



Pastoral Intern Application Information

“Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.”

2 Timothy 1:13-14 (ESV)

A Little About Peoples

Peoples Church is located near Wyoming, Ontario, which is about 25 km (15 miles) east of Sarnia. Sarnia is at the very southern tip of Lake Huron where it empties into the St. Clair River. Our area is called "Bluewater Land," a name that comes from the blue water of the beautiful lake to the north of us.

Our Leadership

In Scripture, we find two distinct groups of people who exercise leadership in the church under the Lordship of Jesus Christ:

- The elders - men appointed to spiritual oversight in the church.
- The deacons - men serving the congregation in hands-on, practical ways.

The Elders oversee the church on matters of the spiritual life of the church, sound doctrine, teaching, prayer, and discipline when needed. The Deacons, our ministers of mercy, assist the elders by facilitating ministry with the material and physical needs of the people. These two groups work in concert with the congregation to encourage and foster a vibrant Body Life that reflects Christ's intended desire for His people at Peoples Church.

The Elders

Our elder-led structure provides us with sound guidance from biblically-qualified men; it emphasizes that all of the elders are under-shepherds of the congregation, though most work in secular jobs.

Some of our elders are working full time for the church. Our teaching pastor focuses on rightly dividing the Word and being a teacher of teachers; our church ministries and our youth and family pastors serve the flock in focused ministries. All elders meet the biblical qualifications for this office as laid out in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1. We meet regularly to pray and provide spiritual oversight on matters concerning the church. At Peoples Church each elder is an under-shepherd (pastor) of the congregation.

The Deacons

Peoples Church deacons free the elders to provide spiritual oversight to the church. They fill supportive roles as they coordinate various ministries that relate to the physical needs of the congregation. The Deacons carry out a benevolent ministry, first at Peoples church and secondly in the community, ministering to the widow, the orphan, the poor and the shut-in.

Sometimes we laugh and say that together we make a really great Christian. This light hearted comment reflects our need, love and trust for each other as we rejoice and thank God for His marvelous work among us.

Affiliation

Peoples Church has been affiliated with the Associated Gospel Churches since September 23, 1954. The Associated Gospel Churches is composed of all the local AGC churches, which are united on the basis of, and in conformity to, the Constitution of the AGC.

The mission of the AGC is to glorify God by uniting in doctrine and spirit to plant new churches in Canada, and to assist member churches in their obedience to the Great Commission of Jesus Christ.

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Intern Experience & Dates of Service

- Peoples Church provides the opportunity for a godly man to learn about church and pastoral ministry through involvement in specific ministries, leadership meetings and purposeful interactions with the congregation, ministry leaders, pastoral staff and elders.
- The internship begins in May and finishes in August.
- Actual dates confirmed through the application process.
- Ministry experiences may include:
 - Elder Meetings
 - Sports camp as a primary responsibility
 - Ministry Steward Meetings
 - Visitation/Hospital Visits
 - Ministry Meetings (College & Career, Youth Ministry)
 - Peoples Worship Service
 - Discipleship from Pastoral Staff
 - Teaching Opportunities

Intern Oversight

- Although the intern is expected to work well on his own, the pastoral staff will oversee the intern through accountability, encouragement, question and answer times, etc.
- Each week the intern will have one pastoral staff directly overseeing him reinforcing the elder model, philosophy of ministry, and focus on the Word.
- The intern will receive an evaluation at the end of the internship highlighting both areas of success and improvement.

Intern Expectations

- The Goal of this discipling relationship is to give a young man church ministry experience and opportunities as he explores God's leading and possible call on his life. Our intention is to provide an intentional, beneficial, and productive exposure to pastoral ministry.
- Our intern will be expected to work hard, take careful notes, and fulfill all assignments and reading expectations.
- A few of the books that will be read:
 - On Being a Pastor by Derek Prime and Alistair Begg
 - The Deliberate Church, Building your Ministry on the Gospel by Mark Dever and Paul Alexander
 - Believer's Baptism by Thomas R. Schreiner and Shawn D. Wright
 - Dangerous Calling by Paul David Tripp
 - Hand in Hand by Randy Alcorn
 - Pastoring with Elders by Kevin Mahon
 - To be announced
- Our intern will be asked to provide some summary sheets on what he has learned, applied, and what God is teaching him through his experiences and study.

Intern Eligibility

- Know and love Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour of your life – having put your faith and trust fully in Him.
- A pastoral track student or graduate from Canada who is looking for ministry experience in a significant way. Because of the intense learning we feel that an intern should have a grasp of pastoral ministry. Therefore, a previous intern who applies again will not be considered.
- Spiritual, emotional, social maturity.
- Work well as part of a team.
- Be flexible and have a positive attitude.
- Be prepared to be challenged on many levels.
- Have a strong desire to grow in your knowledge of God and your commitment and service to Him.
- Those who have graduated or are in their later years of study are preferred.
- Athletic or interest in sports is a benefit.
- Access to own vehicle is preferred.

Important Dates & Deadlines

- Application deadline: Open
- Start Date: Beginning of May 2018
- End Date: August 2018

To Apply

- Complete the Pastoral Intern Application form. This form can be completed online, then saved and emailed as an attachment, or printed and mailed. Remember to save a copy for yourself.
- Have each of your references complete the reference form. This form can also be completed online, saved and then emailed as an attachment or printed.
- Send completed application and reference forms along with a recent photo, via email, fax or regular mail to:

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