



*How can I discern  
if this is what God  
is calling me to do?*

*Where can I gain  
the knowledge and  
skills for starting a  
new church?*

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## HOW WILL WE TRAIN OUR NEW CHURCH PASTORS? NEW CHURCH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

*Equipping leaders with both knowledge and skills to move towards successful church starts*

A decade ago, it was believed that **location was the primary key** to a successful church plant. Across the country, United Methodist Conferences put tremendous financial resources into selecting just the right site, and buying very expensive land. With the new property deed in hand, at some point in the future, an attempt was then made to start a new church in that community. From this experience our conferences have learned, the expensive way, that we were beginning in the wrong order. Location is important, but a successful church planting movement within an annual conference begins with leadership cultivation, not land purchase.

The North Georgia Conference has led the nation in both new church starts and growth for several years. Clay Jacobs says, "We have discovered in North Georgia that the most important piece in church planting is leadership. If the pastor is called by God to this new work, has a passion for reaching unchurched people, has a commitment to unconditional excellence, and possesses the unique set of church planting gifts and graces - this pastor will draw people to Christ, even in the desert." *{Conversation with Bob Crossman on December 23, 2003.}*

Jim Griffith writes, "The process through which new church pastors are recruited, assessed, trained and deployed determine the success or failure of any church planting system. The goal of an effective church planting systems to attract high quality candidates, clearly identify their strengths and patterns of behavior, develop their skill sets and assign them to a context in which they have an affinity for the target population. Taken together, these are the components for the foundation for starting strong, vital faith communities." *{from the UM Manual for New Church Development, 2004}*

Each Annual Conference has responded to this new focus on the new church pastor in a variety of ways.

**The New Church Leadership Institute invites Bishops, Conference Directors of New Church Starts, or District Superintendents to identify pastors who they perceive to have the leadership gifts and graces for starting new churches. These pastors are then invited to enroll in the "New Church Leadership Institute track for pastors starting new churches."**

The New Church Leadership Institute includes several goals:

- equip leaders with knowledge and skills for successful church starts in the 21st century
- assist in discerning a call to be a church planting pastor
- prepare a pool of pastors for the cabinet to appoint to plant new churches
- prepare a pool of pastors to be the second pastor in our new churches
- prepare pastors for a variety of New Start strategies (models)
- each participant will write a personal "reflective essay" concerning their possible appointment to start a new church
- introduce some of the most recent printed resources on church planting
- pastors are encouraged to visit new church starts in their area to hear the founding pastor tell the story of their new church's birth.
- attend the national UM training for new church pastors, The School of Congregational Development, held in August each year
- in the years ahead, as graduates become Senior Pastors they will understand and be supportive of their congregation becoming a "Mother Church"
- in the years ahead, as graduates become District Superintendents, Board of Ordained Ministry members, Senior Pastors of our largest church, and members of the CFA... the very DNA of our Conferences will be more supportive of the needs of our church planting pastors.

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### What former participants say...

*"An honest approach to all that is required of the pastor to start up a church is presented by several experts. In addition, most information given can also be used in revitalizing an existing church. Plus, you become aware of issues in accepting an appointment to be the second pastor of a new start church."*

Donna Alberts, Arkansas Conference

*"There are two key words that describe the New Church Leadership Institute: visionary and practical. It is not just for those who are thinking about being new church start pastors. My ministry has grown by tons by what I've gotten here. If given the opportunity, I would be a part of the Institute again in a minute."*

Tammy Garrison, N. Central District, Arkansas

*"Among the things I learned - the importance of designing and implementing an intentional, systematic method of disciplining."*

Paul Strang, Central District, Arkansas Conference

*"...empowered me to see the diversity within the United Methodist Church. As creative and unique as one can dream in as creative and unique a United Methodist Church can be in order to make disciples of Jesus Christ."*

Ray Jordan, Southwest District, Arkansas Conference

*"If you are trying to discern whether God is calling you to plant a church, the New Church Leadership Institute is a kind of amplifier/clarifier of God's voice. It provided me with the most tangible and practical information about planting, and about who I would have to become in order for God to use me this way. It was like going 'back stage' at a concert to see what it would really take to succeed."*

