

PATHWAYS PLANTING

Application Forms

Initial Stakeholders' Meeting on Strategies and Benchmarks

Nashville Area
Office of New Church Development

PART 1 – PLANTING PASTOR COMPLETES

***Timeline:** This form is to be used for planning in draft form, and is to be finalized by the planting pastor after attending the training event. This form will be brought to the stakeholders' meeting with copies for all participants. Where narrative answers are requested, please use additional pages.*

Geographic Description of Area to Be Planted

Municipality of Church to Be Planted

Today's Date

I. Mission Field Insight

A. Launch Initiative(s)

Please check the type of church plant:

1. Parent 2. Classic Missionary (Parachute) 3. Multi-Site Expansion
4. Church-Within-a-Church 5. Elijah/Elisha 6. Vital Merger
7. Closed/Reopened Facility 8. House Church. 9. Intentional Community
10. Surprise Birth 11. Integrated Multi-Ethnic 12. Pregnant Church
13. Hybrid of _____ (please describe)

I anticipate that this new church will:

Launch weekly worship with _____ adults and _____ children.

Average _____ adults and _____ children 1 year post-launch.

Have an average worship attendance of _____ within 3 years.

Do you believe that this new church will be financially self-supporting within 3 to 5 years? ___Yes ___No

I. Mission Field Insight

B. Targeted Population Data

1. Based on what you have discovered thus far, describe briefly the community in which the congregation will be launched and the mission field into which the new church will be planted (such as people, environment, economy, etc.).

[Empty text box for response]

2. In addition to your observations, please include the FullInsite Report of the target area from MissionInsite.

[Empty text box for response]

3. How much has the community grown in the last year?

[Empty text box for response]

I. Mission Field Insight

B. Targeted Population Data *continued*

4. What is the predominant:

Age of the population in the area?

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Economic class in the area?

[Grey response box for economic class]

Ethnic group in the area?

[Grey response box for ethnic group]

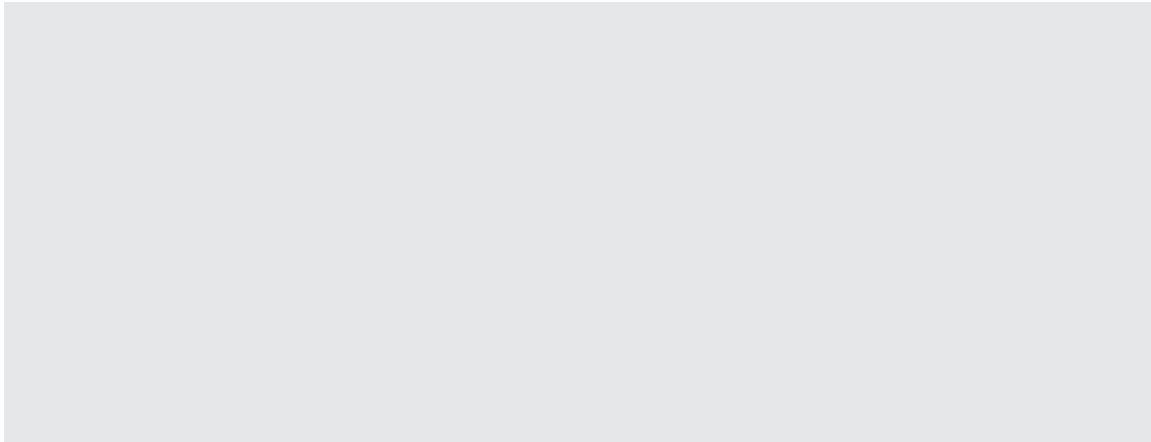
5. List other United Methodist congregations and other churches in the mission field.

