

Bronx Household of Faith



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**PASTORAL INTERNSHIP**

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# OVERVIEW

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*The Bronx Household of Faith Pastoral Internship provides men pursuing or discerning a call to pastoral ministry a chance to teach, preach, and serve in a local church setting in which they can: clarify, refine, and receive feedback on their gifting and calling; grow in teaching the Bible with clarity and simplicity; experience Christian fellowship in a small, inner-city church committed to the gospel. **If you're interested in the internship, please reach out and let us know if you have any questions. Please plan to submit your application and related documents by May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023.***

## WHAT IS THE BRONX HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH?

The Bronx Household of Faith (BHOFF) is a Christ-centered church in New York City that is theologically Reformed and wholeheartedly biblical. We are committed to making disciples of Christ through faithful teaching and preaching, through intentionally gospel-focused relationships, and through evangelistic outreach and service to our neighborhood and beyond.

In 1971 a small group of young adults living in The Bronx came to faith in Christ. Out of a desire to both live the Christian life and spread the gospel together, they purchased a house in University Heights, ordained elders, and began worshiping and witnessing together here in 1973. Now a member of the Conservative Congregational Christian Conference (CCCC), our small church has lived and ministered in University Heights ever since. Today we gather in a bigger building on the other side of the same block where the church began.

### **Our Mission:**

To make, mature, and multiply disciples of Jesus Christ.

### **Our Vision:**

To glorify the Triune God  
as a community of disciples of Jesus Christ who,  
gripped by God's grace and truth,  
spend themselves:  
***exalting God, edifying one another, and extending the gospel of God's grace***  
to University Heights and the whole world.

# OPPORTUNITIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

## General Description

The BHOF Pastoral Internship lasts 4 to 8 weeks during the summer of 2023 (exact dates to be determined during interview process) and involves a wide range of ministry opportunities (to one intern each summer). The intern will maintain a consistent 'core' ministry through participation in the regular activities of the church (Sunday services, prayer meetings, occasional Bible studies), through assigned readings and reflection papers (selected by and discussed throughout the internship with the BHOF pastors), and through regular teaching and preaching opportunities (see below for more info). At the same time, the Pastoral Internship provides the members of BHOF the opportunity to be encouraged and challenged by the unique gifts and insights of a Christian brother from another church.

## Specifics

Among other things, the BHOF Pastoral Intern will have the opportunity to:

### @ The Bronx Household of Faith

- Share life—food, fun, fellowship—with our church
- Meet regularly for prayer and discussion with BHOF's pastors
- Complete readings and writing assignments related to local pastoral ministry
- Plan and share several 5-minute (informal) exhortations to prayer at midweek prayer meetings
- Receive feedback on discrete stages of the sermon preparation process (initial study, outline, draft, delivery)
- Prepare and preach for a minimum of two Sunday morning services
- Participate in planning for and take a key leadership role in our church's Vacation Bible School—a summer outreach to our church and neighborhood kids
- Participate in various other BHOF ministries/gatherings as opportunities arise

### @ Hope Christian Center

(a closely affiliated residential discipleship program for men with life-controlling problems)

- Plan and lead morning chapels (half-hour devotionals, 2x weekly)
- Plan and teach a two-week class on a book of Scripture (8 sessions total)
- Participate in various classes and activities alongside HCC students
- Meet with and counsel from Scripture students in the program

### @ Hope Academy of the Bronx (BHOF's school for at-risk middle and high schoolers)

- Teach two sessions of Bible class
- Possibly tutor/mentor a student during summer sessions

# QUALIFICATIONS

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*The BHOF Pastoral Internship will be most beneficial to someone who is:*

- theologically Reformed*
- seeking to clarify or act upon a call to pastoral ministry*
- actively pursuing growth in godliness*
- ready to encounter challenging situations*
- willing to be flexible and proactive*

*The application process is intended to help applicants and BHOF's leadership think through the demands of the position in terms of the following criteria: character, competency, and compatibility.*

## CHARACTER

### Required essays

- (1) Why are you applying for this internship? (1 full page)
- (2) Why do you care about church? (1 full page)

### Application

[Click here](#) for a downloadable application, or email [jordanroberts@bhof.org](mailto:jordanroberts@bhof.org) to request a paper copy. Please submit application, essays, and references by May 20th, 2023. Call 646-579-6591 with any questions.

### References

Please have reference letters from each of the following emailed to the above address or mailed to  
Bronx Household of Faith  
2206 Andrews Ave. N.  
Bronx, NY 10453

- (1) Church leader
- (2) Friend
- (3) Relative

We would like to receive the reference letters by May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

## COMPETENCY

Please include with your application one of the following:

- (1) Sample sermon manuscript, or
- (2) Sample paper/class assignment which includes a significant element of biblical *application*

## COMPATIBILITY

Qualified applicants will be contacted to schedule an interview with one of BHOF's pastors in order to assess compatibility and to discuss ways the internship might be adjusted to suit the needs and gifts of the applicant.

## QUARTERS (ROOM AND BOARD)

Single men will share a room with men at Hope Christian Center or live with a host family in our church. Married men with families are also welcome to apply, though housing arrangements will need to be pursued based on family size, etc.

Applicants who live in the NYC vicinity may be able to participate effectively in the internship while living at home. We can discuss the pros and cons of this during the interview process.

## COMPENSATION

The BHOF intern will receive a weekly stipend, amount to be agreed upon during the application/interview process.