Dr. Kenn Munn, Founding Pastor  
FaithQuest UMC, Texas Conference

*"My experience has been that the New Church Leadership Institute is an effective invitation to and catalyst for careful discernment for leaders and the United Methodist Church about God's call to plant new congregations for the expansion of the Kingdom of God."*

Rev. Andrew Conard, Pastor of Congregational Care  
The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection

*"The New Church Leadership Institute awakened an excitement in me and helped me focus how I want to use my ministry for the furtherance of the Kingdom of God. Whether I become a church planter or continue to serve existing congregations, I hope to spend my time to increase the population of heaven and give new hope in Christ for the life we have now."*

Frank Coats, Texas Conference

*"I Pastor a church that has an average attendance of 40 adults and a membership of 140. They have voted to close the church after 80 years and relocate in the far S.E. part of the city with about \$600,000 available. The NCLI is by far the greatest gift that the UMC has ever given me to manage or direct the physical life of a church. I look forward to the next 2 sessions."*

Louis Pearce, North Texas Conference

*"I just want to thank you for a wonderful and inspiring week at the NCLI. Not only did it give me hope because of the 'stirring' in our denomination towards planting in this age, but it gave me a fresh desire to rededicate myself to the people that I serve now. I thought every speaker was superb and helpful from the coaches to the planters, so thank you so much for your hard work and organization, and your willingness as a church planter yourself."*

Pam Morrison, Kansas East Conference

*"Excellent speakers and content for any pastor wishing to expand God's Kingdom in their mission field. Although it will equip new church planters with essential tools, it will also help any pastor to blossom where they are planted."*

Vance Elliott, Southwest Texas Conference

*"New Church Leadership Institute is truly an institution that facilitates clergy training, church planting and deeply enriching clergy with an enormous wealth of knowledge designed especially to meet the needs for those serving the Kingdom of God!"*

Marvin Hood, Texas Conference

*"The New Church Leadership Institute has given me the tools needed to start a new church. With the call to Ministry I received a heart for the unchurched, but I did not understand the role I was to play in making that happen. NCIC cleared the fog so I could see the next step to plant a church that does reach those Christ has called us to."*

Pastor Rob Williams (Journey UMC),  
Arkansas Conference

*"The New Church Leadership Institute is an outstanding training event for new church pastors and Conference leadership for new church development. It is the forefront of innovative change and leadership for the United Methodist Church. I can not commend it strongly enough!"*

Dr. Mike Lowry,  
Executive Director for New Church Development  
and Transformation, Southwest Texas Conference

*"A life time of knowledge in a one year Institute that will make your ministry more relevant."*

Daniel Williams, West District, Arkansas Conference

**Sample invitational letter you might send to potential new church pastors.**  
Conference Congregational Development staff are encouraged to attend the institute with their pastors.



## UNITED METHODIST NEW CHURCH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

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### ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

BOB CROSSMAN, MINISTER OF NEW CHURCH STARTS AND CONGREGATIONAL ADVANCEMENT  
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Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

The Bishop and Cabinet have asked me to invite you to consider enrolling in the New Church Leadership Institute which begins in February 2009.

We perceive that you have a missionary heart for the unchurched, and that you just might possess the unique characteristics of a successful New Church Start Pastor.

**Participation in this New Church Leadership Institute is not a commitment to being a new start pastor — either by the pastor or the Conference. This institute is for those interesting in exploring the possibility of being the first or second pastor of a new church.**

In this ten month process,

- You will spend several days with Jim Griffith (*he has trained over 7,000 church planting pastors, and coached 150 church plants*).
- You will hear a key note address from national leaders in the Church and specialists in New Church Development: Don Smith from Texas, Steve Compton from North Carolina, Tom Butcher from Nashville, Cliff Christopher from Arkansas, Karen Doris from Texas, and Ruben Saenz from Texas.
- You will meet successful church planters like Junius Dotson, Karen Huran, Olu Brown, Tammy Garrison, Don Smith, Rusti Moore, Robert Johnson, Javier Rios, and Bryson Butts just to name a few.
- You will spend the week with Conference New Church Development Staff, including: Allen Goss from Central Texas, Nita-Hinds Park from Nebraska, Kent Melcher from Kansas, Bob Crossman from Arkansas, Steve Stephens from Louisiana, Kim Cape from Southwest Texas, Craig Stinson from Oklahoma, Abel Vega from Rio Grande, and Bob Farr from Missouri and learn from their years of experiencing in starting dozens of successful new churches in each of their conferences.
- You are encouraged to attend the General Board's week-long School of Congregation Development.
- You are encouraged to personally visit half a dozen of the newest United Methodist Churches in your Conference.
- You will be provided an environment to discern God's will for your ministry, and to equip you with both the knowledge and skills to successfully start a new church.

