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We are excited that you are interested in planting a church in Alabama! Our goal is to help you to discover and fulfill God's plan for your life. These documents are part of the process for us to partner with you and provide resources to assist your dream. Please take time to read them thoroughly.

Included in this packet is:

- APPLICATION
- STEPS TO PLANTING A CHURCH IN ALABAMA
- CP&D CHURCH PLANTER FUNDING REQUEST
- CP&D GOODWILL COVENANT
- EXPECTATIONS FOR NEW CHURCH PLANTS
- CP&D FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
- CP&D CHURCH PLANTER MONTHLY REPORT

After reading through these, if you still sense that God is calling you to partner with us in Alabama, we would love to have you on the team. Please follow the steps that are included.

Start by going to <https://neworchardsolutions.com>. You will find three assessments located there. Find the assessment that is the closest to where you think you are in the process. In the space for code, type "AMNAG."

1. **Launch Assessment** - If you know you want to plant and want to determine if you are ready, belong on a team, or need to wait.
2. **Pre-Assessment** - If you are praying about planting as a possibility.
3. **Screening Assessment** - If you have no idea but know you are called to serve through ministry.

After you get your assessment results, please return it with your application to my office by email. When I receive them, I will contact you for an interview. I also encourage you to take time and complete a personality test (Enneagram, DISC, Myers-briggs, Strengthsfinder, etc.). This will give you some more tools in your toolbox to help you understand your calling.

I am praying with you for God's best in your life. I know that you have sought God for your next step. I am more than confident He will guide and provide for you. If you have any further questions, please email or call me.

With great Anticipation!

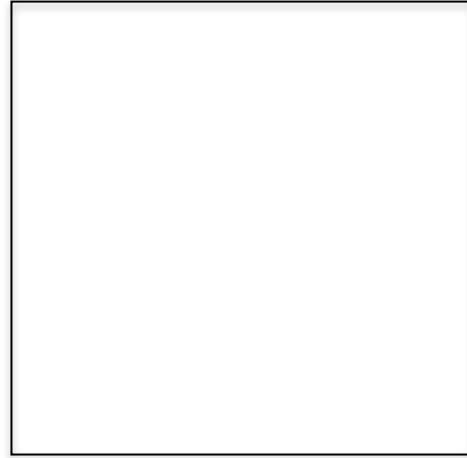
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Church Planter Application

Name _____

Date _____



Attach/Scan Personal Photo Here

Tell Us About Yourself

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____ Apt. # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone () _____ Cell Phone () _____

E-mail: _____ Birthday: ___/___/___

Facebook: _____ Ethnicity: _____

Twitter: _____ Male ___ Female ___

Marital Status: Married ___ Single ___ Divorced ___ Widowed ___

Name of Spouse _____ Anniversary: ___/___/___

Names and ages of children _____

Are You Credentialed? _____ With Whom? _____ What Level? _____

Tell Us about Your School History

High School: _____

City and State: _____

Years Completed: _____ Degree: _____

College attended: _____

City and State: _____

Years Completed: _____ Degree: _____

College attended: _____

City and State: _____

Years Completed: _____ Degree: _____

College attended: _____

City and State: _____

Years Completed: _____ Degree: _____

Graduate school attended: _____

City and State: _____

Years Completed: _____ Degree: _____

Tell Us About Your Work History

Employer 1 _____

Job Title and Description _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Part-time () Full-time ()

Employment Dates: Begin _____ End _____

Supervisor _____

Employer 2 _____

Job Title and Description _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Part-time () Full-time ()

Employment Dates: Begin _____ End _____

Supervisor _____

Employer 3 _____

Job Title and Description _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Part-time () Full-time ()

Employment Dates: Begin _____ End _____

Supervisor _____

Please Give Us Some References

Ministerial/Pastoral:

Name _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Personal 1:

Name _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Relationship _____

Personal 2:

Name _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Relationship _____

Tell Us about your Spiritual Journey

Please write a one page summary of each of the following and attach them to this application.

Your Testimony:

Describe how you came to faith in Jesus and how you are growing in your relationship with Him now.

Your Ministry Story:

Summarize your call and activities of ministry

Tell Us About Your Desire to Plant

Please write a one page summary of each of the following and attach them to this application.

