

Church Planting With The Christian and Missionary Alliance

1. What is the first step?

Please contact the WPA C&MA District Office at 814-938-6920 to explore the possibility of planting a church in Western Pennsylvania.

2. Am I ready to plant a church?

We will do a complete assessment of your calling to see if you are ready. This would include personal preparation, family preparation financial consideration, giftedness, etc.

3. Where will I plant?

We will help you figure out where to plant a church and how to find demographic information about that area.

4. Who will I be working to reach?

We will help you focus on the individuals you should be targeting for your church plant.

5. What training is available?

We will provide training on a regular basis for you to be an effective church planting pastor.

6. Who will be my prayer partners?

We will help you enlist prayer partners. Church planters often do not realize the spiritual battles they will be facing. You will need strong prayer warriors.

7. Will I receive coaching?

We will be calling and coaching you through the entire process of planting the church.

8. How will I develop a plan?

We will help you develop a thorough plan of action to plant your church and how to put your vision into strategic steps of action.

9. How will I develop core team members?

We will spend time helping you to train and develop your leaders in the new church plant.

10. How do I organize outreach events?

We will train you to identify, plan and carry out outreach events to provide opportunities to connect with people in your target area.

11. Where will our church meet?

Great places for new churches to meet are in rented facilities such as schools, movie theaters, hotels, community centers or fire halls. These are great neutral places for "seekers" to feel comfortable. We will help you find the place where God wants you to begin holding church services.

12. What will my relationship with The Christian and Missionary Alliance be like?

There are significant benefits to a long-term relationship between your church and The Christian Missionary Alliance. We will be happy to discuss these with you.

13. Where will I find resources for legal issues?

We will walk with you through the legal issues such as tax exemption, EIN number, 501(c)3 status, church membership, constitution and bylaws, church checking accounts, pastoral license and ordination.

14. Will I have help with financial issues?

We will help you with advice on budgets, pastoral support, insurance, fund raising, equipment and rental, outreach, marketing, etc. We also provide some help with funding church plants as monies are available.

If you feel God is calling you to be a church planter in the Western Pennsylvania District, please contact the WPA C&MA District Office.