

# THE CENTER FOR NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

*THE NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH*

## **APPLICATION FOR CHARTERING A NEW CONGREGATION**

For a mission to apply to charter as a new congregation in the North TX Conference of the United Methodist Church, the guidelines listed below must be met. Before a firm date can be set by the church, the district, and the conference, the new congregation must submit this form, along with dates of completion and required signatures. When this has been accomplished and all parties are in agreement, then a date to charter can be set and announced by the local church. For questions, please contact the Center for New Church Development, at 972-526-5059.

OFFICIAL CHURCH NAME \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHYSICAL  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NUMBER ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

1. The New Church Start shall present to the Center for New Church Development its plans for addressing these areas of ministry (evangelism, discipleship, nurture and mission). It will include how the church is organized, who the people are that are participating, what have been the past successes, what are the future goals and any other pertinent information. The presentation will also include the church's vision for the next five years, including birthing a new congregation. The Director of the Center for New Church Development and the District Superintendent shall be in attendance at this presentation.

Date of Presentation \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Director of Center for New Church Development present \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

District Superintendent present \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

2. Has the new congregation been financially independent of any outside sources of income during the past 12 months? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No
3. Does the new congregation have an average worship attendance of 225 adults?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

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4. What existing mortgages (if any) will the new church be expected to assume?

\_\_\_\_\_  
Amount per month \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Length of loan \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose of the mortgage \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any additional loans that will be transferred to the new church? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

If yes, indicate the lender: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount per month \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Length of loan \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose of the loan \_\_\_\_\_

Is the new church prepared to assume full payment of its apportionments over a period of four years, beginning \_\_\_\_\_? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  
(1st year)

If any indebtedness is being transferred to the new church, have all parties agreed to the transfer? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lending Institution

\_\_\_\_\_  
Vendor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Pastor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Finance Chair

\_\_\_\_\_  
District Superintendent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Director, New Church Development

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5. This application shall be submitted at least 60 days prior to the expected charter Sunday.

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(Anticipated charter Sunday)

(Date of submission)

This application will be complete when the following persons have signed and dated this document.

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Director for the Center of New Church Development

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District Superintendent

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Chairperson District Board of Church Location

**ACTION:**

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Resubmit \_\_\_\_\_

Date rescheduled for \_\_\_\_\_