

NAD Church Planting Report

November 29, 2017 Columbia, Maryland



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Recommended Definition of a Church Plant "A newly recognized mission group, less than five years old, that serves in the community and worships regularly, with the goal of becoming an organized church."







Why Community Adventist Churches?

A church that does not go beyond the four walls is not really a church.

Not a church in the community, but a church for the community.







People in cities, towns, villages, and islands, of North America, who do not have access to the Gospel through an Adventist Church







If we don't plant churches we will become a cul-de-sac in the Adventist Highway.







NAD Total Population - Over 354 Million

There should be a minimum of

ONE church plant for every 25,000 people

We should have 14,162 churches.







Total Adventist Presence 2016

- 414 Groups
- 833 Companies
- 5,530 Churches
- 6,777 Churches, Companies, & Groups in NAD

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To keep up with population growth we must have a church planting growth rate of 3%. In order to be a movement we need to grow at a rate of 6%.







Church Planting - 2017

- Over 130 New Church Plants in 2017 (Reported by Conferences Presidents/Directors)
- NAD APPROVED FUNDING (for church plants 1 3 years old)

204 Church Plants

NAD APPROVED FUNDING - 77 New Church Plants in 2017

English - 31

Other Language Groups - 26 (including 4 Refugee plants)

Spanish Speaking - 20







Church Planting by Unions

General Approved Funding

(for church plants 1 - 3 years old)

- Columbia Union 77
- Southern Union 35
- Lake Union 26
- Southwestern Union 23
- Mid-America Union -18
- Canadian Union 16
- Atlantic Union 5
- North Pacific Union 5
- Pacific Union 0







- Southwestern Union 22
- Columbia Union 17
- Southern Union 11
- Mid America Union 10
- Canadian Union 8
- Atlantic Union 5
- North Pacific Union 4
- Pacific Union 0







Church Planting by Conferences

Approved Funding for New Church Plants

- Texas 21
- Ohio 7
- Southern New England, Minnesota, Iowa-Missouri 5
- Ontario, Allegheny West, South Central 4
- Mountain View, South Atlantic -3
- Man-Sask, New Jersey, Washington, Oregon, Georgia Cumberland, Alberta - 2
- Arkansas-Louisiana, Allegheny East, Florida, Gulf States 1







Mission to the Cities

Life Hope Centers - 2017 Adventist Mission Initiative of General Conference

- GC / NAD APPROVED FUNDING 3
- Pacific Union 1 (Utah-Nevada Conference) \$50,000.00 (GC) / \$11,000.00 (NAD)
- Mid-America Union 1 (Minnesota Conference) \$210,000.00 (GC) / \$15,000.00 (NAD)
- Southwestern Union 1 (Texas Conference) \$200,000.00 (GC) / \$15,000.00 (NAD)

*58 Cities / conglomerates of 1 million people or more are elegible for Life Hope Centers funding







Church Planting - 2017 Approved Funding

- Combined Funding \$2,550,000.00
- NAD & GC \$1,020,000.00 (NAD \$720,000.00 & GC \$300,000.00)
- Unions \$510,000.00
- Conferences \$1,020,000.00
- Local Churches ??? (\$330,997.00 in 2016)







Church Planters BootCamp - 2018

www.nadchurchplant.org

- August 19 21, 2018
- Camp Kulaqua, Florida
- Tracks: (1) English Basic, (2) Spanish Basic, (3) English Advanced,
 - (4) Spanish Advanced, (5) Mentoring, (6) Mentoring Spanish
 - (7) Planting Among World Religions (substituting the Refugee Track)









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Adventist West Point Church Planters Mini BootCamp

• April 1- 4, 2018

Place: Renaissance Hotel Long Beach

Track: (1) English Basic, (2) Spanish Basic Church Planters Mini







SEEDS in North America

- •10 SEEDS Conferences in 2017 (Tom Evans & Anthony WagenerSmith)
- Hundreds interested in joining a Church Plant
- •10 SEEDS Conferences planned by NAD Evangelism Institute in 2017
- 1 SEEDS Conference per Union Vision of NAD Evangelism Institute

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Ongoing Recommendations on Church Planting

- Officially recognize new church plants from birth (Mission Groups -eAdventist)
- Mission Groups, Companies, Churches
- Each Union & Conference to appoint a Church Planting Director/ Coordinator
- Establish the NAD Church Planting Advisory (September 11-13, 2018)
- Volunteer Lay Pastors Ministry (Guidelines to be voted on Tuesday)







- Community Church Plants
- Unentered Areas (Unentered Areas, Islands, People Groups)
- Preferably Urban Areas 25,000+ inhabitants
- Lay led Community Church
- Native-born (American/Bermudian/Canadian/Guam-Micronesia born, regardless of ethnicity)
- Emerging Immigrant Groups
- Home Churches in smaller towns / expensive urban areas







Church Planting Funding 2018

- NAD will collaborate to help fund 200 new community church plants
 (3 church plants per Conference under 15,000 members 4 church plants per Conference over 15,000 members)
- \$10,000.00 per project (\$5,000.00 NAD/GC, \$2,500.00 Union, \$2,500.00 Conference) Up to 3 Years
- After May 1, 2018 Any Church Plant is Eligible First Come, First Served







If you're going to plant a church that doesn't love all sinners, that doesn't care about what happens outside the walls of the building, and whose only purpose is to change the religion of people and judge their behavior, then don't plant a church.







But if you're going to plant a church that is centered on the salvation of God and the compassion of Jesus, a church that will be an agent of transformation in the community, then don't plant one church, plant 1000 churches.







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