A graduate of the New Church Institute writes, "*An honest approach to all that is required of the pastor to start up a church is presented by several experts. In addition, most of the information given may also be used in revitalizing an existing church. Plus, you become aware of issues in accepting an appointment to be the second pastor of a new church start.*"

**Feel free to call with any questions or make an appointment for us to sit down and visit about this possibility.**

I'm attaching an enrollment form and syllabus of this year's Institute - **mark these dates on your calendar.** You will find that this experience will provide you with knowledge that you can put to immediate use in your current ministry, as well as prepare you to successfully start a new church.

There are limited openings available, so please fill out the enrollment form and mail back to me this week.

Your Friend in Jesus Christ,  
*Bob Crossman*

# New Church Leadership Institute

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**2010 NEW CHURCH  
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EQUIPPING  
POTENTIAL NEW CHURCH PASTORS  
WITH THE  
KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS  
FOR A  
SUCCESSFUL NEW CHURCH START

MT. SEQUOYAH CONFERENCE CENTER  
SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION  
FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS

OCTOBER 11-14, 2010

PARTICIPANTS ARE ALSO ENCOURAGED  
TO ATTEND THE AUGUST 2010  
SCHOOL OF CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
NEW CHURCH PLANTER TRACK #1

IF GRADUATES ARE APPOINTED TO A NEW  
CHURCH, THEY ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND  
"BASIC TRAINING FOR CHURCH PLANTERS"  
MAY 3-5, 2011 AT MT. SEQUOYAH

### Featured Speakers



Jim Griffith  
Griffith Coaching



Don Smith  
ST. Peters UMC  
Katy, TX



Brad Kalajainen  
Cornerstone UMC,  
Caledonia, MI



Clif Christopher  
Horizons Stewardship

### Church Planter Testimonies



*You will also have an opportunity to spend two hours with the planter of your choice, to hear how they adapted timeless church planting principals to their unique new church ministry contexts.*

They will be telling their unique story of how the Lord worked through them to reach their initial launch team and how they grew during their first year.



Bob Crossman  
Director, NCLI



Candace Lewis  
Path One,  
GBOD



Felix Burrows  
D.Min. Mentor  
United Seminary

### Goals of the New Church Leadership Institute

- Assist pastors and laity to discern if they are called to be a new church planter.
- Connect potential church planters with successful new church planters.
- Equip potential church planters with knowledge and skills for successful church starts.
- Prepare for a variety of New Church Start strategies/models.
- Each participant will write a personal ministry plan or prepare a reflective essay for the consultation process with their District Superintendent.
- Each participant is encouraged to make on-site visits to new church starts in their home conference to hear the founding pastor tell their unique new church story.
- Each participant is encouraged to attend the national UM training: School of Congregational Development - New Church Track, Pre Launch.
- Only some of the graduates may eventually have the opportunity to be appointed to start a new church or be the second pastor of a new church - yet, all will have the opportunity to be supportive of a new UM church beginning in their community and perhaps to encourage their current church to 'give birth' to a new church.
- As the years pass and NCLI graduates become District Superintendents, Board of Ordained Ministry members, Senior Pastors of our largest churches, and members of the CFA... the very DNA of our conferences will be more supportive of the needs of our church planting pastors.

### SPONSORED BY:



With all of the resources that are invested in a typical church plant, it is amazing that so many UM Conferences do so little training or assessment of the prospective new church pastor. In the past, far too often, we have selected a new church pastor based upon a host of factors such as "do we like the person, are they from our tribe, are they related to someone we know, does it feel like they will do a good job, are they likeable and outgoing, do they really need this job, or are they a warm and willing body?" These factors are insufficient for selecting a planter. Church planters need a skill set that is different from that needed by pastors of existing churches. There is a need for advance training to equip potential church planters with the knowledge and skills needed to start a new UM church. There is a need for each potential planter to discern if they feel called to plant a new church. Jim Griffith writes, "The process through which new church pastors are recruited, assessed, trained and deployed determines the success or failure of any church planting system. The goal of an effective church planting system is to attract high quality candidates, clearly identify their strengths and patterns of behavior, develop their skill sets and appoint them to a context in which they have an affinity for the target population. Taken together, these are the components for the foundation for starting strong, vital faith communities."

