Bread of Life Church Planting
Orientation & Consultation
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I. Introduction

A. Three Trends (Downside & Upside)

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B. Why Plant Churches?

12 Reasons to Plant a Church

- It’s Biblical
- Spirit of Prophecy supports it
- Most effective form of evangelism
- Churches have life cycles
- Saves the Denomination/Organization
- Stimulates growth in the Mother church
- Leadership Opportunities
- Reaches Present Generation
- Growth of Unchurch/Dechurched Population
- Mobility of society
- Rise of Ethnic Populations
- Finances
- Someone planted your church!

II. Role of Mother Church • Encouragement

- Coaching
- Financial Assistance • Core Team
- Facilities
- Accountability
- Love/Unity
- Prayer
III. **1) CREATE THE CLIMATE**

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True or False?

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- LOSS of Fellowship
- LOSS of Finances
- Financial Assistance • Core Team
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- Prayer

IV. **How can you help prepare your church to plant?**

**Nehemiah 2:17-20**

Neh. 2:17 Then I said to them, “You see the trouble we are in: Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been burned with fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, and we will no longer be in disgrace.”

Neh. 2:18 I also told them about the gracious hand of my God upon me and what the king had said to me.

They replied, “Let us start rebuilding.” So they began this good work.

Neh. 2:19 But when Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite official and Geshem the Arab heard about it, they mocked and ridiculed us. “What is this you are doing?” they asked. “Are you rebelling against the king?”

Neh. 2:20 I answered them by saying, “The God of heaven will give us success. We his servants will start rebuilding, but as for you, you have no share in Jerusalem or any claim or historic right to it.”

1. Urgency...
2. Vision...
3. Benefits...
4. Objections...

**Sounds the Alarm . . . Urgency**

- Unchurch Population is Growing
- Second Generation is Leaving “Silent Exodus) • Immigration is Coming – Mainland Chinese

**Which Nation Will be the Largest Christian Nation in 10 Years?**
1. **Growing Unchurched**
   - American: New Mission Field
   - 3rd Largest Field
   - 150 Mission Unclaimed (50%)
   - 240 Million Unchurched (80%)
   - Need: 80-80 Vision

2. **Silent Exodus**
   - **Ethnic Asian-American Churches**
     “Silent Exodus” of the Second-Generations
   - **Immigration Opportunity**

   • From now on, nearly all ministry will be cross-cultural, amid the urban pluralism caused by the greatest migration in human history from southern hemisphere to the north, east to west, and above all, from rural to urban."

3. **Show the benefits**

   “The single most effective evangelism methodology under heaven is planting new churches.”

   Peter Wagner, Church Planting for a greater Harvest p. 11

4. **AMBASSADOR CHURCH & NETWORK STORY**

   1. **Answer Objections**

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   • How would you answer these objections? • What other objections might arise?

5. **2. Pick Your Planter**
QUESTION
What is the Number #1 Reasons for Church Plant Failure?

Leadership Bottleneck

SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT DECISION!

“Everything rises and falls on leadership.” - John Maxwell

Matthew 9:37

Where do you find a planter?

- Pastor
- Member
- Seminary Student
- Conference (ex. Exponential)
- Networks
- Harvest

The most successful church planters share 13 behavioral characteristics

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Self Assessment

- Spiritual Gifts
- Heart
- Passion
- Abilities
- Personality
Building your team

Summary:

1). You have created the climate (Conception).

2) Picked a leader

3) Start building your team! (Prenatal Phase).

Determine the type of plant

- Hiving Off
- Colonization
- Partnership
- Multiple services
- Which do you prefer?

Win Parent Churches Approval

- Write a Letter
  - Appreciation – Vision
  - Permission

- Make a board appointment
  - Personally communicate your God given vision

Recruit Your Team

- Where to look for your core team?
  - Mother Church
  - Sister church
  - Conference
  - Spirit led contacts
  - Members living in target area

Hint: majority of your team should reflect the age, gender, race and culture you are trying to reach! •Acts 16:1-3—Timothy

Building a Core Group

1. Shared passion/vision.
2. Individuals who put mission first.
3. Individuals who are a magnet to others.
4. Individuals who match the demographic to be reached.

