

THE CENTER FOR NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT AND CONGREGATIONAL TRANSFORMATION

THE NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

APPLICATION TO PLANT

A New United Methodist Church, Extension Campus, or Mission Congregation

PART 1 -- TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PLANTING CANDIDATE

Timeline: This application must be completed after completion of the NCLI and if the prospective planter indicates on her/his Self - Reflective Essay a desire to be considered for the "Planters Pool" of the NTC. Where narrative answers are requested, please feel free to use the additional pages as needed.

Name of Planter _____

Current Ministerial Status _____

Email _____ Date of application: _____

I. CHECKLIST OF REQUIREMENTS

IF YOU ARE SELECTED TO PLANT, THE NTC WILL INVEST HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN YOUR PROJECT. THEREFORE, WE MUST BE DILIGENT IN PLANTER DECISIONS.

THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PROSPECTIVE PLANTER. #'S 1-3 ARE PART OF THE NCLI; #'S 4-8 ARE TO BE USED IN THE CANDIDATES ASSESSMENT INTERVIEW PROCESS, CONDUCTED BY A TEAM OF CLERGY AND LAITY; #'S 9,10 ARE FOR SPECIFIC SITUATIONS IF APPLICABLE.

YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION PACKET IS TO BE DELIVERED TO THE CNCD PRIOR TO SCHEDULING YOUR ASSESSMENT INTERVIEW

1. _____ DISC Profile
2. _____ TEAM Profile
3. _____ Conflict Resolution Style Profile
4. _____ Profile XT (online assessment survey)
5. _____ 3 Letters of Reference, at least one from a lay person
6. _____ Assessment Interviews
7. _____ Submitted 2 Sermons on CD
8. _____ Submitted DVD of Worship Service
9. _____ If not a member of the NTC, written verification from the NTC Bishop to be eligible to plant
10. _____ If not a US Citizen, documentation of eligibility to be employed as religious worker in the US
11. _____ Permission granted to the CNCD to do appropriate background checks/credit checks
12. _____ New Church Planters Covenant Agreement

II. Planter Preference

1. In which model of Planting would you be most comfortable? (Parachute, Mother/Daughter, Ethnic Language, etc.)
2. Describe briefly the "Ideal Mission Field" in which you prefer to plant:
3. Given the above considerations, describe in detail the piece(s) of the "mission field" that you envision targeting through the creation of this new congregation. Create a profile (such as a "Saddleback Sam" or an "Unchurched Harry and Mary") that represents the persons you believe God is calling this new church to reach.

4. How would you go about your first sixty days as a means of ascertaining the needs of the people living in the mission field and your plan for connecting with them?

5. When would you be ready to plant?

PART 2- - Permissions Granted

1. I (DO) or (DO NOT) grant permission to the CNCD to do a background check. (Circle One)

2. I (DO) or (Do Note) grant permission to the CNCD to do a credit check (Circle One)

III. CNCD EXPECTATIONS OF A PLANTER

We are excited about your interest and application! Please know that the CNCD assumes several expectations on the part of potential planters:

- At least a 7 year tenure as a new church planter
- Attendance benchmarks as critical to the growth of the project
- A High degree of supervision (Coach, Director of the CNCD, and the DS).

PART 3 - - Signatures needed on Application

Signed _____ Date _____
Planting Pastor Candidate

Signed _____ Date _____
Lay Leader or Lay Representative of Candidate's current church

Signed _____ Date _____
District Superintendent

Signed _____ Date _____
Director for the Center for New Church Development & Congregational Transformation

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Part 3 – New Church Planters Covenant Agreement

NEW CHURCH PLANTER COVENANT AGREEMENT

BETWEEN NEW CHURCH PLANTER AND THE CENTER FOR NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

I _____, a newly appointed new church planter, and _____, the Director of the Center for New Church Development at the North

Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church confirm that we are in agreement on the following :

- 1) I understand The Center for 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 project. 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 director of New Church Development.
- 3) I have read, understand, and agree to adhere to the policies, procedures, and guidelines expected of me as detailed in the New Church Planting Guide Book.
- 4) In recognition of the investment made in me as a UM 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 60 miles of the current new church start location to which I am appointed, for a period of one year from the date of ending my appointment as the United Methodist New Church Start pastor.
- 5) I understand that, in the event of #4 above, the last paycheck or any form of severance from the North Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church and any of its entities will be delivered to me upon the return of all personal and church items (paid for by the Conference), as well as all access codes to websites, bank accounts, etc. as well as keys to storage units, properties, and meeting locations have been successfully received by or assigned to the CNCD office.

Signed on the _____ of _____, 20_____

Signature of New Church Planter

Signature of Director of the Center for New Church Development

Signature of District Superintendent