



## **Christian Leadership Programme - 2022**

*Northern Presbytery in partnership with Laidlaw College*

**Are you attending, or connected to a Presbyterian Church in the Northern Presbytery, are 17 or over and have an interest in completing a one-year Diploma of Christian Studies? This programme might be of interest!**

We have a number of fantastic young adults and adults in Northern Presbytery who we want to support and nurture. That is why Northern Presbytery, in partnership with Laidlaw College, are offering the Christian Leadership Programme again for 2022. This programme will allow students to complete a one-year Diploma of Christian Studies at Laidlaw College while interning at a Northern Presbytery church.

### **By taking part in this programme students will:**

- Complete a level 5 Diploma, equivalent to the first year of a Bachelor of Theology at Laidlaw College
- Intern at a Northern Presbytery Church over one year
- Take part in additional opportunities if they have a specific ministry interest
- Be part of a Northern Presbytery cohort
- Have additional support from a Laidlaw representative
- Have support from a hosting church representative throughout their internship
- Have an external supervisor provided by their interning church

### **Key information**

- Applicants will need to be aged 17 or older to apply; there is no age limit for this programme.
- The final date to apply will be communicated later this year. Applicants will begin their studies at Laidlaw when semester one starts in 2022.
- The Diploma can be done full time (over one year), or part time.
- It can be completed as a stand-alone Diploma, or credited to the first year of a Bachelor of Theology
- The programme consists of four compulsory taught papers (biblical theology; introduction to systematic theology; formation; mission, church and community) and two leadership internship papers. The internship involves working in ministry context (e.g. church), gaining ministry experience and learning reflective leadership practices
- A learning agreement between the intern, hosting church and Northern Presbytery will be signed and agreed prior to the interns start date.



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- Students are not restricted to one form of ministry as an intern, their involvement will differ depending on their interest and the church they are appointed to.
- If a student would like to specialise in a certain ministry, we will link them with an existing support structure. Presbyterian Youth Ministry (PYM) is offering additional support for those specifically interested in youth ministry through the PYM Internship
- We want our students to thrive and have the best support possible during their internship, which is why Northern Presbytery will be part of the intern appointment process. Student's will be able to intern at their own church, or another church in Northern Presbytery if they choose.
- Some sponsorship for this programme is available for students from Northern Presbytery.
- Hosting churches are required to pay for their interns' course fees at Laidlaw.
- Students can find all the information for a student loan from study link here: <https://www.studylink.govt.nz/>
- Alongside Studylink, fees-free is also available for those who are eligible: <https://www.feesfree.govt.nz/>

Please note an internship works best when a student can serve in an existing ministry of your church that is already overseen by an experienced leader/practitioner. An internship is not ideal for an inexperienced person to start a new ministry. In our experience very few ministry start-ups led by inexperienced leaders succeed and prove to be a very stressful training ground for the intern.

We look forward to seeing your registrations come through. For all the info or to apply contact the Northern Presbytery Youth Coordinator: [youthnorthernpresbytery@gmail.com](mailto:youthnorthernpresbytery@gmail.com)