

Application Form for Church Planter Assessment

Texas District, LCMS

1. Please type or print. This document is in Word and can be downloaded, completed and returned electronically as an attachment to Dr. John Hirsch at jhirsch@txdistlcms.org.
2. If additional space is needed to adequately respond, please use a separate sheet of paper.
3. Mail hard copies of this completed form to: Mission Planter Assessment, TX, Dist., LCMS, 7900 E. Hwy 290, Austin, TX 78724-2499.

A. Personal Information

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

E-mail _____

Daytime Phone _____ Evening Phone _____

Date of Birth _____ Place _____

Present Church Membership _____

B. Family Information

Current Marital Status: ___ Single ___ Married – Date of marriage _____

Have you ever been divorced? _____ If so, when? _____

Have you ever lost a spouse to death? _____ If so, when? _____

If not married, but engaged, date of wedding: _____

(If you are engaged, please list information for your fiancé)

Spouse's name: _____ Date of Birth _____

Spouse's e-mail _____

Spouse's Occupation: _____ Currently employed? _____

Has your spouse ever been divorced? _____ If so, when? _____

Has your spouse ever lost a spouse to death? _____ If so, when? _____

Children

Name _____ Age _____ Living at home? _____

Name _____ Age _____ Living at home? _____

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Health Review

| | Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor | Describe any limiting factors: |
|--------------------|-----------|------|------|------|--------------------------------|
| Your health status | | | | | |
| Spouse's health | | | | | |
| Children's health | | | | | |
| Name | | | | | |
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Your racial/ethnic origin: ___ African American ___ American Indian
 ___ Asian ___ Caucasian ___ Hispanic ___ Other _____
 Are you bilingual? _____ If so, which language(s)? _____

Your spouse's racial/ethnic origin: ___ African American ___ American Indian
 ___ Asian ___ Caucasian ___ Hispanic ___ Other _____
 Is your spouse bilingual? _____ If so, which language(s)? _____

C. Education and Credentials (High school and beyond)

| Name of School | City | Date of Leaving | Degree Received |
|----------------|------|-----------------|-----------------|
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Other credentials or certification(s)

Spouse's Education (High school and beyond)

| Name of School | City | Date of Leaving | Degree Received |
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(Spouse continued)
Other credentials or certification(s)

D. Personal Learning/Experiences

1. Briefly describe any conferences/workshops etc. that you have attended during the past two years (including tapes/CD/s, videos, webinars, etc)

2. What books of all types have you read during the last 12 months? This is to include books for courses as well as other reading.

3. What magazines, newspapers, etc. do you read on a regular basis?

E. Church Experiences

Complete all information for each church served. Start with current/last church.

Church: _____
City _____ State _____ Denomination: _____
Position: _____ Years Served _____
Location: ___ rural ___ small town ___ medium or large city ___ urban ___ suburban
Avg. worship attendance _____.
No. of total baptisms _____. No. of adults baptized/confirmed _____.

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F. Other Work Experience

Please begin with your most recent employment and go back from there. **Do not include church experience here.**

| Dates | Position | Company | City, State |
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Spouse's Work Experience (Include church experience)

| Dates | Position | Company | City, State |
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G. Financial Readiness

How do you plan to support yourself and your family financially during your first 2 years of church planting?

H. Statement of Faith and Denominational Affiliation

Have you been licensed or ordained? ___ yes ___ no ____
 If yes, by whom? _____ Date _____
 Denomination or affiliation of ordaining church _____

Please state briefly what your doctrinal position is on: (Use Scripture passages to support)

1. The Bible

2. Jesus:

3. The Holy Spirit:

4. God the Father:

5. The nature of man

6. Justification-(How one is saved):

7: Sanctification (Living the Christian life):

8. The Church:

9. The role of the church planter:

I. Personal Christian Experiences

- 1. When and how did you become a Christian?**
- 2. When and how did your spouse become a Christian?**
- 3. Give the names of the teachers, mentors, writers or leaders who have most influenced your walk with God and your thinking about ministry.**

I. General Information

- 1. Describe your hobbies, special interests, and/or favorite forms of recreation.**
- 2. Where do you meet non-Christians and how do you normally share your faith?**
- 3. Who have you disciplined in the past 2 years and how did you disciple them?**
- 4. What are your strong points (gifts/talents) in life/ministry?**
- 5. What are your weaknesses in ministry?**

I. Church Planting

1. Do you definitely believe that God has called you to plant a church rather than serve an established one? ___Yes ___No ___Unsure

2. Do you sense a call to a particular place, region, ethnic community, etc.? Explain

3. Is your spouse persuaded of this call? _____

4. Is your spouse involved in ministry? If so, how?

5. What experience have you had at starting something new (i.e. new ministries, new businesses, new ventures, new programs, new projects, etc.)? How did they turn out?

6. What other experiences have you had that you believe have prepared you to start a new church?

7. What specific steps will you take in starting your church?

J. To Be Completed By The Church Planter's Spouse

1. Are you supportive of your husband in being a church planter? Explain.

2. What would list as your top three spiritual gifts?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

3. How do you currently use these gifts in your Christian life?

4. What will be your role in the church plant?

5. How do you want to be evaluated during the assessment process:

- ___ Only in a supportive role
- ___ As a partner in leadership and ministry, fulfilling a distinctive role in the church

K. References

Provide names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses of two references who could and would attest to your character as well as skills and attributes for mission planting.

L. Potpourri (to be completed by the church planter)

Is there anything else you would like to share with the assessor team prior to the assessment?

Signature: _____ Date: _____