



CONNECTIONS, GROWTH MODULE // SUGGESTED

Below is a list of suggested activities that an intern under CONNECTIONS, GROWTH could expect to be involved with.

CONNECTIONS, GROWTH: Engagement, Observation, Reflection

1. **Connections Ministry** – Observe and participate in Petra’s BELONG connections process to see how congregational members are tracked and connected into the community at Petra.
2. **Welcome Center** – Assist in the Welcome Center Sunday morning to observe the front line of Guest Services.
3. **Personal Mentoring** – Join a pastor, or get involved in your own mentoring relationship, with someone growing in their faith. (i.e., Men of Iron)
4. **New Believers Class** – Join the class that helps people take their first steps in reading the Bible and talking about their faith together in a group.
5. **Small Group Ministry**
 - Attend a Small Group Leaders’ training meeting and journal on your observations of equipping and caring for community leaders.
 - Join or lead your own group or Bible Study. Observe the role of groups in church life.
6. **Strategic Planning Meetings** – Observe a meeting in which Petra ministry leaders collaborate together on core issues that impact the entire church, gaps in our outreach, care, or growth strategy, events, etc.
7. **Ministry Leaders’ Meeting** – Attend the leadership meeting of a particular ministry, such as Guest Services, Worship, Petra Men, EDGE, Small Group, or Prayer Ministry and observe how they direct their team in ministry.
8. **Student Ministries** – Attend a High School or Middle School weeknight event. Debrief with the Student Ministries Pastor about how they structure for spiritual growth and connection with students in the church.
9. **Teaching** – Teach at an event, training, small group, or Bible study and be evaluated by a pastor.
10. **Prayer Ministry** – Assist the Prayer Ministry Team on Sunday morning and journal on anything that you gained from the experience.
11. **Event Planning** – Help to plan or serve in a church event or retreat. (i.e., VBS, church picnic, baptism, missions festival, church-wide study)

GENERAL PASTORAL MINISTRY

1. **Staff Meetings** – Attend Tuesday and Thursday staff meetings and debrief with your assigned pastor.
2. **Ministry Leaders’ Meeting** – Attend a ministry leaders’ retreat or planning meeting. (i.e., Guest Services, Worship, Petra Men, EDGE, Small Group, Prayer Ministry, etc.)
3. **Conferences and Seminars** – Attend any additional conferences or seminars that show how pastors equip themselves.
4. **Network Pastors’ Meeting** – Attend a Hopewell Network pastors’ meeting to see collaboration among churches.