

2007
*Central Region Associational
Church Planting
Strategy*



"Expanding the Kingdom Through New Churches"

OUR SYSTEM

“We Do It Together”

Our Church Planting System is built around the following:

Prayer - Prayer is recognized as introductory to everything that must be done in church planting.

Recruitment - We are engaged in active and regular recruitment of potential church planters.

Assessment - All potential BCPSJ Church Planters are assessed to determine their church planter personality and abilities.

Training - All funded BCPSJ church planters are required to attend Basic Training 1 within six months of beginning their work. Spouses are encouraged to attend with their husbands. Basic Training 2 is presented before the end of the second year of the church plant.

Mentoring - All funded BCPSJ church planters are assigned a “mentor” for the first three years of the church plant.

Church Planter Networks – CPN’s are created for church planters to provide them with regular training and fellowship opportunities.

Multiplying Church Networks - Church’s and growing church plants are encouraged to join a network of churches who desire to become intentional partnering churches.

Location of Church Planting Sites - Associational Missionaries and the regional Church Planting Director are responsible for identifying and developing a strategy to start new churches.

“Church Planting Centers” - CPC’s are developed by church plants who have a desire to impact a large region or population by multiplying their ministry in several locations. A CPC typically mentors young church planters and then sends them out to one of these locations to begin a new work in that place.

Bi-Vocational Church Planting - Bi-Vocational Church Planting is encouraged and Bi-Vocational Church Planters will be provided the same training and resources as vocational church planters. Each plant will be supported according to the specific needs of the plant.

Funding – Typically funding is provided to support the Church Planting Strategy of a proposed church plant. Basic funding continues to be through the annual cooperative budget between BCPSJ and NAMB. Other financial streams which may produce funds for church planting include the Sponsor Church, Association, the State Missions Offering, funds from “partnership” arrangements.

OUR METHOD

“To Multiply God’s Kingdom with His Unified Resources”

Our Church Planting System follows this methodology:

“Scouting”. This includes prayer efforts and site location, which is determined by the Church Planting Director, Associational Missionary and/or Sponsoring Churches.

- Identifying at least three potential church start locations each year.
- Community assessment
- Development of Site Prospectus

Partnership. We seek to enlist churches and individuals to commit to supporting a new church plant through prayer, financial support, and volunteerism. Partnering churches are encouraged to create and agree to a church planter covenant with the church planter of the new work.

Recruitment of potential church planters. We identify potential church planters by utilizing the following; "Discovery Tools"; “Calling Out the Called”; visits to seminary and college campuses; Vision Tours; and speaking to associational churches, remote partners, and at “On Mission Celebrations.”

Training of church planters.

- Basic Training (1&2) for church planters.
- Conferences and specialized training
- Church Planting Summits and/or Retreats
- Church Planter Networks
- Mentoring
- Development of Annual Growth Plans

Support for the church planter and his family. This includes providing an environment for learning, development, challenge, and fellowship. Our commitment is to provide this support for the at least the first three years of the new work.

Assessment. Every 3 months the church planter’s work is evaluated according to his Annual Growth Plan.

Multiplication. Church planters are encouraged to create the “DNA” in a new church plant by promoting and preparing the church plant to start a new work within its first three years of existence.

Our 2007 Focus:

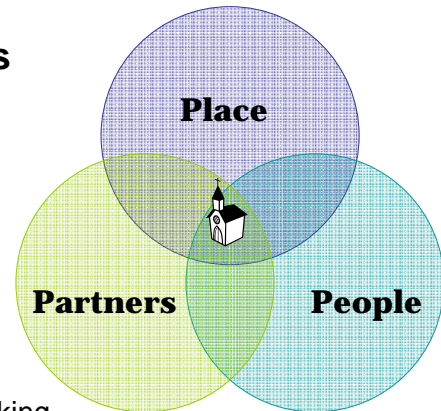
Always being open to the movement of God, we are committed to planting churches by *discovering places, developing people, and drafting partners* to start and support new churches.

Our 2007 **Strategy**: “Kingdom Expansion through New Churches”

Our 2007 **Priorities**: Place, People, and Partners

Our 2007 **Objectives**:

- Discover places to start churches
- Develop people to start churches
- Draft partners to start churches



1. **PLACE** -- “Scouting - Field Preparation”

- **Probes** -- identify responsive areas in which God is working
- **Prayer Walks** – praying in communities for Lydia’s (persons of peace) and for the “Lord of the Harvest” to show us His work in this particular field.
- **Identifying “outposts”** within responsive areas in order to evangelize people.
- **People Focus Group Profile** -- identify people groups within the field and develop a “people focus group” profile.
- **Identify the type of “church plant”** and planter necessary for the new work
- **Proper time** -- determine the proper time to begin cultivating the soil.

2. **PEOPLE** – “Church Planter Recruitment and Training”

- **Luke 10:2**
- **Promotional Events** – to create a database of people who have an interest in being a church planter.
- **Recruitment** -- enlist potential planters to invest their lives by partnering with us to start new works.
- **Pennjerseycp.com** – promoting recruitment via internet
- **Assessment**
- **Support** -- provide training, financial assistance, mentoring, and supervision
- **Church Planter Network**

3. **PARTNERS** – “Churches starting churches”

- **PiCP** -- help existing churches understand that Kingdom Expansion can be done more rapidly by starting new works.
- **Partnership Clusters**
- **Partner Banquets** – Utilizing “Kingdom Builders Rally” resource
- **Vision Tours**
- **Seminary Partnerships**
- **MCN** – for church plants older than 15 months

2007 Central Region Associational Goals:

Associational Goals		Place		People		Partners
Keystone		Discover and Connect # <u>4</u> churches to # <u>4</u> new church sites		Connect with # <u>4</u> new Church Planters Enlist # <u>10</u> pastors and churches to pray Luke 10:2		Draft # <u>8</u> number of partners to help start new churches. Assoc. # <u>4</u> Remote # <u>4</u>
Northeast PA		Discover and Connect # _____ churches to # _____ new church sites		Connect with # _____ new Church Planters Enlist # _____ pastors and churches to pray Luke 10:2		Draft # _____ number of partners to help start new churches. Assoc. # _____ Remote # _____
South Central		Discover and Connect # _____ churches to # _____ new church sites		Connect with # _____ new Church Planters Enlist # _____ pastors and churches to pray Luke 10:2		Draft # _____ number of partners to help start new churches. Assoc. # _____ Remote # _____
Region Totals						

* *With God's help we believe 12 new churches will be started in 2007.*

2007 Central Region Associational Tasks

1. *Places to Discover*

“Harvest” Fields to Scout

Keystone	Northeast PA	South Central
Camp Hill/Shiresmantown	Scranton (City)	SE Reading
East York	Muncy/Hughesville	Lancaster
Bellefonte	Susquehanna	Sunbury
Mercersburg	Sayre	Mount Joy
Lewistown	Wellsboro	West Reading
Waynesboro	Mansfield	S. Lebanon
Littlestown	Wilkes-Barre (P)	Morgantown
Enola/Wormleysburg	Matamoras/Port Jervis	Lititz
York (Hispanic)	Mountain Top	N. Lancaster
	Honesdale	Hamburg
	Clarks Summit	Palmyra
	Mount Pocono	
	Danville	

B. Prayer Walks (by RCPD and AM's)

Association	Spring	Summer	Fall
Keystone	Waynesboro	East York	Lewistown
Northeast PA	Matamoras/Port Jervis	Muncy/Hughesville	Sayre
South Central	Lancaster	Lititz	Morgantown

C. Develop Community Profiles

Association	Spring	Summer	Fall
Keystone	Waynesboro	East York	Lewistown
Northeast PA	Matamoras/Port Jervis	Wilkes-Barre/Mt. Top	Sayre
South Central	Lancaster	Lititz	Reading (SE)

D. Conduct Community Probes

Association	Spring	Summer	Fall
Keystone	East York, Waynesboro	Lewistown	Enola
Northeast PA	Matamoras /Port Jervis NY	Mt. Top	Williamsport
South Central	Lancaster	Reading (SE)	Lititz

2. People to Develop and Enlist

Development

Event	Date	Place
Basic Training	Feb. 22-24, May 17-19, Sept. 20-22	Kempton, PA
Basic Training 2	May 15	Elizabethtown, PA
Mentor Training	Mar. 12-16	Harrisburg
Assessment Training	Mar. 12-16	Harrisburg
Church Planter Conf.	Apr. 23-26	Orlando, Fl
CPM Forum	Feb. 28- Mar. 3	Atlanta, Ga
CP Networks		
Keystone	Jan. 19, Mar. 23, May 25, Sept. 13, Nov. 16	Dillsburg, PA
Northeast PA	Jan. 19, Mar. 23, May 25, Sept. 13, Nov. 16	Hazleton, PA
South Central	Feb. 9, Apr. 13, June 1, Oct. 5, Nov. 30	Elizabethtown, PA

Enlistment

Association	NAME	Seminary/ College	Indigen ous	Assessed
Keystone	Dan Barker			No
	Bill Burcher			Yes
	Casey Hostler		✓	No
Northeast PA	Peter Klotzbach	BBC	✓	No
	Josh Ames	BBC	✓	In Processing
	Sonny Sunseri	BBC		In Processing
	Michael Neger	SEBTS	✓	Yes (on field)
	Brad Burgess	Liberty Sem.		In Processing
	Matt Mitchum	SEBTS		No
	Ted Tressler		✓	In Processing
South Central	Craig Williams	SEBTS		Yes (on field)
	Larry Snyder	SEBTS	✓	Yes (on field)
	David Simmons			In Processing
	Calvin Keith			In Processing
	Cliff Jenkins	PBU	✓	In Processing
	Brad Schneeflock			In Processing
Other	Andy Ickes		✓	No

3. Partners Drafted

Remote Partners enlisted to cultivate field

Association	Church	City/State
Keystone	Calhoun Baptist Assoc.	Anniston, Alabama
	Flint River	Griffin, GA
Northeast PA	Chesterfield Baptist Assoc.	Ruby, SC
	College Ave BC	Wilmington, NC
	Hillcrest BC	Ridgeway, VA
	Bayleaf Baptist	Raleigh, NC
	Liberty BC	Fayette, GA
	Antoich BC	Monroe, NC
	Henry Bapt. Assoc.	McDonough, GA
South Central	Sarasota BC	Sarasota, FL
	2 nd Baptist Conway	Conway, AR

Churches Enlisted and/or Interested in Partnering in Church Planting

Association	Church	Church Plant Site
Keystone	Mt. View CC	Sunbury (I)
	Memorial BC	Gettysburg Hispanic (E)
	Temple BC	York Hispanic (I) and East York
	The Journey	Bellefonte (I)
	Thompstontown BC	Lewistown (I) and Pine Grove Mills (I)
	Smithburg Valley BC (Md)	Waynesboro (E)
Northeast PA	Big Woods BC	Mansfield (I)
	FSBC Williamsport	Muncy/Hughesville (E)
	FSBC Bloomsburg	Hazleton (E)
	SVCC	Stroudsburg (E)
	Dallas BC	Mountain Top (E)
South Central	East Shore BC	Hummelstown/Swatara (E)
	Valley BC	Hummelstown/Swatara (E)
	Northpointe CC	NE Reading (E)
	Wrightsdale BC	Lebanon (I)
	Emmanuel BC	Lancaster (I)

“Drafting” Events

Association	Event	Date	Place
Regional	Focus PA Tour	Feb. 20-22	All Associations
Keystone	CP Partner Banquet	May 6	Lewisburg, PA
Northeast PA	CP Partner Banquet	May 6	Lewisburg, PA
South Central	CP Partner Banquet	May 6	Lewisburg, PA
Regional	Church Planting, Prayer and Evang. Summit	Sept. 25	Middletown, PA