**Team Meetings**
- Start 6-9 months before Launch Date • Purpose
  - Prayer
  - Vision Casting
  - Discussion/Reporting

• Assigning Ministries (SHAPE)
  - Church Planter, Worship Leader, Assimilation Coordinator,

**Incubate 6-9 months as a core group of leaders.**

- Develop Strategic Plan
  and evangelistic methods)

- Ministry assignments - Practice worship

(including target demographic

4). Choose your location

- Path of Growth (Cities)
- Homogenous
- New Developments!
- Rent do not buy! (5 years)
  - 3x annual tithe + saving
- Rent space you half fill

(including target demographic

  – 80% rule
  • Ideas: Store fronts, Churches, Day Care •

5). Funding Your Church Plant

- Core Team
- Mother church
- Business People
• Conference
• Harvest (Coins in the fish)

6. Your Marketing Plan

7. Your First Service

• Start on time
• Friendly and Accepting Atmosphere
  – 3 minutes comfort – 10 minutes return – Gift Bag

• Visual
• Vibrant Worship
• Seeker Sensitive
• Biblical, Practical, Christ-centered
• Fellowship Meal
• Response Cards

8. Keeping Your Crowd

• Response Cards
  • Sunday
    – Call all phone numbers “thank you” – Send out letters
  • Tuesday
    – Mail invitational cards
  • Thursday
    – Planter calls and invites each family

9. Assimilation

• New Members need 6-9 friends
  • Identify their gifts
  • At least one ministry
  • Small Group Involvement • Give Regularly
  • Refers to church as “mine.” • New Members Class

Natural Church Development
• Most Important Research—Christian Swartz
• Healthy Churches Grow!

1. Empowering Leaders
2. Gift Oriented Ministries
3. Passionate Spirituality
4. Functional Structures
5. Inspiring Worships
6. Holistic Small Groups
7. Need Oriented Evangelism
8. Loving Relationships

10. Keeping Your Core Team • Celebrate Often

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– “Escape Clause” Concept •

11). Coaching

• Difficult for church planters!

– If not willing to invest in leadership won’t make it!

• Meet regularly with Pastor-Coach
• Friend, Confidant, Advocate, Intercessor
• 5 Rs

– Relate “How are you?”
– Reflect “what can we celebrate?”
– Refocus “What do you want to accomplish?” – Resources “what resources do you need?”
– Reflect “what working, what is not working?”

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59 #4 Step to Planting: Healthy Core Group
#5 Step to Plant: Incubation

**Incubate 6-9 months as a core group of leaders.**

In-home meeting
1x a week
Note: You wait to worship on Sabbath mornings UNTIL you

#6 Step to Plant: COACH

**Requirements:**
1. Every Lay Planter is assigned a coach.

**Equipping Lay Planters for Excellence in Ministry** • Definition of coach:

--A full-time minister employed by the Conference.

**Equipping Lay Planters for Excellence in Ministry** Qualifications of a coach...

- Provensoul-winner
- Excellentlistener
- Empowering (willnottakeovertheplant).
- Familiarwiththetechniquesofcoachingandselldiscovery.
- Willingtocommit (thisisvoluntary!) -

**Requirements:**
1. Personal Coaching Relationship.

Lay Planter and Coach will meet on a monthly basis for a

**Content of Coaching Meeting:** --Ask Questions...

Examples:
“What successes/victories have you experienced recently?”

“What can you celebrate?”

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--Accountability
--Resource 12
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Added benefits of a coach
Coach encourages planter and plant to:

-- move toward company and then church status.

-- stay focused on the mission of the church through regular evangelistic endeavors.

-- be realistic regarding facility needs and requests. -- keep a positive relationship with the Conference.

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