

NEW CHURCH PRELIMINARY MISSION DESIGN - Outline

I. General Information

- A. Identification of the project
- B. Contact information: name(s), address(es) of local and/or presbytery contacts
- C. General area to be served (e.g., name of city/community)
- D. Sponsoring partners [e.g., presbytery, local church(es), GA Missions Ministry Team]
- E. Anticipated date for beginning the work
- F. Duration of supervision

II. Background

- A. How the judicatory sponsors first became aware of the opportunity
- B. Current core group constituency and activities (if applicable)
- C. Sponsoring partners' mission goals, and how this effort addresses them

III. Community Information

- A. General community information
- B. Demographic data
- C. Growth trends
- D. Church life in the area
- E. Estimated unchurched population [i.e., need for a new church]

IV. Goals for Congregational Development

- A. Summary of long range goals
- B. Anticipated philosophy of ministry or 'model' of church development
- C. Anticipated 'target community' [e.g., area served, ethnic distinctiveness, young marrieds, etc.]
- D. Expectations
 - 1. Congregation [e.g., essential core values, connection to sponsors, etc.]
 - 2. Church planter/leader [e.g. qualifications, full-time or tent-maker, etc.], & process for selection
 - 3. Sponsoring partners' responsibilities [e.g. prayer, supervision, financial support, volunteers]

V. Action Plan

- A. Annual congregational growth goals [e.g., from beginning to charter]
- B. Local financial support goals [e.g. growing stewardship/commitment to self-support]
- C. Temporary meeting place considerations
- D. Site selection/purchase (if part of the plan)
- E.. Procedures leading to recognition of fellowship, chartering, etc.
- F. Financial plan for duration of supervision
 - a. Projected annual expense budgets for period of supervision
 - b. Sponsoring partner financial commitments
 - c. Local income projections; other income projections

VI. Supervision policies of sponsors

- A. Accountability and reporting
- B. Evaluation
- C. Conclusion of supervision