Your Call to Plant a Church:

Summarize your Church Planting Call

Your Plant Location:

Summarize your Church Planting Target and how you arrived at it.

Legal Issues and Lifestyle

Below are questions that relate to personal issues that are of a sensitive nature. Because we take seriously our responsibility to maintain a safe ministry environment, we believe honesty and integrity to be of the utmost importance. Please answer the personal questions in a truthful and forthright manner. Please explain any "YES" answers in the space below this section.

A. Have you ever been arrested and/or convicted of a crime?

YES () NO ()

B. Do you have any history of, or have ever been accused of any form of child abuse or sexual assault?

YES () NO ()

C. Is there anything from your past that may come up in the future about you that could hurt the testimony of Alabama Church Multiplication?

YES () NO ()

D. Have you ever declared personal bankruptcy? YES () NO ()

E. Are you carrying any consumer debt (i.e. credit cards, etc)? If so, how much?

F. Are there any outstanding debts that would make it difficult for you to take a job in order to "tent make" while you give the majority of your efforts to church planting? YES () NO ()

G. Is there any reason why a leader of another ADCAG church would question or oppose you in either planting a church or becoming an ADCAG pastor?

YES () NO ()

Please explain any "YES" answers in the space below:

Agreement

The undersigned applicant hereby certifies that the information contained on this application is true and correct, and I have not omitted any facts that I reasonably believe would reflect unfavorably on the Alabama Church Multiplication to accept me into the program.

I hereby authorize the Alabama Church Multiplication to contact any person or institute I have listed on this application, unless indicated otherwise, to independently verify the correctness of the information I have provided and to receive any other information that would be relevant to my application.

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

Please email or mail the completed application to the following address:

dstrahan@adcag.org

David Strahan
P.O. Box 235014
Montgomery, AL 36117
334-279-7172



STEPS TO PLANTING A CHURCH IN ALABAMA

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This is achieved by:

- planting churches who reinvest in the next generation of church plants
- partner with existing churches to help fund new church plants
- encourage healthy churches to mother PACs (Parent Affiliated Churches)

Before you can plant a church:

- You must be a credentialed minister in good standing with the Assemblies of God.
- You have to demonstrate a call from God.
- You have to have self-initiative and the ability to build a core of leaders.

The following steps are the process for you to follow as you launch your new church. As each step is completed, write the date in the blank to the left of the step number. This will help prevent the church planting process from being delayed due to an incomplete step.

Every church (whether PAC, multi-site, or otherwise) is required to have CP&D approval before launching in the Alabama Ministry Network.

Where do I begin to plant a church in Alabama

_____ **Step 1: Receive the Alabama New Church Plant Packet and complete the application**

It is available at <http://www.adcag.org/ministries/church-planting-development>. Thoroughly read through all the information. You will find an application, process, timeline, resources, expectations, funding application, and PAC information. If you want to continue to partner with us in planting your church, download, complete, and return the application by email to David Strahan at dtrahan@amnag.org. If you are wanting funding, please fill out the funding application and return it with your planter application (Step 5).

_____ **Step 2: Complete a Launch Assessment**

This is a tool to help you as you pray about church planting. Go to <https://neworchardsolutions.com> and complete the Launch assessment. In the space for the code, type "AMNAG." Download your assessment in PDF format and email it to David Strahan at dstrahan@amnag.org.

_____ **Step 3: Sectional CPD Committee Interview**

You will be contacted by the Sectional Presbyter and/or CP&D Director to review the results of the Church Planter Pre-Assessment with the Sectional CP&D Committee. We want you and your spouse to meet with the Sectional Committee where you desire to plant, the Superintendent, the CP&D Director, and Regional CP&D representative. During this

interview, you will need to be prepared to share your vision and burden for church planting, demographics of the location desired, proposed budget, and personal ministry experience.

Step 4: Attend CMN Launch Regional Event

Attend CMN Launch at <http://churchmultiplication.net/training/training>. You will need to send a copy of your evaluation, expected timeline, proposed budget, and ministry plan to David Strahan at dstrahan@amnag.org when they are completed.

