



APPLY TODAY

We are incredibly thankful for the blessing that this year has been so far. We would love for more young adults to experience the joy, fellowship, and growth that comes with participating in The Awaken Project! If you know a young adult who may be interested in learning more about how they can be a part of next years' cohort visit www.TheAwakenProjectMN.com and apply or send us a message!

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Students for 2024-2025; may God begin to awaken more students to a calling to ministry, and may that calling be realized through The Awaken Project.
- Financial provision to end 2023 and start 2024 in a healthy spot.
- Our remaining teachers this year: Ken Nelson, Dave Wollan, Steve Olcott, Paul Cross, and Julie Smith. May they all faithfully teach our students God's Word during their weeks with TAP.
- The board and staff of TAP; that they may continue to serve TAP faithfully in their respective positions.
- Most importantly in two parts: 1) for our current students and their time with TAP, that they may continue to experience Jesus daily through their classes, future travels, and many various ministry experiences, and 2) for Jesus to be the sole former of our students, the culture surrounding our students, and the sustainer of each student for his glory.

JOIN US THIS FALL

We invite you to stay on site at Mount Carmel Ministries during any of our remaining fall teaching weeks! Come enjoy Bible study and fellowship by renting one of the wonderful cabins, lodge rooms, or RV sites that Mount Carmel offers. We encourage local lay leaders to attend Julie Smith's class, as she will be offering extensive content on how to faithfully preach God's word and has ample experience instructing lay leaders in the sacred art of preaching. To learn more about your stay, pricing, or additional details, please visit www.MountCarmelMinistries.com or The Awaken Project's website! We look forward to seeing you at Mount Carmel!

THE AWAKEN PROJECT PODCAST IS BACK!

We are excited to announce that the podcast is back!

Enjoy listening to a conversation where TAP students review the content from the teaching week and share all that they learned from their teacher and each other throughout the week. We hope you enjoy these brief but enlightening episodes that show how Jesus is educating and grounding our students this year!



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FROM THE GAP YEAR DIRECTOR

Dear family, supporters, and friends of The Awaken Project,

And just like that, we're off and running again! It amazes that exactly two years ago, we had only finished our third ever class with The Awaken Project and the "newness" of TAP was still palpable in the air at Mount Carmel. While we still have a ways to go to improve TAP and fortify this ministry for the long haul, it has brought both myself and many others countless moments of joy to truly see this little ministry become established in brand, credibility, and purpose. I thank God daily for the privilege to serve here in this capacity and witness firsthand how he moves and nurtures our students.

Speaking of students, we have another three exceptional individuals that we get to call our own this year; Reagan Martin, Kayla McFadden, and Austin Minion. I have truly been taken aback by how strong their sense of call to be with TAP has been

this year. It is crystal clear that they are each called to be with TAP this year and serve in some ministry capacity, no matter the size or place, in each of their futures. It is truly an honor to serve them at this time and further explore their gifts, talents, quirks, and itches as they continue to grow in relationship with one another and with Jesus.

I can keep talking about them, but I encourage you to read their own words regarding their experience with TAP so far and what they are looking forward to as the year progresses.

Thank you all for your continued support of The Awaken Project, we appreciate you all greatly!

Blessings,



Steven Wagner
Gap Year Director

BE AWAKENED. BE DISCIPLES. BE JESUS.

THE AWAKEN PROJECT INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Next year (2024-2025 school year), TAP is looking for an intern or two! This is a new element to TAP that we believe will add another great piece to our community, as well as allow for our staff and board to be more proactive in growing TAP's day-to-day and strategic operations.

An intern serving with TAP is ideally a young adult looking to get work experience in the nonprofit ministry world/someone who is still looking for a "gap year", but wants to work and gain experience in a leadership role for a nonprofit ministry. TAP, through Mount Carmel, would provide housing for any intern, as well as a stipend given by TAP to cover basic living expenses (food, gas, etc). An intern would work between 12-15 hours a week with Steven Wagner, our Gap Year Director. Tasks will vary, depending on the needs of TAP at a given time, but an intern can expect to help to some degree with marketing, social media, programming, travel logistics, as well as with the gifts and strengths that the intern brings to TAP.

