

Pax Christi USA Experience Through the Eyes of Our Interns

“The combination of professional opportunities and spiritual growth in this internship is a unique and remarkable one. I’ve learned so much about how a faith-based grassroots organization for peace and justice works. I’ve also had the chance to collaborate with other groups in the D.C. area to strategize and maximize our impact toward shared goals. This is not your average internship...there are many opportunities for spiritual and personal mentorship, resulting in an office atmosphere where I’ve felt very supported and cared for in the midst of the programmatic work. Contributing at Pax Christi USA, living in community, and being exposed to the broader peace and justice movers in D.C. is an experience that is truly molding me for all that I’ll pursue in my future.” ~ Amy Watts



“The PCUSA internship program has been one of the most challenging and rewarding programs I have had the chance to take part in. The level of opportunity for spiritual and that surround Pax Christi in variety and depth of responsibilities to add new ideas and content as well make the programs we are a part of given for prayer, contemplation, and you work and play with. You will yourself, and you are going to need shape my passions and skills for the constellation of D.C. organizations continue to guide me and provide opportunities in the future. But most importantly, the staff here at the D.C. office will be a source of love and support for life.” ~ Manuel Padilla



“This internship opportunity has afforded me possibilities that I never imagined when it began. I have been able to work in different areas, such as logistical organizing, researching and writing concerning issue areas of Pax Christi USA, and developing publications. I was given the opportunity to develop new skills while being in an encouraging environment that also allows me to interact with many people who are amazing examples of activists in Washington, D.C. and around the country.” ~ Beth Kenyon

“Serving as an intern with Pax Christi USA, has proven to be one of the most profoundly enriching and pivotal moments of my life. To sum up all that I have learned, the have had, and the ways in which I have grown professionally, spiritually would be next to impossible. Through interning have had the incredible opportunity to engage in real, all, important and influential work, the likes of which interns only dream of. The close-knit and personal nature of the Pax ensures that all, *certainly including* interns, are vested with the respect and responsibility. Through my internship I have on political and social issues and feel that my understanding interworking of institutions has been greatly enriched. The time that I have had at PCUSA is due to the incredible to know here. The opportunity to live in an intentional work in concert with some of the most intelligent and compassionate people I have ever encountered has changed my life all for the better. I go forth from this experience, endowed with a new spark to be a light in this beautiful world, which we together are perpetually creating anew.” ~ Terese Gagnon