Step 5: Complete the Alabama CPD Fund Application

If you are wanting financial assistance, church planting funds may be available to qualified new churches and Parent Affiliated Churches (PACs). There are expectations and requirements that need to be agreed to.

- To receive funding from us, you can not receive funding from other organizations that require payback without proof approval. We want to make sure that you are not overextended in your financial obligations, especially as a new church.
- You will need to raise \$15,000 to invest in your church plant before any funding is released. It will be yours to use in addition to the funding that you receive from CP&D. This shows your ability to cast vision and compel people to give towards it. It also demonstrates the commitment that you are making towards this endeavor.
- You agree to give faithfully to AG missionaries and projects.
- In the seventh month, you will need to begin to reinvest in the next generation of church planters by giving 5% of your undesignated funds to CP&D.
- After you have reinvested what was given to you, we expect you to continue by giving a minimum of 2% of your undesignated funds to CP&D to help the next generation of church planters.

The funding application is included in your Potential Church Plant Packet. Email it to David Strahan at dstrahan@amnag.org.

Step 6: Final Approval by CP&D Board

After you send in your full church planter application, assessment, and ministry plan to the CP&D Director, he will contact you to set up a time for you and your spouse to interview with the CP&D Board. They meet once a quarter. You will either be approved to start a church or not. If you desire funding, please send your Fund Application in before the interview. You will be notified within a week if you have been approved for funding.

Step 7: You will be Assigned a Church Planting Coach

We have partnered with CMN and other qualified coaching networks to provide you with the best possible opportunities to grow in your vision as you plant. They will walk with you on your journey over the next 12 months.

How to become an Assemblies of God church

Step 8: Complete a Ministry Network Affiliated Charter Form or an Application for General Council Recognition as a General Council Church

If you are receiving funding from CP&D, you should download and complete a MINISTRY NETWORK AFFILIATED CHURCH FORM from our website and send it to our District Secretary and Treasurer. If you are not receiving funding and wish to be General Council

affiliated, you will need to complete a General Council Church Affiliation Form. After the church has completed step 12, the form will be filed with Springfield. You are not considered a new church until steps 9-12 are completed. They will approve you at that time. You can contact the Ministry Network Secretary/Treasurer's office for the appropriate application.

Step 9: Apply for Non-Profit Articles of Incorporation

Incorporating is a means of protecting church members from any liability beyond the liability insurance coverage of the church. An incorporated church becomes a legal entity and is separated from the members who formed and make up the membership of the church. When the church is incorporated, lawsuits filed against the church are filed against the church itself which has become a legal entity. Incorporation is another financial protection that is both desired and appreciated by many church members.

Step 10: Receive and Adopt an approved Alabama Ministry Network Affiliated Church Constitution and By-Laws

When the Ministry Network Affiliated Charter Form is completed, you will need to decide between the three suggested models of the DISTRICT AFFILIATED CHURCH CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS. They can be modified if approved.

You can find them at http://adcag.org/files/ministries/CBL_merged_documents.pdf.

If you are not asking for funding, you can choose another model that would still need to be approved by the Ministry Network and General Council. (Parent Affiliated Churches will not receive this because they operate under the parenting church's constitution and by-laws).

Contact our Ministry Network Secretary/Treasurer if you have further questions concerning the CB&L.

Step 11: Receive a 501(c)(3) letter from the General Council

As part of the Assemblies of God, your church operates under the General Council's 501(c)(3) exemption. When your MINISTRY NETWORK AFFILIATED CHARTER FORM is completed and you are approved, you will be under their status. If you desire a letter for your records, please contact the Ministry Network Secretary/Treasurer's office or the General Council Secretary's office. (Parent Affiliated Churches can request this from their parent church or contact the General Council Secretary's office).

Step 12: Apply for an EIN Number

You will need to complete an application for your Employer Identification Number (EIN)– Form SS-4. You can complete the SS-4 form online at <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fss4.pdf>. When you receive your EIN number, you should contact the Ministry Network immediately and give it to the Secretary/Treasurer's office. Once we receive your EIN, we will forward the MINISTRY NETWORK AFFILIATED CHARTER Form to General Council. Upon approval by the General Council, you will be considered a new church. (Parent Affiliated Churches can operate under the parenting church's EIN as long as their payroll is handled with the parenting church).

