

# The Table Dublin

## Church Planting Internship

The Table is a Jesus-Centred community of faith located on Dublin's Northside. Our hope is to plant a network of parish-based micro-churches across the city of Dublin.

The Table's Leadership Community seeks a leader to partner with us for the next 12 months as we plant this network of churches. The person selected for this role will have the opportunity to work closely with seasoned missional leaders and explore embedding and serving as part of a church planting team on Dublin's Northside.

The intern's key responsibility will be to build relationships with those living on Dublin's Northside, specifically focused on the Dublin 3, Dublin 5 and Dublin 13 areas of the city.

This internship will provide the opportunity for training, equipping, and developing the gifts and skills necessary to prepare an individual to plant a new church community or lead within an existing church.

### **Purpose of Program**

This Internship program aims to affirm, develop and grow emerging leaders for service in a missional context. Participation in this internship will equip the intern for further ministry within the church.

We believe leaders are best trained within the local church context. Therefore this program is specifically intended to prepare emerging leaders for service in a local church community. As we are currently in the church planting stage, the intern will be part of that leadership team.

### **What Are We Seeking?**

- An individual with experience ministering to and gospeling within an Irish context.
- A desire to serve God, his church and your neighbours.
- A desire to become more like Jesus.
- A desire to see the Kingdom of God extended.
- A commitment to learning.

## 3 Aspects of the Internship:

There are three main components to the Table Dublin Internship Program:

**1.) Knowing:** Part of the process will be growing in the knowledge of God as well as various aspects of ministry. You will read one book per month and discuss it with your team leader. You will also read other material as assigned and meet with the intern leader weekly for mentoring.

**2.) Doing:** The internship will be 'hands-on'. It is vocationally driven and structured. The training will include a comprehensive range of studies/teaching and hands-on practical projects in various areas of ministry, enabling personal growth in trust and confidence in God. All opportunities to serve should be seen as part of the individual's continued growth & understanding. A personal journal will also be kept, detailing all activities & events that the individual has taken part in.

**3.) Being:** An essential aspect of this training is encouraging the successful candidate to continually develop their relationship with God and grow in contemplative spirituality practices. You will keep a private spiritual journal, charting your experience of the internship and growth in all areas. You will be encouraged to embrace the practices integral to following Jesus.

## Length of Internship:

This program will last for 12 months.

Items to Consider:

**1) Time** - The intern will commit to a minimum of 20 hours per week devoted to ministry with the Table.

**2) Funding** - The Table will provide a monthly stipend to the successful candidate. The intern will receive a stipend of **€750 per month** to assist with living expenses. The intern will ensure that additional funding to provide for living expenses is secured through fundraising or part-time employment.

**3) Housing** - The intern must arrange housing for themselves. The intern will need to reside in the northeast section of Dublin.

## Who Will the Intern Work With?

The person selected for this role will work closely with the Table's Leadership Community and will serve as a member of the Leadership Community for the duration of this program.

The Leadership Community team member directly overseeing this role is Bob Wilson. There are currently four members of the Table's Leadership Community.

### Bob Wilson

Bob has planted two university ministries in New York State (*University of Albany and Cornell University*) and the Vineyard Church of Ithaca which he pastored for 13 years. He served as the Upstate New York church planting coordinator for the Association of Vineyard Churches and has coached and trained church planters and leaders. During the ten years Bob has lived in Dublin, he has served on the leadership team for an Anglican church plant, ICON, and received his MA in Transformational Leadership from IBI. You can read his blog at [bobwilson.ie](http://bobwilson.ie).

### Elizabeth Wilson

Elizabeth is a music teacher in a school on Dublin's Southside. She is an experienced musician and worship leader who has trained several other worship leaders. She served as worship pastor at the Vineyard Church of Ithaca.

### Dee and Wallace Jones

Wallace and Dee Jones are originally from Alabama and moved to Ireland in 2003. The Joneses lived in an Irish-speaking community in County Galway for thirteen years before moving to Dublin in 2016. They currently reside in Clontarf with their dog Indiana. The Joneses have strong interests in music, painting, photography, and crochet. Wallace is currently working on his doctorate through Liberty University.

## What Possibilities Exist Beyond the Internship?

Ministry opportunities with the Table upon internship completion will depend upon multiple factors. The intern needs to see themselves as a good fit theologically and relationally with the Table community. The Table's Leadership Community would need to agree.

The potential for ongoing funding beyond 12 months will depend upon the development of the Table over the length of the internship and the Table's financial position.

## **When Will This Internship Commence?**

Upon selection of a successful candidate, a start date will be agreed upon. Ideally, the start date will be within four weeks of the appointment.

## **What Is the Next Step?**

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further, please contact [bob@thetabledublin.ie](mailto:bob@thetabledublin.ie).

If you wish to apply for this role, please send a CV and cover letter to the same address.