

STEP INTO LEADERSHIP

WHAT IS THE MINISTRY INQUIRY PROGRAM?

MIP is an exciting opportunity for college-age young adults to test their gifts and explore their calling through a hands-on summer internship in a MC USA congregation, camp or denominational agency. Participants usually work under the supervision of a pastor, and are involved in many aspects of pastoral life and work.

HOW DOES MIP WORK?

The student sets their own goals in consultation with both the supervising pastor and their college administrator. Requirements include a final reflection paper (750-1000 words) and evaluation.

"THE MINISTRY INQUIRY PROGRAM HELPED ME TO BE NO LONGER AFRAID OF PUBLIC SPEAKING. I FEEL VERY CONFIDENT TO PURSUE PASTORAL LEADERSHIP ROLES IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THE SEEDS THAT HAVE BEEN PLANTED IN ME WILL GROW INTO MIGHTY TREES."
-JUSTIN ODOM, 2020 MIP STUDENT AT PARKVIEW MENNONITE CHURCH, HARRISONBURG, VA

"STUDENTS ARE TYPICALLY GLOWING WHEN THEY RETURN FROM THEIR EXPERIENCE, HAVING FOUND IT EXTREMELY HELPFUL IN THEIR VOCATIONAL DISCERNMENT FOR FULL-TIME MINISTRY. I HIGHLY RECOMMEND THE MINISTRY INQUIRY PROGRAM FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS SEEKING A MEANS OF DISCERNMENT REGARDING THEIR CALLING TO MINISTRY."

DR. RANDALL S. KEELER, BLUFFTON UNIVERSITY

- In most placements, students live with a host family from the congregation who provides lodging and food expenses.
- Each participant receives a scholarship of \$3000 to be applied to expenses at a Mennonite college or seminary.
- The congregation to which the student is assigned provides \$750 cash for living expenses. They also provide the lodging for the duration of the internship.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING OR HAVE ANY QUESTIONS VISIT:

[MENNONITEUSA.ORG/MIP](https://www.mennoniteusa.org/mip)

Contact:



MIP is a program of the Church Vitality office of Mennonite Church USA.