

# ***TRINITY SUMMER INTERN APPLICATION PACKET***

Dear Potential Intern,

I am so glad to hear that you are interested in becoming an intern with the Ministries of Trinity Presbyterian Church. It will be our pleasure to show you how the ministry works and show you where you may fit into the team.

A big part of this internship is working with teenagers. Our youth need to have good adult role models they can look up to and admire. There are so many bad role models influencing our youth today. We have such an impact on the youth. They look to us for answers and support in their day-to-day living. The youth ministry is most effective when there are strong relationships adults have built with the teens. This takes time but it is so rewarding when you see a teen start to take his or her relationship with the Lord seriously. Relationships are the key in youth ministry. As we take the time to get into the hearts and lives of the teens we will see them start to open up and trust us with their struggles as well as their victories. This is when the time put into the relationship pays off.

The adults who form the youth ministry team are exactly that, a TEAM. We do not go out and try to do things on our own. We do not undermine one another among ourselves or to other teens. We support one another. We keep each other accountable. We pray for and with each other.

Being an intern at Trinity is a very serious commitment. We are looking someone who is willing to serve the youth of the church. They need to be a person who wants to use their gifts to reach out to impact youth for Jesus Christ. You can read the enclosed job description to see what will be expected of you. You would have a unique opportunity to lead not only the teens but also the adults who help out with the teens. And if you have other passions to serve in the church, this internship will provide the opportunity to explore those opportunities as well to give you a well-rounded internship experience. I would ask you to prayerfully consider the commitment you are about to make.

Once I have your application I will give you a call or e-mail you to set up an interview. Another pastor or elder of the church and myself will conduct the interview. We will talk together and probably make a proposal to the session of Trinity and then get back to you once a decision has been reached. I would like to receive all applications by March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

I look forward to meeting with you and seeing where the Lord is leading you in this very exciting ministry. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions. My cell is 717-379-7490 and the church phone number is 717-545-4271, ext. 14. You can also E-mail me at: [mwolcott@trinityhbg.com](mailto:mwolcott@trinityhbg.com).

Etched in His Palm,

Michael Wolcott  
Associate Pastor of Youth and Family Ministries

# TRINITY SUMMER INTERN APPLICATION

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Home address \_\_\_\_\_

Seminary/College address \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_ Other Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

## EDUCATION

High school \_\_\_\_\_ Year Graduated \_\_\_\_\_

College/trade school \_\_\_\_\_ Year will graduate \_\_\_\_\_

Degree/major \_\_\_\_\_ Minor \_\_\_\_\_

Seminary \_\_\_\_\_ Year will graduate \_\_\_\_\_

Degree \_\_\_\_\_

If working – Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

## PERSONAL AND SPIRITUAL HISTORY

Write a brief testimony about how you became a Christian (include the time when you first remember understanding the Gospel and purposing to follow Christ). Use separate paper if needed.

Write briefly about significant events in your life that have grown you in your faith since you became a Christian.

How would you describe your spiritual walk now? Describe your devotional and prayer life.

What accountability do you currently have in your spiritual walk?

What do you do when you have a conflict with someone? How do you handle confrontation?

Are there any special issues or concerns happening in your life right now that would have an impact in your commitment to being an intern at Trinity this summer? (e.g. family, relationships, etc.)

In caring for students, we believe it is our responsibility to seek people that are able to provide healthy, safe, and nurturing relationships. Please answer the following questions accordingly. Any concerns can be discussed during the interview with the pastors on the interviewing team.

Are you using illegal drugs?  yes  no

Have you ever gone through treatment for drug or alcohol abuse?  yes  no

If yes, please describe.

What is your view on drinking alcohol?

Have you ever had sexual relations with a minor after becoming an adult?  yes  no

Have you ever been accused or convicted of any form of child abuse?  yes  no

If yes, please describe.

Have you ever been a victim of any form of child abuse?  yes  no

If yes, please share briefly your situation.

Have you received any moving or traffic violations in last 3 years?  yes  no

If yes, please describe – giving dates and reasons.

Are you willing to file the Criminal Record Check Form?  yes  no

If you are chosen to be an intern at Trinity, we will perform this check.

Are you a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church?  yes  no

If you are not a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church, then where are you a member?

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## MINISTRY EXPERIENCE AND GIFTS

Describe any ministry/church experience you have been involved with. (Use back if needed)

What are your spiritual gifts, and how would do you think they would be best used in the youth ministry?

Is there anything you are not willing to do or feel ill equipped to do in the ministry?

Why do you want to do this internship?

What are some of your personal expectations when it comes to this internship?

