

Ministry Residency Program at Denver Seminary

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY: A One-Year Presbyterian Experience in Church Planting

LOCATION: Colorado Springs, CO

ABOUT: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/1001-2/apprenticeship/>

A one-year residency is available in Colorado Springs beginning in summer 2019 within a program for forming new faith communities. Under the sponsorship of the Presbyterian Church (USA) 1001 Program for establishing new worshipping communities, this residency provides the resident with valuable experience in forming new communities of faith and concomitantly fosters the church planting work of the Presbytery of Pueblo.

POSITION SUMMARY:

The resident will engage in three activities as follows.

1. The resident will assist Rev. Collin Downing (M. Div., Fuller) in his ministry of establishing a new worshipping community in the Ivywild neighborhood of Colorado Springs (Wayfarers Chapel, now in its fifth year).
2. The resident will survey various localities within the Presbytery of Pueblo (southeastern Colorado) having potential for being the setting for starting a NWC. These localities include urban places with various social justice issues, rural areas containing small cities which economically have been left behind, mountain towns with a tourism basis and a focus on an outdoor lifestyle, and university settings with a potential for a campus ministry that evolves into a new worshipping community.
3. After doing the initial survey of potential new worshipping community places, the resident (in cooperation with the Presbytery) will select one in which to begin preparing for a new worshipping community. This work will include doing a neighborhood assessment, developing relationships within the community, identifying and developing relationships with potential ministry partners, and developing a mission plan for moving forward.

TUITION CONSIDERATION: \$3,000 Per Semester
 10% tuition discount
 Taxable Living Stipend: **YES (plus housing)**

ESTIMATED TIME COMMITMENT: SUMMER ONLY
 10 hours per week
 Plus one full week for a Mission Trip

RESPONSIBILITIES:

The ideal applicant for this residency will have a strong allegiance to Jesus Christ, strong entrepreneurial inclinations, willingness to be a risk-taker, a love for gathering people together for a common purpose, a sensitivity to the leading of the Spirit, and a passion for bringing the uncommitted into a relationship with Jesus.

The resident will have the ongoing support of two persons: Rev. Collin Downing, pastor of Wayfarers Chapel and Dr. Ronald Anderson, Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery of Pueblo. In addition, he or she will participate in a cohort of people engaged in various aspects of church planting led by Rev. Downing. Applications are invited from persons who are at any stage of seminary education—pre-, mid-, or post-seminary. Applicants are not restricted to persons of a particular denominational background, but must be comfortable within this denominational context. The Presbytery of Pueblo is part of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the stipend for this program comes from the PCUSA 1001 New Worshiping Communities program. The Presbytery itself includes persons with diverse opinions on some of the “hot-button” issues but the focus of this loving community is on their unity in discipleship to Jesus Christ. The residency carries a stipend of \$35,000 (which can be allocated to some combination of salary and health insurance) and modest housing.

TO APPLY:

For further information, contact Dr. Ronald D. Anderson, Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery of Pueblo, 719-250-2856, puebloexp@gmail.com. The deadline for formal application for this residency is March 15, 2019 and is made through the PCUSA 1001 Program at <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/1001-2/apprenticeship/> which also contains additional information.

DEFINITION OF THE MINISTRY RESIDENCY PROGRAM:

By Definition the Residency Program is an Internship and contains the following:

1. *Similar ministry training as that available in and through schooling for future clergy;*
 2. *This training is for the benefit of the trainee;*
3. *Resident is not a replacement for a regular employee, but works under close observation;*
4. *This program is considered to be of greater value to the trainee than to the employer;*
 5. *Trainees are not necessarily entitled to a job at the completion of the program;*
6. *Employer and trainee understand that trainees are not entitled to wages for the time spent in training.*