# APPENDICES

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We encourage you to become thoroughly acquainted with what we believe and teach at BHOF. Please browse [our website](#) (incomplete though it is) and sample our sermons and blogs, so you can have a good idea of where we stand doctrinally and of what questions you might want to ask us!

There are many helpful summaries of the Bible's doctrine that have shaped and informed our understanding of the Christian Faith. The elders of our church are particularly committed to the convictions articulated in [The 1658 Savoy Declaration of Faith and Order](#) and/or the [1689 London Baptist Confession of Faith](#).

Additionally, each member of the Bronx Household of Faith subscribes to the beliefs laid out below, which we consider to be essential to faithful Christian belief and practice:

## Doctrinal Confession of The Bronx Household of Faith

As members of the Body of Christ and The Bronx Household of Faith in particular, we do solemnly, humbly, and joyfully confess:

1. There is but one, living and true, eternal, all-powerful, unchangeable, loving, and holy God.
2. That though there is complete unity in the Godhead, there is also diversity; that is, we worship one God who eternally exists in three distinct persons:
3. God the Father upholds, directs, and governs all of creation, including humanity.
4. God the Son, that is, Jesus Christ, in submission to the will of the Father, while still retaining all the attributes of deity, became a man, suffered, died, and rose again bodily from the dead in order that He might redeem from sin and death a people for His name.
5. God the Holy Spirit, in compliance with the will of the Father and the Son, works in the lives of believers to encourage, convict, and empower them towards exalting our risen Lord.
6. That God has revealed Himself in a special way through His Holy Scriptures which are so inspired as to make every word true in their original manuscripts, thus making it fully authoritative in matters of faith and practice.
7. That as human beings we are made in the image of God; but because of the sin of Adam and Eve, our representatives, we have inherited their sinful nature, while at the same time being responsible before God for our own actions.
8. Our repentance from sin and personal faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, whereby He is our only hope and comfort in life; and it is only through Him that we receive forgiveness of sin, the gift of eternal life, and adoption as children of God and joint heirs with Christ.

9. That we have been baptized with water in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, understanding by this that we are members of His visible church, for which Christ, after ascending into heaven, has given to each of us, spiritual gifts for the edification of the Body of Christ, thus making each of us responsible for the physical and spiritual well-being of our brothers and sisters in Christ.
10. The fellowship of believers in the church, which embraces biblical doctrine, worships the triune God, administers the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's supper, exercises discipline, manifests the gifts of the Holy Spirit, adorns its profession by holiness and love, and proclaims the Christian gospel in word and deed to the world.
11. That as human beings we are created, male and female, in the image of God; that this is the foundation of both the sanctity of human life, which begins at conception, and the sanctity of marriage, which is between one man and one woman, instituted at the dawn of creation and affirmed by our Lord, for the purpose of companionship and procreation whereby it nurtures all other societal relationships as well as providing the basis for human government. Moreover, we believe God immutably creates each person as male or female, which reflect the image and nature of God. Rejecting one's biological sex rejects the created image of God.
12. Our identity in Christ with believers in all ages whose faith has been rightly expressed in the historic creeds such as the Apostles' Creed, the Nicene Creed, the Chalcedonian Creed, and others which uphold the true nature of God as He is revealed in the Scriptures.
13. The visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ in glory and power.
14. The resurrection of the redeemed to the enjoyment of God forever in His presence, and the resurrection of the unredeemed to judgment and everlasting punishment.

## Church Covenant of The Bronx Household of Faith

I together with my brothers and sisters in Christ:

**Affirm** that Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior from sin and dwells in my heart by the gift of the Holy Spirit. I renounce the works of Satan in my life and in the world around me.

**Affirm** that the body of truth as revealed by God in the Scriptures is authoritative for my life in matters of faith and practice. I agree with the major points of the doctrinal confession of The Bronx Household of Faith as being the teaching of Scripture and consistent with the principle of defending the faith once delivered to the saints.

**Have been** publicly baptized with water as a sign that I have been cleansed by the blood of Christ, renewed by the Holy Spirit, and united to the Body of Christ.



**Will worship the Lord each Lord's Day** in order to grow in knowledge and grace, partake of the Lord's Supper, and above all worship the triune God with my brothers and sisters in Christ.

**Will regularly seek the Lord** in His Word, meditation, and prayer, that I may grow in Christ and walk in the Holy Spirit, in order that I may be empowered to live in obedience to His will.

**Will give** prayerfully, proportionately, and regularly to this fellowship as worship and thanksgiving to my Creator who has given me all that I am or ever hope to be.

**Will submit myself humbly** to the discipline of the church, my elders, my sisters and brothers, that I may live a life of discipleship. When I fail in any portion of this covenant, I will seek my brothers and sisters, confess my need, and find strength from our mutual bonds of life in the Spirit.

**Will take the initiative** regularly to meet with other members of The Bronx Household of Faith in order to share each other's joys and sorrows, plans and problems, so as to bring mutual encouragement and obedience in the work of the Lord and in our personal lives.

**Will, together with my brothers and sisters, accept the call of Christ:**

to proclaim the Good News of God's Kingdom; to love and serve in practical ways our sisters, brothers, and neighbors; to not be conformed to this world but to act as a light within it, that Christ may be all in all.

**[For Heads of Households]**

**We will have consistent family worship** in our home in keeping with our needs and the guidelines of the Lord who alone builds the home.

## CONTACT

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For more information about BHOF in general:

<http://www.bhof.org/>