May all the kings of the earth praise you, O LORD, when they hear the words of your mouth. May they sing of the ways of the LORD, for the glory of the LORD is great. —Psalm 138:4,5

Goals

Ministry to State exists as a means to develop ministry to government domestically and internationally with five fundamental objectives. It is a ministry of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) under Mission to North America.

1. It is a means of exposing those in the government community to the transforming truths of the gospel through healthy relationships.
2. It provides encouragement and support in the development of a Biblical world and life view for those in government who make a profession of faith.
3. It strives to be instrumental in establishing and maintaining a Biblical conscience throughout the government community who both create and implement policy.
4. It provides a healthy means to connect the church in a non-partisan manner with those in government.
5. It promotes and facilitates specific and intelligent prayer by the body of Christ for those serving in government.

The MTS Fellowship is designed to develop and enhance the fellow’s ministry call to government. It is a ministry mentoring relationship that focuses on three fundamental goals to be achieved over the course of a year, with the potential to transition into permanent position at the end of the year.

First, the fellow is to become a student of the Washington way of life and to establish personal relationships within that culture, in part through working a part-time or short-term role in a congressional office in order to learn the culture firsthand. Living and working in Washington will enable the fellow to develop personal friendships which become the foundation of the ministry.

Second, the development of a biblical view of ministry to government is a key element in the mentoring relationship. There will be supplementary reading assignments and dialogue with the mentor.

Third, the fellow will institute specific ministry forums with those in the government community. Evangelism and discipleship are a significant element of the fellowship, and personal relationships will expand into ministry that includes biblical interaction (individually and by leading group Bible studies) and prayer.

It is expected that there will be regular involvement in the life of a local congregation. Ministry to State functions in the context of the church. Ministry in the government community depends upon this healthy affiliation.

Finances and Housing

The participants in the MTS Fellowship will be responsible for their financial, health insurance needs and housing. MTS will assist in securing a Capitol Hill staff position (if relevant) and housing. Housing and the cost of living in general is expensive in Washington, and the fellow will raise his or her own financial support. As financial commitment is secured, prayer support is also sought. Having a community of friends and churches who regularly pray for the fellow will be a key element to the success of the ministry.

Application

Submit a cover letter and resume to csampson@pcanet.org