Please help us spread the word about this new internship. We pray that God will continue to call young adults to TAP for the furthering of the gospel, and we pray that this internship opportunity will be a blessing for all those who choose to pursue it.

FINANCIAL UPDATE FROM THE GAP YEAR DIRECTOR

I've always appreciated direct, honest, and non-alarming approaches to the financial side of ministry. When it comes to the finances and giving of TAP, I hope to take a similar approach with you all, the people who truly make this ministry happen. We are approaching the time of year when lots of organizations begin to ask for end of year donations. Like many others, TAP is another ministry in need of financial support towards the end of the year.

The Awaken Project has been on a steady growth track (praise the Lord) over the last three years, not because of anything new and exciting that we're doing, but because we're responsibly establishing a consistent ministry that people know what to expect from. We believe that young adult ministry in our context is feasible, worthwhile, and that God has been pruning students for long term fruit through this ministry. We hope that our stewardship of our students and the growth and grounding they experience while with TAP provides a healthy witness to Jesus' gospel message.

So, when it comes to financially supporting this ministry, I pray that supporting young adults who have identified a call to serve in ministry, in any capacity, excites you. I ask with immense gratitude for your support (and for many of you, your continued support) in financially giving to the ministry of The Awaken Project as you consider your end of year giving. I thank you for your prayerful consideration and support of this ministry!



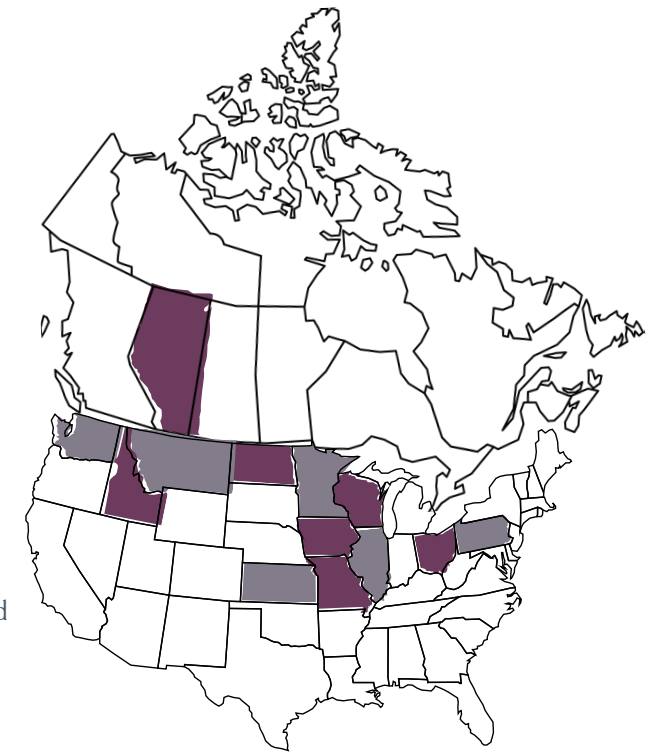
WHERE IS TAP GOING?

We have recently returned from a roadtrip to the LCMC gathering in St. Louis, Missouri and will once again make our trek out to Washington for a week of teaching in the Seattle area.

Additionally, TAP students will get the opportunity to travel to Canada and spend time at the Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute, where they will engage with the Word and other like-minded young adults.

This spring, The Awaken Project will again be traveling throughout the United States doing ministry with Quake Events, learning about the Word, and making memories.

Please pray for safe travels as we roadtrip around the United States. We are excited for the memories that lie ahead!



FROM THE STUDENTS

"I have so thoroughly enjoyed my time with The Awaken Project so far! I'm so grateful for our strong community and little family unit, spending time digging into the Word, singing together and endless laughter. I could not be happier with my decision to take the leap in following Gods call leading me to this place." - **Reagan Martin**

"I have loved being a part of TAP. I've learned so much from the classes and am enjoying the community. Looking forward to more classes and travel!" - **Kayla McFadden**

"The Awaken Project has been going great! My "older sisters" Kayla and Reagan have been awesome people to study and grow with. Crazy to think how much we've learned in such a short time!" - **Austin Minion**

