

A2 CONTEXTUALIZED CHURCH PLANTING FOR GROWTH CONFERENCE

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Overview

Church Plant

1. A church planter with his team/core members of lay people is to plant a new church together
 - a. A church planter/team leader - A man of vision under conviction by the Holy Spirit
 - i. Be knowledgeable & experienced with seminary education
 - ii. Be faithful & mature
 - iii. As the spiritual leader with the shepherd heart to be friendly, loving, encouraging, humble, transparent, responsible, motivating, delegating, empowering attitude for his team workers
 - iv. To learn from his mentor or senior pastors
 - v. To participate in his denominational life & ongoing fellowship with fellow pastor/friends
 - b. Team builders - Lay people from the sending church or from a cluster of local churches as the core members for a new church plant
 - i. Building healthy relationship for teamwork one another
 - ii. Building team spirit to support their leader
 - iii. Personal spiritual growth through daily personal devotion & prayer life
 - iv. To become teachable in worship, evangelism, discipleship, missions, church ministries
 - v. To catch vision from the pastoral ministry to have ownership of the church ministries and be evangelistic
2. Focus of the new church ministry
 - a. Target group & church ministry
 - i. Family-oriented ministry, or campus -based ministry
 - ii. Language, or English ministry, or multicultural worship service
 - iii. Bible-centered evangelistic ministry with prayer & praise
 - iv. Traditional or contemporary worship style
 - b. Survey the community
 - i. Know the community life and people
 - ii. Information from business community like restaurants, grocery markets, community service centers for evangelistic outreach
 - iii. School, civic centers, other churches, neighborhood

Church Growth

1. Church growth comes from God through church plant (1 Corinthians 3:6-9)
 - a. Requirement for a new church plant
 - i. A church planter as team captain and his team workers/core members

- ii. Set the inaugural date in advance to prepare or/and mobilize the team to the new church site
 - iii. Financial support of the church planter from the sending church/mother church for first year
- b. Reproducing a branch church/daughter church/satellite church/mission church/campus church
 - i. Local vicinity within the community/city within one hour driving distance
 - ii. Across the State in long distance
 - iii. Overseas church plant as the global missions to fulfill the Great Commission in other countries

Contextual Church Plant for Growth

1. Uniqueness of each church & philosophy
 - a. Each church is unique in style of worship and its ministry philosophy
 - b. Each church is unique in makeup of church membership
 - c. Each church is unique in church growth

2. Uniqueness of each community
 - a. Each community is unique
 - b. Each local church-based campus ministry is unique
 - c. Each local church, Association, and State Baptist Convention is unique.

3. Biblical principles of church planting
 - a. The New Testament is the church planting for growth manual
 - i. Four Gospels is the church planting manual how our Lord came to build His church through making disciples as a team (Matthew 16:18) for the Great Commission, which is given every church is to reproduce multiple churches as a church planting movement to the ends of the earth through the power of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 1:8).
 - ii. Book of Acts is the church growth manual how God's Spirit has empowered the church planting team for the global missions from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth in the Apostle Paul's time.
 - b. There are hundreds of different church planting models. Every church is made up with different people, ministry, and community setting, so it will help us to imitate of Jesus' church planting approach, not to copy a mega-church style to grow quickly.
 - i. God wants His servants (pastors) to grow mature spiritually to imitate of Him.
 - ii. If the pastor changes spiritually to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ from the Bible in expository sermons & to live by the Spirit in prayer life, then his congregation will follow their pastor to walk with Christ for church growth.
 - iii. The pastor is to cast his vision and to share his dream in the ministry for his congregation that they would catch his vision for church growth.