



## Funding Application

Month \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Section \_\_\_\_\_

### Our goal in Alabama is to partner with healthy churches to plant healthy churches.

This is achieved by:

- Planting churches who reinvest in the next generation of church plants
- Partner with existing churches to help fund new church plants
- Encourage healthy churches to mother PACs (Parent Affiliated Churches)

### Before you can plant a church:

- You must be a credentialed minister in good standing with the Assemblies of God.
- You have to have a call from God.
- You have to have self-initiative and the ability to build a core of leaders.

### Our Expectations:

- You must be approved by the CP&D Board to plant a church in Alabama.
- You must sign a goodwill covenant.
- You must give to AG missions.
- Commit to giving half of your tithe (5%) to CP&D in Alabama until the amount invested is reinvested. Then we ask that you continue giving to the next generation of church planters with a minimum of 2% of your undesignated income.
- You must raise \$15,000 to go towards your church plant before funds will be released. This will be for your church plant in addition to funding you receive from CP&D.
- You must be a District Affiliated Church for the first year as you mature and grow. Then, we want you to move towards General Council Affiliation.
- You must use one of the pre-approved Constitution and By-law models.
- You must turn in monthly reports while you receive funding.
- You can not accept funds from any other ministry or organization that requires you to pay back a monthly percentage.

**How much are you asking for?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Is there going to be a Parent (sponsoring) church who is guaranteeing the \$15,000 over 12 months?** \_\_\_\_\_

- They must be an Assemblies of God church approved by the CP&D Board. The Board will agree upon a time frame to begin the funding.



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- This is an investment with either a parent or partners helping the planter to raise commitments of \$15,000.00 or more. This will be used in addition to our investment..
- The Alabama CP&D will provide funding up to \$50,000.00.
- Funding will be distributed over the first 12 months of your plant.

<b>SECTION A: CANDIDATE CHECKLIST</b>	
<i>Each of these steps are required before any funds are granted</i>	
<b>ASSESSMENT</b>	
	Application completed and returned
	Church Planter Assessment Interview
	Assessor's Recommendation
	Sectional CP&D Committee Approval (You will need to set up an interview with the CP&D Director.)
<b>PARENT OR PARTNER APPROVAL</b>	
	Pledges support (a minimum of \$300.00 per week for 1 full year)
	Senior pastor recommendation
<b>CREDENTIALS</b>	
	Candidate should currently hold Assemblies of God credentials
<b>DISTRICT CP&amp;D BOARD APPROVAL</b>	
	Communicate your vision and call for the church plant with District CP&D Board. (Contact District CP&D office to schedule an appointment)
<b>BOOT CAMP</b>	
	Have you attended a CP&D approved bootcamp? (Candidate)  Where? _____ When? _____
	Has the Sponsoring Church leader attended a Church Planters' Boot Camp? (Pastor of Partnering Church, Section or Network)  Where? _____ When? _____

**SECTION B: PARENT OR PARTNER APPROVALS**

**COMMITMENT**

*We are committed to partner with healthy churches to plant healthy churches. We want to reproduce our/your DNA in new church plants. The Alabama District Council is committed to partnering with you in this process. In order to be eligible for CP&D funds, we ask you to make the following commitments:*

- We will provide accountability for this new church and will meet regularly with the church planter; functioning as his (or her) board, and helping to effectively plant this new work.
- We will commit financially by giving a minimum of \$300.00 a week for one year. (If known, the target date to begin this funding is \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_).
- We will allow the church planter to recruit from within our congregation(s) a launch team of at least 20 adults. We will establish a well defined "hunting season" for this recruitment phase and we will encourage this process.
- We will send our senior pastor/leader, the candidate and their spouse to a Church Planter's Boot Camp for training.

The above proposals were approved by the church board, sectional committee or network leadership on \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_.

Signature of Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_

**SENIOR PASTOR/LEADER ENDORSEMENT**

*Great reliance is placed on the representation of each candidate and their spouse concerning their readiness and suitability for planting a church. Please check all that apply:*

- I am personally acquainted with the candidate and their spouse, and in my opinion, I know of no facts or allegations that raise any question concerning his or her ability to plant a church.
- I am not launching him or her in an effort to get them off my staff, rather I am releasing them for the ministry that I believe they are capable of accomplishing with success.
- I recommend, without reservation, the candidate for church planting.
- I prefer to discuss my response by telephone.
- I recommend with reservation. (Comment Below)
- I do not feel they are ready at this time.
- I do not recommend.
- I have not known the candidate and can therefore not make a recommendation at this time.

