

Trinity Youth Internship

Context

Trinity Presbyterian Church (PCA) is a growing congregation of around 200 members and regular attenders that meets in suburban Hinsdale, IL. Its stated mission is “to be Christ’s beautiful church for the good of the world.” (More information about the church can be found at its website: trinityhinsdale.com).

Trinity is creating a new youth internship position for two primary reasons:

- As a congregation blessed with organizational health, stability of leadership, and a sense of mission, Trinity desires to use its resources to help develop future church leadership.
- Approximately 15 high schoolers from our church currently meet in a bi-weekly, student-led discipleship group. Another 8 middle-schoolers would benefit from ministry more specifically directed to them. Focused leadership is needed to bring more direction and relational cohesion to these groups.

Overview

Trinity is creating a paid, two-year, 40hrs/wk youth internship position which will seek to address both of these goals. The primary focus of this position will be to develop the intern’s leadership skills, ministry philosophy, and sense of calling. This will happen through guided experience, as the intern takes on the leadership of Trinity’s growing youth ministry within the context of ongoing supervision, mentoring, and additional ministry opportunities.

Expectations

Mentorship (15 hours/week)

- Attend weekly staff meeting and book discussions.
- Meet weekly with staff member for lunch to discuss reading, ministry experiences and personal growth.
- Do assigned reading.
- Participate in discipleship group and community group.
- Attend Sunday AM service, occasionally participating in different elements of the liturgy (such as Scripture reading, prayers, and service leading).
- Take advantage of other ministry opportunities, such as Spiritual Conversations, the Bridge, elder and deacon meetings.

Youth Leadership (25 hours/week)

- Together with senior pastor, oversee youth leadership team.
- Facilitate bi-weekly high school youth discipleship gatherings, planning the study and equipping the youth leaders to facilitate discussions.

- Help develop new middle-school youth discipleship program.
- Plan monthly youth social gatherings.
- Maintain regular and effective communication with parents.
- Participate in Sunday school with youth.
- Pursue deeper relationships with youth, attending various events and performances and meeting with them in other more social settings.
- Organize youth retreat(s).

Qualifications

- Education attainment: B.A. or equivalent
- A professing Christian willing to become a member at Trinity and with convictions compatible with the PCA
- Have an interest in future church leadership and a desire to confirm sense of calling
- Have a love for youth and a passion for seeing their Christian growth

Salary

\$50,000/year

Contact

For inquiries, contact Geoff Ziegler (senior pastor) at geoff.ziegler@gmail.com