

Church Planting Application

For

**Please Attach
A Recent
Family, Couple, or
Individual Photo
Here.**

Church Planting Candidate Instructions

- Contact references and mail reference forms to them with reply envelopes (addressed to assessor or agency listed below.)
- Thoroughly and accurately complete church planting application.
- Mail completed application, photo, resume, preaching video or audio tape, and Church Planter Assessment Report (if available) to:

**Bevan McWhirter, Missions Team Leader
Northwest Baptist Convention
3200 NE 109th Ave
Vancouver WA 98682**

Fax: 360-882-2213; Phone: 360-882-2113; Email: bevanm@nwbaptist.org

What happens next:

(If the applicant has not been assessed as a church planter candidate, the following takes place.)

Upon completing the review of the materials mentioned above, the assessor contacts the candidate for a pre-assessment phone interview.

After the phone interview, the assessor: 1) sets an appointment to conduct the 4-hour Assessment Interview with the candidate and spouse or 2) informs the candidate of the termination of the assessment process.

The 4-Hour Assessment Interview is conducted.

The assessor processes the interview data and writes the assessment report within one week of the assessment. The original notes from the assessment interview are destroyed.

The assessment report is provided to the individual who requested the data.

The receiving individual shares the report with the candidate.

Assessment Cost:

The cost for the entire assessment process is \$120.00 plus any expenses incurred by the assessor, payable to the agency providing the assessment. The cost is to be paid by the agency, church, or individual requesting the assessment. Expenses incurred by the candidate are the responsibility of the candidate unless a different agreement is reached with the requesting agency, church, or individual. In the event that the candidate requests an assessment, independent of any church or agency, the candidate is responsible for the cost of the assessment.

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(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE IN BLACK INK)

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I. PERSONAL DATA

Type of position in which you are interested in serving:

- Church Planting Pastor (single start) Catalytic Church Planter (multiple starts)
 Church Planting Team Member – Position: _____

Church Plant Area for which you are applying (if known): _____

Name _____ Social Security Number _____

Residential Address _____

Daytime Phone _____ Evening Phone _____ Email _____

Date and place of Birth _____

Check One: Single Engaged Married Divorced Remarried

Date of current marriage _____ Date of first marriage _____ Date of divorce _____

If ever divorced, please describe the circumstances of your divorce on another page.

Spouse's name _____ Social Security Number _____

Spouse's education _____

Children (name, sex, birth date) _____

Race/Ethnicity: White non-Hispanic (Anglo) Black non-Hispanic (African-American)
 Hispanic Native American Russian Korean Chinese
 Filipino Vietnamese Other Asian/Pacific Islander Other: _____

U.S. Citizen Yes No If naturalized, when & where _____

Immigration status and number _____ Date of entry into USA (M/D/Y) _____

II. EDUCATION

Schools attended beyond high school: Year Graduated Degree or Diploma
(Start with first to most recent)

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_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

III. CHURCH AND DENOMINATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Date of conversion _____ Date united with Southern Baptist church _____

Of what Southern Baptist church are you now a member? _____ How long? _____

Licensed by _____ Church _____ Date _____

Ordained by _____ Church _____ Date _____

Position	Church or Organization	Location	Years
(Start with first Positions and move to present)			

Data on last church:

Number of resident church members: _____ Additions last year: Baptisms _____ Other _____

What is your salary? _____ Does church provide home? _____

IV. GENERAL QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever served in a mission or helped develop a new church? _____ If so, in what capacity? _____

2. Are you willing to do secular work in order to serve? Explain. _____

3. What are your secular work skills? _____

4. Languages spoken fluently other than English? _____

5. Describe your spouse's perspective on moving to the Northwest. (if applicable) _____

6. Do you agree with The Baptist Faith and Message on the inerrancy of Scripture? _____

7. Please check the following:

	YOU	SPOUSE
Do you practice Glossalalia (speaking in tongues) in public or private?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you use alcoholic beverage?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you use or have you used illegal drugs?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Have you ever been arrested or indicted for a felony?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Are there any physical, mental, emotional, and/or spiritual issues that might hinder your effectiveness or otherwise be of embarrassment to the mission cause?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

If yes to any of the above, please explain. _____

V. PRE-ASSESSMENT. (Please respond to the following items as accurately as possible while maintaining **brevery**—one paragraph unless noted otherwise. Answer on separate pages and attach)

1. In no more than one page, write a spiritual autobiography. Describe your salvation experience, call to Christian ministry, call to church planting, and reasons for interest in the Northwest.
2. In what ways has God gifted you to serve in a Church Planting ministry? Please include how these gifts were identified (i.e. spiritual gift inventory, affirmation of church body, etc.) and a description of your operating in the gifts.
3. How are you involved in personal evangelism? Describe your most recent effort to lead someone to a personal conversion experience, giving time, place, and result.
4. Describe an experience in which you gathered people together to accomplish a task. Include your responsibilities and the results.
5. What is your attitude toward abortion?
6. Write one paragraph describing your basic Christian convictions concerning each of the following: (1) Concept of God, (2) Deity and Lordship of Christ, (3) Plan of Salvation, (4) Bible, (5) Church, (6) Baptism, (7) Lord's Supper, (8) Church polity/decision making process, (9) Stewardship of Life and Possessions, (10) Charismatic phenomena.
7. Describe your concept of cooperation with Association, State Convention, Southern Baptist Convention. Include your perspective on channeling mission money to SBC causes through the Cooperative Program.
8. Write no more than one page describing your "dream" ministry opportunity.

VI. REFERENCES:

Pastor:

Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____
Address _____

Local Church Leader:

Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____
Address _____

Layman:

Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____
Address _____

Most Recent Director of Missions:

Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____
Address _____

Friend:

Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____
Address _____

I HEREBY STATE THAT THE INFORMATION IN THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE. I AUTHORIZE THE PUGET SOUND BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, THE NORTHWEST BAPTIST CONVENTION, THE NORTH AMERICAN MISSION BOARD, SBC TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH THOSE INVOLVED IN THE CHURCH PLANTING PROCESS. I AUTHORIZE THE ABOVE-MENTIONED AGENCIES TO CHECK AND OBTAIN FROM ANY CREDIT OR CONSUMER-REPORTING AGENCY ANY AND ALL INFORMATION CONCERNING MY BACKGROUND AND PERSONAL CREDIT HISTORY. I UNDERSTAND THAT IF I MAKE A REQUEST TO THE AGENCY THAT OBTAINS SUCH INFORMATION THAT I WILL BE FURNISHED THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE CREDIT OR CONSUMER-REPORTING AGENCY FROM WHICH THE REPORT WAS REQUESTED. I AUTHORIZE THE ABOVE-MENTIONED AGENCIES TO PERFORM A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK ON ME.

SIGNATURE (As shown on social security card)

DATE