

Church Planting Ministry Church Start Process



Contact with Church Planting Ministry

- To start a file, go to NAMB's website (www.namb.net) and click on Send Me, then click on "Learn More". Under Church Planters, click on "Get Me Started" and start your application there.
- The Ministry Assistant determines where the Candidate is interested in planting a mission and who the sponsor(s) might be (church(s) and association).
- The Ministry Assistant copies Sponsoring Church(s) and Association on all correspondence with the Church Planter Applicant.
- Upon completion of Send Me, the Ministry Assistant compiles a file on the applicant and plant and notifies the responsible Consultant that he should contact the applicant for a pre-orientation consult.

Pre-Orientation

- Consultant conducts a pre-orientation interview with the applicant.
- Invite the applicant to Church Planter Orientation and explain registration process.

Church Planter Orientation

- Ministry Assistant, Lana Melton contacts the candidate to register for Orientation.

Assessment

- The Candidate completes the on-line assessment reports and then attends the Assessment Event.
- Once the candidate passes assessment, he will be scheduled for the Church Planting School.

Church Planting School

- The Church Planter will attend Church Planting School. Church Planting School will be held once per month for twelve months. Six to eight church planters will attend the school together as a cohort group. The schedule will be from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. one day a month for twelve months. The preparation actually begins several weeks prior to the school with Straight Street (a time of independent study, prayer and spiritual preparation).

Church Planter Development

- Immediately following the completion of Church Planting School, the Consultant should assign the Church Planter to a Church Planter Network and/or a Coach.
- The Consultant should also, working with the sponsoring partners, make sure that the Church Planter has a Supervisor and that the Planter, Supervisor, and Coach understand their responsibilities and expectations.

Financial Assistance

Start-up funds

- The Church Planter can request start-up funds (up to \$5000.00) by contacting his Consultant. A detailed description of the use/purpose of start-up funds should accompany the request.
- The Consultant calls or emails the Ministry assistant (Lana Melton) requesting that the voucher be prepared and submitted.
- The Specialist is responsible for approving all start-up-fund requests.
- When approved, start-up fund requests will be sent to the business office for processing.
- Start-up fund checks will be mailed from the CPM office.

Church Planter Assistance (CPA)

You must apply for financial support by calling or emailing your CPM consultant: Butch Butcher, bbutcher@gabaptist.org, or Jimmy Baughcum, jbaughcum@gabaptist.org; or Ben Lang, blang@gabaptist.org

All church plants receiving financial support are expected to give a minimum of 10% to worldwide missions as follows:

- Cooperative Program (6%) _____
- Church Planting Fund (1%) _____
- Association (2-3%) _____
- Other _____
- Other _____

Two categories of financial support:

1) Start-up funds (up to \$5000.00) Request these funds with your consultant by email with a detailed explanation of how these funds will be spent. Start-up funds also require your completing a “Start-up Grant Acceptance Form.”

2) Church Planter Assistance (\$400-\$800 per month for 12 months, not to exceed \$19,200.00). CPA can be requested for two to four 12-month periods. Each 12-month period requires its own separate application process. All CPA requests require a signed endorsement from the local Association and a sponsoring Georgie Baptist Mission Board Church. CPA requests must be approved by the Administration Committee of the Georgia Baptist Mission Board Executive Committee.

The following information must be included with the CPA application:

- A geographic map of the church target area,
- Demographic information of the church target area (call Kathleen Harris with the Georgia Baptist Mission Board to request the demographic information, 770-455-0404),
- A copy of the church plant budget,

- A letter from the sponsoring church pastor or associational missionary stating why this work is important to the particular community or area,
- Written 5-year plans for stewardship and missions. For the stewardship plan, answer the question, “How will you teach and promote biblical stewardship over the next five years in your church plant?” For the missions plan, answer the question, “How will you teach and promote Great Commission and Acts 1:8 missions and missions giving through the Cooperative program of the Southern Baptist Convention?”

This package also includes three additional documents for your assistance and/or information:

- Georgia New Hire Reporting Form
- Employee Eligibility Verification
- The Mission/Church Assistance Fund

All financial support requires the Church Planter to complete a monthly progress report and the monthly reports will be reviewed by your CPM consultant, Associational Missionary, Coach, Supervisor, and Sponsoring Church Pastor. Lana Melton, in the CPM office will assist the Church Planter in beginning this reporting process. Support checks will be held until monthly reports have been posted.