

Church Planter Expectations

A Church Planter will:

- A. Be called and gifted by God for Church Planting.
 - i. Be assessed and approved as a church planter through an approved district process. This is to be concurrent with the local and district process for ordination in the Church of the Nazarene including:
 1. Assessment;
 - a. Church Planter Assessment
 - b. Ministerial Assessment
 2. Education;
 3. Credentialing
 - b. The assessment process will determine the candidate's readiness to:
 - i. Be Lead Church Planter
 - ii. Be a church planter partner/staff personnel
 - iii. Wait — continue praying and training toward future involvement in church planting
 - c. The assessment process will assist in determining:
 1. The recommended church plant type (congregation, house church, organic community, etc.)
- B. Demonstrate a holy lifestyle (action and attitude).
- C. Be a person of prayer and The Word.
- D. Be trained by an approved district process (Initial training is presently through "Church Planting Essentials — DCPI.")
- E. Be coached by an approved district coach.
 - a. Will, along with their spouse, meet monthly with their coach in person, by Skype or phone. [It is recommended that there be a quarterly face-to-face meeting]
 - b. Will use email and/or phone to connect with the coach at other times as needed.
- F. Submit a written action plan to the district which includes:
 - a. Develop a "prayer force team" that will support the church planting efforts through faithfully and continually bathing the church planter, the church planter's family and the church plant ministry in prayer;
 - b. Identifying one or more one key person(s) (in addition to a spouse, if married) who will partner with them and serve as staff or co-pastor;
 - c. Demonstrates the ability to be financially solvent:
 - i. Adequately providing for the family;
 - ii. Adequately providing for the church plant
 1. Communicate investment strategies that will begin immediately and how they will develop or be adjusted over time.
 - d. The intention to make multiplying churches a part of the church plant's DNA;