

## **Checklist of Considerations for Planting Daughter Churches or Second Sites**

1. Is the leadership completely informed and on board with the vision and plan for starting a second site or daughter congregation?
2. Is the congregation informed and supportive (usually takes two years to reach this point)?
3. Do people understand how this initiative fits into the vision and purpose of the church?
  
4. How will oversight be provided for this work?
5. Will it be provided directly by the Session, by an oversight team appointed and accountable to the Session, or in cooperation with the presbytery?
  
6. Who will be a part of this second site or daughter church?
7. Will everyone within the geographic target area be expected to attend?
8. Will those interested in being a part of this work be interviewed as to their desire and right motives for being a part of this work?
9. What will be the criteria for those who will be a part of this work?
10. Are we expecting any staff, elders, or deacons to be a part of this work and, if so, how will that be determined and what will be the impact on the mother church?
  
11. How much of the funding for the new work will come from the mother church?
  
12. Will there be a church planter?
13. How will he be recruited, and by whom?
14. Is assessment a requirement?
15. Will he be responsible for raising any of the funds?
  
16. If we bring on an apprentice what will he do during his apprenticeship (see guidelines for an apprenticeship proposal)?
17. Are we prepared to invest in him to give him the ministry experience and mentoring that he will need to be ready to plant?
  
18. Do we anticipate the work to become independent of the mother church in due course?
19. If so, how soon?
  
20. Who will be primarily responsible for coaching the church planter if there is one?  
Has a site profile been developed for the prospective work (see document)?
  
21. Has the plan for starting a second site or daughter church been communicated to and endorsed by the Missions Committee of Presbytery?
22. Is the second site complementary to the master plan for the Presbytery?

23. Has the plan to start a second site or daughter church been communicated to and discussed any other nearby PCA or NAPARC churches?