



Presbyterian Church of Deep Run

INTERNSHIP NARRATIVE

1. A Description of Our Context.

Societal Context:

Imagine a world where a church provides leadership and technology skills building opportunities for high school students while helping an aging congregation navigate a virtual world. The pandemic revealed that the Church, and the world, are in the midst of a Virtual Reformation. Virtual ministry is not a temporary stopgap for difficult times. Virtual ministry will continue to be part of the Church's life. Deep Run is determined to meet this contextual challenge with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love.

Historical Context:

The Presbyterian Church of Deep Run was founded in 1725. One of our founding pastors, Rev. William Tennent, established a school for educating young people in the faith by providing biblical training and a liberal education. His school, which was housed in his log cabin, became known as the "Log College." Those who trained under Tennent carried on his legacy as they were essential in the establishment of the College of New Jersey, now Princeton University.

Geographical Context:

Deep Run is the furthest north church in the Presbytery of Philadelphia. Located in the most rural area of Bucks County, Deep Run does not sit in a formal neighborhood, and has members and visitors from anywhere within a 10-mile radius. Within the immediate five-mile radius, there are roughly 60,000 people, with over 30% of households having children under 18; higher than the national average. Though our area is classified rural, there is developed growth happening within two-miles of the church with new subdivisions geared toward young families.

2. What is the Virtual Log College?

Living into the legacy of our founding pastor, Deep Run has discerned that we are once again being called to establish an educational ministry opportunity for youth in Bucks County. Leaning into the gifts of lay members of the Presbyterian Church of Deep Run, some of whom are technology teachers in Bucks County schools, we believe God is calling us to establish a virtual ministry internship with high school students. We are calling this initiative the “Virtual Log College.”

In the Virtual Log College, we will provide Christ-centered leadership mentoring for high school students while giving them the opportunity to build the audio/visual skills necessary to create quality livestream productions, which is the way of the future. In turn, our high school interns will help us to produce quality virtual worship services each Sunday as an outreach to our homebound and the larger community. For their time and service, we will provide each student a stipend, or a scholarship to the college or trade school of their choice.

Students can apply to participate in the Virtual Log College for an entire academic year, September to June, at 3-hours per week, with the option of assisting through the summer as well. For the school year, students will receive a stipend/scholarship in the amount of \$1,500. If they participate through the summer months, they will receive an additional \$500.

4. Goals of the Virtual Log College:

Practical Goals:

Short-Term: The practical short-term goal is to get a live-stream ministry established and operating on a weekly basis as we re-open for in-person worship. As such, we desire to establish a true partnership between the Presbyterian Church of Deep Run and youth in the local community.

Long-Term: The practical long-term goal is to become known by parents and youth in the community as a church that truly cares about the full development of the gifts and talents of young people. We desire to be known as a church that cares for children and youth, and a church that has embraced technology while honoring our historic roots.

Faith Goal:

During their time in the Virtual Log College, students will be mentored in the faith by a team of lay members, together with our Pastor. Each week we will ask our high school interns two simple, yet profound questions:

- Where have you seen God in the past week?
- How can we pray for you, your family, or your friends this week?

Our goal is to help our interns to be comfortable answering these questions as they become intentional about looking for God in themselves, and in the world around them.

**Presbyterian Church of Deep Run
Live-Streaming Paid Internship**

POSITION TITLE: Live-Streaming Paid Intern
REPORTS TO: Pastor/Head of Staff

INCUMBENT:
DATE: April 2021

POSITION PURPOSE:

Under the guidance of the Presbyterian Church of Deep Run (PCDR) Technology Committee, Personnel Committee and Head of Staff and in harmony with the Christian mission, purpose and the established policies and goals of the Presbyterian Church of Deep Run, the Live-Streaming Paid Intern is responsible for providing professional live-streaming of our worship services. This is a part-time internship with a stipend or scholarship.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

1. Oversee the live-streaming of our Sunday morning services, ensuring that we are streaming live on an embedded player on the Deep Run website (via YouTube or VIMEO), and on the Deep Run Facebook page.
2. Learn all software platforms (VMIX, NDI Tools, FaithLife Proclaim, etc.) and problem solve fast (sometimes in the midst of a livestream) to fix problems quickly and efficiently for our virtual and in-house worshippers.
3. Assist in the creation of slides and presentations before each service using our presentation software to be utilized in our services (both on the screen in the sanctuary and in the live-stream). This includes providing announcement slides, text of Bible passages, text of hymns/songs, videos/images for sermon illustrations, etc. (Some of these slides will also be utilized in our digital signage inside the church which interns will assist in updating.)
4. Ensure that all services are recorded for playback after the live-stream, and that links are available on our website.
5. Learn and operate basic functions of our sound system to ensure quality in-house and live-stream sound of all public speakers, singers, music, and videos.
6. Assume all other duties and assignments agreed upon as deemed appropriate by the Pastor.

REQUIRED SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS:

The incumbent must have any combination of education, training, and experience which demonstrates the ability to perform the duties and responsibilities as described.

1. Must be 14 years or older and at least a freshman in HS.
2. Must have a cheerful and positive attitude and be willing to help in all things.
3. Must be courteous and tactful.
4. Must be self-directed, proactive in attending to problems, and able to complete all duties.
5. Must be considerate of the mission and goals of the church, and comfortable in a faith-based environment.
6. Must be flexible and willing to adapt to varying schedules and level of work required from week to week.
7. Must be willing to learn software needed to stream, and how to operate sound system.
8. Must be honest and trustworthy as they will have access to secured areas of the church.
9. Obtain working papers from school guidance office.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS:

1. Be able to lift and/or move up to 30 pounds.
2. Be able to spend several hours standing, sitting, reaching, and bending over.
3. Be able to follow directions and communicate with other interns and staff.

Intern Signature _____

Date _____

Church Liaison Signature _____

Date _____

VIRTUAL
LOG
COLLEGE



**Presbyterian Church of Deep Run
Audio/Visual Internship
Application**

Name: _____ D.O.B. _____ (mm/dd/yyyy)
(Last) (First)

Address: _____
(Street) (City) (Zip)

Phone: _____ Email: _____

In Case of Emergency Contact

Name: _____ Phone: _____

I am applying for the (circle one):

Academic Year (Sept. – May) / Summer (June – August)

What Grade are you currently in (circle one): 9 10 11 12

Current GPA: _____ Do you have working papers (circle one): Yes / No

Do you have a faith community you regularly participate in (circle one): Yes / No

Name of Faith Community: _____

Why do you want to participate in the Virtual Log College A/V internship at the
Presbyterian Church of Deep Run?
