



Ministry Opportunity: Apprenticeship

Independent Presbyterian Church

The Independent Presbyterian Church is one of a handful of historic Reformed churches which is able to offer a year-long internship for current seminary students. The internship consists of the following:

- Participation in the life of the church as a member of the pastoral staff. This means participation in the weekly staff prayer meeting and lunch;
- Broad pastoral ministry exposure primarily through participation. This will include assimilation of new members (Inquirers' Class); stated/regular services of the church; shepherding members (Care Groups); church discipline procedures; visiting the afflicted, bereaved, elderly or shut-in; Christian Education broadly & Sunday School specifically; special services of the church (weddings/funerals); and polity in action (Session and congregational meetings). For each of the listed, he will submit a summary of his observations and conclusions;
- Weekly teaching in the Sunday School and/or group Bible studies;
- Occasional preaching opportunities;
- A focused ministry target, either youth, college or young professionals, primarily under the direction of the youth director;
- Opportunity to take seminary courses during the apprenticeship at your own initiative, one per semester;
- Directed study with reports as supervised by the pastors.
- Apprenticeships are expected to last about 12-14 months.