

Site Report

Church Plant for Rock Hill SC

1. Introduction

In one paragraph, describe the area briefly, including proximity to major cities and which Presbytery it's in.

Rock Hill is a growing city of 60K with around 200K in York County. SC is currently the fastest growing state for the Hispanic population. RH is only 30 minutes south of Charlotte NC, another growing city of close to 1,000,000. York County has a median household income of \$54,577.00 (2007 stats).

2. Need

Answer the question "Why does xyz city or community need a new church?" Introduce the reader to your target city or community. Describe it in terms of geography, demographics, culture, and spiritual condition. Include information about population projections, income and age statistics, main religious influences in the area, nearby learning institutions, if any, and anything else that sets this city/community apart. Is there already a core group present or interested contacts or will this be a scratch start?

Rock Hill has many churches but only one PCA church in a city of over 60,000. Evangelical churches are few in number and most churches are quite small. Westminster Church has over 2,000 members and believes that another PCA church is needed. This will be the fourth church plant that Westminster has facilitated. Winthrop University is a growing University with over 6,000 students. The Hispanic population continues to grow.

3. Project description

What do you see God accomplishing through the new church? Who is initiating the work? (i.e. Presbytery or mother church or network?) Will it have any special relationship to other churches (i.e. daughter church?) What kind of timeline are you proposing for beginning the work? Is the support proposal or determined salary package? Where will funding come from? Are there funds currently available? Who are you looking for? What kind of qualities or characteristics are you looking for in a church planter in this target community?

This new church plant will be initiated by Westminster Presbyterian Church and supported by Fellowship Presbytery as they are able. The funding plan is in place and finances are available to start immediately. The hope would be to start this new plant in 2009. The Church Planter would be a member of the staff of Westminster Church until he is able to launch out on his own.

One idea for this new church plant is that it be a multi-ethnic plant – a place where people of all colors would be welcome and assimilated. The church planter would

have a heart for people of all races and desire to see the gospel penetrate all levels of our culture in Rock Hill, SC.

4. Conclusion

Summarize why you are interested in planting a church in this location, and how this work ties in with the vision for your presbytery, network, or church and the Kingdom of God. Include special challenges to the church planter considering this site, and a profile of the successful church planter for this site.

Westminster is committed to planting new churches every five years as God leads and provides for us. We believe there is an ongoing need to establish new churches regularly. God has blessed Westminster with resources that we want to use in the expansion of His Kingdom. There are many unreached people in Rock Hill and we want to see the gospel penetrate the hearts and lives of many here.