



About the organization:

Habecker Mennonite Church is an intercultural, Anabaptist congregation in Lancaster, PA, that gathers to worship One God in two languages, English and Karen.

We have a long history of following the leading of God's Spirit. Since its beginning as a worship location for young immigrant families in the 1700s, the desire of the congregation has been to be a witness of peace and hospitality as it lives out Christian community on both local and global levels.

In June 2008 members of the Habecker congregation responded to requests from refugee settlement agencies to take in a Karen family from Burma who had arrived in the United States from refugee camps in Thailand. That simple extension of hospitality transformed the last decade of the congregation. In the years that followed, more Karen families arrived bringing new joy and energy in a mix of young families and seasoned Christian leadership. The Karen families also brought with them a love for gardening and weaving out of which they give generously. Habecker Church is now an intercultural congregation of about three-fourths native Karen speakers and one-fourth native English speakers who worship their One God together in their two languages. About half of the congregation is under the age of 20. The church continues to grow and strives to bless others, both locally and globally, as a witness to the love and peace of Jesus Christ.

Internship Details:

Our intern will attend Sunday morning worship and help with the youth ministry activities at Habecker Mennonite Church. Other opportunities are available depending on gifts, time and interests.

Responsibilities could include:

- Building relationships with Middle School and High School youth
- Helping to lead youth group activities
- Helping to drive youth to events
- Playing music with youth
- Meeting students after school or in the evening at their homes to help with homework
- Teach a children's Bible lesson or do an activity with children on Sunday morning, either before or during the worship service.
- Help someone learn to drive or go to their soccer game or practice their English.