<u>Murray Park Church of Christ</u> | Salt Lake City, UT | Summer 2022



Description

The youth ministry internship at Murray Park Church of Christ will provide a unique opportunity for an aspiring minister to be directly in charge of youth group activities for the summer. Our congregation is a loving and tight-knit community of 50+ members, including about 10 teenagers. The ideal candidate for this role is a young woman or man^{*} who has youth ministry experience, is spiritually and emotionally mature, and has a heart for ministering in a cultural context where Christianity is not the predominant religion. The intended outcomes of this internship are 1) growth in discipleship and community for our youth group, and 2) spiritual and ministerial formation and discernment for the intern.

Responsibilities & Expectations

Your main responsibility and focus as intern will be the planning and execution of events, devotionals, and Bible studies that will galvanize the youth group and foster individual and communal spiritual growth among them. You will operate under the supervision and support of the lead minister and the elders, but you will be generally free to structure the daily and weekly schedules of the summer as you see fit. Additional ministerial opportunities (e.g. preaching, children's ministry, food bank volunteering, outreach, etc.) will be made available in conversation with the leadership team—this internship is designed to be flexible according to your ministerial skills and interests. We are also happy to work with you to accommodate any school-related contextual education assignments or requirements. Specific expectations include:

Monthly

- Plan and execute 2-3 midweek events/devotionals/Bible studies
- Meet with youth individually or in small groups for unstructured hangouts
- Coordinate with adult volunteers
- Be involved in the recreational lives of youth group members (e.g. attend plays, soccer games, parades, etc.)
- Meet with leadership team for prayer and planning

^{*} Importantly, Murray Park Church of Christ is gender-inclusive in ministry and worship leadership. A candidate must fully support this aspect in particular of our congregation's ministerial identity.

Weekly

- Prepare a Bible study for Sunday mornings
- Maintain contact with youth group members to encourage relationship building and participation
- Keep a handful of set office hours and encourage youth group members to stop by and chat
- Meet with lead minister for weekly debriefs and targeted conversations about life in ministry

Qualifications

- Prior experience in youth ministry
- Spiritual and emotional maturity necessary for working with youth in a leadership capacity
- Undergraduate degree (completed or in-progress) in ministry or biblical studies is preferred
- Desire to minister in the American West or a similar socio-cultural setting is strongly preferred

Pay and Housing

- \$1,000 per month, for three months (precise dates are negotiable)
- Housing to be provided in fully furnished church parsonage (2 beds, 1 bath, laundry machines, A/C)

To apply or request further information, please contact Ryne Parrish at rparrish.mpcc@gmail.com

