

FAQs: OCC Residence Program

1. What type of person is an ideal candidate for this program?

Since there is no one-size-fits-all mold when it comes to doing ministry or church leadership, we expect our residents to be diverse. Everyone has different gifts and abilities, and what we strive to do through the residency program is to bring out and strengthen those gifts.

However, our residents must demonstrate a committed, growing relationship with Christ, and a track record of responsibility and service to the church. We also want to see humility and a strong desire to learn, servant leadership, as well as alignment with the theology, vision and values of One Community Church.

Finally, please know, we are looking for teachability. Arrogance and entitlement mentalities can hinder someone's ability to grow and learn, and also might make for a miserable experience for you and for us. If you are looking for something other than an opportunity to learn and serve, this program probably is not the right fit for you.

2. How do I apply to be in the residency program?

Email chris@communitychurch.one for an application.

3. Will I be paid during my time in the residency program?

Our desire is to help you find housing however, residents will need to fundraise to support themselves during their time at One Community Church. Applicants should have a plan in place for covering any expected expenses even if that means they are bi-vocational as the residency is part-time.

4. Do I have to live in New York City full-time to be a resident?

Yes. Our program is meant to be a life-on-life experience where residents are learning not only from the various content they will be receiving but also as they live and serve alongside other more seasoned leaders at One Community Church. Our whole approach to ministry is relational. Therefore, we feel that it is absolutely necessary for residents to live in New York City during their time in the residency program.

5. Why New York City?

To us, New York City creates an incredible context for this residency. The city's incredible diversity will provide the perfect backdrop for the program as it is designed to foster growth and strengthen skills. The complexities of the various neighborhoods throughout the city provide countless opportunities to explore the dynamics of urban ministry and contextualization. Finally, One Community Church provides a unique picture of what a church family looks like when they go out and serve their neighbors.

6. When does the residency program begin?

The residency program with OCC will open up for application in March 2021 and applicants can expect to hear a response by May 2021. Once applicants are accepted into the program, we hope to have a start date of Summer 2021 (Between July-August).

7. How long does the residency program last?

The residency program will have a 1-2 year commitment. We want our residence to really plant into the community of Hell's Kitchen and desire to see the Lord work through that commitment. That said, this residency does have opportunity to extend longer.

8. Can I be married during my time as a resident?

You can most definitely be married in our program, however, you will need to be financially prepared to provide housing for both you and your spouse.

9. What can I expect to take away from my experience as a resident?

Our residents should expect to develop core competencies needed to effectively live on mission, making disciples who make disciples and build a missional team connected to One Community Church's network. You can also expect growth in theological clarity, leadership skills and relationship building. You will take away incredible experiences and relationships with trusted leaders who can speak into your life and affirm you as a leader for your transition into what God has for you next.