

2025-2026

OUR PURPOSE

The Internship program at Living Hope Community Church is designed for individuals who feel called or are exploring a call to vocational or bi-vocational church ministry. Our purpose is to:

- **INSPIRE** young leaders to discern their ministry calling.
- **INFLUENCE** young leaders to grow in character and competence as ministry leaders.
- IMPRINT best practices from Living Hope Community Church.
- IDENTIFY future partners in ministry.

OUR PATHWAYS

Track	Training Focus	Key Experiences	Pastoral Mentors
Pastoral Track	Train men to lead within the church as future pastors of adults.	 Speaking opportunities Understanding church finance Organizing cell groups Ministering to families Networking with outside groups Working with the community 	Jeff Hyun – Senior Pastor Ben Tabbal – Associate Pastor (ben.tabbal@livinghopecc.org)
Student Ministries Track	Trains men and women to work with youth or college-age people in the local church through practical, hands-on ministry.	 Speaking to students Creating sermon series Organizing events and retreats Working with volunteers Networking with outside groups Discipling students 	 Ervin Liang – Youth Pastor (ervin.liang@livinghopecc.org) Jin Ahn – College Director (jin.ahn@livinghopecc.org)
Children's Ministry Track	Trains men and women to work with children, preschool or elementary aged, in the local church as volunteers or vocational children's directors.	 Speaking to children Event planning Working with volunteers Learning the role of curriculum Working in developmental stages 	 Chris Chi – Family Life Pastor (chris.chi@livinghopecc.org) Jungah Jo – Kid's Director (jungah.jo@livinghopecc.org) Sarah Kim – Preschool Director (sarah.kim@livinghopecc.org)
Worship Track	Trains men and women to serve as volunteers or vocational worship directors and/or pastors.	Leading worshipWorking with pastoral staffPlanning through the seasonsLeading a worship team	Robby Jung – Worship Director (robby.jung@livinghopecc.org)

OUR PROMISE

We promise an immersive ministry experience to help interns discern their calling. Interns will receive:

- PRACTICAL TRAINING Hands-on ministry experience in their track.
- **PERSONAL MENTORSHIP** One-on-one mentoring with a pastoral leader in their track.
- PUBLIC AFFIRMATION Recognition as a ministry candidate within our affiliated networks.

OUR PARTICULARS

Responsibilities

The intern is expected to be a fully participating pastoral staff member of Living Hope Community Church in areas such as:

- Regular attendance at Sunday services, major events, and small groups
- · Attendance at pastoral staff meetings and other required meetings
- Participate in monthly coaching sessions
- Hours: approximately 15 hours/week

Benefits

Living Allowance & Scholarships

Timetable

The internship shall last twelve months (September 1, 2025 – August 31, 2026).

OUR PROCESS & PRE-REQUISITES

To apply for the Living Hope Internship:

- Applicants must be at least a junior in college and considering a calling as a vocational pastor/director
 in the respective track. The Pastoral Ministry Track requires applicants to have completed a seminary
 degree or be enrolled in one.
- Complete the application and send it to the relevant track contact (see above).
- There are limited spots, and applications will close once the slot is filled.
- Applications are due July 15th, 2025, or when filled.
- Have an interview with the pastoral mentor of the track you have selected.

For any questions related to the overall internship program, please email Pastor Ervin Liang (ervin.liang@livinghopecc.org).

^{*}Submitting your application means you can affirm and live the values and beliefs of Living Hope Community Church*

FROM PAST INTERNS

"This internship came at a pivotal time of discernment in my life. Stepping back into roles such as speaking and small group leading within the youth ministry allowed me to re-engage with my gifts while receiving meaningful feedback that sharpened my communication and leadership skills. Living Hope Community Church has been a unique and formative environment to grow in. Over the past year, I've witnessed how a church staff can continue to grow together, even while navigating the complexities of a senior pastor transition. This season provided real-time insight into how a church body moves forward with unity and faith even during times of major change.

A standout component of the internship was the coaching sessions. These meetings offered both spiritual depth and practical tools for ministry, all while keeping in mind the realities and needs of someone actively serving on a church staff.

