

PATHWAYS PLANTING

Application Forms

Church Planter's Application

Nashville Area
Office of New Church Development

PART 1 – POTENTIAL CHURCH PLANTER COMPLETES

Timeline: *This application must be completed after an initial consultation between the potential planter and the District Superintendent for prior placement in the “planters pool.”*

Name of Potential Planter

Current Clergy Status







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Date of Application

I. Checklist of Requirements

If you are selected to plant a new church, the Nashville Area will be investing significant financial and human resources. Therefore, it is crucial for this process to be followed.

YOU MUST COMPLETE THE ITEMS BELOW AND SUBMIT THEM TO THE NCD TEAM BEFORE YOU WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR AN INTERVIEW.

1.  Initial Planter Assessment
(<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/new-church-starts/assessment>)
2.  Spiritual Gifts Assessment
(<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/new-church-starts/spiritual-gifts>)
3.  DiSC Profile (<https://www.OnlineDiscProfile.com>)
4.  Clifton Strengths Assessment (<https://www.gallupstrengthscenter.com>)
5.  Three Letters of Reference (at least one from a layperson)
6.  Church Planter Covenant Agreement

II. Church Planter Preference

1. Which model of new church plant is most desirable to you?

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)

2. Briefly describe the ideal “mission field” in which you would like to plant.

3. Briefly describe your social activities, the types of people with whom you routinely “hang out.”

4. Briefly describe a time that you began something new.

5. When would you be willing to start planting?

PART 2 – THE NASHVILLE AREA HAS PERMISSION

1. I do do not give permission for a background check.
2. I do do not give permission for a credit check.

I. Nashville Area Expectations

We are excited and thankful for your interest in potentially planting a new church! Please note that we expect church planters to:

- remain firmly rooted in the Wesleyan tradition and strongly connected with the Annual Conference
- be consistent in meeting all benchmarks
- be willing to participate in coaching and other opportunities for personal and professional development
- be willing to be a part of a new church planters network
- help start other new churches and faith communities

PART 3 – REQUIRED SIGNATURES

Signed Date
Potential Planting Pastor

Signed Date
Lay Leader or Lay Representative of Potential Planter's Current Church

Signed Date
District Superintendent

Signed Date
NCD Team Leader