What are your expectations of the Youth and Family Pastor, Mike Wolcott?

Can you say that you wholeheartedly support the youth and family pastor, the overall ministry at Trinity, and the staff you would be working with?  yes  no

### **Moral Qualifications**

The Bible has much to say about behavior that is pleasing to God. The Ten Commandments remain an excellent summary of what God expects from His people. Much of this is spelled out in the Westminster Standards (our church's doctrinal statement). It is important as a leader in Christ's church to be striving to please God in all of life. There are a few areas of moral conduct that are increasingly controversial in the church at large—as to what is biblically permissible. It is important for Interns at Trinity to be in agreement with Trinity PCA and the Presbyterian Church in America in these areas. Again, these are not the only, or necessarily the most important issues, but in our cultural climate these are often disregarded. Therefore, as the Session is given care over the members of the church, it is important for them to know where you stand on these issues.

**Sexual ethics**

We believe that sex is a gift from God by which we declare to a spouse that we belong and are committed completely and exclusively to them. On that basis, we believe that sex outside of marriage is wrong and that living with someone with whom you are romantically involved and yet to whom you are not married is also wrong. Can you give support to those beliefs? \_\_\_\_\_

We believe that practicing a homosexual life-style is not an acceptable option for a Christian. Can you subscribe to this belief? \_\_\_\_\_

The internet gives us easy access to all kinds of things that are sinful and wrong. Will you assent to the belief that pornography in any form is harmful and that Christians should not view or participate in it in any form? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you free from a life dominated by viewing pornography (in any form)? \_\_\_\_\_ If not explain.

Are you free from a life of engagement in other sexual sins? \_\_\_\_\_ If not, explain

**Marriage ethics**

We believe that the covenant made in marriage is permanent and that divorce is never necessary but is permissible only after desertion by the unbelieving spouse (1 Corinthians 7:15) or a fundamental breaking of that covenant by one partner by means of adultery.

Do you have convictions other than these? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, please explain.

**General ethics**

Recognizing that all of us fail to lead a fully obedient life, yet, is there any behavior which you believe to be wrong *and which you have given into or ceased to fight against* which you feel might disqualify you from leadership in the church? (yes or no answer is acceptable) \_\_\_\_\_

**REFERENCES**

We request two references. You may choose a (1) pastor, (2) close friend and/or (3) an employer within the past year.

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| 2.    | <u>Name</u> | <u>Address</u> | <u>Phone</u> |
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The information contained in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I, the undersigned, give my authorization to Trinity Presbyterian Church or its representatives to release any and all records or information relating to working with minors. Trinity Presbyterian Church may contact my references and appropriate government agencies as deemed necessary in order to verify my suitability to work with children, youth and adults at Trinity Presbyterian Church. I understand that the personal information in this application will be held confidential by the Trinity church staff.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ today's date \_\_\_\_\_

# TRINITY SUMMER INTERNSHIP COMMITMENTS

After spending time in prayer, and discussing with my family the commitment involved with being a summer intern, I choose to commit to the following:

- I acknowledge the Lordship of Jesus Christ in my life & have a personal relationship with Him.
- I believe in the inerrancy of scripture.
- I am committed toward growing and maturing my relationship with God through quiet times, active attendance at church, and involvement in accountable relationships.
- I am committed to choices and a lifestyle that are both godly and “above reproach”, knowing that my lifestyle is a model for students and other adults in the church.
- I am making a commitment to the youth and other ministries of Trinity for the duration of the internship.
- I will attend weekly staff meetings with the Youth and Family Pastor.
- I understand and commit to care for the students God brings into my ministry this summer.
- Because I am making a significant commitment and my presence is important, I agree to be consistent and on time to the program(s) involved in this internship.
- I believe and will teach the doctrines set forth in the Westminster standards and where I may differ in any area, I agree to uphold what Trinity Presbyterian church teaches and will not promote or teach my own personal views.
- I will not be alone with a student of the opposite sex at any time or in any place.
- If I ever think a student has been physically or sexually abused, I will notify the Associate Pastor of Youth and Family and report to the authorities as I am a mandated reporter.
- If at any time I am getting together with a student, one-on-one or in small groups I will notify the Associate Pastor of Youth and Family.
- If anything is ever shared with me by a student, in confidence, where they are in physical or spiritual danger, I will talk to the Associate Pastor of Youth and Family immediately.

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Signature

Date

Send application to Michael Wolcott at either [mwolcott@trinityhbg.com](mailto:mwolcott@trinityhbg.com) or mail to Trinity Presbyterian Church  
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