

Guidelines for Planting Churches in Metro Areas: 7 Steps from Inception to Launch

1. Identify Type of Church Plant

- a) Mother sponsored (mother church provides people and financial resources)

List sponsoring church(es): _____

- b) Cold plant (no support system in place, people or financial)

2. Prepare Mother Church to Plant (pre-natal care)

- a) Emphasize church health (take *Natural Church Development* [NCD] survey annually)
- b) Instill discipleship and evangelistic principles (Melvin S. Santos, *The Discipleship Master Plan*; Tom L. Evans, *Steps to Church Planting: From Inception to Launch*, pp. 26-32)
- c) Expose leaders to church planting (Required reading: Russell Burrill, *Rekindling a Lost Passion: Recreating a Church Planting Movement*; Tom L. Evans, *Steps to Church Planting: From Inception to Launch*)
- d) Take official action to plant a church (elders, church board, church business session)
- e) Sponsor Church Board to appoint Church Plant Team Leaders (Lay Leader, Clerk, Treasure)
- f) Establish a "Church Plant Seed Money" line item in the church budget

3. Determine Demographic Target (Primary Focus Group)

Available resources for conducting demographic study: Percept will do a 27-page study of any area you specify for \$200 (available through NADEI—269-471-8303). They will also partner with a local conference and conduct a study that will divide your territory into 5 mile radiuses through a tool called "Vista" (Call 800-442-6277).

4. Select and Train Leadership Team

- a) Lead Planter (must complete screening process)
- b) Team—a minimum requirement of 10-20 team members
- c) Sponsor Church to Provide Boot Camp training for leader and team

Required annual attendance at: SEEDS Conference

Required reading: Russell Burrill, *Rekindling a Lost Passion: Recreating a Church Planting Movement*; Tom L. Evans, *Steps to Church Planting: From Inception to Launch*

Additional resource: Robert E. Logan, *The Church Planter's Toolkit* (includes 12 audio CDs)

5. Establish-Utilize Support System/Network (coaches, prayer warriors, etc.)

- a) Conference will train 2-3 church planting coaches to provide assistance to church plant leadership teams (NADEI Coaching Conference provides annual training for these coaches). Coach meets once a month with leadership team for training and coaching.
- b) Church plant leadership team should meet with the Evangelism Advisory Team (E.A.T.) two times: once at the beginning of the incubation phase and again before the launch.

6. Disciple Core Group

Leadership team should meet once a week for approximately 2 hours for 6-12 months before launching new church in order to develop healthy DNA (Mission Driven, Christ-Focused)

7. Launch Church Plant (official opening Sabbath)

Church Planting Sponsorship Plan:

	Mission Group 1 st Year	Company 1 st year	Company 2 nd year
Sponsoring Church(es))	\$3,600	\$2,400	\$1,200
Conference*	\$6,000	\$3,600	\$2,400
Church Plant**	\$2,400	\$6,000	\$8,400
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Budget**	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000

*Conference funding for each of the three years is CONTINGENT on the sponsoring church and church plant fulfilling the requirements as outlined in the 7 Step Church Planting Process for KTC as shown above.

**Expenses in excess of the \$12,000 Budget will be the responsibility of the Church Plant.