



How is the Church Planting Fund managed?

A team of pastors and leaders with the expertise needed have been assigned the responsibility of managing and allocating the fund. This team functions under the authority of the board of overseers at Vine Church in Carbondale, IL and Blue Sky Church in Bellevue, WA. They, along with professional advisors, manage the investment of the fund, and also review requests from Lead Pastors to decide whether or not to approve the support requested by our local churches.

The ultimate goal is that men who have been supported through this program are able to plant healthy churches that grow and plant other churches.

How can you participate by giving to the fund?

Thanks for your interest in participating in giving to the Network Church Planting Fund. We know that such decisions should be done with prayerful consideration. If you would like to help out please send an email to:

NetworkPlantingFund@bluesky-church.com

and one of the fund's management team will contact you personally. Or, you can send funds directly to:

Blue Sky Church

attn: Network Church Planting Fund
1720 130th Avenue NE
Bellevue, WA 98005

We respect your privacy and keep all donations anonymous. Receipts are sent out each January, but you may request a receipt at any time. Please email us if you have additional questions.

Network Church Planting Fund

What it is,
how it is used,
and how you
can get involved.

What is the Network Church Planting Fund?

The "Network Church Planting Fund" was birthed from the desire to equip our network of churches to more effectively plant disciple making churches in university cities. It is a fund that is used solely to provide training for future church planting pastors.

When a church in our network grows to around 500 in attendance, we want them to have planters already trained and ready so that they can send a new church every other year. The challenge is bringing these potential planters on staff far enough in advance to give them 3-5 years of experience prior to sending them.

We are looking for men who are homegrown, and have been shaped and developed as disciples of Jesus in one of our churches so that they live and breathe our values. This fund is used to help local churches train these men, equipping them with the experience needed to plant healthy, replicating churches.

What are the goals for the Network Church Planting Fund?

Our hope is that when our churches grow to a size where they can begin sending out church plants, they have a lineup of church planting pastors equipped and ready to plant new churches. Assuming that it takes 8 years for a church to get to 500 and begin planting, our network could potentially plant 60 churches over the next 15 years. When you begin to do the math and extrapolate the potential of planting healthy churches, in the next 30 years we could birth over 400 churches!

As our network grows we feel that Jesus has given us vision that a fund of \$20 million will be needed to do this well. As of the summer of 2011 the fund has approximately \$1.1 million that is ready to be allocated as needed within the network.



Church Planting Fund Objective

Preparing church planters to plant healthy local churches.

How is the Church Planting Fund used?

The fund will be used for bringing men who are potential church planters on staff with the local church. Funds will not be used to send the church plant to their new location. This will be the responsibility of the sending church.

Once a church in our network grows to around 300 people attending, the Lead Pastor can submit a request for funds to support a potential church planter every other year. It is understood that they are a potential planter and, thus we cannot guarantee that each one will plant. However, with care given to identify those with the ability and calling to be church planters, it is our hope that most will plant new churches.

When support for a potential planter has been approved, funds would be provided for the local church to support these new pastors over a three year period on a decreasing scale. The sending church would take over an increasing amount of the pastor's salary/support each year, so that by year four he is fully supported by the local church.