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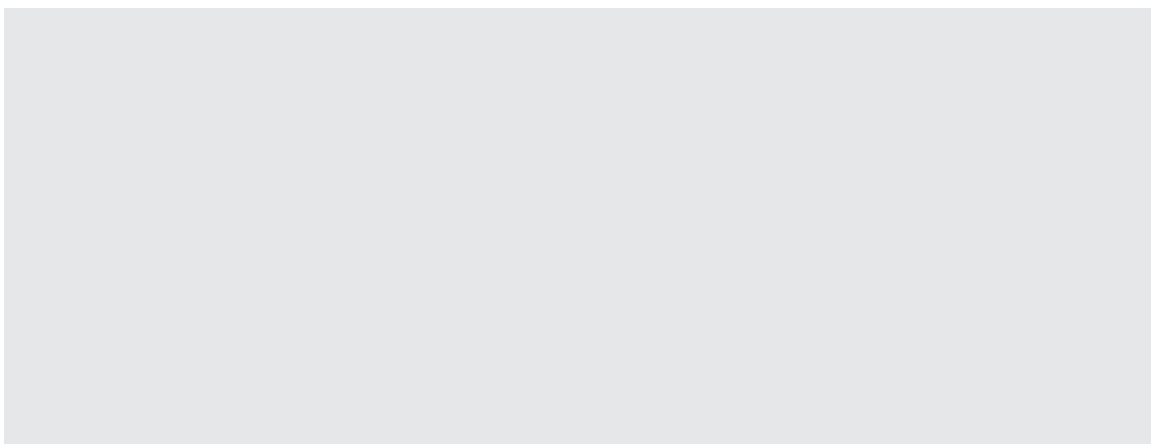
I. Mission Field Insight

B. Targeted Population Data *continued*

6. Using the Mosaic Group Descriptors from Mission Insite, describe the interests of a couple of regular guests from the area.



7. Describe your plan for the first 60 days of ascertaining the needs of the people living in the mission field and your plan for connecting with them.



II. Ministry Funding & Stewardship

A. Summary of Anticipated Ministry Expenses (not including pastoral compensation)

1. Projected cost of the worship site (if known) Terms:	<input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
2. Portable media system for worship		\$ <input type="text"/>
3. Promotional material and other start-up costs		\$ <input type="text"/>
4. Office equipment		\$ <input type="text"/>
5. Other staff compensation		\$ <input type="text"/>
TOTAL ANTICIPATE EXPENSES		\$ <input type="text"/>

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B. Summary of Anticipated Income (beyond Conference support)

1. Are you committed to:

tithing? Yes No

teaching tithing as an expected spiritual discipline of your leadership team? Yes No

2. What financial support do you expect to receive from the following funding sources during the first 12 months?

- Contributions from the active participants of the new church \$

- Pledged support from the pastor's family, friends, and supporters \$

- Pledged support from the parent church (if applicable) \$

- TOTAL ANTICIPATED INCOME FOR THE FIRST 12 MONTHS** \$

II. Ministry Funding & Stewardship

C. Participation Benchmarks

What is the effective date of your appointment to this church plant?

What is your anticipated launch date for regular worship?

Please complete the chart below and include benchmark dates and participation milestones for your pre-launch strategy and beyond. This will help in measuring the projected growth of the new church.

Milestone Event/Ministry	Projected Date of Implementation	Number Present (Adults)	Explanatory Comments
Team formed			
1st Member/Guest event			
Small groups started			
2nd Member/Guest event			
Seventy identified			
1st Preview Service			
2nd Preview Service			
Launch			
Average attendance of the first 4 Sundays after Launch			
Average attendance 6 months after Launch			
Average attendance 1 year after Launch			

II. Ministry Funding & Stewardship

C. Participation Benchmarks *continued*

Do you understand that continued funding is tied to the church's ability to "bear fruit" in the mission field through reaching the above goals? Yes No

Do you understand the importance of living in the mission field and are you committed to moving there immediately? Yes No

Action Steps

Next Stakeholders' Meeting

date

time

place

PART 2 – NCD TEAM LEADER & SPONSORING DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT COMPLETE

1. Scheduled funding for the coming years, pending satisfactory progress:

Funding Source	Year -	Year -	Year -	Year -
Annual Conference				
District				
Other				

2. Pastor's housing housing allowance parsonage \$

3. Coaching \$

4. Pastor's compensations

i. Cash salary \$

ii. Travel \$

iii. Continuing education \$

iv. Utilities \$

v. Pension & health benefits \$

SUBTOTAL \$

Total Pastoral Cost \$

5. How will monies used for funding pastor and church expenses be disbursed?

PART 3 – SIGNATURES AFTER INTIAL STAKEHOLDERS’ MEETING

Signed Date
Planting Pastor

Signed Date
Senior Pastor of Parent Church (if applicable)

Signed Date
Lay Leader or Lay Representative of Parent Church (if applicable)

Signed Date
Member of NCD Team

Signed Date
Sponsoring District Superintendent

Signed Date
NCD Team Leader