What else do I need to know

Step 13: Open a Church Checking Account

Take your 501(c)(3) and your EIN number to the bank to open your church checking account. The signature card for the checking account should include the signature of either the Network

Secretary/Treasurer or the treasurer of the mother church. To open an account, you'll typically be asked to provide:

- Proof of your EIN
- Photo ID, and social security numbers of the principal signers
- Master list of the church's board of directors and corporate officers

Step 14: Set Up Your Church Financial System

When you have opened the church checking account, you are then eligible to receive contributions. Make an appointment with David Strahan or our Network Secretary/Treasurer to set up your church financial system and review your salary structure. Many financial issues need to be addressed including housing allowance and Social Security payments. More information can be found at <http://www.churchlawandtax.com/lessons/new-minister>.

Step 15: Apply for the STL Grant

Speed the Light (STL) will help you with funds for a sound system or video projection system. If you are either licensed or ordained through the AG and your church is less than two years old you may apply for this grant. STL will only release funds after the church has launched. To receive an application or for questions on the STL grant, please contact our Network Youth Director.

Step 16: Apply for the BGMC Grant

Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade (BGMC) will help with a grant for ministry supplies relating to discipleship or evangelism. If you are either licensed or ordained through the AG and your church is less than two years old you may apply for this grant. To receive an application or for questions on the BGMC grant, contact our Network Christian Education Director.

Step 17: Obtain Church Insurance

Prior to holding any public meetings, the church planter needs to obtain church insurance. To set up your coverage, contact Brotherhood Mutual Insurance at 1-800-333-3735 or another reputable insurance company. In the event of a mother church plant you may do better getting a rider added from the parenting church policy.

Step 18: Adopt a Children's and Youth Risk Management Policy

Your church needs to adopt, implement and abide by a Children's and Youth Risk Management Policy. Contact our Network Secretary/Treasurer for any questions and a consultation.

Step 19: Send Monthly Reports to our CPD Director

Until you become a General Council Affiliated Church, you will need to email monthly reports to our CPD Director at dstrahan@amnag.org. You can contact his office for the form. It is a financial report, attendance report, and ministry report that gives a snapshot of where you are and where you are going. A copy is in the New Church Planter Packet. Save it on your computer and use it as a template.

Step 20: Enjoy the Journey!

It is exciting that you have followed these steps to plant. Enjoy the ride! God has called you and will provide for you. Take time to pray, dream, believe, and enjoy what God is going to do!



Funding Application

Email to ssowers@amnag.org and dstrahan@amnag.org

Month _____

Year _____

Pastor _____

Church _____

Phone (____) _____

Address _____

State _____ Zip _____

Section _____

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Our Expectations:

- Be approved by the CP&D Board to plant a church in Alabama.
- Sign a goodwill covenant.
- Give to AG missions.
- Give 5% to CP&D in Alabama
- Give 2% of your income after your initial investment is met
- Raise \$15,000
- Gather a core of 15-20 family units committed to participate, serve, and give.
- Complete a Network Affiliated Church application
- Become a General Council Affiliated Church when your church meets the requirements
- Submit Monthly Reports to the CP&D Director at ssowers@amnag.org and dstrahan@amnag.org
- Raise Additional Funds

How much are you asking for? _____

Is there going to be a Parent (sponsoring) church who is guaranteeing the \$15,000 over 12 months? _____

- They must be an Assemblies of God church approved by the CP&D Board. The Board will agree upon a time frame to begin the funding.
- This is an investment with either a parent or partners helping the planter to raise commitments of \$15,000.00 or more. This will be used in addition to our investment..
- The Alabama CP&D will provide funding up to \$50,000.00.
- Funding will be distributed as determined by the CP&D Board.



