

The Cost & the Funding Source

A typical church plant needs up to \$225,000 of support over three years to flourish. The ECC and the GLC both invest up to \$75,000 in each plant. The balance is raised by the church planter. Historically, the GLC has relied on proceeds from the sale of closed church buildings to fund new church plants. Recent closures have not added sufficient funds to support church planting into the future. We need the help of individuals, foundations, churches, and organizations to continue advancing the mission of the GLC through church planting.

Please Donate

Become a Mission Friend for church planting by making a generous contribution to the GLC in one of the following ways:

- Write a check payable to *The GLC* with the words "*Church Planting*" in the memo. Send check to: *21840 W. Nine Mile Rd. Southfield, MI 48075*
- Donate online: www.greatlakes.cc
- Gifts-in-kind (stocks, securities, real estate)



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Phil Carr serves as the Assistant to the Director of Church Planting. He has a great passion for leadership development and church planting coaching. He has participated in training leaders locally, nationally, and globally.



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Mission Friends for Church Planting



We seek to join God in the work that He is doing to draw people to Himself in communities across the Great Lakes region.

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Why We Plant Churches

Jesus commanded His followers to make disciples. Starting new churches is the New Testament pattern for fulfilling the Great Commission. (Matt. 28:18-20)

Lost people matter to God. Church planting is one of the most effective ways to reach people for Christ.

The U.S. unchurched population is the largest mission field in the English-speaking world and the third largest globally.

Recent studies show that less than 20% of Americans attend church (even less after COVID) on any given Sunday.



Church planting helps break down cultural and racial barriers. 14 out of the 20 most recent GLC church plants were among populations of color or were multi-ethnic from the start.

Church plants in economically challenged communities bring both hope and help in Jesus' name to people who are marginalized or forgotten by the rest of society.

A little background on three of our recent church plants:

Mosaic Covenant Church of Grand Rapids (MI)

Mosaic began its Covenant agreement on January 1, 2022. Mosaic exists to be a multi-ethnic church living out Jesus' kingdom values, bringing racial equity and gospel freedom to the city of Grand Rapids. The name Mosaic symbolizes multi-ethnicity, which they believe is God's will for the church and a part of the justice and mercy referred to in Micah 6:8.

LifeChurch Riverside Detroit, MI

LifeChurch Riverside began its Covenant agreement April 1, 2020. The church is a fellowship of believers dedicated to realizing Ephesians 4:11-16, to equip saints for the work of the ministry. They envision being a community of prayer, worship, healing, and serving, where people are empowered by the Holy Spirit and equipped to do the life-transforming ministry of Jesus Christ. LifeChurch Riverside moves toward that vision by worshipping God, sharing the Word, making disciples, and loving people to wholeness and power.

LifeChurch Auburn Hills Auburn Hills, MI

LifeChurch Auburn Hills (LCAH) began its Covenant agreement on February 1, 2019. It is a multicultural, multi-ethnic congregation. LCAH is deeply involved with making an impact in their community through connections with the school district and the city. This allows them to partner with, and assist, their very diverse community.

We are three strands strong - the national denomination, the regional conference, and the local church. Church planting, likewise, is a three-way partnership of vision, funding, and ongoing support from each entity. As each entity plays its part, new churches and their planters can best be set up to bear fruit and flourish for many seasons to come.



I planted, he watered, but God was causing the growth. So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but God who causes the growth. - 1 Cor 3:6-7