

Curious about the connection between your church and the neighbourhood?

New Hope Church is an emerging CRC in Hamilton, Ontario, serving the Crown Point Community in Hamilton. We worship together on the main floor of an affordable housing complex, and seek to welcome and enfold those in need.

While not perfect, over the past decade we've developed some programs and practices that really help us connect with our community and the poor. As churches consider God's leading into neighbourhood outreach and ministry on the margins, we're eager to share some of our best practices with you and your community.

Interested in learning more about how your church can engage its own neighbourhood?

We are offering 4-8 month internships for those who seek to explore the connection between church and community.

By worshiping and serving alongside us, we hope to inspire and equip churches in our Classis for the call God has on their communities.

PROJECT GOALS

Through this worship and ministry internship, we seek to equip the churches of Classis Hamilton to (a) respond to the needs and opportunities that exist for their church and its surrounding community, and (b) enfold those living in poverty into a worshipping community.

DURING THE INTERNSHIP, WE WILL:

WORSHIP TOGETHER

- Understand the structure of a New Hope worship service, and why we do the things we do in order to create space for the neediest among us

SERVE TOGETHER

- Bring your gifts and talents to serve with New Hope

SHARE HOSPITALITY

- Sharing meals with the rich and poor alike, hear stories of how God has worked at New Hope Church, and how we

LEARN AND REFLECT

- Together, we'll read relevant books and articles, and participate in reflection and discipleship groups using the 3DM model.

DESIRED OUTCOMES

- Participants will return to home churches inspired and prepared to work with their home churches on new and renewed ministry opportunities.
- As part of Resonate's local ministry program, funds may be available for projects in your home church to start ministry experiments in your own context!

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

Unlike many internships, geared at young adults, we desire for this internship to be for existing leaders of any age who desire to learn about neighbourhood ministry and caring for the poor. Adults ages 45+ are specifically encouraged to attend.

WHAT IS THE TIME COMMITMENT?

Between Sunday worship services, short midweek commitments, and a bit of reading, you can expect 2-5 hours per week. The expected commitment is one church 'season' September to June.

WHAT SUPPORT DO YOU NEED FROM MY LOCAL CHURCH?

Since our project goals are to inspire change and innovation at the congregational level, a letter of endorsement from your church council is requested.

WHAT IS THE COST?

There is no cost to interns. With the support of your home church, you are invited to move your tithe to New Hope for the duration of the internship.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE INTERNSHIP?

After the internship, participants will return to their home congregations, inspired to create change in their communities!

You'll continue to receive ministry support from Steve, and Resonate Global Missions to help your church hear what you've learned, and 'experiment' with neighbourhood ministry in your own context.

HOW CAN I APPLY?

Email steve@newhopechurch.ca for an application form. Deadline for the fall cohort is July 15th, 2022.



Love where
you are.
Be present
in the
community
God has
placed
you in.

*You are
here*

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