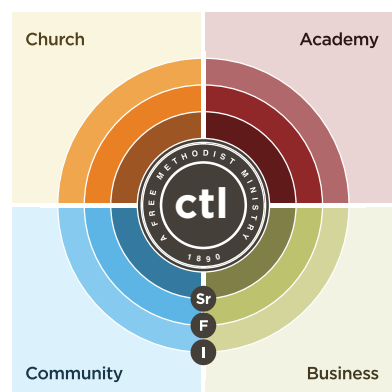


# CTL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM







## Who We Are

The Center for Transformational Leadership (CTL) is a ministry of the Free Methodist Church. Our conference straddles the Mississippi River, radiating outward from St. Louis into Illinois and Missouri. This ministry was created out of a desire to reach into the academy and assist young leaders in launching effectively into career and vocation.

## What We Do

We seek mentor Christ-centered leaders to transform the church, community, academy, and business for the sake of the kingdom. Through our intern program we will seek to recruit, cultivate, and develop future ministry leaders from Greenville College. This program is dynamic and maintains personal coaching, group work, and careful evaluation.

## Why It Matters

We see that the kingdom is expanding in mighty ways in the Global South, so we have started to pay attention to how that is being accomplished. Very quickly, we have learned that much of the growth is happening through bi-vocational church leaders; so we are seeking ways to train up young leaders to work in all sectors of society. Then they will be able to be “on mission” anywhere they go. We must go into all sectors of society to live out and proclaim the gospel through our actions, relationships and words.

## Our Story

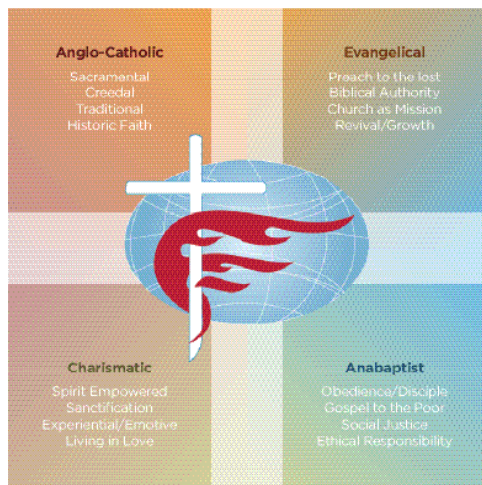
In our conversations with Christian colleges, the FMC discovered that there was a disconnect between the church and Christian colleges. They needed to collaborate further on providing the right tools for students as they prepared to step out of school and into the next phase of their lives. So the CTL was birthed out of a desire to reach into the academy and assist young leaders in launching effectively into career and vocation. The internship program was initiated in 2011. Since then we have deployed over 70 interns in Southern California and Washington State into churches, community non-profits, business and higher education.

## Our Mission

We exist to raise up communities of faith, inspire tenacious Christ followers, and equip the next generation of spiritual leaders. Potential leaders are Christians gifted by the Holy Spirit who have engaged the process of God’s transformation in their own lives. Through strategic and holistic mentoring, they prepare to live out and multiply transformational principles in others for the purpose of fulfilling Christ’s call.



# WHAT WE BELIEVE



## Our History

The CTL started as a ministry of the Free Methodist Church in Southern California in 2011. The Free Methodist movement was birthed in **1860** as a Spirit-filled response to ethnic and socioeconomic injustice of the day. We started as a movement that took the gospel outside the church walls to marginalized people of the world. Today, we have the same heart and vision: the church must engage every segment of our world which means it must draw from every discipline and facet of the body of Christ to people its mission with called and gifted leaders.

The Gateway Conference is a historic movement of God's people that has existed very nearly since the advent of the Free Methodist Church in 1860. Vibrant missionary movement carried the gospel into surrounding territories throughout the Midwest throughout the latter half of the 1800's. We affirm the importance of our relationship with God and others as the **"theology of love."** Our churches form a close community who share life together as we serve the larger community and world.

