

## **Student Ministry Summer Internship Opportunity**

January 29, 2015

Are you looking for hands-on ministry experience? Do you want to be on the front-line, sharing Jesus in a post-Christian culture? The impact of your actions this summer can echo into eternity. Consider joining us for a summer internship!

**We are looking for three summer interns** – two interns to work with middle school students (grades 5&6 and 7&8) and high school students (9th-12th grades), and one to support the Student Ministry Team administratively. This is an excellent opportunity to serve Jesus, impact students, and develop your gifts in student ministry.

Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church is located in the relatively affluent suburban city of Walnut Creek, California, just 30 minutes from San Francisco, 20 minutes from Oakland, and 15 minutes from Berkeley. This unique geographic placement provides some truly exciting ministry opportunities in a very hurt and broken world. Our church has a strong history of supporting a vibrant youth ministry, and we'd love to partner with ministry-focused summer interns for mutually beneficial kingdom work.

**POSITION OVERVIEW:** The purpose of this position is to develop emerging Christian leaders for Kingdom impact in Walnut Creek today while preparing them for ministry leadership in the future. Interns complete a 10-week position during the summer season with Middle School and High School Ministry departments. Interns experience a variety of roles that include teaching, leading student ministry programs and trips, administration, preparing for events, relational work with students, and program planning. Specific leadership opportunities include Sunday Morning classes, Mid-Week BBQs/Activities, Daycamp, Bootcamp, Santa Cruz Retreat, Ski Trip/Mystery Trip, and Summer Camp at Ponderosa Lodge at Mount Hermon. You will be working on a team with WCPC's 2 full-time staff members in student ministries, and you will have the opportunity to rub shoulders with our extended staff.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS AND EDUCATION:**

## **REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Personal Relationship with Jesus Christ
2. At least 1 year of college completed or age equivalent
3. A servant leader's heart
4. Previous Student Ministry volunteer or student leadership experience
5. Teachable spirit and a desire to learn
6. A passion for relationships with high school or middle school students
7. Interest in pursuing Christian leadership as a professional career is a bonus.
8. Having your own car is not mandatory but is extremely useful.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. Help plan, organize, and execute weekly student ministry programs, events, classes, and trips.
2. Occasionally teach during a Sunday or midweek program
3. Regular student contact time (one-on-one, small group, recreational, phone, email)
4. Participation in weekly staff meetings
5. Learning through study, hands-on experience, and reflecting with your team
6. Attend weekly worship service
7. Other duties assigned by the Directors

## **Compensation**

The internship is 10 Weeks long, from Monday June 1 to Sunday August 9, 2015. Compensation is a \$250 per week stipend, and also includes housing (if needed), many meals, all ministry expenses paid, and potential for Internship or Field-Ed Credit with your university or seminary. Other benefits or insurance are not included.

## **To Apply**

Please email (1) resume and (2) application to Ryan Taylor: [rtaylor@wcpres.org](mailto:rtaylor@wcpres.org).  
Deadline to apply is Feb 19, 2015.

**Please answer the following questions thoroughly yet concisely:**

***Faith and Ministry Development***

1. Please describe how and when you came to know Jesus Christ personally.
2. Why do you consider yourself a candidate for this position?
3. What would you hope to experience as an intern with our student ministry?
4. What would you like to know about us? What should we know about you?

***Ministry and Theology***

1. Describe a couple of strengths and weaknesses as you see them in your life.
2. Who is Jesus Christ and what authority do you give the Bible in the life of a believer?
3. Suppose a student, with whom you have a relationship, asked you, “How do I get to heaven?” How would you explain it?

***Teamwork***

1. Share about a time in which you were a member of a team. What was that like for you?
2. WCPC offers experiences with junior high and high school students. Share a couple aspects that would appeal to you from each area.
3. Given that a summer internship at WCPC is a demanding (yet rewarding!) job, please comment on how your family feels about this possibility for you.