

STRATEGIC CHURCH PLANTING PARTNERSHIP

WITH A VISION TO PLANT 10 CHURCHES BY YEAR 2026

Highland Park Presbyterian Church affirms that every single church can be a catalyst for planting new churches and for providing resources for existing church planters. Church plants are living communities of real people within a particular cultural context, gathered together in the common pursuit of knowing and honoring Jesus. On a broad level, a diversity of truly local church plants united in Gospel partnership brings vibrancy and health to the greater body, adding fullness to its witness.

WHAT IS A STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP?

A church planting partnership consists of HP Pres coming together with an existing church plant in a specific target area: These areas may be geographic, demographic, or interest-based. Together, we will leverage our unity and scale multiple kingdom outposts for the missionary task of translating and embodying the Gospel in its neighborhoods, schools, and workplaces.

WHY PARTNER TOGETHER?

Maybe you've heard the phrase, 'We don't want to be heroes, we want to be hero-makers.' And we think that's so important in church planting. As strategic church planting partners, it has to be more of you and less of us.

- 1. Partnership works both ways.** Partnership for church planting acknowledges that none of us are sufficient in ourselves and demonstrates genuine humility in our call (John 4:34–38). No single church is going to win their city for Christ.
- 2. Renovation and renewal.** Church planting partnerships make it possible for churches to enter into a mutually-transforming relationship as ministry innovation flows upstream from new churches to the existing churches. Church plants challenge and renew the faith of the established church by stepping out of their comfort zone in new endeavors. We believe through network of ministry leaders, we will enhance training and leader development opportunities.
- 3. Plant more churches.** We can do more together than we can on our own! Church planting accelerates our fulfillment of the Great Commission. We've seen it confirmed time again that new church plants reach people faster than established ones. Each new strategic partners will reach circles of people not yet connected to existing churches.

BENEFITS OF PARTNERSHIP

Investment

Investment from HP Pres staff and leaders into the life and ministry of the planter

Develop

Mutually benefiting leadership development training

Learn

Opportunities to learn, grow (and yes, even fail) together

Care

Ongoing coaching, care, and relationship once church is planted

Pray

Prayer is the hardest activity in which to remain committed, when so many other important activities compete for our time and energy, yet it is also the most indispensable ingredient for church planting.

WHAT DO PROSPECTIVE CHURCH PLANTS NEED TO KNOW?

Think through how you will share the vision and opportunity to partner together in this endeavor. These are some qualifications HP Pres is looking for:

- A strong gospel-centered orientation in theology and life
- A commitment to a team approach to ministry
- A leadership ability that is evidenced by past performance
- A spirit of courage and confidence with a great sense of humility
- A teachable spirit and a desire to learn and grow as a leader
- An innovative and strategic visionary able to enlist others in new ventures

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