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SECTION A: CANDIDATE CHECKLIST	
<i>Each of these steps are required before any funds are granted</i>	
ASSESSMENT	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Application completed and returned
<input type="checkbox"/>	Church Planter Assessment Interview
<input type="checkbox"/>	Assessor's Recommendation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sectional CP&D Committee Approval (You will need to set up an interview with the CP&D Director.)
PARENT OR PARTNER APPROVAL	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pledges support (a minimum of \$300.00 per week for 1 full year)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Senior pastor recommendation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Have a mentoring pastor
CREDENTIALS	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Candidate should currently hold Assemblies of God credentials
NETWORK CP&D BOARD APPROVAL	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Communicate your vision and call for the church plant with Network CP&D Board. (Contact Network CP&D office to schedule an appointment)
TRAINING	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Have you attended CP&D LAUNCH Training? (Candidate) Where? _____ When? _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Has the Sponsoring Church leader attended a Church Planters' training? (Pastor of Partnering Church, Section or Network) Where? _____ When? _____
TRAINING	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Submit a copy of your projected budget to the CP&D Director



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SECTION B: PARENT OR PARTNER APPROVALS

COMMITMENT

We are committed to partner with healthy churches to plant healthy churches. We want to reproduce our/your DNA in new church plants. The Alabama Ministry Network is committed to partnering with you in this process. In order to be eligible for CP&D funds, we ask you to make the following commitments:

- We will provide accountability for this new church and will meet regularly with the church planter; functioning as his (or her) board, and helping to effectively plant this new work.
- We will commit financially by giving a minimum of \$300.00 a week for one year. (If known, the target date to begin this funding is ____/____/____).
- We will allow the church planter to recruit from within our congregation(s) a launch team of at least 20 adults. We will establish a well defined "hunting season" for this recruitment phase and we will encourage this process.
- We will send our senior pastor/leader, the candidate and their spouse to Church Planter's training.

The above proposals were approved by the church board, sectional committee or network leadership on ____/____/____.

Signature of Pastor _____ Signature of Secretary/Treasurer _____

SENIOR PASTOR/LEADER ENDORSEMENT

Great reliance is placed on the representation of each candidate and their spouse concerning their readiness and suitability for planting a church. Please check all that apply:

- I am personally acquainted with the candidate and their spouse, and in my opinion, I know of no facts or allegations that raise any question concerning his or her ability to plant a church.
- I am not launching him or her in an effort to get them off my staff, rather I am releasing them for the ministry that I believe they are capable of accomplishing with success.
- I recommend, without reservation, the candidate for church planting.
- I prefer to discuss my response by telephone.
- I recommend with reservation. (Comment Below)
- I do not feel they are ready at this time.
- I do not recommend.
- I have not known the candidate and can therefore not make a recommendation at this time.

Additional Comments:

Signature of Senior Pastor/Presbyter/Catalyst Leader _____

Phone:

E-mail:



New Church Planter Goodwill Covenant

*We are excited to begin this journey with you!
The days ahead are going to be filled with promise, challenges, and victories!*

As a CP&D Board, we commit:

1. To grant you permission to plant a new church in Alabama.
2. To lift you up in prayer consistently. Without prayer we fail.
3. To provide a coach for you that you can relate to. He will walk with you during the first 12 months of your journey and assist you in dreaming and strategic planning.
4. To be available at all times for assistance and support.
5. To encourage, enrich, and empower you for the task that God has given you. We want to make it as easy as possible for you to succeed.

If you receive funding from CP&D

6. To give support financially as funds are available to church plants that have submitted a funding application and have been approved.

As a New Church Planter, you commit:

1. To be on the TEAM as a minister in good standing by, supporting Sectional and Network ministries, tithing regularly, and promoting healthy relationships.
2. To give to AG missions projects and missionaries.
3. To meet regularly with my assigned coach to strategize and grow in my vision.
4. To not seek people from other AG churches in the area. Go for the lost, unchurched, dechurched, and maintain a healthy relationship with area churches.
5. To not solicit staff from other Alabama AG churches without getting permission from their pastor first. This is to avoid any appearance of misconduct and build a healthy relationship with area pastors.
6. To complete and return monthly reports before the 10th of each month to the CP&D Director.

If you receive funding from CP&D:

7. After your sixth month of public launch, give 5% from our church's undesignated offerings/tithes (50% of our tithe) to CP&D to reinvest in the next generation of church planters until the amount invested has been returned. Then, give a minimum of 2% to reinvest in the next generation of church planters.

CP&D Director _____ Date _____

CP&D Regional Representative _____ Date _____

New Church Planter _____ Date _____

Expectations

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Our Expectations:

We want you to have our DNA. That is, we want you to be a member of the team. Every voice matters. Every generation is welcome. Even though we are diverse, we are bound by the Spirit and guided by His Word in ethics, morals, and relationships.

