

West Michigan District Church Planter Application

I. PLANTING INFORMATION

1. Type of position in which you are interested in serving:
 - a. ___ Church Planting Lead Pastor (single start)
 - b. ___ Church Planting Lead Pastor (multisite)
 - c. ___ Church Planting Residency
 - d. ___ Church Planter Internship

2. Describe the type of setting you see yourself planting in the next five to ten years.

II. PLANTER QUESTIONS

1. Describe your call to church planting and reasons for planting in West Michigan.

2. Who has influenced your life and ministry and how has that shaped who you are and how you do ministry?

3. In what ways has God gifted you to serve in a church planting ministry? Please include how these gifts have been identified.

4. How are you involved in personal evangelism? What type of setting do you find yourself sharing your faith in? Describe your most recent effort to lead someone to a personal conversion experience, giving time, place and result.

5. Where are some places you have traveled that opened your eyes to see a bigger world? What did you do while you were there to experience the uniqueness of the culture and people?

6. What were some of the strengths that you observed in their culture that is not in your own?

7. What secular work skills do you and your wife have? Are you willing to do secular work in order to serve? Explain.

8. Share the most positive work/ministry experience you have had and why was it so meaningful?

9. List the titles of the last three books you have read recently. Why? What are the major insights?

10. Describe your 3 key core convictions that you as a planter will never give in or bend on as you start a new church?

11. Share briefly any significant spiritual experience which has impacted your life/ministry in the past few months.

12. Would you consider your style of ministry to be traditional or contemporary? (please define these two terms) Why?

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IV. BELIEF AND PRACTICE. (For the planter candidate to complete) (Please respond to the following items as accurately as possible while maintaining brevity – one paragraph unless noted otherwise.)

1. What influencers have helped shape your theology? What schools of thought, authors, movements, denominations have influenced your theology? How would you define your theology? (Reformed, Armenian, etc.) (Reference classical and contemporaries)

2. Write one paragraph describing your basic Christian convictions concerning each of the following:

(1) Concept of God:

(2) Deity and Lordship of Christ:

(3) Please share what is the Gospel:

(4) Plan of Salvation: (include how one is reconciled to God)

(5) What is the Bible:

(6) The Church:

(7) Baptism:

(8) Lord's Supper:

(9) Church polity/decision making process

(10) Stewardship of Life and Possessions (include your view of tithing)

(11) Charismatic phenomena:

(12) Moral Issues (abortion, divorce, homosexuality, etc.)

V. REFERENCES:

Please complete the names of FIVE references below and then send the reference form to each one instructing them to return it within two weeks to the West Michigan District, 1200 60th St., SE, Kentwood, MI 49508 or email: info@westmichigandistrict.com

Pastor:
Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____
Address _____

Local Church Leader:
Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____
Address _____

Most Recent Director of Missions: (Denominational leader)
Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____
Address _____

Co-worker:
Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____
Address _____

Past Employer:

Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____

I HEREBY STATE THAT THE INFORMATION IN THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE. I AUTHORIZE THE WEST MICHIGAN DISTRICT, TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH THOSE INVOLVED IN THE CHURCH PLANTING PROCESS. I AUTHORIZE THE WMD TO CHECK AND OBTAIN FROM ANY CREDIT OR CONSUMERREPORTING AGENCY ANY AND ALL INFORMATION CONCERNING MY BACKGROUND AND PERSONAL CREDIT HISTORY. I UNDERSTAND THAT IF I MAKE A REQUEST TO THE AGENCY THAT OBTAINS SUCH INFORMATION THAT I WILL BE FURNISHED THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE CREDIT OR CONSUMER-REPORTING AGENCY FROM WHICH THE REPORT WAS REQUESTED. I AUTHORIZE THE WMD TO PERFORM A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK ON ME.

Signature

Date of Birth

Today's Date