



Resident Testimony

“My experience at Discovery has been so incredible. Looking back to the day I moved out here until now, I can reflect on so many people who have challenged, encouraged, and supported me throughout my residency.”

“When I came to Colorado, it was my first time moving anywhere. I left my family, friends, and what I clung to as “safe.” I remember experiencing culture shock, loneliness, fear and doubt - all at the same time. What I love about the people of Discovery is that they are willing to go to the hard and ugly places with you. I have been spiritually, emotionally, mentally and physically challenged here. During this residency is the first time I became willing to understand my giftings, the shadow side of those giftings, and why I do the things that I do. Though this process has been difficult, I feel healthier in more ways than one and more confident in the power of the Gospel, which can transform not only the future but the past and the present.”

“Discovery is a church that fully welcomes those who are not believers. This has been a game-changer for me this past year. I constantly meet people who are either uncertain of what they believe or have found a love for Jesus for the first time. Discovery sees the value in allowing people to belong before they believe. The people of Discovery care deeply about their city and desire to be a part of the change in the deepest needs of their neighborhood. Being at Discovery and seeing the way that this church engages with the community has empowered me to see how the Church can serve those who would never walk in the doors of a church without conditions - just like Jesus did. Discovery has been an incredible example for me of what it means to love God and love all.”

“Something I feel that I have gained from my time at Discovery can be hard to put into words because I’ve learned a lot. I have gained a greater appreciation for the way God has wired me. I have gained confidence in myself and my giftings that I didn’t have before. I have gained a deep love for the nonbeliever and the person who doesn’t feel like they are welcome at church. I have gained an understanding of what it means to lead out of pain. I have gained experience in building teams and mentoring students. I have gained a greater knowledge that a relationship with God isn’t always going to feel close or intimate, but that growing through pain and doubt leads to a deeper trust in God.”

“I am so grateful to be a part of a church who cares about their interns. We have a monthly lunch with Steve Cuss, the lead pastor, and Renae Loring, Leadership Development Coordinator. This is a dedicated time where we are able to ask any question we have for both of them. We have talked about questions of faith, mental health, leadership, personal hardships and missional living, but we also laugh together and have fun. I enjoy this time more and more each month.

“Learning in a classroom was the first step I took on my path to full-time ministry at Discovery. It was the next step. Coming to intern at Discovery grew both my faith and understanding of myself. I was able to lead! This internship gave me the tools for real ministry with real people that did not just revolve around making coffee runs.”

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CHRISTIAN CHURCH

“For me, finding a residency with a church that cared both about justice and women in ministry was crucial. Discovery not only cares deeply about justice, they also deeply cared for me as a woman in ministry and gave me so many opportunities to grow! Serving in the executive pastor track, I was able to learn practical ways of leading a church: From project management to organizing budgets. From practicing spiritual disciplines to hosting church services and so much more! At Discovery I was known and had space to grow and be curious! I am more confident in my calling and have been equipped with the tools to both serve a church and stay connected to and abiding in Jesus! I will always be thankful for my time in residency and highly recommend it to anyone wanting to pursue ministry.”