



# *Status Requirements*

*Church Plant*

*Company*

*Church*





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Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

**Matthew 28:19,20**



# *Church Planting*

# *Recommendation for becoming a Church Plant in the NNSW Conference*

1. Demographic viability is confirmed by the NNSW Conference Evangelism Department.

continue for a minimum of six months before group begins Sabbath worship services. A record must be kept of all decisions made.
2. Mother church or conference administration has voted support for the group to meet weekly and **begin planning toward** a plant.

project. The funds are available to the group as needs arise.
3. Conference to assign a coach and commission a leader.
4. Meet weekly for the purpose of spiritual fellowship and strategic church plant planning. The "incubation" period should
5. Recommended study for group: *Rekindling a Lost Passion* and *ABCs of Natural Church Development* by Russell Burrill, and the book of Acts. Order by calling the ABC or AUC Resource Centre.
6. Financial giving is run through the mother church or Conference Office. A separate line item is set up for donations made by group members toward their planting

So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved. **Acts 2:46,47**



# *Requirements for obtaining Company status in the NNSW Conference*

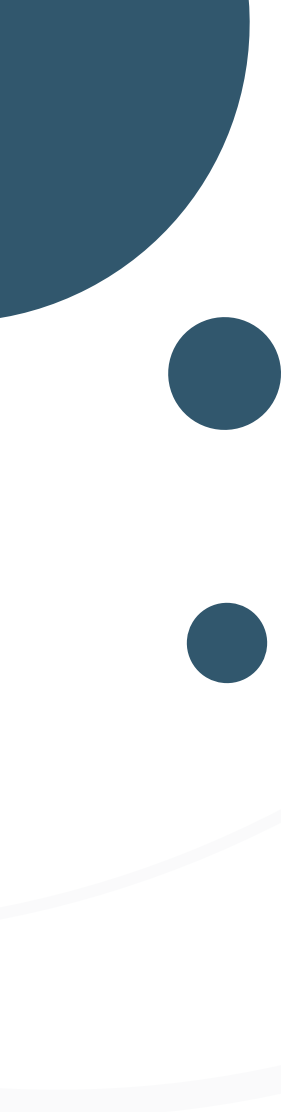
1. 30 baptised members.
2. 30+ average attendance for the previous three months.
3. \$25,000 in projected annual tithe.
4. Once company status is voted, the group is to set up a bank account in consultation with the conference. The conference auditor should also be contacted by the treasurer to receive instruction on transfer of tithes and offerings.
5. The group agrees to establish a line item in their budget for a building fund. This fund will receive a monthly allocation from the combined budget.
6. Date set to complete the Natural Church Development survey. The conference will cover the cost of the first survey.
7. Assigned pastor or pastor-coach if group is lay-led.



# *Church*

And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching. **Hebrews 10:24,25**





# *Requirements for obtaining Church status in the NNSW Conference*

1. 55 baptised members.
2. 60+ average attendance for previous three months.
3. 10+ individuals have joined by baptism or profession of faith since the company was organised.
4. Company has held at least one public evangelistic series.
5. \$50,000 in projected annual tithe.
6. A strategy and timeline have been established for fund raising and the eventual acquisition of a church facility.
7. Completion of the Natural Church Development survey with minimum average score of 50.
8. Completion of a review with the conference church planting director or another designated individual.
9. Assigned pastor or pastor-coach if the church is lay-led.
10. An outreach program active and in place.

# *Strategy for lay-led church plants*

It is the desire of the NNSW Conference to plant vibrant, growing and multiplying churches. The role of lay leadership in the process of church planting is crucial.

The NNSW Evangelism Department has adopted a pastor-coach model

that helps lay leaders and church plants maximise their potential.

The following outlines the nature of the pastor-coach relationship, as well as the role of the NNSW Conference Evangelism Department, in the process.



## *Coach Training*

The pastor-coach is trained either through Phase I & II NCD and in the skills of coaching. The coach is provided with a copy of *Coaching 101* by Bob Logan and Sherilyn Carlton.

## *Coach/lay meetings*

Monthly coaching meetings are to take place between pastor-coach and lay leader. The purpose of these meetings is to listen/pray/share/report/vision/be accountable/develop long-range planning.

