



PASTORAL INTERNSHIP

We are offering a summer pastoral internship at Covenant Reformed Presbyterian Church (PCA) in Asheville, NC (www.covenantreformed.net).

Purpose

To raise up godly men, mature in life and doctrine, to serve as pastors in Christ's church

Internship Philosophy

This program is a long-term investment in the health and well-being of the global church. The main purpose of the internship is not for CRPC to accomplish ministry through interns. This will certainly happen and will be a blessing to our congregation, but the main purpose is to invest in young men so that they are better equipped to serve the church in the future. There are many things seminary training can do, but it is not designed to offer the hands-on-training, one-on-one discipleship, and individual evaluation that working with the local church can.

It is our desire to train young men for the full scope of duties involved in pastoral ministry. While the Session may ask the intern to focus on one specific area of ministry, this should not preclude his involvement in the entire ministry of the church. This will include study of God's word, prayer, visitation, discipleship, and evangelism.

Church Philosophy of Ministry

Our mission is to gather and grow disciples in Asheville and the world. To accomplish this mission, we depend on the Holy Spirit's power by embracing the ordinary means of grace in our ministries of worship, nurture, and witness. In this way we hope to see our community renewed by knowing Jesus through his word and Spirit, and empowered to make him known as a loving witness.

Length of Internship

We are offering a summer-long internship that will fit well into the academic schedule of an undergraduate or seminary student. The intern will live in or near Asheville and have part-time responsibilities at the church. We hope this time frame will enable the intern to get to know the congregation, receive mentorship, and grow in using his gifts.

Requirements to Apply

- Committed to the general system of doctrine of the WCF
- Sense an internal call to pastoral ministry
- Member (or pursuing membership) of an evangelical church

Remuneration

- The church will grant a modest stipend for the summer
- Ministry transportation and costs are reimbursable
- Housing is provided at no cost

Ministry

Attendance at Sunday worship services (both morning and evening), Sunday school, and mid-week meetings are required. Beyond these, the internship is divided into three areas for the intern to:

Gain Experience

- Attend Session meetings, staff meetings, at least one Deacon meeting, at least one church Ministry Team meeting, at least one meeting of the Western Carolina Presbytery
- Make hospital calls, elders calls, and visitor follow-up calls as asked
- Meet with different members of the congregation as assigned

Receive Mentoring

- Meet with one of the pastors weekly and with each elder at least once over the extent of internship
- Be open to feedback and assessment of gifts and call to ministry

Exercise Gifts

- Teach Sunday school, Bible studies, Wednesday night devotions, etc.
- Assist in leading worship
- Preach occasionally
- Assist with other areas of ministry as needed (including any internship requirements from the Presbytery or Seminary)

For any questions or to apply, please contact:

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