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CANADA

VANCOUVER HANDBOOK



INTRODUCTION

About the Site

SELF-AWARENESS: At the Vancouver site, interns and apprentices will have opportunity to explore the foundations of their identity in Christ as it relates to their unique personalities, insecurities, and ability to work in a team.

SPIRITUAL AWAKENING: Interns and apprentices will be placed in environments where passion for God, spiritual growth, and empowerment can be cultivated. How do you become spiritually vibrant and alive when the Church and its people are at the margins of society?

CULTURAL INTELLIGENCE: The multi-ethnic character of Vancouver allows leaders to learn how to cross cultures sensitively in order to build friendship and share the good news concerning Jesus. More than half of the population of Vancouver consider English as their second language. How do we partner with other thriving faith communities who worship Jesus in such cultural diversity?

GLOBAL/LOCAL CHURCH LEADERSHIP: In every age, and place, our Christian calling involves the work of theology—thinking rightly about God, humanity, and the Church. What are the issues facing society today? How does the Bible help us to think “Christianly” about these issues? And how is the Church called to respond? At the Vancouver site, incarnation is a part proclamation; we want to think and respond to our culture in keeping with the way of Jesus.





Meet the Team

SITE COORDINATORS



DAVE SATTLER (daves@nsac.bc.ca)

Dave has been a pastor with the Alliance for over 20 years. He was a youth pastor for many years and his current role is Pastor of Outreach focusing on both local outreach and International missions.



MARDI DOLFO-SMITH (mardids@nsac.bc.ca)

Mardi has been a pastor for 20 years. She has been involved in discipleship and outreach on a university campus, ministry to people struggling with sexual and relational brokenness and ministry to people struggling with mental health issues. She is currently the Discipleship Pastor at NSAC.

SITE ADMINISTRATOR



MICHELLE JACKSON (michj@nsac.bc.ca)

Michelle has been on staff with NSAC for 6 years and was a travel agent prior to joining our team. Michelle also is the administrator for our youth and outreach ministries and a welcoming person for those who enter our church.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Intern Cost (full-time)

The general expenses are \$1,603 per each month. Interns must be available 4 months, 8 months, or 1 year at a time. The expenses cover meals, lodging, and in-city transportation. Airfare excluded.

Intern Cost (Bi-vocational)

There will be a limited number of spots for interns entering in September to work bi-vocationally. He/She will intern at NSAC for 20 hours/week and then work for a member of NSAC (if you meet the job requirements) for 20 hours/week at minimum wage. This work opportunity will be both practical and missional. Income up to \$1100 /month. Expenses are the same as the full-time intern above. Bi-vocational Interns must be available for 8 months or 1 year at a time. The expenses cover meals, lodging, and in-city transportation. Airfare excluded.

Housing and Food

Interns will be required to find an apartment in Vancouver with the help of the site coordinator. It is encouraged that Interns stay with a family or roommates to help integrate you into the city. Meals will be the responsibility of the intern. Rooms will be furnished.

Transportation

The easiest way to get around North Vancouver/Vancouver is by public transit (public buses and metro systems). If you plan to bring a car, there is plenty of street parking in North Vancouver.

Airport // Arrival Information

If you are flying into Vancouver, you should be landing into Vancouver International Airport (YVR). Please send your flight information ahead of time to the site coordinator so that they can arrange a pick up from the airport.

If you are driving into Vancouver please send your arrival information to the site coordinator so they can arrange a meeting point.



PACKING LIST

Packing List Suggestions

- Bedding
- Bible, journal, pen
- Any electronic needs (cameras, laptop..)
- Pajamas
- Rain gear (umbrella, jacket, poncho, etc.)
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Medications or prescriptions

How to dress

The dress code in most churches in Vancouver is casual. Feel free to wear jeans and a shirt. Please bring something dressy with you in case it is required.

- Our winters are rainy. So please pack rain gear.
- The summer months are usually moderately warm, but always be prepared for rain.

SCHEDULE

Schedules will be planned by the Site Coordinators and the NSAC team depending on roles, responsibilities and ministry activities. Intentional discipleship, skill development, local church and urban ministry will be included in the schedule.

Apprentices

Sundays–Thursdays
with some evenings.

Interns

Sundays–Thursdays
with some evenings.

Bivocational Interns

Sundays–Thursdays
(according to ministry
involvements)

Teams

Will depend on when the team comes and their focus.



