**1001 New Worshipping Communities Apprenticeships**

Leaders of new worshiping communities face the daunting challenge of creating something new that is both contextual and transformative. We want to help. 1001 New Worshiping Communities offers several different training and support mechanisms to enhance your experience and help you and your team start strong – with the support you need to thrive.

If you are currently leading an NWC and would like more support or are exploring a call to be a part of this movement, we encourage you to apply to one of our apprenticeship and residency programs for 2023-2024. Regardless of the program, all accepted applicants take part in:

* discerning and starting new ministries from scratch
* a 3.5-day national gathering with all residents & apprentices
* a weekly online cohort of peers throughout the duration of the program (Thursdays – 12:00-1:30 pm EST on zoom)
* one: one coaching with an experienced NWC coach
* a stipend of $3600 (nine-month)

**Applications are due March 15, 2023 and are reviewed on a rolling basis. Apply now.**

**Details:**.

* the opportunity to start something new, and coaching to help you do it;
* training and discernment in new worshiping community work as a part of a diverse cohort of colleagues that meets annually in person and weekly on zoom;
* one-on-one coaching from a mentor experienced in the inauguration of new ministries;
* access to national leaders to help you navigate the dynamics and opportunities involved in starting ministries that are both contextual and transformational.

If you are interested in being part of a future apprenticeship group, we’d love to talk with you. If you have questions or want to talk this through, please contact our program director Sara Hayden at sara.hayden@pcusa.org

**How it works:** The 1001 NWC apprenticeship is designed to identify, recruit, and equip leaders to inaugurate new worshiping communities. Apprentices will benefit from the action-reflection model of ministry as well as reflection on missional theology and contextual ministry as they attempt to develop a new ministry. Apprentices will also benefit from cohort gatherings with peers and experienced mentors to reflect on ministry and call.

**Important Dates:**

* Application deadline: March 15th, 2023. Applications considered on a rolling basis.
* Summer online onboarding with the group: Dates TBD
* Program Retreat: Dates TBD
* Nine-month dates: Sept 7 2023-May 17 2024; coaching will continue through August 2024

**What are the major components of the apprenticeship?**

* Inaugurating a contextual and transformative new ministry from scratch
* Participating in a cohort of peers and mentors for reflection, training, and discernment
* One: one coaching every three weeks with an experienced NWC coach

The nine-month national cohort members meet for conversation, training and discernment via Zoom on Thursdays from 12-1:30 pm EST, beginning September 7.

**Are apprentices matched with a partner site?**

Nine-month apprenticeships are located in the context in which the leader feels called to live and work; it is usually near their current residence but doesn’t have to be. Apprentices have clearly identified a call to contextually-relevant, missional leadership and are either convening a group (NWC or less formal) prior to application, or on the cusp of doing so during the apprenticeship.

**Who can apply?** This program is open to people at any stage of the life. We have had many NWC leaders as well as college students, seminarians, seminary grads, pastors, and other professionals apply and meaningfully take part. Our goal is to invest in leaders ‘where they are’ and assist them in developing the projects that are emerging locally.

**What’s next?** All applicants for the program will be notified by April 15, assuming they applied by the deadline, and will receive a letter detailing important dates and program details.   Participation of accepted applicants is contingent upon successful background check completion.

**You can download a copy of this application at onethousandone.org/apprenticeships.**

**Application for 2023-2024**

**Email completed materials to:** sara.hayden@pcusa.org

**Personal Information:**

Name: Date of birth:

**Address:**.

City: State: Zip:

Phone: E-mail:

College you attend(ed): Grad year:

Seminary you attend (if applicable): Grad year:

\* Please note: All 1001 apprentices and residents will take part in a national training event during 2023. Costs for the training will be covered. All program participants will also take part in our regular Thursday cohort meetings, from 12-1:30 EST, September 7-May 17th.

**Questions:**Please answer the following questions and be as clear and concise as possible:

1. Why are you interested in a church planting apprenticeship? If you are currently leading a NWC or starting a ministry, please tell us about it.
2. What do you hope to give and receive from this experience?
3. Tell us about some relationships or connections you have with people outside the church. Or, tell us about some interests, passions, or hobbies you have that are not church-related.
4. Describe an experience you have had recently collaborating with others. What challenged you? What did you offer? How did you grow?
5. In 2-3 paragraphs, describe the development/journey of your faith.
6. Provide an example of something you have started. Why did you start it? How did you go about it, and whom did you engage? What obstacles/challenges did you need to overcome? Has this project continued?
7. Have you ever intentionally facilitated someone’s (or a group of people’s) faith development or awakening to God? Describe that experience.
8. How did you pivot as a leader during the year?
9. What do you do on a regular basis to maintain spiritual growth?

List prior work experience: Dates worked: Type of work:

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(CV or résumé attachment is acceptable)

**Letters of Reference**

**Please attach 2 letters of reference, one from your pastor or the leadership body of the church where you are a member, describing your suitability for this apprenticeship. The second letter should come from a friend, co-worker, or peer who knows you well.**

Signature: Date: Print Name: