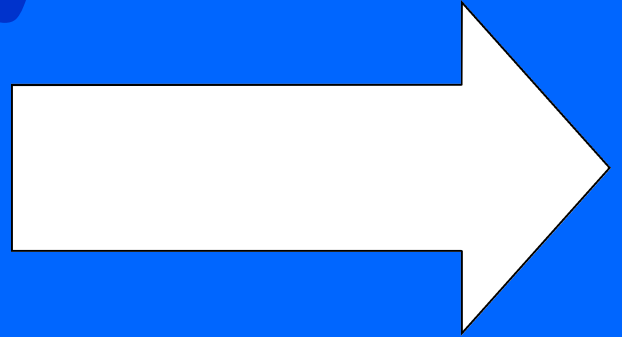




Networking Leaders & *Planting Churches*

Welcome!



Instructions

The following four levels of qualifiers are designed to help YOU determine if partnering in ministry with the Missionary Church Florida District is for you. As you work through each level, ask yourself appropriate questions such as:

- Is this who I am?
- Is this what I believe? Do I agree?
- Is this important for me?
- Is God leading me this direction?

After working through all four levels, you should sense whether or not God is nudging you toward planting a church with the Missionary Church. If so, email Bruce Linhart ASAP at bruce@mcflorida.org, and together we'll prayerfully continue down the path of exploring your Calling to church planting ministry.

Level 1

Compatibility



Calling Compatibility

Has God called you to this kind of ministry?

- It may be a sense of God directing to something, somewhere, sometime...may be any number of options... but it's unclear.
- It may be an "Aha!" moment when you know this is exactly what you were born for.
- Regardless, there must be a strong sense from all parties that this passion needs to be investigated.

Theological Compatibility

Will you fit theologically with the Missionary Church, especially when the time comes to apply for licensing and ordination?

- Papers that investigate theological, value, marital, and personal issues must be completed to determine compatibility to the Missionary Church denomination.

Philosophical Compatibility

Are you on a similar page with how the Missionary Church denomination multiplies churches?

- Books in harmony with us:
 - *Planting New Churches in a Postmodern Age*
 - *Planting Missional Churches*
 - *Beyond Church Planting*
 - *The Church Planter's Toolkit*
 - *Training for Selection Interviewing*
 - *Invading Secular Space*
 - *Ripple Church*
- Organizations in harmony with us:
 - *Church Multiplication Training Center (CMTC)*
 - *Church Resource Ministries (CRM)*
 - *Exponential / National New Church Conference*
 - *Infinity Alliance*

- People in harmony with us:

- *Robert E. "Bob" Logan*
- *Dwight Smith*
- *William "Bill" Malick*
- *Michael "Mickey" Noel*
- *Steve Ogne*
- *Greg Getz*
- *Robert "Bob" Ransom*
- *Ed Stetzer*

Do you share a lot in common with these texts, organizations and people?

Polity Compatibility

Are you reasonably compatible with the way the Missionary Church functions as an organization?

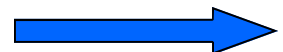
Collegial Compatibility

Do we like each other? Is there chemistry between us?

- The Missionary Church denomination values a large degree of autonomy in its churches and districts, yet bonds tightly to reach lost people at home and abroad. Small, but innovative, the MC is one of few denominations showing growth in the 21st century.
- But to truly know if we have chemistry, we will have to meet each other and hear each other's heart.

Now on to...

Commitment!



Level 2

Commitment



Geographic Commitment

If you're not already located in one of the "select" areas or "target" cities that we feel God is calling us to, are you willing to move to there?



Bi-vocational Commitment

Do you embrace the need and necessity of working a marketplace job that provides both sustenance and opportunity for ministry?

- Do you have marketable skills that allow you to acquire a secular job that places you among non-Christian co-workers, clients and customers.
- Are you willing to take non-ministry employment until the new church is fiscally stable enough to provide a salary?

Team Commitment

We will commit to provide for you ...

- Mission credibility in association with one of the most innovative denominations in the US, and one of few that are actually growing ...
- An experienced strategy for making disciples and planting churches with a 75% success rate ...
- Demographic and psychographic research of target communities ...
- Coaching to help you better love God, love people, and make disciples ...
- Help to better understand who you are—strengths,

temperament, gifts, leadership style, and more ...

- Church planter training ...
- Counsel on how to get a job, find a home, and develop relationships ...
- Inclusion in a revolutionary disciple-making movement as unique as you are, yet bigger ...
- A network of successful planters, experienced coaches, and continued education is provided.

"Coffin-Packer" Commitment

Late 19th- and early 20th-century missionaries packed all they needed into a coffin for the journey and stay in the missionary field. They knew the only way they would return from the field was in that box. Is this your commitment to what God has called you to?

Non-Christians Commitment

Do you search for opportunities to relate with non-Christians? Are you committed to the length and breadth of their spiritual journey?



Now lets look at...

Competency!



Level 3

Competency



Pre-Assessment

This step could determine, "Take the full behavioral assessment interview." What do you think?

- An informal conversation or simple online tool can efficiently (and inexpensively) determine whether or not to continue with the more elaborate and expensive next step. If the pieces are still falling into place, email Bruce at bruce@mcflorida.org for instructions to complete this step.

Behavioral Assessment Interview

This assessment could conclude, "You are a church planter." Is that the outcome?

- A four-hour interview examines for 13 behavioral characteristics shared by all church planters.
- Cost varies from \$450 to \$695, depending on the circumstance, and may be paid by the district.
- Brent will contact you at this point to suggest a time and place for the interview.

Optional Assessments

- Other assessments may be required at the discretion of the church multiplication director or coordinator. (e.g. DISC, E.Q., Spiritual Gifts, etc.).

Stop to evaluate!

Is God leading you into a partnership with the Missionary Church denomination? If so, your next steps would be:

Step 1

Complete the credentialing papers to apply for licensing and ordination. Credentialing papers can be downloaded on the Missionary Church Florida District website www.mcflorida.org.

Step 2

Email completed documents to Bruce at bruce@mcflorida.org. We will direct you further on background checks, transcripts, and more.

Step 3

Contact Bruce to set up an appointment to discuss location, model, and other details. We recommend that you develop a Holy Spirit-driven strategy to raise funds to cover relocation and living expenses for the first three months (while you look for employment). Additionally, each team member constructs a prayer team for the project.

We offer these resources to our partners:

Planting Target Location

- Is God calling you to plant where you are? Is there a need in your current community?
- Is God calling you to plant wherever the need is greatest and people weigh heaviest on your heart?

Training

- This is where you go to a Church Planters Bootcamp with your spouse...sometimes with key core group team members.

Coaching

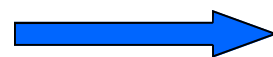
- Every planter has a coach...coaching is done by email, texting, and personal visit.

Incubator/Coaching Center

- Planters are placed in a community to interact with other planters for iron sharpening iron, shared learning, ongoing equipping, etc.

If the Spirit leads move on to...

Catalytic!



Level 4

Catalytic



Role Fit

- Has God envisioned and wired you to be a Leader of leaders? Are you more apostolic in the sense of helping and coaching entrepreneurial individuals to plant churches?
- Are you a catalytic person who initiates and encourages the multiplication of daughter churches out of traditional churches as well as church plants?
- Read "[The 4/11 Team](#)" by Neil Cole & Paul Kaak for a greater clarification on the role of apostles.

Behavioral Assessment Interview

- An interview that examines for behavioral characteristics shared by catalytic, apostolic people.
- Cost is not determined.

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