The structure of the youth ministry was particularly eye-opening. While it's common to see high school and junior high ministries separated, I hadn't experienced midweek services hosted on two different days before. It was a fresh and intentional way to meet the unique needs of each age group. Observing Pastor Erv and Noah lead with complementary strengths was both inspiring and encouraging! They modeled a team-oriented leadership style that clearly impacts the students and volunteers. Living Hope's commitment to developing the next generation of church leaders, especially within the Asian American Church context, is evident and intentional. Whether you're in a season of discerning next steps or looking for hands-on ministry experience, this internship offers that opportunity!" (Esther Choi, Youth Intern, 2024-2025)

"My internship at Living Hope was an amazing and memorable experience. I've always had this thought of "What would it look like if I worked in ministry?" To be able to experience that first hand is a blessing I will never take for granted. I learned how to lead volunteers in many different life stages, I learned how each Sunday, each Event, and each detail is meticulously planned centering around God and God's people. I was given the opportunity to prepare and speak messages, plan and lead a huge Easter Event, and provide prayer and care to our amazing volunteers. I'm so thankful to Jungah, Rachel, Erin, Gina, Caleb, Pastor James, and so many more who constantly poured their love and support for me. There were days where I questioned myself and my decision to do this internship, but having a support staff like them to reflect God's love towards me made those thoughts of self-doubt seem so small. As I continue to see where God wants me to be, I know I will take every single lesson, advice, and encouragement I had received in the past year to faithfully serve God's kingdom and love upon God's people."

(TJ Onias, Children's Intern, 2024-2025)

"My internship experience at Living Hope Community Church has been such a great blessing and opportunity for me. I applied for this internship with the hopes of understanding the ministry experience as a layman. I am thankful to be able to see what bi-vocational ministry looks like. I had the opportunity to preach and receive feedback to practice and sharpen my speaking skills. This specific year, it was a unique experience to be able to see the behind-the-scenes operations of how a church and ministry function. In all, this internship opportunity has been a tremendous learning experience for me." (Brandon Lee, Youth Intern, 2024-2025)

"Living Hope has become a home that we all turn to every week. A place where we can come to be adored and cherished and ultimately to be surrounded by our brothers and sisters in Christ to seek God together. But have you ever wondered about how it all works? The internships at Living Hope are the foot in the door to learning all that is ministry. The Living Hope Worship Internship has truly opened my eyes to the dedication and beauty of church. Every week I am shocked at how much each of our staff and volunteers do for our church. There's so many moving parts, logistics, and planning, but here we are devoting our time and efforts because we truly believe our God is so deserving of it all. I've been so blessed to be mentored and taught by such great leaders, and I leave this internship with nothing more than the highest respect for all our staff (and a myriad of memories and laughter.) I had fears of this internship turning my journey of church into a journey of work, but instead I now find ministry to evermore be so present in my walk with God. Any track of Living Hope's Internships will be guaranteed to be challenging and self-revealing. However, this pursuit of serving the church has brought about a renewed perspective on ministry and a deeper reliance on God. Specifically for the Worship Internship, you will learn to plan an entire worship service schedule, while also handling the needed logistics and communication. For praise, you learn to navigate and orchestrate the musicality, technicality, and accountability, and furthermore, lead the congregation into these precious moments. Whoever's reading this, I hope that just as I feel and believe that you may also live and praise by these words: 'My source of strength, my source of hope is Christ alone." (Timothy Min, Worship Intern, 2024-2025)

"The Living Hope College Ministry Internship has been a tremendous blessing to me. As I start my seminary journey, this internship has not only confirmed my calling to ministry, but has also equipped me with skills that I will probably never learn in seminary. Through the internship I was given the opportunity to give messages, plan retreats, and run our Friday services, but above all, a first-hand experience on what it looks like to love and shepherd others in the Gospel. Throughout my internship it was evident that Living Hope truly cares about investing and raising up the next generation of ministry leaders. I highly recommend this internship to anyone considering vocational ministry. The opportunities and mentorship provided are invaluable and will truly help prepare you to serve Christ and His Church." (Hyun Bang, College Intern, 2023-2024)

"Through the Living Hope internship, I learned so much about how I should navigate myself in ministry and what my responsibilities are as a leader. To be honest, it was not an easy time because I had to face various difficulties in being a spiritual leader and an example of Christlike in the ministry. However, my mentors Rachel Cho and Caleb You poured so much into me that I felt the genuine love and support to understand better how Christ loves others even through the challenges. That was one of the main components that guided me during this internship. The biggest takeaway from this internship was realizing how many servants are needed for a ministry and how beautiful their dedication to Christ is. I won't forget my internship experience at Living Hope because it was valuable, fun, and insightful." (Jacob Ghil, Children's Intern, 2023-2024)

"My internship with Living Hope came at a very important crossroads in my life. I had been serving in ministry for a number of years and had considered leaving ministry to try something else. And then I heard about this internship. I decided to pursue this internship because I knew that if I were to continue in ministry, I needed mentors who could guide me and more experience to ground me. And that's exactly what I found at Living Hope. I got to explore serving in ministries I'd never tried before. I was mentored under experienced pastors. And I was given priceless feedback as to where I might best thrive in ministry. I learned about myself, made valuable friendships, and found a renewed desire to serve the Lord and the Church. If you're a young person interested in pastoral ministry but not sure where to go, there are really not many opportunities out there that are better than interning at Living Hope." (Noah Dennis, Pastoral Intern, 2022-2023)

