



THE PASTORAL INTERNSHIP

at Christ Church West Chester

SEMINARIES DON'T CREATE PASTORS. **CHURCHES DO.**

While theological education is exceedingly valuable for ministry preparation, true pastoral formation comes in the context of the local church. Our desire at Christ Church West Chester is to equip aspiring ministers of the gospel with the mind of a theologian and the heart of a pastor:

The internship helps give not just theological training, but ecclesial and pastoral training. It didn't just teach me more intellectually; it made me a godlier man. - Former intern Isaac Whitney

The Pastoral Internship at Christ Church West Chester is a one-year intensive program that immerses aspiring ministers in the everyday life of the church and prepares them to serve in various capacities in the future. From attending elders' meetings to sitting in on membership interviews and helping plan Sunday services, interns get hands-on experience participating in every aspect of local church ministry. Interns will preach at least twice, preside over Sunday morning services, teach at least three inductive Bible studies, and integrate themselves into the life and discipleship of the local church.



They're not just learning about ministry; they're actively doing it.

Our program seeks to prepare men for pastoral ministry in 3 key ways:



EDUCATION Over the course of the program, interns read over 30 books, write over 50 papers, and participate in hundreds of hours of lecture, discussion, and seminar instruction. Interns graduate with a deep knowledge of God's Word and how to apply it in the life of the church.



SERVICE Interns spend much of their time helping CCWC minister to those within and beyond our walls. They teach God's Word, meet with members and guests, help take care of our building, and help facilitate events and conferences at our church.



DISCIPLESHIP Interns will be discipled by our pastoral staff and have the opportunity to disciple members in the church body as well, participating in the essential task of caring for one another in the body of Christ.

Our rigorous theological and pastoral curriculum seeks to equip men for ministry by focusing on the following areas:

- Ecclesiology
- New Testament
- Systematic Theology
- Biblical Counseling
- Preaching
- Pastoral Ministry



The work completed during the internship can be applied as up to 24 transfer credits toward a theological degree.

I enjoyed how the internship helped me grow in academics and discipline. That is, it forced me to do things that were stretching and humbling. - Former intern Mike Kings

Beyond their education, interns will sharpen their teaching skills and strengthen essential relationships as they participate in the Word ministry of the church. They will:

- Attend a Workshop on Biblical Exposition with the Charles Simeon Trust.
- Participate in monthly gatherings with local pastors in the Philadelphia Pastors Collective
- Interact with and learn from world-class scholars, theologians, leaders, and pastors from all over the country who come to participate in CCWC's Sunday Night Theology series.



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Located in historic downtown West Chester, Pennsylvania, Christ Church West Chester serves a diverse, densely-populated urban community about 25 miles west of Philadelphia. We have millionaires and people below the poverty line living only a few blocks from one another. Interns will gain ministry experience serving people from a variety of racial, geographic, and socioeconomic backgrounds within the context of the local church. West Chester is also home to West Chester University, a state school with an enrollment of over 18,000 students.

Learn more: christchurchwc.org