

Introduction

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Welcome

Welcome to the pastoral intern program at the Oceanside United Reformed Church. Not only are *you* required by Westminster Seminary California to perform seven hundred hours of practical internship but *we* as a consistory (pastors and elders) have the responsibility to “assume supervision of all aspects of [your] training . . . and assure that [you] receive[...] a thoroughly reformed theological education” (Church Order, art. 3). On behalf of the consistory, then, it is my privilege and pleasure to lead you through these formative years of education and preparation for whatever the Lord will call you to do in the future.

As your pastor, I consider it my task to teach and model for you practical theology. I do not take this awesome task upon myself lightly, but pray Paul’s words to Timothy will be true of our relationship: “Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus” (2 Tim. 1:13). In our meetings together and in private as well as in public worship, I trust that “what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses” you will be able to “entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also” (2 Tim. 2:2).

Purpose

The purpose of being an intern is to train, equip, and prepare men for effective, responsible, and godly pastoral ministry in the local church through study, practice,

counsel, mentoring, evangelism, and discipleship for the glory of God, the edification of the Church, and the salvation of the world.

Why Intern at OURC?

Why intern with us? Let me offer several reasons.

First, you will find at OURC a wedding together of a confessional *and* a mission-minded church. We began in 2000 as a church plant in an area without any other confessionally Reformed congregations and continue today with this missional mindset of seeking and saving that which is lost as well as providing a spiritual home and refuge for the Christian who has been beaten, battered, and broken by the church.

Second, the above description of us is played out in a unique SoCal (Southern California) beach setting. We meet in a chapel overlooking the ocean with lots of beach foot traffic, all the while Christ is celebrated in sermon, sacrament, and song among us.

Third, we are a congregation that is impacting the world as well as our denomination disproportionately greater than our small size. We began in a living room, started worshipping as ten families, and due to our transient sub-culture, have hovered between 15–25 families over the past decade. All the while we have sent away individuals and families who have moved away to become solid members of other churches, have planted two other churches, and have sent out interns to plant and pastor across the U.S. and Canada.

Fourth, because of our intimate size, we offer a hands-on intern experience. Simply put, you will preach more in your home church at OURC than any other intern at WSC, you will teach catechism for various ages, you will attend meetings, you will serve on a committee, you will go on pastoral visits, and you will be a part of the life of our church.

Fifth, we also offer a mentor-driven intern experience as you will meet with me (Pastor Danny) at least once a month as well as be in my home at least as much for Lord's Day meals.

Expectations

The consistory has the following expectations of all pastoral interns:

1. Membership at the OURC or student membership for those away from their home churches while in Seminary.
2. Attendance at morning and evening services.
3. Participation in the life of the church in other ways.
4. The internship will last for as long as the intern is a member and/or in Seminary.

Duties

Over the course of your internship you will participate in the following duties:

1. Praying for the ministry and your preparing for it
2. Regularly exhorting in evening worship
3. Occasionally assisting in leading morning and evening worship
4. Teaching Sunday school of various ages
5. Accompanying the pastor and elders on visits
6. Attending meetings (consistory and council)
7. Serving on a congregational committee depending on gifts and abilities
8. Meeting with the pastor for mentoring, discussion of various pastoral ministry related topics, and book interactions

Invitation

If you are already an intern with us, I welcome you back to another year of service.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact me via phone (760.803.0981), email (pastor@oceansideurc.org), [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).

Blessings!

Pastor Danny