

## **Guidelines for Selection of a Network Participating Church for Mother/Daughter Funding**

As Approved by the Network's Executive Committee at its 9/11/2007 Meeting

The purpose of this document is to formalize the Network's criteria for selecting a Network church for funding to assist in a new Mother/Daughter church plant.

In order for a Mother/Daughter church plant to be considered for this funding, the Mother Church must be within a reasonable distance of the new church plant (less than 50 miles) and should normally provide a minimum of six families in good standing from their congregation who will agree to go to the new church plant and remain there through particularization. It would also be helpful, but not necessary, that there be at least one officer family included in the six. The Mother Church would provide the Sessional oversight of this new church until it is particularized. The new church will become a part of the Southwest Church Planting Network and would be represented by the church planter until their Session is formed.

The funding allocated to a Mother/Daughter church plant would be either \$36,000, \$48,000, or \$78,000 depending on the demonstrated need. The \$36,000 would be payable at the rate of \$2,000 per month for the first year and \$1,000 per month for the second year. The \$48,000 would be payable at the rate of \$3,000 per month the first year and \$1,000 per month the second year. The \$78,000 would be payable at the rate of \$4,000 per month the first year and \$2,500 per month the second year.

- Network would have the opportunity to interview Mother/Daughter church planter candidates and must agree on the candidate selected in order for the Network church to receive this funding.
- Payments to the selected Network churches would begin when a church planter is assigned and it is announced to the congregation that his primary responsibility will be to start a Mother/Daughter church OR when a church planter is called for that purpose and arrives to start work.
- Payments cease if a new Mother/Daughter group is not meeting regularly after six months or if the Network church decides to suspend efforts.
- Mother/Daughter church planter candidates must have attended an MNA approved Assessment Class before being called or assigned to the work. The Network Mother church and the Network must be satisfied with the results of the Assessment before proceeding with a church planting candidate.
- Mother/Daughter church planters must attend the MNA endorsed C/P basic training course preferably before the work is started but in no instance later than one year from when the Mother/Daughter church plant is started.
- The Network will be responsible for the registration fees for the Assessment Class and the basic church planting training class but the Network church is responsible for paying for all travel and living expenses incurred.

- Monthly reporting is required from the Mother/Daughter church planter to the SWCPN, the respective MNA or Missions Committee Chairman, and the oversight Session or Commission thereof until particularization.

The Executive Committee feels that this increased funding for Mother/Daughter church plants will encourage our participating churches to consider expanding within their existing geographic areas by seeding new church plants with members and money.