



Sponsoring Church Expectations

A sponsoring church will:

- A. Pray that God will raise up church planters from their local church and/or bring church planters to their local church.
- B. Pray for the church planter and the entire ministry in multiple ways.
- C. Foster and develop a culture that recognizes church planters as missionaries celebrating the ministry of multiplying churches.
- D. Cover the costs for the district approved pre-assessment and assessment of their church planter and spouse.
- E. Cover the cost of the district approved training of their church planter and spouse.
- F. Provide “soft money” in the form of office space, use of a copier, paper goods and other office equipment (as feasible)
- G. Coordinate with partner church(es) for the provision of pastoral care opportunities. (Pastors and Spouses’ Retreat, Camp Meeting, District Assembly, etc.)
- H. Invite people of their congregation to prayerfully consider being part of the church planting core.
- I. Invite the church planter to recruit from their congregation, while also giving counsel regarding those who it may be wise not to approach.

NOTE:

- When feasible and practical a sponsoring church may invite a second church to join in sponsoring the church plant wherein both churches share responsibilities and resources. In such cases one congregation will be considered the “lead sponsoring church.”
- When it is not practical or feasible for the sponsoring church to cover the costs for the pre-assessment, assessment and/or training, the district will work with the sponsoring church to seek ways in which to secure the necessary funds which includes seeking partnering church(es). [See *Church Partnering Expectations*]