

Internship Dates: July—June

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**4-1 Youth Group**

*"If you do away with the yoke of oppression,  
with the pointing finger and malicious talk,  
and if you spend yourselves in  
behalf of the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the oppressed,  
then your light will rise in the darkness,  
and your night will become like the noonday.  
The LORD will guide you always;  
he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land  
and will strengthen your frame.  
You will be like a well-watered garden,  
like a spring whose waters never fail.*

Isaiah 58:9-11



Mending Wings Ministries exists to empower Native American youth and families to walk together in wholeness and beauty, to honor creator through our cultures and lives, to provide programs that facilitate healing within our reservation communities, and to share with others the life-changing hope we find as followers of the Jesus Way.


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# Cross Cultural Internship



*Serving Native Youth on the  
Yakama Indian Reservation*



## Leadership Training in a Cross Cultural Context

Are you interested in ministry, possibly in a cross cultural context? Would you like to grow in your ability to relate across cultural barriers while making a real investment in Native American youth? Then this internship might be for you.

### **Cross Cultural Ministry Skills:**

Every culture has inherent blind spots to the needs and values of other cultures. The challenge of missions is to communicate the goodness of Biblical truths into the heart language of another culture. History has proven this to be far more difficult than expected.

Learning to overcome our own cultural blindness is a process that requires displacement into another

cultural context. Ministry on the Yakama Indian Reservation is an excellent place for this kind of growth. The skills necessary for learning to minister within a Native

American context will be transferable to any culturally diverse context. We believe these skills will be beneficial in a ministry, academic or market place context.

### **Spiritual Formation and Character Growth:**

The goal of spiritual growth is not to know more information or even to behave better but as Paul writes to the Galatians it is that "Christ would be formed in you."

Burn out is an epidemic among missionaries, pastors and church leaders, especially those ministering among communities with significant needs. A key component of this internship is to foster some of the spiritual disciplines needed for life long spiritual growth. Disciplines such as a *weekly Sabbath, corporate and personal prayer, scripture study, and community accountability*.

Character growth is another key element to long term health in ministry. We will be meeting regularly to explore our own character strengths and weakness, as well as the ways God wants to heal us.

### **God's concern for the poor and oppressed:**

The Old and New Testament consistently teach us that love for God is inseparable from a concern for the poor and oppressed. Most college graduates are coming from the middle to upper class sphere of our society and are ignorant of the life experience of those with less economic privilege. This ignorance often veils assumptions of superior-



ity; assumptions that undermine the gospel and imprison individuals from experiencing the depth and breadth of God's love for all people.

Working with Mending Wings will expose you to God's passion for the poor and oppressed in our society.

### **Ministry Activities**

The interns' primary focus will be working with the 4-1 youth ministry under the leadership of Corey Greaves, a 17 year veteran with Native Youth ministry. The 4-1 Youth group is one of the largest Native American youth groups in the country, and the largest Native American youth ministry supported by the Presbyterian USA denomination. The heart of this ministry is healthy mentoring relationships between youth leaders and the students and therefore the interns will be given significant leadership responsibility such as small group leading, discipleship, family visits, chaperoning youth conferences and planning regular social activities.

### **Tent Making and Fund Raising :**

Each intern will find a job 20-30 hours a week. Their goal is to earn enough money to cover their costs. The expectation will be that they raise \$4000 to help cover some of their expenses and give them fund raising experience.

