



## DUSTY LARSON INTERNSHIP

North Park Theological Seminary and the Town and Country commission of the Evangelical Covenant Church have partnered to create an ongoing summer internship program in a rural setting.

For seminary students this three month summer intensive will satisfy a semester credit of their Field Ed requirements. For students from a suburban or urban background, this internship will also serve as a cross cultural experience that will prepare them for a broad life in ministry.

300 of the 800 Covenant churches are in town and country settings (towns of less than 10,000 people) and it is the goal of NPTS and the Town and Country commission to give students the opportunity to learn and experience rural ministry. The student will learn about rural hospitality, what it means to belong, and will observe healthy, missional ministry in a rural context. Under the guidance of the local pastor he or she will participate in all aspects of solo pastoral life: preaching, teaching, community outreach, visitation, leadership, and more.

For the church, this three month summer intensive will allow your congregation the gift of investing in a student's life, with all the energy and fresh perspective they will bring to your church family. We understand for many rural congregations an intern is a real financial burden. That is why the Town and Country Commission in partnership with the Dusty Larson scholarship fund have made up to \$3000 available to three congregations each year.

These funds are available by application. The church is responsible to provide housing for the intern and their family. The student is responsible to provide their own transportation and a commitment of at least 12 consecutive weeks of summer ministry.

For congregations who wish to apply, please go to the North Park Theological Seminary website, under ECC Connections/Field Education. You will find the necessary form to fill out and submit to Daniel Booker, Congregational Vitality Coordinator in the Department of Church Growth and Evangelism. If you have any questions you can contact Daniel at (773) 907-3354, [daniel.booker@covchurch.org](mailto:daniel.booker@covchurch.org).

If you are an interested seminary student, please contact: North Park Theological Seminary, Field Education Department, 3225 W. Foster, Chicago, IL 60625-4895; Fax: 773-244-4959; Dr. Timothy L. Johnson, 773-244-5251, [tjohnson2@northpark.edu](mailto:tjohnson2@northpark.edu); Rev. Deborah R. Penny, 773-244-5259, [dpenny@northpark.edu](mailto:dpenny@northpark.edu)



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### CHURCH APPLICATION

#### Contact Information:

Church Name:	Phone (Day):
Address:	Phone (Evening):
City/State/Zip:	Email:
Church Denomination:	Pastor's Name:

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#### Part 1: Church Information

Numerical Size of Church (membership/attendance): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of paid ministry staff (full or part-time): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of non-paid ministry staff (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Age of Church: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mailing address (if different from church): \_\_\_\_\_

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**Part 2: Questions**

Would you describe your church as Healthy Missional, Stable, Critical Moment, or At-Risk? Explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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What are the various ministries of the church in which the intern would likely be involved? \_\_\_\_\_

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How would you describe an effective supervisor? \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you had a conversation with your church leadership regarding this opportunity? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, how much support is your congregation able to provide an intern?

Housing (Individual, Married, or Family): \_\_\_\_\_

Stipend: \_\_\_\_\_

None of these are determinative factors due to scholarship money available through the Dusty Larson Fund.

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Please return to:

The Evangelical Covenant Church

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For office use only:

- Recommendation from Conference Staff
- Recommendation from Town & Country Commission



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### STUDENT APPLICATION

#### Contact Information:

Name:	Phone (Day):
Address:	Phone (Evening):
City/State/Zip:	Email:
Church Denomination:	Degree Program:

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#### Part 1: Preferences

Primary Ministry Role: \_\_\_\_\_

Region Preferred: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Part 2: Personal Information**

If any, describe previous ministry experience (s): \_\_\_\_\_

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If you could design/describe an ideal internship experience, it would be as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

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My Strengths are: \_\_\_\_\_

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My Limitations are: \_\_\_\_\_

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Housing Needs? (Individual, Married, or Family): \_\_\_\_\_

Circle the top three areas you would like to focus on:

- Worship
- Public Address

- Teaching
- Visitation

- Evangelism
- Plan and lead a ministry event
- Administrative
- Engage in a culture unlike one's own
- Develop a plan for one's own spiritual nurture

What are you looking for in a supervisor? \_\_\_\_\_

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How do you see the internship affirming your call to ministry? \_\_\_\_\_

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On a scale from 1 to 10 (10 being very strong), how strong do you feel your call to Town & Country Ministry? \_\_\_\_\_

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