



Application Form for Church Planter Assessment

1. Please type or print clearly in black ink.
2. If additional space is needed to adequately respond, please use a separate sheet of paper.
3. Mail this form completed **with your deposit of \$150** (make check payable to NCI.)

Mail to: NCI, 4771 Sweetwater Blvd. #334, Sugar Land, TX 77479

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 you are engaged, please list information for your fiancé)

Spouse's name: _____ Date of Birth _____

Spouse's email _____

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 _____	Name _____	Age _____
Name _____	Age _____	Name _____	Age _____
Name _____	Age _____	Name _____	Age _____
Name _____	Age _____	Name _____	Age _____

Health Review

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Describe any limiting factors:
Your health status	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Spouse's health	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Children's health					
Name _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

- 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 Entrance	Date of Leaving	Degree Received
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Spouse's Education (High school and beyond)

Name of School	City	Date of Entrance	Date of Leaving	Degree Received
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

D. Personal Learning

1. Briefly describe any study conferences or institutes you have attended during the past two years (including tapes/CD's, videos, internet, etc.)

2. What books of all types (except for student texts and required references) have you read during the past twelve months?

3. What magazines and/or periodicals of all types 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
Worship attendance from _____ to _____

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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
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Spouse's Work Experience (**Include** church experience)

Dates	Position	Company/Church	City, State
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

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

Your denominational relationships do not affect the outcome of your assessment. However, responses to these questions will provide a framework of reference for the assessors.

Do you intend to affiliate and/or cooperate with a particular denomination or association? ____ If so, who? _____

Have you been licensed or ordained? ___ yes ___no
If yes, by whom? _____ Date _____
Denomination or affiliation of ordaining church _____

Please state briefly (with scripture references) your doctrinal position on:

1. The Bible: _____

2. Jesus: _____

3. The Holy Spirit: _____

4. The Nature of Man: _____

5. Salvation: _____

6. Sanctification: _____

7. The Church: _____

8. Christ's Return: _____

9. Any other theological positions that you want to comment on:

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.

4. What existing church(es) do you most admire? _____

J. 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 discipled in the past 2 years and how did you disciple them?

4. What are your top 3 spiritual gifts?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

5. What are your strong points in ministry? _____

6. What are your weaknesses in ministry? _____

K. 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?

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

1. Are you convinced of the call to plant a church? Explain.

2. What are 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
- As a co-pastor

M. 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?

N. Proposal – Please attach a copy of your church planting proposal or prospectus.

DISCLAIMER AND RELEASE

Participant agrees and understands that his/her participation in this assessment process is voluntary and is designed solely as a means to assist participant to prayerfully determine his/her gifts, strengths, and talents as a church planter. Participant further agrees and understands that the assessment process is not intended, in any way, to determine success or failure as a church planter, nor is it intended to prevent a participant from otherwise fulfilling God's call as a minister of the Gospel if participant is not recommended by the Assessment Center as a church planter. Participant agrees to hold New Church Initiatives, Inc., any participating church, organization or denomination, and any of their representatives harmless against, and release, acquit, and discharge them from any claim, demand, loss, obligation, liability, costs, right of action or cause of action of any kind whatsoever, at common law, statutory law or otherwise, that participant has or might have, known or unknown, now existing or that might arise hereafter, based of, arising out of, or in connection with participant's participation in the assessment center.

CONSENT FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION

I, _____, hereby authorize the Church Planting Assessment Team to discuss the information disclosed in the application, testing procedures and interview process. The purpose of discussion among the assessment team is to determine/evaluate suitability for church planting. I understand that once the assessment is concluded, all personal informational materials will be destroyed, and the only document that will remain on file will be my final assessment report.

Executed this _____ day of _____, 200_____.

Signature of Candidate

Signature of Spouse

Consent to release final report to sponsoring organization

Organizations who provide support or who sponsor your assessment process often need a copy of your final report. Please indicate if New Church Initiatives has your permission to provide one copy of your final report within 30 days of the date of your assessment. After 30 days such organizations will need to seek your permission to receive a copy of your final report. (At the end of your assessment you will be provided with a copy of your report. We recommend that you keep a copy on file.)

Please Circle: **Yes** **No**