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Greetings from Madison, Wisconsin!

Pres House (officially known as the Presbyterian Student Center Foundation) is at an exciting time in its history. Located in the heart of the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus, Pres House has been the center of many students' lives over the past one hundred years. Established in 1907, it has undergone different stages as a campus ministry, University Presbyterian Church, and ecumenical ministry. After a pause in active Presbyterian ministry, a new chapter has begun as the ministry of Pres House was reborn in 2004.

At Pres House, we seek to be a home where we experience the grace of Jesus Christ, explore God's desire for our lives, and are led out into the world by the Holy Spirit. We do this in a variety of ways: Sunday Worship, retreats, work trips, service, outreach, small groups, fellowship, dinner discussions, the Pres House Residence (apartments for 250 students), and more. Our community brings together a diverse group of people who are learning what it means to follow Christ. We are both a spiritual and physical home for students, striving to live holistically as God calls us.

You have an opportunity to be an instrumental part of shaping the community and ministry at Pres House. This is an excellent chance to explore a vocation in ministry in an exciting and dynamic environment under the supervision of pastoral staff. You will work as part of the program ministry team that includes another Chaplain Intern. We are looking for a highly relational person who loves college students and is considering a vocation in ministry. Please look over the job description and application, and if you have further questions don't hesitate to contact Rev. Erica Liu (information below).

Blessings,

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"As a Chaplain Intern, Pres House has been a great place to be in my years after college, learning about myself – my strengths and weaknesses, my call to ministry – while being supported by wonderful Pres House staff. My experiences working with students have given me a real taste of hands-on ministry, both the joy and challenges it brings, and have helped me consider my own call to ministry more deeply. I have been able to experience the diversity of ministry through preaching, music, one-on-one pastoral meetings, and service with students. Time in reflection with the Campus Co-Pastor has also helped me grow personally, as well as developed my professional and ministry skills; I have learned about myself while at the same time learning to better minister to others. The Chaplain Internship program has provided an excellent and supportive framework for my growth, and I am positive that it will prove invaluable for future interns here at Pres House." – Tracy Nolan, College Chaplain Intern 2007-2009



COLLEGE CHAPLAIN INTERN

Job Description

Pres House

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Pres House seeks to be a spiritual home at the heart of the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus. In keeping with the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Christian tradition of hospitality, Pres House is dedicated to providing a religious center and high quality student housing to promote the spiritual, emotional, and intellectual growth of residents and members of the campus community. Pres House is a ministry of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. and welcomes individuals of every perspective and background.

PRIMARY ROLE

The College Chaplain Intern (CI) provides spiritual leadership at Pres House while receiving support and mentoring by the Pres House pastoral staff. The ministry of the CI is largely one of presence (the person will live on-site in a private room within a shared apartment). The CI will be a part of the program ministry team at Pres House which includes another Chaplain Intern. Together the interns will support and mentor residents and members of the Pres House community at large. They will be the first staff contact for residents when they have emotional, relational or spiritual needs. The CI will work with Pres House staff and student leaders to plan and execute building-wide social, spiritual and educational programs. As an on-site presence the CI will have some responsibility to respond to emergencies in the residence building.

The CI will work with the community at Pres House to create and implement activities, events, and opportunities engaging on-site residents as well as the campus at-large. He or she will work on outreach to students, and finding ways to provide space for those who are seeking a spiritual home to explore their faith.

The CI also assists in the worship ministry of Pres House and in planning program activities. Depending on his/her skills and interests, the CI may lead in Sunday Worship and help with the other aspects of the ministry (e.g., mission trips, service events, retreats, etc.).

This is a full-time position for a minimum of 12 months, beginning August 1, 2009. A normal work week is approximately 40-50 hours, including time for prayer and study. The CI works closely with and is supervised by the Campus Pastors.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Provide leadership for Pres House Residence

- Organize and execute Welcome/Orientation events for residents
- Be responsible for creating a welcoming environment for residence with resources
- Make at least 2 apartment visits per week
- Plan and execute residence programs in partnership with the other Chaplain Intern, other staff and student leaders
- Be available for emergencies and crises interventions
- Report any life safety and maintenance issues that are noticed to maintenance department immediately

- Provide assistance to management and leasing staff when needed at the direction of supervisor, particularly during move-out and move-in

Assist in Worship and other Pres House programming

- Assist the Pres House staff in planning and running weekly program for the Worshipping community
- Assist and lead in Sunday Worship
- Plan and lead Outreach/Mission opportunities
- Plan and lead Small Group opportunities
- Spend a significant amount of time building relationships with students and help identify potential student leaders
- Assist in outreach efforts to welcome and recruit students on campus

Other responsibilities

- Participate in weekly Staff meetings
- Weekly supervision meetings with a Campus Co-Pastor

QUALITIES

This position requires a person who has excellent interpersonal skills, who is creative and takes initiative, and who has the ability to work with a diverse constituency. The ideal candidate will be:

- a committed Christian
- a friendly, outgoing person who loves to spend time with college students
- a strong team player with skills in collaborative leadership
- a person who is considering a seminary education (or already completed) and future ministry in the church
- enthusiastic about the mission and vision of Pres House

SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

- Excellent communication skills
- Minimum of college degree before beginning position
- Experience in Student Residential Life is desirable
- Experience and/or involvement in a ministry setting is preferred

COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS

- Housing provided in a private bedroom in a shared, fully furnished, apartment in the Pres House Residence—includes all utilities, cable, and internet.
- Monthly stipend of \$900-1400 depending upon experience
- \$150 per month towards health insurance
- Flexible Spending Plan
- 2 weeks paid vacation
- Covered parking (valued at about \$750/year)
- Expense funds to take students out to lunch or coffee
- \$250 for continuing education related to position