

## INITIAL QUESTIONS FOR CHURCH PLANTING SPONSORS (Presbyteries, Congregations)

1. What is our sense of call and sense of need for a new church effort?
2. . Have we identified a potential Target community? If so, should we conduct a Target Community Survey(s)?
  - Door-to-door canvass \_\_\_\_?
  - Telephone survey \_\_\_\_?
3. What is our availability of resources (financial and leadership)?
4. Considerations of philosophy of ministry?
  - Purpose of the new church?
  - Target community?
  - Model of New Church Development? (such as:)
    - Solo Church Planter (Pioneer), start from scratch
    - Sponsoring church(es) (mother-daughter)
    - Team Ministry (multiple staff)
    - Attractional (mass media publicity)
    - Organic (small group/cell group model)
    - Adoption/assimilation (e.g., cross-culture ministry)
    - Service ministry (e.g., child care program)
5. Mission probe or New Church Development? (A short-term attempt to assess need and opportunity or a complete commitment to developing a new church over several years.)
6. Are we ready to develop a Mission Design and Action Plan (time-line, proposed budgets and funding)?
7. What will be process for Interviews/Selection Process for Church Planter
  - Full-time, bi-vocational, volunteer?
  - Vision, style of ministry or approach, accountability?
8. When do we anticipate initial Core Group (nucleus) Gatherings?
9. Have we investigated potential Temporary Meeting Places in terms of availability and cost?