**Registration Fee: \$495 per potential church planter (Spouse may register for free.) (For housing cost, contact Mt. Sequoyah.)**

Registration for NCLI Alumni, District Superintendents, Conference Staff, or Conference Committee members: \$195

Registration for Senior Pastors or Laity accompanying the new church planter: \$195

**Late Registration:** (after September 12th) add: \$100

No registration fee required for the Conference Director of New Church Starts if attending with their potential new church pastors.

**Contact:** Rose Kuonen, Arkansas Conference, 1-501-324-8033 or rkuonen@arumc.org

**Housing:** Lodging reservations must be made separately with Mount Sequoyah Retreat Center.

On-line housing reservations: [www.mountsequoyah.org](http://www.mountsequoyah.org) OR 1-800-760-8126

**Transportation:** The Northwest Arkansas Airport XNA & Jim's Shuttle Service 1-866-535-0127

Jim's Shuttle Rates: \$44 one person; \$32 two people; \$28 three people (discounts for round trip)

**Children:** Children and infants are welcome at Mt. Sequoyah, but the meeting sessions are for adults only. No childcare available.

• for pastors starting new churches • for churches starting new churches • for resourcing our newest churches •

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**United Methodist New Church Leadership Institute • www.umnewchurch.org**  
**Mount Sequoyah Conference and Retreat Center, Fayetteville, Arkansas • www.mountsequoyah.org**  
**October 11-14, 2010 at Mt. Sequoyah Conference Center, Fayetteville, Arkansas**

**EARLY ARRIVAL?**

*Rooms available for early arrival at Mount Sequoyah. Though some choose to arrive early Tuesday morning, Monday is a good travel day and breakfast is included with your Monday night stay. Dinner on Monday evening is not provided but great restaurants are close by or many provide delivery service.*

**MONDAY, OCT. 11TH SCHEDULE**

- 11:30 LUNCH
- 12:00 Registration and informal gathering in Bailey Hall
- 12:30 Orientation Session by Bob Crossman
- 1:30 Chapter 1: Introduction to the Workshop  
Chapter 2: Discovering Your Personal Vision Tree  
Chapter 3: Your Leadership Style and Church Planting
- 5:30 DINNER
- 7:00 *"How Six People Adapted Timeless Church Planting Principals to their Unique New Church Ministry Contexts"*

**TUESDAY, OCT 12TH SCHEDULE**

- 7:30 BREAKFAST
- 8:30 Singing & Prayer
- 8:45 Chapter 4: Organizational Preferences  
Chapter 5: Type of Church plants
- 12:30 LUNCH (*spouses are invited to eat together*)
- 1:30 Chapter 6: Behaviors of a Church Planter  
Chapter 7: Mindset of a Church Planter
- 5:30 DINNER-

**WEDNESDAY, OCT 13TH SCHEDULE**

- 7:30 BREAKFAST
- 8:30 Singing & Prayer
- 8:45 Chapter 8: Cost to the Family  
Chapter 9: The Interview Process
- 12:30 LUNCH
- 1:30 Felix Burrows, United Theological Seminary
- 1:45 Candace Lewis, Path One GBOD
- 3:30 Brad Kalajainen
- 5:30 DINNER - *sandwiches & chips at Bailey Hall*
- 6:30 Optional: worship at Pontiac UMC

**THURSDAY, OCT 14TH SCHEDULE**

- 7:30 BREAKFAST
- 8:30 Singing & Prayer
- 8:45 Clif Christopher
- 10:50 Wrap Up - Bob Crossman
- 11:45 Closing Worship
- Noon Adjourn - Lunch on your own

**★ Don't leave early!**  
 Arrange your travel so that you do NOT miss Clif Christopher!  
 He is always one of our highest rated speakers!

**"TAKING ASSESSMENTS TO THE NEXT LEVEL"**  
 WITH JIM GRIFFITH  
 FOR CONFERENCE STAFF, COACHES DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS, AND CONFERENCE ASSESSMENT TEAMS.  
**DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED.**

**Note Schedule Change:**

Please arrange your flight or driving plans so that you will be able to attend the opening session at 12:30 on Monday, and stay through noon on Thursday.



