

PATHWAYS PLANTING

Application Forms

Parent Church Application

Nashville Area
Office of New Church Development

PARENT CHURCH COMPLETES

Timeline: This application must be completed under the supervision of the senior pastor or head of the sponsoring entity. Where narrative answers are required, use additional pages.

Name of Parent Church or Sponsoring Entity

Address

Email

Date of Application

I. Checklist of Requirements

If your proposal is selected and approved by the Conference, 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 PRIOR TO ANY OFFICIAL ACTION AND/OR APPROVAL OF YOUR PROPOSAL.

THE FOLLOWING STEPS ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PROSPECTIVE PARENT CHURCH OR SPONSORING ENTITY.

1. Senior pastor and prospective church are clear on the motivation for planting a new church.
2. Demographic study of proposed area completed.
3. Consultation with the NCD Team Leader about developing a strategy to plant.
4. Strategic Proposal approved by the NCD Team.
5. Strategic Proposal shared with the District Superintendent.
6. Strategic Proposal approved by the Charge/Church Conference.
7. Strategic Proposal approved by the Bishop and Cabinet.

II. Type of Plant Preference

1. Which model(s) of new church plant is/are most appropriate for your church to plant?

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Site Expansion | 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Classic Missionary (Parachute) |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Integrated Multi-Ethnic | 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Church-Within-a-Church |
| 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Closed/Reopened Facility | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Vital Merger |
| 7. <input type="checkbox"/> House Church | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Intentional Community |
| 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Pregnant Church | |
| 10. <input type="checkbox"/> Hybrid of _____ (please describe) | |

2. Briefly explain your desire to start a new church.

3. Briefly describe a time or two that your church began something new.

4. When would your church be willing to start planting?

III. Nashville Area Expectations

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

- remain firmly rooted in the Wesleyan tradition and strongly connected with the Annual Conference
- serve up to a five-year commitment to help with the new church (based on positive progression)
- participate in training, coaching, and other opportunities by NCD Team
- teach other churches how to start new churches and faith communities

IV. Required Signatures

Signed Date
Senior Pastor of Parent Church

Signed Date
Lay Leader or Lay Representative of Parent Church

Signed Date
District Superintendent

Signed Date
NCD Team Leader