

Hello, and welcome to the team!

In case we haven't met yet, my name is Stephen Warner. I'm the student minister here at North Terrace, and I am excited to have you as an incoming member of our student ministry team. We are a team full of people passionate about seeing students come to Christ and take next steps in their faith, and you'll soon find out (if you haven't already) that we're also a team of people who love to have fun! As a student ministry team, we embody the values of North Terrace as a whole and strive to see our students living out the One Mores in their homes, schools, relationships and communities. As you will read in the following pages, everything we do fits into God's One More vision at North Terrace.

As you join this team, I want you to know that our goal is to help you become all you can be as a leader and as a follower of Christ. My goal is not only to serve and empower students—I also want to serve and empower you. You're not just a helper, a pawn on a chessboard, or a "warm body to fill a space." You are a spirit-filled creation of God who brings something unique and amazing to this team! You know some of your capabilities, but you also have untapped potential to do things you may have never thought yourself capable of. It's time to believe in yourself, and most importantly, to believe in God's ability to use you. Expect God to do great things, and He will move mountains.

As we get to know you better, our goal is to unleash your God-given potential. I don't expect you to be perfect—nobody on our team does. We just expect you to be committed, give it your all, and lean into what God is calling you to. Through prayer, discipline, commitment and open communication with your leader and/or coach, you will take big steps toward the immeasurably more God has for you as a leader. You've already taken your first step by saying "yes!" Fully rely on the power of the Holy Spirit, and utilize the resources God has given you. With that combination, you're a force to be reckoned with in God's Kingdom.

I want 3 things for you as a member of the team: (1) to see you grow in your personal relationship with God, (2) to see you use and develop your gifts and passions, and (3) to know that you are enjoying what you're doing. To help make these things happen, I encourage you to communicate with your leader and/or coach regularly. Share with them your wins and your challenges, and be honest about how you are feeling. We want to celebrate your wins, guide you through your challenges, and help you find your niche if that's something you're still searching for.

As a member of our student ministry team, you will experience high moments, low moments, and whole lot of in-betweens—it will all be worth it when you get to see the fruits of your labor: students lives being transformed because you allowed God to use you.

In the following pages, you will learn about God's vision for North Terrace, how our student ministry fits into that vision, and a whole bunch of other practical things to help you in your ministry role. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for hearing God's call and looking after his sheep. The students you impact will thank you for eternity. I can't wait to see God work through you!

Pursuing the Immeasurably More Together,
Stephen Warner, Student Minister