

## Washington Conference Church Planting Process

The Washington Conference is committed to proclaiming to all people in Western Washington the Good News of God's offer of salvation. As part of our strategy to accomplish this God-size task, we plan to plant new churches and congregations throughout our territory.

This work cannot be done solely by our pastors, but must also include laypersons who are deeply committed to the Adventist mission and message.

### **Recommendations for starting a CHURCH PLANT in the Washington Conference of Seventh-day Adventists:**

1. Churches or individuals who are interested in starting a church plant must submit a Church Planting Proposal to the Washington Conference Church Planting Committee. **Approval by this committee must be granted before group begins to meet for regular worship services.**

A church planting proposal outline is included with this document.

2. Church planting proposals must meet demographic viability in order to be considered for approval.
3. All church plants should receive voted support of a sponsoring mother church. On rare occasions, conference administration will consider approval of unsponsored church plants.
4. Each church plant will have a pastor assigned at the leader. In the case of a lay led church plant, a pastor coach will be assigned by administration.
5. If the church plant is lay led, the leader must receive a recommendation from the pastor where they hold church membership.
6. Recommended study for group: Rekindling a Lost Passion and ABC's of Natural Church Development by Russell Burrill. Order by calling NADEI at 269-471-8303.
7. Financial giving for all groups will be run through the mother church. A separate line item is set up for donations made by group members toward their planting project. The funds are available to the group as needs arise.

# Washington Conference Church Planting Proposal Outline

Please include all of the following:

## **Leadership**

Who will be the proposed leadership of the group.

## **Purpose and Mission**

In what way will this plant contribute to the overall mission of the Washington Conference? Is there anything regarding the mission or ministry plan of the plant that will make this group unique?

## **Type of Plant**

Sponsored or unsponsored. If sponsored, what organization has agreed to sponsor this plant? What will be the relationship between the sponsoring church and the plant? What support will be expected?

## **Core Group**

Initial size of core group

Recruiting strategy for core group

## **Location**

What is the intended location of the plant? Include a map of the proposed territory showing the nearest existing Adventist churches.

## **Launch Date**

When will the plant start holding Sabbath services?

## **Meeting Space**

What is the plan for providing a meeting space for the plant? Will there be meeting space available outside of Sabbath for other activities; small groups, evangelism, socials, etc.

## **Pre-Launch Activities**

Provide a summary of some of the pre-launch activities that will be necessary for the successful launch.

## **Evangelism Plan**

Provide an evangelism plan for the first three years. What is the projected growth for each of the first three years?

## **Budget**

Please provide a budget for the first three years. Make sure to include building and meeting costs, ministry expenses, evangelism, etc.