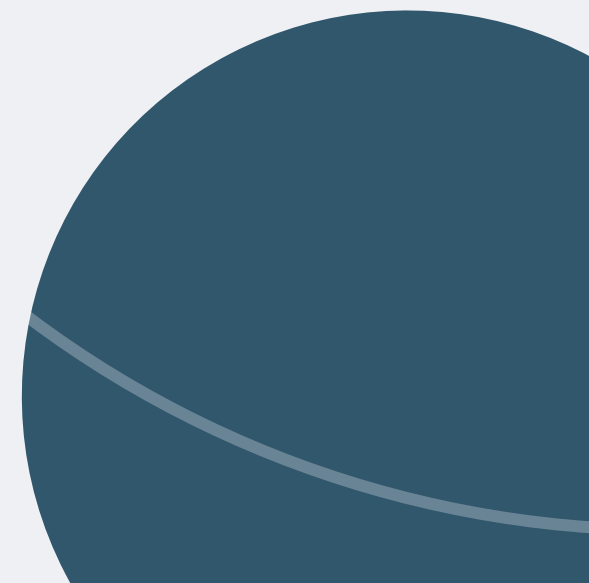
The pastor-coach gives monthly assignment for the lay leader. Time: 1.5-2 hours monthly for as long as the church is lay-led. Interaction by phone or e-mail available as needed between meetings (restaurant on most occasions). Church Planting Department will reimburse expenses up to \$20.00. Who Initiates: Pastor-coach.

## *Coach/plant interaction*

Monthly interaction between pastor-coach and church plant group. Purpose: observation, training and support. Time: once a month. Length varies based on event. Interaction takes place for as long as the church is lay-led.

Location: various options can include church board meeting, elders' meeting, social, prayer meeting, business meeting, baptism, church service, retreat, Pathfinders, etc. Coach should plan to attend company and church organisations.

Note: Sabbath morning preaching should not be more than 1x per quarter. Who Initiates: Pastor-coach determines based on their own schedule what events they are able to attend. Lay leader communicates requests—emphasis on special events that are being planned.



### *Evangelistic meetings*

Annual evangelistic reaping meeting by pastor-coach with church plant group. Purpose: growth of the church plant, spiritually and numerically.

Time: two-week meeting. Location: Church Plant. Who initiates: pastor-coach in consultation with lay leader and church.

### *Regional Rallies*

Annual church planting regional rally for all church plants, all pastor-coaches, and all lay leaders. Purpose: specialised training seminars by church planting experts, visioning regarding strategy for the entire area, inspiration.

Time: designated weekend one time per year. Location: central to area and large enough to accommodate attendance. Who initiates: conference coordinator and area church planting coordinator.

### *Annual Conference Rally*

Annual conference-wide rally and pastor-coach/lay leader appreciation brunch.

Purpose: inspiration, training, networking, providing resources for the upcoming year and expressing appreciation. Time: Friday evening through Sunday in November of each year. Who initiates: conference coordinator.

# Coach/Plant Events



## *Coach/Lay Meeting*

Timing: Each month  
Duration: 1.5-2 hour sessions  
Location: Restaurant  
Initiated by: Pastor-coach  
Purpose: Listen, pray, reporting, visioning, accountability, long range planning.



## *Coach/Plant Interaction*

Timing: Each month  
Duration: Varies  
Location: Various  
Initiated by: Pastor-coach  
Purpose: Observation, training, support.



## *Evangelistic Meetings*

Timing: Annually  
Duration: 2 weeks  
Location: Initiating church  
Initiated by: Pastor-coach with lay leader  
Purpose: Growth of the Church Plant spiritually and numerically.



## *Regional Rallies*

Timing: Annually  
Duration: Weekend  
Location: Central venue  
Initiated by: Conference coordinator  
Purpose: Training, visioning and strategy.



## *Annual Conference Rally*

Timing: Annually in November  
Duration: Friday to Sunday  
Location: Various  
Initiated by: Conference coordinator  
Purpose: Inspiration, training, networking, resourcing, appreciation.



# Coaching Agreement

Name of Church Plant: \_\_\_\_\_

Address meeting at: \_\_\_\_\_ Times of services: \_\_\_\_\_

Regional area: \_\_\_\_\_ Area Church Plant Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_

## *Lay Leader*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact phone/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## *Pastor Coach*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact phone/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Coaching Agreement entered into on: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Lay Leader*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Pastor Coach*

\_\_\_\_\_  
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