



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 also make modifications or submit a CB&L with approval from our Network Secretary/Treasurer.