Sign a Goodwill Covenant

This expresses CP&D's commitment to the new church and vice versa.

Give to Missions

Missions is our DNA. Invest by tithing to AG missionaries and projects around the world. Get involved in local missions projects. Lead teams on missions trips.

Give 5% of your income to CP&D in Alabama

On your seventh month after public launch, begin giving 5% of your monthly tithe and offerings to CP&D. This is reinvesting in the next generation of church planters.

Give 2% of your income after your initial investment is matched

When you have invested at least a minimum of what you received, we ask you to continue giving a minimum of 2% towards CP&D in Alabama.

Raise \$15,000

In order to receive funding, you must raise \$15,000. This is yours to use in addition to funds given by CP&D.

Gather Core

In order to receive funding, along with your \$15,000, you need to raise a core of 15-20 family units who are committed to help you plant. They are the ones you count on each week to participate, give, and serve. They will become the leaders who will direct your launch team.



Network Affiliated Church

If you receive funding from us, we have three models of Constitution and By Laws for you to choose from. They can be modified with approval. We have found these models to be Biblical and provide structure to the local church.

Become a General Council Affiliated Church

Our desire is for you to become a General Council Affiliated Church within three years. If you reach maturity before that, we would be delighted to help you with making the transition. This gives you protection and freedom to grow.

Monthly reports

If you receive funding from CP&D, they need to be turned in by the 10th of every month for the previous month. You can email them or mail them in. They give us a snapshot of where you are and where you are going.

Additional Funding

If you receive funds from CP&D, you can not accept funds from any other ministry or organization that requires you to pay back a monthly percentage without prior approval. This is to help protect you from over extending yourself as a new church plant.

This is our expectation for your timeline.

Pre-Approval	Month 1-6	Month 6-9	Month 9	Month 9-12	NEXT 13-36 months
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete application and assessments • Interview and approval of Sectional CP&D Board • Attend CMN Essentials • Interview and Approval of District CP&D Board • Raise \$15,000 • Select Constitution and bylaws • Complete forms for affiliation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move to community • Gather Core of 15-10 family units • Have Coach assigned 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secure Building for services • Prepare Ministry Teams • Have Preview services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch Large with 150-200 people as goal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stabilize (Should be self sustaining in 12-18 months) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Become a General Council Affiliated church • Grow base and expand



Frequently asked questions...

Do I need to be an Assemblies of God credentialed minister to plant an AG churching Alabama?

Yes. You need to be an AG credentialed minister in good standing.

Do I need to get approval from the Church Planting and Development Board to start a new church?

Yes. Every new church plant has to be approved by the CP&D Board. They meet every quarter. You will need to complete an application and go through the process.

Do I need to apply to receive funding for a new church plant?

Yes. You can get permission to plant without funding. If you desire funding from us to partner with you, there is a separate application that you need to complete and turn in to the CP&D Director before your interview.

Do you relaunch existing churches?

We are looking to partner with existing churches that are declining or plateauing who give evidence for need of help and willingness to receive help. There are requirements that will need to be met.

Are there requirements for me to repay CP&D if I receive funding?

No and yes. We are not requiring you to "pay back" a loan from CP&D. It is our desire that the churches that we invest in have a heart of gratitude and willingness to reinvest in other church planters. This is not a business transaction. It is a partnership based on a relationship of trust. Our expectation is for you to reinvest in the next generation of church planters. If you receive funding from us, starting in your seventh month, you agree to give 5% of your undesignated income to CP&D. After the amount invested in you is returned, you agree to continue to invest a minimum of 2% of your undesignated income.

Can I receive funding from other religious organizations?

Yes and no. There are great organizations and resources that are available to you such as ARC and CMN. However, if you receive funds from any other ministry or organization that requires repayment of a percentage of your income, you must receive prior approval. The reason is that we do not want you to be overextended in your financial obligations, especially as a new church. If you meet our expectations of 5% and then have to repay additional money, it could be very difficult.

Can I get a sponsoring church?

Yes. If you have a qualified church that is willing to partner with you and guarantee the \$15,000 initial investment that you need to bring to the table, we will allow that with approval.



