



The Center

MISSION OUTSIDE THE BOX

Summer 2019 Internship

The Center is a mission initiative of the Presbytery of Baltimore that partners with congregations and community service agencies to transform Baltimore neighborhoods by engaging in the justice and reconciliation of Jesus Christ. Founded in 2011 by elders and pastors from the Presbytery of Baltimore, The Center hosts youth and adult groups from across the United States for mission immersion experiences that prepare them to get involved in justice-making in their own communities.

Since 2013, the Center has hosted over 700 youth and adults for mission experiences in and around Baltimore. Working with local congregations, groups taking part in The Center's mission experiences have:

- helped with a “Bible Camp in the street” in West Baltimore;
- prepared and delivered meals to people living with HIV and AIDS;
- served as counselors in a summer choir camp for city elementary school students;
- conducted summer learning camps for city schoolchildren in low-income neighborhoods; and
- prepared and served meals, and stocked, organized and distributed food for those living with food insecurity.

Interns at the Center will have the opportunity to experience the innovative response of a Presbytery that desires to have an authentic, Spirit-led, and justice-oriented presence in a city facing the challenges of poverty, crime, and neglect. Interns can expect to be challenged by urban and suburban problems and inspired by the restorative work of people, agencies and congregations who are committed to their city.

Specifically, interns will be working with visiting groups, planning and leading:

- hands-on mission experiences;
- theological reflection;
- worship;
- Bible study; and
- learning opportunities focused on the modern challenges of poverty, racism, inequality, food insecurity, etc.

Interns can expect to learn how to facilitate discussions with diverse groups about complex topics. They also will learn about faith-based community organizing and the tools it offers churches who want to engage in their neighborhoods. Interns will learn about the opportunities and the challenges facing any congregation that is willing to take the risk of making a long-term commitment to affecting change in its neighborhood.

Additionally, interns will assist with the daily administrative and facility maintenance tasks required by running our summer mission programs. These duties will include, but are not limited to: grocery shopping,

laundry, handling logistics and planning for mission weeks, putting together information packets and preparing the dorm facility for the arrival of groups.

Summer internships at The Center are demanding, and require a willingness to work hard in a variety of tasks. Although demanding, interns serving at The Center are afforded the opportunity to engage in God's holy work of building relationships across class, race, and culture in a variety of settings.

Internship requirements

Successful applicants will share a commitment to faith-based social change, and a willingness to learn about and support the various ways congregations are engaging in their neighborhoods. Additionally, applicants must:

- Be willing to work flexible hours, including evenings and weekends
- Be able to work independently
- Have their own transportation
- Be comfortable working with and in diverse communities of people and in a variety of neighborhood settings
- Have a solid knowledge of the Bible, and be comfortable leading Bible Study, theological reflection and worship

Compensation and Housing

Interns are paid \$3200 for 10 weeks, and are reimbursed for mileage.

Interns will be living in community with other interns for The Center, and possibly with interns serving at other local congregations. Housing will be provided free of charge. Interns wishing to arrange their own housing are welcome to do so, at their own expense.

To apply, send a cover letter explaining your interest in the position, a resume and a list of 3 references by **February 22nd** to:

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