Bob Crossman  
Director, NCL

**Monday Orientation:**

- Our Schedule
- Covenant
- Book Table
- Handbook
- Writing Your Self-Reflective Essay
- Purpose of Institute

**Thursday Wrap-up**

- New Church appointment this June?
- Preparing for consultation with your DS
- How do I plant in a different conference?
- Relationships with a mother church
- An Invitation To Test The Waters

**Featured Speakers Include:**

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Church Planter Orientation:**

- Competencies of a Church Planter
- Leadership (DISC Profile) & Church Planting
- Organizational Preferences
- Discovering Your Natural Affinity Groups
- Types of Successful Church Starts
- Cost to the Family
- Strategic Issues



Jim Griffith  
Griffith Consulting



Don Smith  
St Peters UMC  
Katy, Texas



Clif Christopher  
Horizons Stewardship  
[www.horizonsstewardship.com](http://www.horizonsstewardship.com)  
"Raising Money in the new church setting"  
"A new DNA for Stewardship in your new church start."



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Path One, GBOD



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D.Min. Mentor  
United Seminary



Brad Kalajainen  
Cornerstone UMC  
Caledonia, MI  
[www.cornerchurch.org](http://www.cornerchurch.org)  
Sermon topics and styles for your pre-view, launch, and first years in a new church



**Discernment Journey Testimonies**

twenty minute testimonies, ten minutes for Q & A



Karen Horan  
Gruene UMC  
New Braunfels, TX



Rob & Anna Williams  
Riverside UMC  
Siloam Springs, AR



Edlen Cowley  
St. Andrews UMC



Olu Brown  
Impact Church  
Atlanta, GA

**Discernment Journey Testimonies**

- How I discerned that I was called to be a new church pastor
- How God prepared me
- How I responded to God's call
- How my family repounded

**Church Planter Testimonies • Break Out Groups**

two hours on Tuesday evening in break out groups



Brock Patterson  
FaithSpring UMC  
Little Rock, AR

Martin Hall Room 1  
STRATEGY: Parachute Drop  
SETTING: State Capital City of 190,000

Launched November 2009, now averaging 200 in worship.



Julio & Nora Ibarra  
N.Hispanic Mission  
Fort Smith, AR  
with translator

Martin Hall Room 2  
STRATEGY: Spanish Language Parachute Drop  
SETTING: Metroplex of 300,000

Launched in late 2008. Now has 57 in church family, with 45 professions of faith.



Karen Horan  
Gruene UMC  
New Braunfels, TX

Martin Hall Room 3  
STRATEGY: Mother-daughter  
SETTING: city of 52,000

Launched Sept., 2006. Moved into new 22,000 sq ft facilities Nov. 2009.



Olu Brown  
Impact Church  
Atlanta, GA

Martin Hall Room 4  
STRATEGY: Parachute Drop  
SETTING: Metropolitan area of 350,000

Launched January, 2007. Now averaging 1,100 in worship.



Rob & Anna Williams  
Riverside UMC  
Siloam Springs, AR

Martin Hall Room 5  
STRATEGY: Parachute Drop  
SETTING: town of 15,000

Launched Easter 2010. Slow start this time when compared to his first church plant which grew to 300 in 36 months.



Edlen Cowley  
St Andrews UMC  
Plano, TX

Martin Hall Room 6  
STRATEGY: to be determined  
SETTING: suburb of 300,000

On staff at the St. Andrews UMC. Planning to launch a new church in 2011 in Frisco, TX.

**Monday evening:  
7:00 to 9:00 pm**

**Spend two hours with the planter of your choice in Martin Hall.**

You will hear...

*"How did I discern that I was called to be a new church planter?"*

*"How I adapted the timeless church planting principals of NCLI to my unique ministry context."*

**Q & A**

• To grow new UM churches, who grow new UM churches, who grow new UM churches... •

• for pastors starting new churches • for churches starting new churches • for resourcing our newest churches •



# 2010 ENROLLMENT FORM

## NEW CHURCH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

### PLEASE PRINT

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

How do you want your name to appear on your name tag: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Conference \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Current Appointment \_\_\_\_\_

Office Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Your Age \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Name \_\_\_\_\_

Is your spouse attending with you this week?  Yes  No

**Pastors are encouraged to bring their spouse & fully participate in the retreat. No registration fee is charged for lay spouse, however there are housing and meal fees.**

Are you:  Clergy  Laity

Why are you attending this institute?

