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Dear Potential Gapper,

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I'm grateful for your interest in serving with YouthWorks-Detroit as a year-long volunteer. The Standing in the Gap program in Detroit is an exciting way to have an impact on urban youth and also grow in your own Christian maturity. In order to be a Detroit Gapper, you need to participate in the Detroit Summer Outreach program as an intern. This ensures that you know (at least somewhat) what you're getting yourself into, and we can get to know you as well. Serving together for a year is a big commitment, and we take it seriously.

Typically, a Gap year in Detroit begins in May or June with the Detroit Summer Outreach program, and it continues through the following summer. So it ends up being about a 14-month commitment. The three main elements of a Gap year are service, learning, and community. For your service, you will work with YouthWorks-Detroit. You will staff retreats, help lead a youth group, host mission trips, do summer youth work, and everything in between. By learning, I mean training as a Christian leader, which includes reading Scripture, some other Christian study, and personal discipleship. You will receive pastoral care as a part of a men's or women's group. It will be a great opportunity for you to learn what it means to become a disciple of Christ. Finally, community refers to living and sharing in the life of Detroit Community Outreach, a small outreach community in the city. DCO is a part of Word of Life Covenant Community, which in turn is a part of the Sword of the Spirit. Life in DCO includes daily prayer, weekly common meals, regular prayer meetings, and outreach activities. It is a rich experience of Christian community life.

The Standing in the Gap program is run through the Michigan Action Center of the Sword of the Spirit's regional youth program, Kairos, which is located in Lansing, MI. Through this connection, you will also have the opportunity to travel around a bit and serve some other Christian communities and youth events. We might even be able to work out an international trip if you're dying to go somewhere and you have the money! You will also connect some with other Gappers serving around Michigan.

You can see the FAQ's sheet if you have some questions. You can also contact me. The application process begins with you filling out the DSO application and being accepted into our summer program. Thanks again for your interest.

God bless you,

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