worship, rotating leadership roles, and participation in New York City’s vast cultural offerings.

A #ServiceYear through NYSJC is an opportunity for people who want to share in the experiences of urban life, whole-hearted service and deep personal reflection. The year challenges and stimulates and ultimately offers transformation. Learn more about NYSJC: [www.nysjc.org](http://www.nysjc.org).

**About Episcopal Service Corps**
Episcopal Service Corps is a network of young adults ages 21-32 serving through locally organized intentional communities that are dedicated to: Serving others in solidarity; Promoting justice in community; Deepening spiritual awareness; Discerning vocation; and Living simply. Everyone serving through ESC commits to a household Rule of Life and regular spiritual direction and community practices. During their #ServiceYear, Corps members receive housing, health coverage, and small stipends to cover living expenses, transportation and food. For many young adults, this year serves as an opportunity for vocational discernment broadly understood. Most of our participants move into positions of leadership within their local churches, the wider Episcopal Church, and community organizations.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until programs reach capacity. Know someone who might be a good fit for a #ServiceYear through ESC? Invite them to consider applying by sending them a link to the discernment quiz and application: [www.EpiscopalServiceCorps.org](http://www.EpiscopalServiceCorps.org). Questions? Contact Wendy Johnson, esc@episcopalchurch.org.