

The Cost & The Funding Source

ECC Church Planters raise funds in advance of their launch. In most cases, the GLC and the ECC contribute additional funds to pay (or help pay) salary, health benefits and rent during the first several years. The total amount invested by the GLC can range considerably depending upon multiple variables, but it is often tens of thousands of dollars. In past years the GLC relied on proceeds from the sale of closed-church buildings. With those resources now spoken for, we are relying on donations from individuals, churches, and foundations to advance the Mission of God with GLC church planting.

Please Donate...

Become a Mission Friend for church planting by making a generous contribution to the GLC.

- 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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Director of Church Planting

Alan along with his wife Marcia planted LifeChurch Southfield in 2011. He is the lead pastor at *LifeChurch Southfield* and he also directs our GLC Church Planting ministry. He coaches several pastors and leaders in addition to creating pastor residency programs within The Great Lakes Conference.



Let's band together to expand the Kingdom of God in our region. You can contribute to the campaign personally by making an individual contribution to the *Capital Campaign* on our website: Click on the Mission Friends for Church Planting link. If you are interested in hosting a "Church Planting Sunday," feel free to email Alan Tumpkin: alan@lifechurchsouthfield.org for assistance in planning.

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Mission Friends for Church Planting



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OF THE EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

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

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.

How We Plant Churches

Church planting endures as one of the most effective strategies to reach young people, engage a growing multiethnic population, and develop vibrant local churches that make disciples. We launch churches with the right people, in the right context, with the right support.

Discernment

Candidates and their spouses engage in a guided discernment process that carefully explores call, timing, spiritual gifts, emotional health, and the strategic viability of the proposed church project.

Church Plant Training

Candidates will participate in three days of in person training, which is followed up by six months of additional training and ECC cohorts that reiterate systems that produce healthy churches.

Covenant Agreement

Our agreement is based on the tested methodology of the "four-stage church plant launch."

The Covenant pursues mission through a three-way partnership between the larger 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 their 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