

# 2010 SUMMER INTERN IN YOUTH MINISTRY VILLAGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## YOUTH MISSION STATEMENT

IGNITE the faith, INCLUDE all His people and get them INVOLVED. IMAGINE the possibilities!

## PURPOSE

The primary purpose of the internship is to provide a learning opportunity through relational ministry to middle school and high school students. In particular, this ministry seeks to provide the opportunity for summer youth interns to:

- Gain practical ministry training.
- Work in an atmosphere of personal and professional guidance and support.
- Test their gifts and call to vocational ministry.
- Develop spiritually and theologically.

## 2010 SUMMER STAFF THEME

We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. We should all please our neighbors for their good, to build them up. —Romans 15:1–2 (TNIV)

## QUALIFICATIONS

- Growing personal commitment to Jesus Christ, the body of Christ, and God's work in the world.
- Ability to work effectively with youth, exhibiting creativity, understanding, and patience.
- Willingness to grow into new skills and areas of leadership.
- Basic knowledge of Presbyterian traditions.
- Current enrollment as a sophomore, junior, or senior in college or recently graduated from college.

## RESPONSIBILITIES

- Present the gospel of Jesus Christ to young people and to encourage them in their growth through the study of scripture, prayer, fellowship and service.
- Assist the youth ministry staff in planning and executing ministry programming. Additionally, sharing in the teaching and leading responsibilities of these programs. This includes Sunday morning and evening programs, Wednesday evening programs, Bible studies, small groups, special events, retreats, and mission projects.
- Attend weekly worship, staff meetings, church school and youth fellowship events, weekly bible studies, assigned summer trips, and other events planned by the staff.
- Maintain personal spiritual and professional growth.
- Assist in the coordination of volunteer adult leaders and to encourage them in their ministry with students.
- Initiate contact with students in order to build relationships wherein the gospel can be communicated through words and actions. Relational time with students may include such activities as having lunch, attending student activities, playing games, making phone calls, and going out for ice cream.
- Keep staff, students, and parents informed in regard to upcoming events.
- Directly responsible for:
  - Teaching or assisting one Sunday School class or Cheer Fellowship (youth group) activity each week.
  - Coordinating a summer small group that will include recruiting youth to be involved.
  - Reaching out to non-church youth who visit any programming activity during the summer.
  - Organizing at least two Sunday night programs for Cheer Youth Fellowship (youth group).
  - Assisting the youth staff as a partner in leading at least one major summer event, such as a retreat, trip, or extended activity.

## ACCOUNTABILITY

- Interns are directly accountable to the high school and middle school youth ministry directors.
- Unless otherwise directed by the youth directors, interns are expected to carry a consistent full-time work load (at least 35–45 hours per week), for about twelve weeks. Workweeks are typically Sunday through Thursday in addition to some nights and weekends. Interns are asked to participate in various summer youth trips.
- The salary will be paid in accordance with Village Church's personnel policies.
- All summer youth program events will be provided free of charge to the interns.
- Church-related expenses and mileage will be reimbursed with the prior approval of the youth directors, in accordance with Village Church's personnel policies.
- The youth directors will consider requests for personal time off (i.e. unpaid vacation) on a case-by-case basis.
- Interns are expected to abide by the requirements set forth in the Child/Youth Protection Policy.

## INTERNS WILL BE HIRED BY A SEARCH COMMITTEE

An application consists of the following materials:

- A letter of application stating the applicant's interest in youth ministry. Applicants may also wish to share any specific personal gifts and goals.
- A résumé, showing previous employment, church involvement, and volunteering.
- A brief journey of faith (or statement of faith).
- At least one letter of reference from a professor, church staff, professional friend, or former employer (if only one letter is provided, please list at least two additional references that can be contacted by the search committee).

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Interested individuals should send application materials to the Youth Ministry Office via email, fax, or mail as soon as possible. Interviews will begin in early 2010.

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