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Celina, left, and one of her two Good Shepherd Volunteers community members, Elisabeth, on the subway in New York City where they volunteer. (NCR screenshot/Celina Kim Chapman)



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Editor's note: *Notes from the Field* includes reports from young people volunteering in ministries of Catholic sisters. A partnership with [Catholic Volunteer Network](#), the project began in the summer of 2015. We are beginning our 12th round of bloggers: Celina Kim Chapman is a Good Shepherd Volunteer in New York City; Maddie Thompson is a Good Shepherd Volunteer in Wickatunk, New Jersey; Ali Alderman is a Loretto Volunteer in Denver. This is Celina's first blog post. [Read more about her.](#)

Thank you for watching this vlog! My name is Celina Kim Chapman. My hometown is Shelton, Connecticut, but I lived in Queens, a borough of New York City, for the past four years before moving from one borough to the next, to Manhattan's Washington Heights. As much as I hope my vlog captured everything about life as a Good Shepherd Volunteer, I want to clarify some questions I may not have answered from the video.

[Good Shepherd Volunteers](#) is one of the many service year programs in the United States that is spiritual-based. We have positions in three locations: New York, New Jersey, and Washington, D.C. All of the New York City volunteers work for the nonprofit [Good Shepherd Services](#), which has over 80 programs that help women and children in need.

My position is the anti-racism and equity fellow. I am not doing direct service by going into schools or working at a homeless shelter, but I am doing indirect service by working in the support sector of Good Shepherd Services. Becoming trained in this field of diversity, equity and inclusion/anti-racism and multicultural work is especially important now because of our current political climate. I am learning how to help an organization to become anti-racist and multicultural.

I hope this first vlog and blog post provide a foundation for you to continue following my journey as a Good Shepherd Volunteer.

"A week in the life of a Good Shepherd Volunteer (Notes from the Field)" by Celina Kim Chapman, posted to NCRonline's YouTube channel Dec. 1, 2020

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