



Title: Church Planting Resident

Effective: Summer 2015

Hours: Full-time (negotiable)

Reports to: Lead Pastor

Salary/Stipend: Dependent upon experience and hours available

RESIDENCY SUMMARY

At RISE, we are resolved to mend God's creation together. This is our mission, our vision, and our mantra. To do this, we need everyone. And at [RISE](#) everyone *means everyone*. This summer, we are excited to partner with [Path I](#) and the [Virginia Annual Conference](#) to offer a Church Planting Residency! We are looking for someone who is excited to mend creation through building relationships, developing ministries, leading others, and ultimately spreading unconditional love to all of Christ's children.

We seek a Church Planting Resident who will serve as a Green-Thumb for God. It's all about the plant! What does this mean? You will engage, you will lead, and you will definitely get your hands dirty through mission and ministry in the community.

The RISE Church Planting Resident position is not an internship. Rather, we ask for a minimum commitment of one-year, where you are fully invested in the ministry of RISE. The Resident will share significant leadership responsibilities with the Pastor and members of the leadership team. Additionally, you will receive weekly coaching from the Lead Pastor.

ABOUT RISE

RISE Harrisonburg is a four-year-old faith community located in Harrisonburg VA. Our doors are open to infants through retirees.

We also spend a lot of time hanging out on college campuses. A LOT! With four local colleges/universities, Harrisonburg plays host to a growing population of young adults between the ages of 18-30. At RISE, we have made it our unique mission to connect with this demographic with the needs of the community. And we love it!

Our Core Values:

- 1. Jesus is always at the center of all that we are and all that we do - both as individuals and as a faith community. ALWAYS.**
- 2. God has open arms, and so should we.**
- 3. Jesus lived and loved with passion, and so should we.**
- 4. Jesus is found among the poor, hurting and brokenhearted. And we should be too.**
- 5. Each of us is messed up. God loves us anyway. Nothing can separate us from God's love. Nothing.**
- 6. We believe in the importance of taking risks. Together.**
- 7. God gives to us, so we give back.**

RISE is a community rooted in God's risk-taking love, life-changing grace, passionate outreach and open-armed acceptance. We welcome people from all walks of life and all walks of faith to join us on our journey. And we mean it. Everyone is welcome at RISE. Everyone. We seek to be a place free of judgment and full of love. RISE is a United Methodist Faith Community. Read more about us at

<http://riseharrisonburg.com/everyone/>.



QUALITIES OF A RISE CHURCH PLANTING RESIDENT

- Lay, clergy candidate, or clergy
- Experience serving and leading in a faith community or world-changing organization
- Spiritual maturity and vitality
- Aspire to plant new churches
- Experience in growing ministries or organizations from small to large
- Committed to “Everyone means Everyone” (radically inclusive)
- Strong leadership and team-building skills
- Desire to connect with persons who are currently disconnected from a church
- Receptive to the needs of others and committed to building relationships
- Creative mind, entrepreneurial spirit, and flexible work habits
- Commitment to learn about and engage in a personal stewardship/fundraising plan
- Willingness to be held accountable
- Candidates of any age welcome; young adult candidates and/or candidates with gifts for young adult ministry encouraged to apply
- Candidates from diverse denominations and traditions welcome to apply

TO APPLY:

- Applications should be sent directly to riseharrisonburg@gmail.com
- Application must include:
 1. A letter of interest including a short statement of personal faith;
 2. Vision for church planting;
 3. A résumé or CV;
 4. A list of three references
- Screening of applications will begin immediately and will continue until a resident is hired.
- Interviews will begin late April into early June
- An offer for Residency will be given in June.
- RISE resident will assume of ministry responsibilities during late summer/early Fall 2015.