## Our Five Essential Commitments

The word **FREE** in Free Methodism was birthed from our five core freedoms:

**Freedom of all races to worship and live together.** The FMC were and are abolitionists. We worked for the freedom of the slaves in 1860 and participated in the civil rights movement of the 1960's. We formed abolitionist groups to free the slaves in our own nation and we have created an abolitionist movement today to set slaves free throughout the world.

**Freedom of women to be treated equal in the church, at home and in the world.** The FMC ordains women to serve in the church and teaches equality in marriages. In harmony with a long tradition of equal opportunity for women to serve in the church from the days of the early church meeting in house to today's recognition that God calls and gifts women as well as men to serve His church, we affirm God's call and equip God's leaders to serve.

**Freedom of the poor to be treated with dignity in the church and in the world.** The FMC ended the practice of requiring the poor to sit in the "free pews" at the back of the sanctuary and made all pews "free." This commitment to leave socio-economic distinctions and prejudices outside the sanctuary and invite all people into true fellowship and acceptance is an ongoing commitment of our church.

**Freedom of the laity to be given authority and decision-making positions within the church.** The FMC ended the clergy domination of the church and opened up a consistent partnership with clergy and laity working together to do God's work. This elevation of laity to use their spiritual gifts alongside those given pastoral gifts enriches all aspects of life in the church and protects against institutional abuse.

**Freedom of the Holy Spirit in worship.** The FMC gives freedom to each local congregation to follow the Spirit's leading on how they worship. Some Free Methodist Churches worship in liturgical style with daily office, while others worship in charismatic style with praise choruses. A few have taken this freedom to create a blended style of worship that brings together a community of people of all ages and creates a family of God that accepts both sacramental liturgy and the Christian year as well as the most recent of praise choruses and prayer services. Worship includes not only the music of praise and the study of Scripture but also the sharing of life in community.



# PARTNERSHIP

“The local church must partner with Christians in our educational institutions to prepare well-formed, spiritually transformed, mature, and informed Christians for their missional callings to the existing institutions and structures of civil and public life.”

Gary Black and Dallas Willard, *The Divine Conspiracy Continued*

## FMC and Greenville

In 1892, ministerial and lay leaders of the Central Illinois Conference of the Free Methodist Church purchased the property of Almira College, consisting of “Old Main” and several acres of land, to provide higher education for both men and women under distinctive Christian influences. The institution was reincorporated as an independent institution under the name of Greenville College Corporation and was authorized to confer the usual degrees.

The College and the Free Methodist Church share a commitment to a Wesleyan theological tradition and have maintained the rich legacy of mutual support in a voluntary relationship from 1893 till now. Greenville College is a sustaining member of the Association of Free Methodist Educational Institutions.





# 2017 INTERNSHIP OVERVIEW

“THE CTL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM: INTRODUCING YOU TO A NEW WAY OF LIFE.”

## Our Process

This process begins by networking with faculty and administration from Azusa Pacific University and Westmont College to meet their “best and brightest.” These students are contacted and invited to hear more about our internships. Through an application process we then identify each potential leader for placement in an internship. Interns serve for 8 weeks in the summer, learning, and experiencing different aspects of faith and practice.

Once the internships are completed, you may be invited to continue with the Free Methodist Church and in the CTL process by remaining in relationship with CTL leaders, internship site supervisors and all the past years of former interns. You will be invited to live and multiply what you have learned everywhere as you go in the power of the Holy Spirit.

## Internship Program Dates:

August 25, 2017 to December 8, 2017

## Internship Requirements:

- Be open to exploring the Free Methodist Denomination
- Work 12 hours / week for 15 weeks
- A reliable vehicle to be able to get to and from your church internship site

## How To Apply:

1. Interview with Kelly Soifer at the beginning of May 2017
2. Applications due May 5 - 19, 2017
3. Final intern selections made by June 30, 2017

Thank you for your interest!

We look forward to getting to know you.





# INTERN TESTIMONIALS



The opportunity to do this internship has literally changed the course of my life. It has given me greater direction and purpose and it has pointed me to Christ.

**RHIANNA • WESTMONT 2013 • INTERN 2013**



The CTL internship allows for the attainment and applicaiton of life skills that one can only learn when they take the chance to branch out and seek God's calling on their lives in a practical way.

**JOHN • APU 2013 • INTERN 2013**



The internship was an incredibly positive experience where I was blessed to become further connected to the Free Methodist family, and gleaned helpful tools, lessons, and connections that will aid me as I follow our Lord and Savior.

**AUSTIN • WESTMONT 2013 • INTERN 2013**



The mentoring I received was so insightful and helped me remember I was not alone. I now want long-term mentoring relationships in my life. I learned professionalism and now I'm looking into ordination.

**TAYLOR • SEATTLE PACIFIC 2015 • INTERN 2015**



Often, churches use only religious settings, i.e. mission trips and church events, to spread God's kingdom. The CTL instead sends their interns out into the world to work in churches, immigration centers, medical clinics, and more. The internship seeks to bring God's kingdom into the world rather than to isolate the kingdom from it.

**ERIN • WESTMONT 2015 • INTERN 2016**



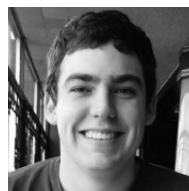
I think that if you feel that tug that you need to be a part of the application process, apply. I've often ignored the tug and felt convicted for not moving forward with it. However, this internship was something that I think came when I most needed it and it intersected with where God led me and wanted me.

**ROSY • APU 2014 • INTERN 2015**



I was looking for leadership opportunities and this internship aided me in making connections about my own faith and ministry. I was able to realize my own calling more specifically and refine my direction.

**SCOTT • SEATTLE PACIFIC 2013 • INTERN 2015**



I am grateful for the opportunity of being part of this program. It has been a privilege to meet and work alongside great people who as a church not only take an outstanding role in their community, but are people who taught me through their lives what it looks like to combine lifework and faith.

**ALBIZAEAL • APU 2016 • INTERN 2015**



# FAQ'S

## **Are the internships only located at churches?**

For this first year of the CTL with Greenville College students, our internships will be located with churches within a manageable radius of the school, though there are possibilities with some social justice non-profits led by Free Methodists. We are developing internship projects for the future that will be in the non-profit, business and academic sectors.

## **Where will I live?**

In nearly every internship, we are able to find housing for the interns, usually with Free Methodist church members who live near the internship site. Occasionally, if the intern has their own housing near the internship, we may invite them to live there instead.

## **How will I be placed at my internship?**

After the initial interview, all candidates are required to fill out the comprehensive online application (which includes contact information for 4 references). The Gateway Conference reviews each application and makes requests for the references. After everything is received, we move a portion of the candidates forward for second interviews with internship site supervisors. After prayer and deliberation, the interns are then selected by the end of March.

## **Is this a paid internship?**

Yes, interns will receive a \$2,000 stipend divided into two checks: mid-October and mid-November.

## **What does a typical week look like?**

Every internship functions differently. The details of how your hours are filled are determined in conjunction with your site supervisor. For every intern, they will be expected to participate in our weekly online internship training for approximately two hours. Those training times will also require some preparation ahead of time (reading, writing, occasional assignments), with follow up.

## **Do I have to be a Free Methodist to be in the internship program?**

No, you do not have to be a Free Methodist to participate in the program, but we do ask every intern to actively attend a Free Methodist church during their internship. Additionally, we spend time in our weekly training discussing and reflecting on the history of the Free Methodist Church, its vision for today and ways to be involved in the future. Seventy-three percent of our past interns have decided to remain with us after completing their internships.







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