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Dear Prospective Intern,

First Presbyterian Church of Champaign is a 750-member church, located at the heart of Champaign-Urbana, the home of the University of Illinois. FPCC is a dynamic faith community with outstanding human resources, a deep commitment to mission and social justice, and a passion for spiritual growth. In 2012, we launched a new church development that now averages nearly 200 in worship. We have a sister church in Havana, Cuba, a significant relationship with the Sangla Hill Girls’ School near Lahore, Pakistan, and an ESL ministry that has grown so markedly that we have hired a half-time coordinator.

FPCC has four weekly worship services: a Saturday evening bi-lingual (French) prayer and praise gathering, an 8:00 a.m. Sunday contemplative service, a 9:00 a.m. Sunday traditional service, and a 10:30 a.m. contemporary service. We are becoming more multi-cultural, having received thirty-five Central African members in the last eighteen months.

Our vision is to be a growing, multi-generational, multi-cultural, servant-missional church serving Jesus Christ in the heart of the city and wherever God calls us to go. What this means practically is to be a:

- growing multi-generational church, honoring both our long-term members and dramatically strengthening our children, youth and family ministries,
- multi-cultural church, a house of worship, prayer, and support for those of diverse backgrounds,
- servant-missional church, seeking to have a measurable impact on our neighborhood, city and world for Jesus Christ,
- located at the heart of the city, serving a revitalized downtown, the larger C-U area, and wherever God calls us to go.

The job description for an intern includes exposure to the full life of the church, with a particular focus on mission and outreach. The intern will take part in Senior Leadership Team and Session meetings, meetings of our Mission groups, and others as time and interest allow.

The benefits of serving at FPCC include:

- being part of a cohesive and adventurous staff, who have fun together,
- being accessible to the resources and activities of the University of Illinois,
- being able to watch the unfolding of a $2.2 million capital drive,
- being in a culture that highly values innovation and is modeling a missional lifestyle,
- being able to develop and hone pastoral gifts.

We would enjoy your inquiries. My contact info is: rick.snyder@firstchuchchampaign.org. I am also enclosing a job description and a one-page summary of our vision, core values, ministry strategy, and discipleship measures.

Grace and peace,

Rick Snyder
First Presbyterian Church  
*Seminary Intern (FT)*

**Principal Job:**

To share in all facets of pastoral ministry, including worship leadership, preaching, pastoral care, hospital visitation, and teaching, giving particular emphasis to mission and outreach. To be a part of the Senior Leadership Team.

**Qualifications:**

Commitment to the Presbyterian Church (USA) vision of mission outreach  
Commitment to the work of First Presbyterian Church  
Good organizational, interpersonal and communication skills (written, verbal and electronic)  
Experience with successful mission projects and volunteer management  
Willingness to work under supervision

**Job Specific Responsibilities:**

To participate in Senior Leadership Team meetings  
To share in worship leadership and preach at least semi-annually on Sunday mornings.  
To help plan our Saturday evening bi-lingual service, preaching once/month.  
To share in pastoral care and hospital visitation, particularly among our New Americans.  
To serve as first contact for anyone (inside or outside the church) seeking information about or support for mission projects of this church, the presbytery or PC (USA). To develop an ongoing understanding of the mission philosophy, priorities, principles and goals of the First Presbyterian Church and the PC(USA)

To resource the Mission Team, World Mission Committee, Community Mission Deacons, New American Team, Environmental Stewardship Team, and small groups, helping them set objectives and carry out initiatives.

To communicate the work of FPCC’s mission program through Minute for Missions, the newsletter, the web-site, other appropriate media, and a monthly Session report.

To assist the chairpersons in agenda preparation.

To gain an understanding of the mission budget and work with the Mission Team and other staff in preparing budgets, and disbursement of funds.

To help coordinate mission drives, projects and events

**Committee Responsibilities:** Mission Team, World Mission Committee, Community Mission Deacons, Environmental Stewardship Committee

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