

THE CENTER FOR NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT
THE NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

APPLICATION FOR STARTING A NEW
CONGREGATION:
RESTART MODEL

City/Town _____ District _____

Name of Restart _____

Name of person submitting information _____

Email _____ Phone (_____) _____

Date set to start this ministry: _____

TARGETED POPULATION

Describe briefly how the community where the church is located has changed since the close of the former church.

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?
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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 Church Planter believe that:

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

Please describe the facility _____

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

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Is the church within the area of the targeted population? Yes No

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

Will the district 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

 If a debt is owed, how much? _____

 What is the size of the site? _____ Acres

 Do you have a “fee simple” title? Yes No

OFFICE

Will an office be needed outside of the church? Yes No

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

Will there be budget for a computer, copier, FAX, etc.?
_____ Yes _____ No

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HOUSING

Is there a parsonage? _____ Yes _____ No

Will the parsonage meet Conference parsonage standards? _____ Yes _____ No

If an existing parsonage is to be reclaimed for use, will it need to be refurbished? _____ Yes _____ No

ADJOINING UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES

Have all nearby United Methodist Churches been notified of the restarting of this church?

_____ Yes _____ No

If yes, which churches have been contacted?

If not, what is the plan to do so?

Financial Support:

Will the new church start receive funds from nearby and other District churches (Baby Shower) during the first year?

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

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

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Church Planter

Signed: _____ Date: _____
District Superintendent

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