



Multiplying Healthy Churches

T:M:B Tennessee Baptist
MISSION BOARD

Church Planter Engagement Process Overview

This document outlines the comprehensive process for engaging with Tennessee Baptist Mission Board (TBMB) as you respond to God's call to plant or replant a church in Tennessee.

The Eight-Step Process

- 1. Determine Your Calling**
Pray and seek confirmation that God is calling you to church planting or replanting in Tennessee. This is a foundational step that should be taken with careful consideration and spiritual discernment.
- 2. Identify Your Mission Field**
Pray specifically about where or who God is calling you to reach. Consider the geographical area, demographic group, or specific community God has placed on your heart.
- 3. Initial Contact**
Contact your local association or TBMB directly about your call to plant. This begins the formal relationship and opens the door for guidance and support.
- 4. Background and Pre-Assessment**
Conduct required background check, reference check, and complete the Pre-Assessment online through TBMB/NAMB. This ensures alignment with denominational standards and readiness for church planting ministry.
- 5. Church Partnership Development**
Work collaboratively with your local association and TBMB to engage and recruit a possible mother church or sending church. This partnership is crucial for accountability, support, and resourcing.
- 6. Assessment Retreat**
Attend an assessment retreat conducted by TBMB. This comprehensive evaluation helps determine readiness, gifting, and fit for church planting ministry.
- 7. Covenant Creation**
If approved through the assessment process, work with your mother church and possible partners to create a covenant of support. This document clarifies expectations, support systems, and partnership commitments.
- 8. Church Planter Training Cohort**
During the first six months of planting, be available to attend an 8-week church planter training cohort in your area. This provides essential ongoing training, peer support, and practical guidance during the critical launch phase.

Multiplying to Reach the Multitudes



Next Steps - If you sense God calling you to plant or replant a church in Tennessee, we encourage you to begin with prayer and then reach out to your local association or TBMB to start this journey.