

Guidelines for Selection of a Network Participating Church for Multi-Site Funding

As Approved by the Executive Committee at its 12/3/2007 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 Multi-Site church development. This is a new initiative for the Network but one that we feel has real promise for accelerating new church worship sites in a number of our Network churches.

In order for a Multi-Site church plant location to be considered for this funding, the Network church must be within a reasonable distance of the new location and should normally provide a minimum of three families in good standing from their congregation who will agree to go to the new church plant location. It would also be helpful, but not necessary, that there be at least one officer family included in the three.

Starting in 2008 the Network plans to fund at least two Multi-Site locations if there is interest from our churches. The amount allocated to a Multi-Site church plant would be either \$36,000 or \$48,000 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.

- Network would have the opportunity to interview Multi-Site 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 Multi-Site church OR when a church planter is called for that purpose and arrives to start work.
- Payments cease if a new Multi-Site group is not meeting regularly after six months or if the Network church decides to suspend efforts.
- Multi-Site church planter candidates must have attended an MNA approved Assessment Class before being called or assigned to a work. The Network church and the Network must be satisfied with the results of the Assessment before proceeding with a church planting candidate.
- Multi-Site church planters must attend the MNA endorsed C/P basic training course preferably before a work is started but in no instance later than one year from when the Multi-Site location work 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 during the first year by the Multi-Site church planter to the SWCPN and the oversight Session or Commission thereof. After the first year quarterly reporting unless progress toward full worship and functioning as a separate campus is not deemed to be satisfactory by SWCPN and oversight Session.

The Executive Committee feels that this funding for Multi-Site church plants will encourage our participating churches to consider expanding within their existing geographic areas by seeding new church locations with members and money.