Additional Comments:

Signature of Senior Pastor/Presbyter/Catalyst Leader \_\_\_\_\_

Phone:

E-mail:

**Please mail the form to:**

**Alabama District Council c/o David Strahan; P.O. Box 235014, Montgomery, AL 36123-5014**

**SECTION C: CHURCH PLANT PROPOSAL**

**MAPPING OUT YOUR STRATEGY**

*The candidate should prepare a proposal, which should include the following elements. Proposals should not exceed 20 single-spaced pages (excluding appendices). Samples of a Church Planting Proposal are available at [www.newchurches.com/examples.htm](http://www.newchurches.com/examples.htm).*

Section 1: Why start this new church?

- A. State your calling. How is it that you believe God has worked to bring you to planting this church?
- B. Briefly state your vision. What will this church look like in five years?
- C. Why is there a need for a new church in this area?

Section 2: Who is your ministry focus group? Include appropriate demographics

- A. Describe your ministry focus group.
- B. Describe the particular needs of your community.
- C. Describe the proposed location, if necessary.
- D. What are some possible names for your new church?
- E. How will you determine the name?

Section 3: What kind of church are you trying to plant?

- A. State up to, but not exceeding, eight core values of your new church.
- B. State and expand your mission statement.
- C. What style of church will this be? What "model" will you use?
- D. On the back of this sheet, draw your ministry flow chart as you presently envision it.

Section 4: With whom will you plant this church?

- A. Describe your ideal launch team.
- B. List any confirmed ministry partners and briefly profile them.
- C. List any confirmed intercessor team members.
- D. How will you gather your launch team? Include specific methodologies.

Section 5: When will you plant this church?

Sketch a time line from today until the first anniversary of your church's public launch. Pay attention to critical milestones.

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**SECTION D: SUMMARY OF DISTRICT GRANT**

**PHASE 1: START UP FUNDING**

*The Alabama District Council will provide funding to help get a plant started.*

**INVEST THROUGH THE CHURCH PLANTING AND DEVELOPMENT FUND**

- This is a matching fund with either a parent or partner helping the planter to raise commitments of \$15,000.00 and launch with a leadership core of at least 20.
- CP&D will provide funding up to \$50,000.00 as part of the CP&D Fund.
- Funding would be disbursed monthly over the first 12 months after funding approval.

Please make the check payable to: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like the first payment to begin the month of: \_\_\_\_\_

**PHASE 2: REINVESTMENT**

*One of the goals that CP&D has is for healthy churches to plant healthy churches that will plant healthy churches.*

**REINVEST IN THE NEXT GENERATION OF CHURCH PLANTERS**

As funds are invested in this church plant, our desire is that this church plant will invest funds into other church plants.

To help facilitate that, the new church will sow into new church plants by giving (5%) monthly of their total income from undesignated tithes and offerings.

- a. The 5% will be used to replenish the CP&D Fund until the original investment is replenished.
- b. The reinvestment will be individually tracked by Alabama. There will not be an interest rate or time constraint on reinvestment.
- c. The reinvestment should begin no later than the seventh month after launch.
- d. After you have reached the initial investment, we ask that you continue giving at least 2% to CP&D.

I agree to begin giving 5% within the first seven months the church plant is launched until replenished. Date of Launch (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

**PHASE 3: MULTIPLICATION PARTNERS**

*Church planters have a passion that is contagious to see more churches planted.*

- Once the original investment has been replenished in the CP&D Fund, the newly planted church will agree to continue to invest 2% of their annual income in perpetuity to the CP&D Fund until they plant a church as a parent.
- At that point, the recipient will be released from the commitment of investing 2% of their income to the CP&D Fund.
- It is our hope they will continue to support the CP&D Fund as a mission's partner on a monthly basis.

I agree to continue sowing at least 2% after the church plant has reinvested the original investment or until we mother a church.

***We have read and understand the CP&D Funding Plan and would like to be considered for this grant.***

Signature of Church Planter: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Senior Pastor (Parent or Partner): \_\_\_\_\_

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