MINISTRY

Interns

POSSIBLE MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Local Church Ministries:

- Age-Group Ministries (Kids/PreTeen/High School/Young Adults/Seniors)
- Small Groups
- Worship Ministries
- Journey (ministry to people struggling with sexual and relational issues / Jan-May)
- Prayer

Mission & Outreach Ministries:

- Community Events: School BBQs, CityFEST Youth Festival (May)
- Community Christmas Dinner (December)
- Coffee Time Ministry to People in Poverty
- Ministry to New Immigrants (Refugee Sponsorship, Conversational English)
- Ministry to At-Risk Youth (Skate Church, Creative Life)
- Annual Global Missions Trips
- Possible partnerships with North Shore Iranian Church and New Life Alliance church (neighbouring Filipino church)
- Possible partnerships with Abolitionist organizations (prostitution) or other organizations on the downtown eastside

Education:

- Auditing classes in local colleges and universities
- Attending seminars
- Visiting different places of worship

Teams

REQUIREMENTS

Maximum team size: 12 people

Minimum age: 15 years old

Dates: July 2020

POSSIBLE MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

We are excited to host Envision Canada as we believe our urban/sub-urban cosmopolitan city context provides interns, apprentices, and teams an amazing opportunity to learn how to translate the Gospel and engage with people from many different cultures. Teams will have the opportunity to see how an urban/sub-urban church functions in a multi-ethnic context and help in specific ministries and run community events (see above) as we continue to build bridges for the Gospel in our city.

North Shore Alliance Church (NSAC) continues to build relationships with different organizations around the city:

LOCAL PARA-CHURCH MINISTRIES – NSAC works closely with Youth Unlimited, YWAM, and Power to Change to minister to local youth on the streets, in public schools, and in the campuses of our universities.

LOCAL COMMUNITY SERVICES – NSAC works closely with city officials and local organizations to provide services particularly to youth and children and people struggling with poverty, homelessness, and mental health.

VANCOUVER-ITES IN NEED – NSAC partners with local organizations that help a wide range of demographics in Vancouver, from the homeless to refugees, and at-risk youth. Teams will have an opportunity to care for these people as they learn to love like Jesus by meeting people where they're at in life.

NORTH SHORE IRANIAN CHURCH – NSAC partners with a Farsi-speaking Alliance Church that meets in our building Sunday afternoons. Over the past 40 years, the North Shore has become home to many people from Iran who are exploring Christianity.

PEOPLE WITH DIVERSE SPIRITUAL JOURNEYS – (see above description under the culture of Vancouver)



LEARNING ABOUT VANCOUVER'S CULTURE

What are some key surface cultural values (food, festivals, holidays, language, music, etc.)?

The city of Vancouver is located on the traditional territories of the Squamish, Musqueam, and Tseil-Waututh peoples of the Coast-Salish group. Located at the mouth of the Fraser River and the waterways of the Strait of Georgia, Vancouver has always been a gathering place for people. Established in 1886, Vancouver is ethnically and linguistically diverse; for an estimated 52% of the population, English is a second language. The Greater Vancouver area is home to approximately 2.5 million people.

Like most major cities, Vancouver has an identity all its own. Vancouver is a city where the ocean and mountains meet; it's a playground for those love outdoor recreation. It's also a city where coffee, food, and wine are treasured, where independence and freedom are prized, and where the notion of "God" is largely absent. People do not wake up on Sunday, thinking about going to church; increasingly, the Christian story is neither known nor welcome. Not unlike the early church, Vancouver is a city in which Christianity is at the margins of society.

What are some key deep cultural values (Communication Styles, Hospitality, Rules and expectations, roles related to age, gender, class and family, Notions of fairness and justice, marriage, children and dependents, etc.)?

A deeply held cultural value in Vancouver is inclusion. It is important to Vancouverites, not to be judgmental, and particularly to include people of different cultural backgrounds, different sexual orientations and identities. Many Vancouverites value the environment, indigenous rights, and social justice. Families all look different; many parents never marry but raise children as common law partners. It is important to listen before speaking and understanding before telling.

Finally, the spiritual climate. Vancouver is home to a host of different organized religions and personal spirituality. Organized religions include: Christian, Sikh, Buddhist, Muslim, Hindu and more. Many people are generally quite closed to Christianity and organized religion, it is important to understand Vancouver's context while engaging with and learning about other people's spiritual journeys. It is possible to have meaningful conversations around faith with people, particularly new Canadians but it takes patience and listening.



What is Envision Canada?

WE ARE AN INITIATIVE OF US

Envision is an initiative of us — an integrated national and global strategy that creates multiple on-ramps for missional experiences through trips, internships and apprenticeships with our Global Ministries and International Workers that fortify connection to C&MA people, places and projects around the globe.

WE ARE A MOVEMENT

Envision is a movement within the Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada dedicated to raising this generation of Christ-centered, Spirit-empowered, and Mission-focused leaders for global impact. Envision Canada identifies and equips young missional leaders for the future.

WE ARE A PLACE TO BELONG

Envision partners with initiatives around the world and provides opportunities for missional engagement through cohort programs, places of collaboration, and other environments to meet like-minded leaders. We create spaces for training and equipping alongside leaders within the C&MA.

WE ARE A CREATIVE PLATFORM

Envision is a creative platform that invites young influencers to learn to collaborate, create and innovate as a community for missional engagement. We function like a start-up, or an incubator of concrete ideas, which teaches how a young adult can have an impact on the local church, the wider Alliance family in Canada, and especially for the Global Church.

For more opportunities to engage and serve worldwide, check out envisioncanada.org



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