WHO IS THE INTERNSHIP FOR?

Those who:

- Feel a call to ministry (overseas missions, seminary, local church ministry, etc.) but need time for greater discernment.
- are not sure of your gifts or how they might be used in ministry.

Previous Interns have gone on to full-time seminary, ministry, missions and others to non-religions vocation. The Internship Program can help you clarify your next steps.

HOW WILL I BENEFIT FROM THE INTERNSHIP?

By the end of the Internship, you will have gained:

- a better understanding of yourself, the Lord, the church, your calling, and what you would like to pursue in the future.
- maturation in a variety of areas (both personal and ministry-realated) through weekly interactions with staff and the congregation.
- confidence and clarity about next steps.

An often-missed benefit is the strength and support you will experience from the staff and congregation. This is truly the greatest asset within The River, and the Internship experience - - the encouragement, love and care that our people pour into Internship participants.

HOW TO APPLY

To indicate Interest in the Internship or for more information about the application process, contact:

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THE RIVER INTERNSHIP

The River Anglican Church Internship is a nine-month post-college experience providing an environment of:

Discovery

A time to clarify – with the counsel of others in ministry – the Lord's leading your future vocation.

Spiritual Growth

Growth in knowing Christ, but also in personal strengths and weaknesses, relationships, gifts, and temperament.

Mentored Ministry

Involvement in ministry that aligns with your passions while also being challenged and stretched by new opportunities.

Theological Development

Learning and growing through reading and reflection, thinking, and sharing.



WHAT IS THE FORMAT?

Your week will be divided between gatherings with staff, congregation, readings (and reflections) and ministry, along with participation in seminary-level course work.

Opportunity for spiritual growth through:

- personal inventories (such MBTI, Strength-Finders, spiritual gifts)
- readings (and reflections)
- retreats
- staff interaction

Ministry opportunites exist in a variety of areas:

- ministry to children, youth, university students. and music
- preaching, teaching and worship leading (music, prayer, etc.);
- media, art, ,design, and administration
- planning and executing events such as mission trips, retreats, financial seminars, etc.

Emphasis is placed on making the program an environment of grace where Interns can try new things and learn from experiences with support and care along the way.

WHEN IS THE INTERNSHIP?

The Internship runs from September to May and includes several "intensives" such as a five-day seminary class*, leadership conferences, etc.

* For those interested in pursuing a seminary degree, we also have a partnership with Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary offering an Anglican-rooted Master of Arts in Christian Ministry. Classes include Old and New Testament studies, theology, church history, spiritual formation, mission, apologetics, counseling, and leadership. The degree is offered in a part-time, hybrid format (in-person and online) and at a reduced cost for some courses. Interns can take advantage of this partnership while participating in the River Internship.

IS THERE A COST?

The River provides housing, all costs related to trips, conferences, one seminary-level class, a stipend for ministry expenses, and a commitment from its Pastor and staff to ongoing counsel, care and mentoring.

Interns are required to fund-raise their budgetary needs during the nine-month program. Assistance with their budget and fundraising is part of the Internship, once a person is accepted.