

District Church Multiplication Network

Preparation and Planning Template

CMM will come along side you to help you develop your church multiplication network. CMM will also be available for coaching and/or consultation throughout the lifetime of your network.

- **Preparation**

- Select a network coordinator (someone to work with CMM to coordinate the development and function of the support network).
- Develop a network coordination team comprised of several pastors and/or members (to assist the coordinator and serve in key coordinating roles as needed (e.g. network treasurer, resource coordinator, etc.)
- The network coordinator and team members should receive church multiplication training. The following are recommended:
 - Church multiplication workshops for developing a strategic plan for a district church planting network.
 - Read books on church planting.
Also recommended:
 - Attend the *Exponential* conference (one or more of the network team).
 - Attend *Church-Next Training* (one or more of the network team).
 - Attend workshop on “Obtaining Support for a Church Planting Network”.

- **Finances**

- Establish a district network financial accounting system, based on the principles and practices outlined in the GCI-USA Financial Manual (with a treasurer, accounting systems, etc.).
- A network church multiplication account can be set up as either
 - A line item within an established congregational account
 - An account separate from an established congregational account. Avoid establishing a designated account. Give this account a generic name, e.g. “ministry multiplication” or “domestic mission”.
- Select a treasurer (a congregational treasurer or another qualified person).
- Develop a basic policy for financial support for a church planter, i.e. how much financial support and for how long.

- **Communication:** *The keys to developing an effective and well-supported church multiplication network are communication and inclusion. Get input from pastors and members while developing the network. Clearly communicate the vision and purpose of the network. Keep people informed as the networks develops and participates in church planting support.*

- Develop a plan for sharing the vision and gathering support for a district church planting network with pastors and congregations including
 - Communicating the purpose for a district church planting support network
 - Asking for input on developing the network and a strategic plan for providing support for church planters

- Communicating the plan for developing support systems for church planters (including recruitment, assessment, training, coaching and support)
 - Communicating the need for financial support and other forms of support (prayer, training, equipment, etc.)
 - Providing multiple pathways for donations (finances, equipment, etc.)
 - Communicating how finances will be accounted for
 - Establishing financial reporting to donating congregations
 - Developing a process for intentional prayer; reminding participating pastors and congregations to continually pray for church planters. Continually communicate prayer requests.
 - Determine who will be the primary communicator on behalf of the network.
 - Determine how communication will take place between the church planter and the district network.
 - Communicate the needs of church planters and new churches to pastors and congregations.
- **Coordinate resources:** Facilitate and coordinate the flow of resources from network churches to church plants.
 - **Develop church planter equipping and support systems**
 - Sponsor training for assessors
 - Coordinate assessment interviews
 - Sponsor training for coaches
 - Align church planters with coaches
 - Sponsor training for church planters (Church-Next Training, Exponential and other training events)
 - **Identify communities or people groups within which to plant churches. (This is optional and best done by a church planter.)**