

Mississippi Baptist Convention Board Church Planting Department



Church Planting Partnership Process

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Partnership Process for Mississippi Baptist Church Planting Department

- 1. Read and gain clear understanding of the MBCB Church Planting Strategy.**
- 2. Consult with local Baptist Association Missions Director concerning new work site.**
 - a. Obtain demographics from Church Planting Department, MBCB
 - b. Assess need for new work
 - c. Define Ministry Focus Group
 - d. Secure a mentor. (Mentor training is freely available upon request)
- 3. Complete the Five Step Assessment Process for Church Planters.**
 - a. Contact the Church Planting Department for an initial consultation
 - b. Request or download a copy of the Assessment Process Packet.
- 4. Complete New Work Application.**
 - a. Secure a Primary Sponsor church and Partnering church(es)/individuals and declare their financial commitments
 - i. Obtain minutes from business meetings stating their intent to partner with you and the new work and include letters of intent from individuals
 - ii. Obtain the primary sponsor church pastor's signature on the application
 - b. Secure local Baptist Association financial commitment and signature of AMD on the application
 - c. Fill out application completely and in detail.
- 5. Attend Basic Training with a mentor and 2-4 other core group leaders.** Your spouse is also encouraged to attend.
 - a. Attend all of the Basic Training (BT) Conference
 - b. Turn in BT assignments to Church Planting Department within 3 months after conference.
- 6. Finalize Partnership with a Covenant Signing.**

Descriptions of documents and conferences are available on-line on the Church Planting Department website at www.mbc.org (click on *New Church Starts*). All documents are also available in *.pdf* for download or may be sent to you upon request by contacting the Church Planting Department directly.