

Thank you for your interest in church planting. By completing this form, you will allow us to become acquainted with you as we begin the process of you planting a church with the COG.

The purpose of the National Church Planting Office (NCPO) is to recruit, train, network and support people who have a desire to plant churches in emerging communities. Your answers and responses on this form will be evaluated with this in mind and will be kept confidential. The people who will have access to this information will be limited to those who may have a role in evaluation and assessment, those who will be coaching your ministry, and others whom you authorize.

Our process includes the following steps:

- 1] Complete this application and return it along with other requested items. Reference checks will begin after you give permission for us to contact the people you list.
- 2] Invitation to a training and assessment LAB for you and your spouse. This will be in conjunction with other couples or individuals also.
- 3] Completion of pre-lab training and assessments. We will send the necessary inventories and instructions.
- 4] Participation in the lab involving interviews, presentations, and intense training. We have several trained professionals and assessors who will work with us.
- 5] Exit interviews with recommendations and possible planting.

Please be as clear as possible in your answers and responses to this form. Be concise with your responses, but use as much space as needed to give an accurate report. Please include **two of your recent sermon tapes, videos or Cd's & a photo of you and your spouse (if applicable)**

APPLICANT PROFILE

[A] Introductory information

Date: _____

Applicant's Name

Spouse's Name

Social Security #

Phone

Home Address

Email

City, State, ZIP

Current Driver's License #

State

Please include any other family information you want us to know.

[B] Employment information (if employed by a church, complete part C)

Current Employer

Title or Position

Business

Years Employed

Address

Phone

City, State, Zip

Email

[C] Ministry Information

Current Church

Years Involved

Paid

Volunteer

Ministry Responsibilities

Address

Phone

City, St, Zip

Email

[D] Previous Ministry Information

1

Ministry Name

Years Involved

Address

Responsibilities

Paid

Full Time

Volunteer

Part Time

City, State, Zip

2

Ministry Name

Years Involved

Address

Responsibilities

Paid

Full Time

Volunteer

Part Time

City, State, Zip

If you have had cross-cultural ministry experience, indicate the nature and some of your responsibilities.

If you have had experience as a church planter, list the place, length of time, effectiveness, present status of congregation, etc.

Which of these most accurately describes your involvement in evangelism? Explain.

gift skill passion (select one)

Indicate your view of your abilities/gifts in the following areas, using a scale of 1-5 with 5 being high:

teaching	1	2	3	4	5
preaching	1	2	3	4	5
administering	1	2	3	4	5

developing	1	2	3	4	5
counseling	1	2	3	4	5

[E] Personal Information

Describe briefly your conversion and subsequent spiritual growth.

What are your spiritual gifts?

What are your skills and strengths?

What are your hobbies and interests other than family and employment?

How much debt do you have? Specify amounts for mortgage, vehicle, school loan, credit card, personal loan, other.

How many close friends do you have? _____ How many of them are non-Christians? _____

Are the people who know you best supportive of your desire to become involved in church planting ministry? Yes
No

Are you willing to move to a new area? Yes
No Do you have a preferred area to plant a church? Yes
No

If yes, where? _____

[F] Education Information

Please list the higher education institutions you have attended, degrees earned, and the major or focus of study for each.

Attach transcripts from each institution.

Institution	Degree(s) Earned	Major / Focus

Please list any formal training (seminars, courses, conferences) from which you have received help in the following areas:

Subject	Event:	Value to you:
Evangelism		
Church planting		
Church growth		
Leadership development		
Counseling		

Describe any experiences you have had as an intern in these areas:

List some of the significant books you have read in the past two years that have been influential to you in ministry and personal development.

Book Title:	Author:	Value to you:
1)		
2)		
3)		
4)		

[G] Doctrinal Information

What is your view of scripture?

What is your understanding of the process of salvation?

What is your understanding of the nature and purpose of the church?

Please give a brief statement about these topics as they relate to the church:

Baptism

Community

Children's Ministry & Nursery

Communion/Lord's Supper

Small Groups

Role of elders

Authentic Christianity

Sign gifts of the Holy Spirit

If you could change three things about the church today, what would they be and how would you change them?

