

Center for New Church Development

THE NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

APPLICATION FOR LAUNCHING A NEW CONGREGATION: PARACHUTE MODEL

City/Town _____ District _____

Name of new project _____

Name of person submitting information _____

Email _____ Phone (_____) _____

Date set to start this ministry _____

TARGETED POPULATION

Describe briefly the community in which the congregation will be launched.

Why does this community need a new local church?

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Describe briefly the target audience within this community.

What is the numerical population within the prime ministry area?
(Use MissionInsite: FullInsite Report. Report must be mailed.) _____

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What group will be the target audience? _____

What will the projected target population be in 5 years? _____

What is the predominant ethnic group in the ministry area? _____

What is the ethnic group of the target population? _____

ENVISIONED CONGREGATION

Does the New Church Planter believe that:

1. Approximately 150-225 adult attendees will make up the average weekly worship attendance within 3 years of the first service? _____ Yes _____ No
2. There will be sufficient giving to financially support the congregation within three to five years? _____ Yes _____ No

MEETING LOCATION

Is there an available facility to accommodate 150-300 worshippers? _____ Yes _____ No

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If no, describe the uniqueness of the targeted population that will require less space.

Please describe the facility (school, storefront, theater, existing church or synagogue facilities, funeral home chapel, etc.)

Has a commitment for its use been secured? Yes No

Is there reasonable expectation that the congregation can remain at this location for three to five years? Yes No

Is the meeting location within the area of the targeted population? Yes No

What is the address of the meeting location? (street address, city and zip code)

Are the facilities available upon the appointment of the founding pastor? Yes No

Will the Conference need to renovate/refurbish the facilities? Yes No

Is the site at least five (5) miles from other United Methodist churches? Yes No

If not, why is this congregation being launched?

What is the distance to the nearest United Methodist church? _____

Does the Conference own the proposed site? Yes No

Is it clear of debt? Yes No

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If a debt is owed, how much? _____

What is the size of the site? _____ Acres

Do you have a "fee simple" title? _____ Yes _____ No

How many buildable acres does the site contain?
(At least 10 acres recommended) _____

OFFICE

Will an office be needed outside of the parsonage/home? _____ Yes _____ No

Will at least part-time secretarial help be available? _____ Yes _____ No

ADJOINING UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES

Have all nearby United Methodist Churches been notified of the planning of this new church?
_____ Yes _____ No

If yes, which churches have been contacted?

If not, what is the plan to do so?

18 MONTH EVALUATION

The first formal evaluation will be made 18 months after the appointment of the new church start pastor. The benchmarks used in this evaluation are listed in the Guidelines.

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INCORPORATION:

It is expected that if this new church is chartered, it will become incorporated.

Please give any other information which might be of help to the Committee in voting on this request.

I am aware of the information and requirements listed in the guidelines for this new start including:

- Benchmarks
- Conference Responsibilities and Oversight
- Finances
- Reporting (Accountability)
- Staff
- Launching (First Worship Service)
- Housing
- Land Issues
- Pastor Role/Training
- Coaching
- Application Process
- Chartering
- Resources

Please print, sign and include with the new start application.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
New Church Planter

Signed: _____ Date: _____
District Superintendent

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Director of Center for New Church Development

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