

Youth Ministry Intern Cohort I Job Description

The Youth Ministry Intern should spend about 35 hours each week invested in community, study, and formation - first toward his/her own discipleship journey, and second toward the youth ministry of First Presbyterian Church of Winston Salem. The Intern may also consider – if interested - spending up to two weeks of his/her program engaged in the broader life of the church, especially through participating in the worshipping life of the church, if applicable.

The Cohort, which consists of the summer Interns, the Worship pastor, the Youth directors, and the College Director, meets weekly. During Cohort meetings we check in about the challenges and joys in the internship experience, do intentional study and reflection on the nature of discipleship and life within the community of Christ, and we discuss the readings for the week, either from Scripture or from a different book.

Reading List

- *Jonah* (for Cohort)
- *In The Name of Jesus* by Henri Nouwen (for Cohort)
- *Sticky Faith* by Dr. Kara E. Powell and Dr. Chap Clark
- *Growing Young* by Kara Powell, Jake Mulder, and Brad Griffin

INTERNSHIP CORNERSTONES

1) Youth Ministry

- Study sustainable youth ministry: what makes faith stick with students when they graduate?
- Exploration and study of the critical intersection of discipleship and community in youth ministry
- Relational/contact work with students
- Relationship building with volunteer leaders
- Teach Sunday school on a regular basis

2) Spiritual Formation

- Regular study of Scripture, individually and corporately
- Regular prayer
- Study and discussion of books, both for the Cohort and specific to youth ministry
- Leadership development

3) Life at First Pres

- Involvement in the weekly rhythms of First Pres staff (attending weekly Huddle meetings, weekly staff devotionals, and monthly staff lunches)
- Engagement with events going on in the wider life of our church: specifically, volunteering at VBS
- Participation in college ministry events and weekly Bible study

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Mondays

- Leadership Development class - 10am
- All-staff Huddle - 11am
- Cohort lunch - 11:30am (each of the pastors will rotate taking the Cohort to lunch)
- Cohort class - 1pm

Tuesdays

- Supervision with Youth Directors - 10am
 - o Discussion of youth ministry book reading
 - o Internship check in, feedback
 - o Planning and brainstorming for upcoming lessons or events
- Pizza lunch with students
- Youth staff team meeting

Wednesdays

- All-staff devos - 11am, including leading one week
- Lunch or lunch meeting with staff at noon (2nd, 3rd and 4th Wednesdays)
- Attend college Bible study - 7:30pm

Thursdays

- Cohort Coffee: get coffee or lunch with the other Fellows and interns

Sundays

- Sunday school (lead when assigned)
- Worship service
- Organize and lead Sunday night Frisbee

Occasional responsibilities

- Help plan and participate in (if able) High school mission trip to the Dominican Republic
- Lead a team of younger students serving at VBS
- Plan and host occasional events for students
- Spend one-on-one time with students, or in smaller groups