1)

2)

3)

Characteristics of a successful church planter

The questions below are based on the thirteen qualities that are considered to make up the profile of a successful church planter (according to Charles R. Ridley of Indiana University). Due to the unique ministry role of the church planter, it is important for us to know your answers to these questions. Be as brief and clear as possible but feel free to use an additional page for your responses.

1) Having a commitment to church growth

What have you done in the last two years to help yourself grow in this area? What have been the growth patterns of your past ministries?

2) Having a visionizing capacity

When you had a vision for a God-sized project, how did you gain it? How did you develop and communicate the vision?

3) Being flexible and adaptable

What did you do the last time a ministry project didn't go as planned? How did you react emotionally?

4) Being personally motivated

What is the largest, most effective project you have accomplished, and what motivated you to accomplish it?

5) Building group cohesiveness

What process have you used to assimilate people into teams or groups?

6) Creating ownership of ministry

Describe a ministry or situation where people "owned" a project you were leading. How did that happen?

7) Utilizing giftedness of others

How have you helped people utilize their spiritual gifts once they were identified? Give examples.

8) Exercising faith

What is the most faith-filled step you have ever undertaken?

9) Reaching the unreached
What have you done to deliberately connect with unchurched people?

10) Responding to community
What are you doing now that has cultural relevance to your community? How do you know?

11) Building relationships
What methods have you used to build relationships with people over the last two years?

12) Gaining spousal support (if married)
Describe how you and your spouse have functioned as a team in your past and current ministries.

13) Having resilience
How have you maintained ministry momentum in difficult circumstances?

REFERENCES

Please give the **names and email addresses** for people who know you and your work and who will serve as a reference for you. These need to be people who can report to us about your employment, ministry, character, skills, communication, family relationships, etc. We will contact them, after receiving permission from you to do so, and give them a form to use for their responses. We may also contact some secondary references.

Name: _____

Email address: _____

I have read and indicated my agreement with the Doctrinal Affirmation document, which appears at the end of this application form.

Yes No Signature _____ Date _____

National Church Planting Office (NCPO) has my permission to conduct a background check.

Yes No Signature _____ Date _____

Are you able to submit verification of your legal right to work in the United States?

Yes No

Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offense? (Exclude any conviction for which the record was sealed by court order, expunged or statutorily erased; exclude any misdemeanor conviction for which probation has been completed or discharged and the case has been judicially dismissed; also exclude marijuana-related convictions that are more than two years old.)

Yes No

Do you verify that all the information you've provided on this application is true and accurate to the best of your knowledge?

Yes No Signature _____ Date _____

Please return the completed form to Chenel Stewart at one of the following:

Email chenelstewart@bellsouth.net Fax: (270)825-3523

US Mail National Church Planting Office
1055 N. Main St.
Madisonville, KY 42431

DOCTRINAL AFFIRMATION

- We believe there is only one God who eternally exists in three persons. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three are equal in power and glory; the triune Godhead, who created, upholds, and governs all.
- We believe that the Bible is the true, inspired word of God. We accept that both the Old and the New Testaments are without any error in the original manuscripts.
- We believe in God the Father, an eternal, infinite, loving, personal God. He is perfect in wisdom and holiness. The Father is an all-powerful, all-knowing, loving Dad.
- We believe in Jesus Christ; that he is the one and only son of the Father (God-Incarnate). He was conceived of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary, lived a sinless life, was crucified and dies for the world's sins, and resurrected three days later, ascending into heaven and now sits at the right hand of God the Father.
- We believe in the Holy Spirit, who being God, eternally existent with the Father and the Son, came into the world to reprove mankind of Sin, righteousness, and judgment.
- We believe that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. All mankind is in need of salvation. God cleanses through the blood of His Son all those who through faith, repent and confess Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior.
- We believe that Jesus Christ baptizes the seeking believer with the release in power of the Holy Spirit. Thus, God sovereignty enables the believer to operate in ALL the gifts of the Holy Spirit as needed for the advancement of the Kingdom of God.