Have you visited with your District Superintendent about this institute?  Yes  Not Yet

Have you already discerned that you are called to be a new church planter?  Yes  No  Waiting

If yes, in which Annual Conference do you anticipate planting: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you already in a new church appointment?  Yes  No

If yes, have you already launched regular weekly worship?  Yes  No

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**MAIL TO: Rose Kuonen, Registrar  
800 Daisy Bates Dr., Little Rock, AR 72202-3770**

**Make housing reservations directly with Mt. Sequoyah.**

HOUSING FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS: Call Mt. Sequoyah Retreat Center for reservations: 479-443-4531, [www.mountsequoyah.org](http://www.mountsequoyah.org)

# ENROLLMENT FORM - PART TWO

## NEW CHURCH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE FOR PASTORS

{ASK YOUR CONFERENCE STAFF IF THEY WANT YOU TO FILL OUT THIS PART TWO}

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Children living at home? (names and ages) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Health Status: Your health      \_\_ excellent    \_\_ good    \_\_ fair    \_\_ poor

Spouses's health:      \_\_ excellent    \_\_ good    \_\_ fair    \_\_ poor

Children's health:      \_\_ excellent    \_\_ good    \_\_ fair    \_\_ poor

Describe any limiting factors:

Yourself: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Education

College: \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Yr Graduated: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate School: \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Yr Graduated: \_\_\_\_\_

Seminary: \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Yr Graduated: \_\_\_\_\_

Other experiences (professional, business or other):

What conferences, books, tapes have educated you about the church planting process?

Previous Pastoral Experience:

Charge & District: \_\_\_\_\_ Years: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

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Charge & District: \_\_\_\_\_ Years: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

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Charge & District: \_\_\_\_\_ Years: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

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If currently serving as a pastor, provide the following:

Present base salary: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Allowances/other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Compensation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Housing? \_\_\_\_\_

*Using statistics from the various churches you served during these years:*

Statistical Report:	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996
Professions of Faith:	___	___	___	___	___	___	___	___	___	___
Confirmation Class:	___	___	___	___	___	___	___	___	___	___
Baptisms:	___	___	___	___	___	___	___	___	___	___
Worship Attendance:	___	___	___	___	___	___	___	___	___	___
Membership:	___	___	___	___	___	___	___	___	___	___

What kind of church relationship did you have growing up?

In your faith journey, when did you receive the assurance that you had made a personal commitment to Jesus Christ?

Describe your call to the ministry:

What are your spiritual gifts?

What is your leadership style?

List the top 5 to 10 values you live by - values that are absolutely non-negotiable.

Do you currently financially tithe (give 10%) to the church you serve?

Have you attached your Personal inventory?  Yes  No

Have you attached your Church Planter Self-Assessment?  Yes  No

Have you attached your i Change inventory?  Yes  No

Have you attached your i Lead inventory?  Yes  No

Have you attached your signed Covenant?  Yes  No

Have you attached your Spiritual Gifts inventory?  Yes  No

Have you attached your Affidavit of Good Moral Character?  Yes  No

Have you enclosed a video tape of a recent sermon?  Yes  No  
(preferably a sermon you might preach in the first few months of a new church start)

Have you attached your \$\_\_\_\_\_ enrollment fee?  Yes  No

By signing this enrollment form, I authorize my Annual Conference or its authorized agents to conduct a criminal background check and/or credit history as part of the application process.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print name: \_\_\_\_\_



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## NEW CHURCH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

### OUR COVENANT

1. We will *maintain strict confidentiality* of all that is shared among members
2. We will *pray daily* for the members of the New Church Leadership Academy.
3. We will *participate fully* in all teaching sessions unless there is an emergency
4. We will *notify the leaders* beforehand if we must be absent
5. We will *do all the reading and complete all assignments* asked of me
6. We will *begin and end all sessions on time*
7. We will *share discussion time equally* so that a few people do not dominate our discussions
8. We will *share leadership* of the small groups and book discussions
9. We will *respect differences* among us, seeking understanding rather than judgment
10. We will offer an *honest evaluation* of each session
11. We will *make up any session* we might miss because of an emergency

