

Mission to North America

Steps of the Church Planter Recruiting Process in More Detail

The processes of the left and right columns below are parallel chronologically. This is only a sample; there can be significant variations in both timing and sequence of steps.

Sponsoring Church or Presbytery

Cast church planting vision in church and presbytery.

Appendix: Vision Statement

Appendix: Under the Iceberg

Define and cast vision for Essential Functions.

Appendix: Essential Functions

Site selection, including Section III, all steps.

Appendix: Primer on Church Planting

Appendix: Metro Philadelphia

Partnership (several documents)

Understanding and determining the key values and resources the mother church or church planting network will provide.

Appendix: What Kinds of Churches...

Appendix: Becoming an Evangelistic Church

Appendix: What is Your Church's Personality?

Appendix: 20 Ways to Plant

Complete gathering of Site Selection information.

Prepare Site Profiles.

Potential Church Planter Steps

Present church planting vision among the laity.

Begin to identify potential church planter candidates.

Appendix: 21 Questions You Should Ask Yourself

Throughout the process, work with both husband and wife.

Training of potential candidates, through LAMP, other mentoring program, or seminary.

Appendix: LAMP GLEE courses

Throughout the process, offer mentoring, church planter training materials and training events.

If potential candidate is a seminary student, participate in Church Planter Readiness Seminar, if available.

Participate in MNA Church Planter Assessment at the time the potential candidate couple is approaching the necessary level of skills and experience. Appendix: What is Church Planter Assessment?

Church Planter candidate serves in church planter apprenticeship if more experience is necessary before planting. Appendix: Apprenticeship Section

Church planter placement process brings the above two streams together.

Present Site Profiles to Church Planter.

Continue discussion and prayer with potential church planter couple until a mutual decision is reached.