

YAKAMA CHRISTIAN MISSION

Congregational Sponsored Intern

The congregational sponsored intern program is a ten-week internship. The internship focuses on developing leadership skills. These leadership skills are based in three core areas—theology (an individual's understanding of God), anti-racism, and justice.

During the ten-week internship the intern will participant and lead workshops and workgroups. This is an intensive time during which the intern searches for their place in the local community, find ways to express their growth, and take charge and responsibility for projects and events.

The internship does not begin nor end with the ten-week period. Rather the internship calls the intern to plan and reflect on their experience, which leads them to ponder their time at the Mission over the course of a year.

Winter/Spring

- Apply for the Congregational Sponsored Intern position.
- Raise \$2500.
- Gather a *Reflection Group* of five (5) people from the intern's home congregation. (This means meeting with and working with the congregational pastor to ask for congregational support—such as prayer—and whom might sit on the *Reflection Group*.)
- Write a (1st) Reflection Paper with 300 words on each of these subjects: God/Creator, Anti-racism, and Justice. (These are reflective pieces and cannot be done wrong...Talk about what you think.)
- Meet with the *Reflection Group* for about an hour and talk about the paper. (This is not about processing the intern's thoughts, but processing the group's thoughts in light of the paper with the intern leading the time.)

Summer

- Once a week meet with a Mission Guide and talk about how personal theology is being affected.
- Once a week meet with a Mission Guide and talk about: Culture, Anti-racism, and Justice.
- Lead volunteers through one workshop per week and participate in all other workshops.
- Work with Learning & Serving Groups on a daily basis.
- Learn and lead Learning & Serving Groups in one of the working areas of the Mission: Summer Fun Program, JustLiving Home Build, Mission Farm.
- At six weeks, write a 500-word biography paper.
- During week eight and nine write a (2nd) Reflection Paper with 500 words on: God/Creator, Anti-racism, and Justice.

Fall

- Meet with the home congregation *Reflection Group* for one to two hours and lead a discussion based on the second reflection paper.
- Make a presentation about personal growth (emotional, mental, spiritual) over the ten-week period on one of the three subjects found in the Reflection Papers. (Examples are: Preaching at the home congregation, presenting at a regional event, providing a slideshow to a Regional Youth Council) once at the home congregation after meeting with the Reflection Group on one of the three subjects found in the Reflection Papers.

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Congregational Sponsored Intern Application

Name: _____
Age: _____
Address: _____

Phone: _____ (Cell) _____
Email: _____
Endorsing Congregation: _____

List two references. Ask them to complete a reference form

Reference #1: _____
Name: _____
Address: _____

Phone: _____
Email: _____

Reference #2: _____
Name: _____
Address: _____

Phone: _____
Email: _____

Please reflect on the following questions and return narratives to each question with your application (300 words are fine)

1. Describe an experience you have had with a person or a group of people from another race or culture. What, if any, impact did that experience have on your life?
2. Describe your experience on participating in or leading worktrips/mission trips/hands on mission experiences.

Health Concerns:

Any health issues that would affect your ability to fulfill the intern's tasks?

Share any health concerns including medication you are on and past or present health history:

Health/Insurance Information

Do you have health insurance? Yes _____ No _____

Hospital/Health Insurance Co.: _____

Policy #: _____

Coverage in the name of: _____

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Congregational Sponsored Intern Reference

Reference type:

Pastoral/congregational endorsement:

Personal reference:

_____ is interested in being considered as a Yakama Christian Mission Congregational Sponsored Intern. This is a summer position where the intern will work closely with groups coming to the Mission, may work with children from the community and culture where she/he is working; and will be on a staff with other mission workers. Since it is our purpose to secure an understanding of the applicant's personality as a whole, we urge you to be completely frank, in justice both to the person under consideration and to the Church. Feel free to offer pertinent facts and judgments not covered by the questions. We shall be grateful for your prompt assistance and shall treat your reply confidentially.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ (Cell) _____

Email: _____

1. How long, how well and under what circumstances have you known the applicant?
2. What do you believe to be the applicant's reasons for applying for mission service with the Church?
3. Please write a narrative recommendation including such topics as:
 - a. Ability to articulate Christian faith
 - b. Spiritual maturity
 - c. Emotional Strength
 - d. Cross-cultural Adaptability
 - e. Interpersonal relationships
 - f. Authority Relationships
 - g. Ability to do planning and implementation (Self motivation)
 - h. Health concerns

Return to:

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