

# PATHWAYS PLANTING

## Application Forms

### Church Planter Covenant

#### BETWEEN THE CHURCH PLANTER AND THE NASHVILLE AREA

I , a newly appointed church planter, and , the New Church Development Team Leader of the Nashville Area of The United Methodist Church confirm that we are in agreement on the following:

1. I understand the Office of New Church Development will be diligent in seeing that as a new church planter my family and I will have ample and appropriate spiritual, emotional, and professional support in place for our well-being and to experience the success of the new church plant. These may include covenant/ accountability groups, spiritual directors, training events, counseling, days off, vacation, etc.
2. I understand the need for a Ministry Coach and will work constructively with the coach agreed upon between myself and the NCD Team Leader or designee.
3. In recognition of the investment made in me as a United Methodist planter, I agree that if for any reason I should leave The United Methodist Church, I will not attempt to create or plant any other new church or worshipping entity within 50 miles of the current new church start location to which I am appointed, for a period of 2 years from the date of ending my appointment as a United Methodist pastor.
4. I understand that, in the event of #3 above, the last paycheck or any form of severance from the Nashville Area of The United Methodist Church and any of its entities will be delivered to me after all personal and church items (paid for by the Conference), all access codes to websites, bank accounts, etc., and all keys to storage units, properties, and meeting locations have been successfully received by or assigned to the Office of New Church Development.

Signed

*Church Planter*

Date

Signed

*NCD Team Leader*

Date

Signed

*District Superintendent*

Date