"The entire duration of the Youth Ministry Internship has arguably been the most constructive season of my life to date. In all honesty, I initially took on this internship position in order to fulfill a seminary degree requirement. Prior to starting seminary, I had never really given much thought or consideration to what ministry God might be calling me to. I came into this internship with zero knowledge about the youth ministry, a whole baggage of insecurity, and my own laundry list of personal life plans that I believed I was set to see through. Approximately 10 months later, I no longer have my self-crafted 5-year life plan, but I have open hands and an open heart that longs to let God provide and guide. I no longer feel inadequate in my ministry abilities, introversion, and lack of experience, because my confidence is now firmly grounded in the one who enables me to serve Him and His children. I am no longer a stranger to the youth ministry, and I can't deny how much I have fallen in love with the youth ministry, the church and its members, and the God who has been revealing Himself to me through serving in this capacity. God has taken me through this incredibly lifechanging year of self-emptying and reorientation in order to ultimately align my heart, values, and desires to His. Working alongside Pastor Erv through the midweek events, Sunday youth services, retreats, praise nights, student outings, volunteer hangouts, staff meetings, and hours of sermon prep were only a small handful of the avenues made available to me to experience youth ministry hands-on. The Youth Ministry track has not only gotten my two feet completely submerged in the field of youth ministry, but has truly prepared me well for diving deeper into the ministry that God has called me to serve." (Abigail Won, Youth Intern, 2022-2023)

"The LHCC Worship Internship Track was an amazing experience for me. The intent was to know the functions of leading from the "front and back" of the ministry, as well as to clarify the call to ministry, and I believe that was shown well during my time here. I am truly grateful for the people I've met and served alongside, and was blessed to see the heart for LHCC, and God's people in general. This internship was very hands on, with many resources and individuals available to help fulfill the tasks at hand. In the midst of the day to day, I was also able to truly grow as a worship leader, sharpening my skills in leading/planning a set, communicating with staff and worship team members, and the overall intentionality of it all. I am super grateful to Ben, Robby, and Amanda always being available to chat, and flesh out some of the thoughts and intentions I had when it became my turn to lead in any capacity. There were opportunities to not only discuss worship, but my own spiritual walk and well-being as well. I highly recommend this internship for all who want to know more about God, our church, and worship in general. I will forever be grateful for this opportunity, and cannot wait to see what God has in store. To God be the glory." (Evan Lee, Worship Intern, 2021- 2022)

"The Living Hope Children's Ministry internship has been an incredible experience. The time here has been encouraging, challenging, eye-opening, and affirming. I learned about my strengths and weaknesses as a ministry leader and how the Lord has uniquely created me for the purposes of His Kingdom. I had the great privilege of working with a Pastoral Staff that deeply loves God and His church. The pastoral staff seeks to pour into and develop younger leaders for the edification and building up of the Church. I am so thankful for the informal and formal mentorships that were provided by the staff as I was supported, equipped, and trained through these mentorships. I was able to gain a lot of practical experience through delivering Children's messages, planning events, building relationships with children, managing social media, and coordinating outreach projects. Through this internship, I have been able to see the beauty and need for Gospel-centered Children's Ministry as God deeply loves and cares for His children. As children have a posture of dependency towards others, I was challenged every single week by the children to have a posture of dependency unto the Lord not only in ministry but in everyday life. I am so thankful for this experience and opportunity to grow not only as a ministry leader but also as a follower of Christ." (Ryan Yoon, Children's Intern, 2021-2022)



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ADDRESS:		
DESIRED TRACK:		
EDUCATION (list all undergraduate and graduate):		
MINISTRY EXPERIENCE (list related ministry or skill experience):		
CHURCH BACKGROUND (list church attendance/membership and years):		
SKILLS & INVOLVEMENTS (list relevant skills and involvements):		
REFERENCES (list two ministry references):		
COMMENTS:		

Please send questions and/or completed application to:

- PASTORAL TRACK
 - Senior Pastor Jeff Hyun
- STUDENT MINISTRIES TRACK
 - Youth Pastor Ervin Liang (ervin.liang@livinghopecc.org)
 - College Director Jin Ahn (jin.ahn@livinghopecc.org)
- CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TRACK
 - Family Life Pastor Chris Chi (chris.chi@livinghopecc.org)
 - Kid's Director- Jungah Jo (jungah.jo@livinghopecc.org)
 - Preschool Director Sarah Kim (sarah.kim@livinghopecc.org)
- WORSHIP TRACK
 - Worship Director Robby Jung (robby.jung@livinghopecc.org)