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_



## New Church Leadership Institute

# Evaluation

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**1. The part of this week I found the most helpful was:**

**2. The part of this week I found least helpful was:**

**3. I wish the Institute would include:**

**4. What other comments or suggestions do you have?**

**Name: (please print)** \_\_\_\_\_

*"Invaluable! I would not plant a church without this training!"*

**Allen Carson, Coweta, Oklahoma**

*"This is definitely the best training event that I've been a part of in 13 years of service as a UIM pastor. I believe with NCLI our denomination is on the brink of something large."*

**Bill Lanigan, Maud, Texas**

*"I cannot imagine a better experience for putting you in a position to discern whether or not God is calling you to plant a new church. Moreover, no matter how you come to answer that question, you will learn things at NCLI that you will be able to utilize regardless of what mission field God has called you to."*

**Jimmy Cooper, Chicago, Illinois**

*"The NCLI experience provides an opportunity to hear various church planters in a variety of settings and determine whether God may be calling you. These speakers inspire and challenge participants. This institute is helpful for potential planters, parent churches, and anyone who wants to see the Kingdom of God grow."*

**Becky Johnson, Overland Park, Kansas**

*"I was unsure that church planting was for me but I was open to learning. I discovered that I am not called to church planting but I want to be my conferences biggest cheerleader!"*

**Shelly Coulter, Lawton, Oklahoma**

*"NCLI is very useful for anyone's present or future ministry assignment."*

**Ron Perceful, Newcastle, Oklahoma**

*"NCLI is absolutely essential for anyone who wants to clearly discern a call to plant a new church and provides material and resources for such a taste."*

**Bill Stegemueller, Medina, Texas**

*"NCLI opened a window to my soul which helped me better understand how God has wired me."*

**Dale Thiele, Lukas, Kansas**

*"Helped confirm my calling to church planting."*

**Chris Snyder, Mt. Vernon, Missouri**

*"This retreat has been such a blessing helping me to confirm the calling on my life. The information presented here is so valuable to the planter's process."*

**Rhenel Johnson, Texas**

*"Thank you for planting the seeds so that we may go forth and bear fruit. Sing praises!"*

**P.J. Stewart, Catoosa, Oklahoma**

*"An energizing time to learn and understand new tools in church planting."*

**Russell Smith, Tarkio, Missouri**

*"The NCLI was great helping me/pastors to see more clearly to discover who we are and how we can best serve."*

**Cecilia Clemons, Silverdale, Washington**

*"A great experience that was very helpful in the NCLI experience is an honest dialogue which speaks through tradition, reason, experience, and scripture in the mission field"*

**Max Perez, Texas**

*"In light of the importance of the whole family being 'on board' the mission, vision and church planting drive, I highly recommend spouses attend the NCLI training seminars early on if there is any possible way they can. It can be incredibly important to the spouse's part of the discernment"*

**Anna Stegemueller, Medina, Texas**

*"An absolute must for anyone considering a call to start a new worshipping congregation satellite ministry or new church start."*

**Wayne Botkin, Kettering, Ohio**

*"It has been essential in my discernment process – invaluable information I couldn't get anywhere else."*

**Gregg Sealey, Hoquiam, Washington**

*"For pastors in the discernment stage, this is an outstanding event.*

*It is very insightful, challenging, through provoking and exciting. It is a must for anyone considering this ministry."*

**Bill Case, El Paso, Texas**

*"NCLI is vital for discernment in exploring a call to start a new church."*

**Tony Clyde, Joplin, Missouri**

*"NCLI is a must for anyone who realizes that God is forever creating and recreating and desires us to partner with Him to bring about something wholly transformational."*

**Dariel Newman, Pearland, Texas**

*"This training is a great step in beginning to discern what church planting is and is not and whether God is calling you to do that work."*

**Scott Rodgers, Fort Gibson, Oklahoma**

*"This week I had the opportunity to see church planting in a new light, to be energized by the work of the Spirit in the world and discern my place in that movement."*

**Jeff Jaynes, Tulsa, Oklahoma**

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*Equipping leaders with both knowledge and skills to move toward successful church starts.*