Can I raise additional funds apart from CP&D?

Yes. You have the ability to raise additional funds to help towards your church plant from individuals, churches, or businesses.

What if I am an existing church and want to plant a church?

We are looking for healthy churches who are willing to parent a healthy church plant. We call these church plants PACs (Parent Affiliated Churches). It can be a campus church, relaunch, or new church plant. It must be off site from the original campus. You would still need to get approval from the CP&D Board. To be eligible for funding, the campus pastor needs to be an AG credentialed minister.

Are Parent Affiliated Churches allowed to apply for funding?

Yes. We are willing to work with healthy churches to plant other churches in our Network. The campus pastor needs to be a credentialed AG minister in good standing. The parent church also needs to commit to our expectations.

Do I have to be a Network Affiliated Church or can I be a General Council Church?

Yes and no. If you receive funding from CP&D, we require that you remain as a Network Affiliated church for up to 3 years or until you become mature enough to apply for General Council Affiliated status. You will need to complete a Charter Affiliation form when you start. However, it is our desire for you to move towards a General Council Affiliated church as soon as possible. If you do not receive funding from CP&D, you can move towards being a General Council Affiliated church as soon as you meet the GC requirements for a GC church.

Is there coaching available?

Yes. We work with our National Church Ministry Network to assign coaching for up to the first 12 months of a church plant.

Can I use my own set of constitution and by-laws?

The General Council has requirements that must be met for any church to become Assemblies of God. The Network has to approve them as well. If you receive funding from us, we require that you use one of the three models that we make available to you when you start. You can make modifications with approval from our Network Secretary/Treasurer.



CP&D Monthly Report

Email to ssowers@amnag.org and dstrahan@amnag.org

Month _____ Year _____

Pastor _____

Church _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Section _____

AVERAGE MONTHLY ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School _____
 Morning Worship _____
 Evening service _____
 Midweek _____

ADVISORY BOARD MEETING:

Yes _____ No _____

DISTRICT RESPONSIBILITIES:

Did you pay your ministerial tithes (dues) to the District this month?
 Yes () No ()

MINISTRY:

Decisions for Christ _____
 Water baptisms _____
 Baptisms in Holy Spirit _____
 New Adherents _____
 Number of active members _____

Funerals _____
 Weddings _____
 Baby Dedications _____
 Preaching/teaching opportunities _____
 Members received this month _____

EXPANDED CHURCH MINISTRIES:

(Check the ministries that are organized and operating)

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Royal Rangers [boys ministry] | <input type="checkbox"/> MPACT [girls ministry] |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Women's Ministries | <input type="checkbox"/> Men's Ministries [HonorBound] |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Ministries | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Adult Ministries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Church | <input type="checkbox"/> Nurseries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Visitation and Outreach Ministries | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital and shut-in Ministries |

CHURCH FINANCES: (attach itemized financial report with this completed report)

RECEIPTS:

Balance Forward _____
C P & D Support _____
Tithes/Offerings _____
Foreign Missions _____
Home Missions _____
Building fund _____
Other- _____

TOTAL RECEIPTS _____

TOTALS:

Ending balance (month before) _____
Checking _____
Total income this month _____
Savings _____
 Subtotal _____
 Other _____
Total disbursements _____
TOTAL _____
Ending balance _____

CASH BALANCES:

Checking _____
Savings _____
Other _____

TOTAL _____

DISBURSEMENTS:

Missions _____
C P & D Fund _____
Salary (Pastor) _____
Salary (Other) _____
Housing Allowance _____
Auto Expenses _____
Employee Benefits _____
Rent/mort payments _____
Utilities _____
Insurance _____
Christian Education _____
Supplies _____
Office Supplies _____
Church Supplies _____
Advertising _____
Conferences/Seminars _____
Guests/Entertainment _____
Other _____

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS _____

FUND BALANCES:

General Fund _____
Missions _____
Building _____

TOTAL _____

List any unpaid bills 30 days or more arrears (explain):

MINISTRY NEEDS: Is there something you need to share with the District Leaders? Is there some specific way we can help you? _____

TESTIMONIES (either write our attach your testimonies so we can celebrate with you): _____