



Church Planter District Support System

Believing the following elements are essential for a church planter the district covenants to be supportive in the following areas.

- A. **Prayer** – encourage the planter to have a “prayer force team” made up of people who have covenanted with the church planter to prayer daily/weekly/monthly/continually for the church planter, the church planter’s family and for the church plant ministry.
- B. **Assessment** – make available to the church planter following assessment opportunities:
 - a. Ministerial assessment for those pursuing a district minister’s license;
 - b. Church planting pre-assessment for all considering church planting;
 - c. Church planting assessment for whom the pre-assessment suggests should continue in the process.
- C. **Training** – to establish the following training opportunities:
 - a. Church Planting Essentials training provided through the district for all potential church planters and church planting staff persons.
 - b. The following opportunities are provided for those who will be supporting a church planters in one form or another:
 - i. Churches Planting Churches training; for sponsor church pastors. This training gives the sponsoring church pastor the tools needed to enhance the vital relationship between the sponsoring pastor and the church planter
 - ii. Becoming a Mentor training; for those who will coach the church planter.
 - c. Church planters, sponsoring church pastors and church planter mentor/coaches are to participate, as much as possible, in the ongoing training opportunities when they are available.
- D. **Coaching** – To provide a coach for the church planter for a period of at least two years and will:

- a. Meet monthly with their coach either in person, by Skype, or by phone. Spouses are to be included in the meetings with the coach. [It is strongly recommended that you have a quarterly face-to-face meeting.]
 - b. Email, text, and/ or call their coach whenever needed.
- E. Finances –**
- a. While the district does not presently have grants or funds to offer beyond supplementing the cost of the assessment and training listed above (if sponsoring church(s) is/are not already covering these costs).
 - b. The district will continually seek ways to open doors to financial resources for church planting.