



## **Metro Philadelphia Church Planting Partnership**

*Saturating Metro Philadelphia, South Jersey and Eastern Pennsylvania  
with the Gospel and Gospel-Centered Churches*

# **Church Planting**

# **Apprenticeships**

Why we need them ● How to create them

# The Problem

Most good prospects for church planting need more exposure to the operation of a local church, more practice in church ministry, more contact with pastors/planters, and more experience in the development of church planting competencies before they are ready to plant.



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# The Solution

A church planting apprenticeship is a guided learning experience in which a prospect for church planting clarifies his calling, develops his gifts, and prepares for church planting by exposure to church ministry, church planters and church planting.



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# Characteristics

- 6 months to 3 years duration
- Guided by a mentor or mentors
- Formal and informal assessment
- Targeted learning by contract
- Composite exposure to churches, missions and church planters
- Creative funding sources



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# Needed Resources

- Host Churches
- Pastors-Mentors
- Church Planter Profiles
- Learning Contracts
- Funding Sources (cont.)



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# Funding Sources

- **Self-support raised by prospects**
- **Host church contribution**
- **Partner church contribution**
- **Presbytery contribution**
- **Bi-vocational possibilities**



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# Training Components

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- **Planter-Mentor coaching**
- **Learning Contracts**
- **Church Planter Community**
- **GCA Training Seminar**



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# Role of CP Team

- Identify prospects (networking)
- Facilitate prospect-host match
- Facilitate prospect-mentor match
- Assist with learning contracts
- Consult with prospects-hosts



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# Outcomes

- **Prospects kept and attracted**
- **Planters produced for harvest**
- **More churches planted sooner**
- **Presbytery enriched by apprentices**
- **Churches blessed by reproduction**



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