



## WHAT IS THE MINISTRY INQUIRY PROGRAM?

MIP is an 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. Participants usually work under the supervision of a pastor, and are involved in many aspects of congregational 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.

"I LOVED BEING PLOPPED DOWN IN THE MIDDLE OF A RANDOM, NEW COMMUNITY AND TOLD TO MAKE CONNECTIONS. IT SOUNDS LIKE A DAUNTING TASK, BUT AS I BEGAN, I WAS WELCOMED AND LOVED, EXPERIENCING CHURCH AS I'D NEVER EXPERIENCED BEFORE."

-JLUKE HERTZLER, 2019 MIP STUDENT INTERN

"MIP HAS REALLY ENABLED ME TO TAKE A DEEP DIVE INTO PASTORAL MINISTRY, BOTH IN WHAT IT COULD LOOK LIKE FOR ME IN THE FUTURE AND HOW I SEE IT BEING PLAYED OUT IN THE CONGREGATION I'M SERVING IN. I WOULD DEFINITELY RECOMMEND THIS TO ANYONE WITH EVEN THE SLIGHTEST INTEREST IN EXPLORING FAITH AND LEADERSHIP."

-ELIZABETH EBY, 2021

-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)



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