

MetroNext

Many agree that our North American culture is changing at an unprecedented pace. It seems like we are experiencing change in nearly every aspect of our society -- politically, socially, economically, and spiritually. Especially in metropolitan settings, this complex and emerging culture has confronted the church at its core. It demands that we all work together to develop innovative ways of being followers of Jesus, new kinds of faith communities, and pioneering approaches of worship and service.

We have begun taking on this challenge. We believe if Christ is to transform the emerging culture it will be by equipping, empowering, and releasing the generation who understands the culture best. The most effective way to reach the emerging culture is to release the emerging generation to do it! We affirm the value of strengthening, renewing, and transitioning existing churches and the need to plant, resource, and coach new faith communities.

Metro-Next is a relational network seeking to connect Christians who feel called by God to invest their lives, talents, creativity, and dreams in the transformational mission of Christ. Our dream is to join God's activity in the renewing of existing churches and in planting new faith communities to bring healing, hope, and restoration to the emerging generation. If God is stirring in your life and you are sensing a renewed passion, let's connect and explore this new venture together.

MetroNext Internship Program:

The Metropolitan District desires to invest in the emerging generation of church planters by providing a Church Planting Internship program. The program will involve the following elements:

- Intentional mentoring, coaching, and training by experienced leaders in the Metropolitan District.
- Active ministry leadership in church ministry in a Metropolitan church.
- Ordination or consecration with the C&MA
- Incarnational living within the community of the church ministry.
- Full tuition scholarship to the Alliance Graduate School of Missions at ATS for a Master of Arts in Intercultural Studies

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Church Ministry :

20 hours per week in church ministry, to be determined by the host church. This will include mentoring not only through the local church but also by leaders in the Metropolitan District.

Community Engagement :

20 hours per week in secular employment in the community of the church. This job must be strategic to the outreach of the church and should provide opportunities to share Christ. The host church will work with the intern in finding opportunities that would be strategic to the church.

Seminary Studies:

20 hours per week in studies at ATS that will serve as a foundation for missional leadership and community transformation.

Expenses for the Internship program:

- **ATS Expenses** – The Metropolitan District, The Alliance, and ATS will provide a full tuition scholarship for a Masters in Intercultural Studies through the Alliance Graduate School of Missions for the intern. The Metropolitan District will cover the cost of the student's medical coverage (as a full-time student).
- **Housing Expenses** – The host church will work with the Intern in finding affordable housing in the community of the church. The Intern will be asked to raise support to cover housing costs. This will develop the intern in the necessary area of raising funds for church planting.
- **Living Expenses** – The Intern will be asked to find a job for 10-20 hours per week in the community of the church. This will cover any needed living expense and also build important ties with the community, especially with those who are not connected to church.
- **Ministry Expenses** – The host church will cover the cost for any expenses incurred for ministry.

Who should apply?

- Passionate for Christ and pursuing missional ministry in a metropolitan area
- Embraces the Vision and Mission of the C&MA
- Desire to gain ministry experience and a practical educational foundation
- Shows evidence of spiritual leadership and is active in sharing Christ in a transformational way
- Works well on a team