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Church Planting Information

If a couple is applying to Church Plant, we ask the spouse to complete a separate form so we might gain a fuller picture. Once complete, please forward this form to the Church Planting Coordinator in your region.

Full Name

Address

Home Phone Number

Work Phone Number

Fax Number

Email Address

Date of Birth

Marital Status

Date of Application

Personal Details

Background Information

1. How and when were you saved?
2. Have you or your spouse ever been divorced? (If either you or your spouse have ever been divorced, please write the circumstances surrounding it and include a pastoral reference of someone familiar with the divorce).
3. Do you have any children? What are their names and ages?
4. List the High School, College, and Graduate Schools you attended. (Include majors, degrees, and any courses pertinent to ministry).
5. List all employment in the past 10 years. (Include dates, companies, position, duties, and why you left employment).
6. List two references each from the two most recent jobs, including their addresses and phone numbers.



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7. Have you ever been arrested? (If so, please give details).
8. Have you ever declared personal bankruptcy? (If so, please give details).
9. Are you carrying any consumer debt (i.e. credit cards, etc)? If so, how much? Are there any outstanding debts that would make it difficult for you to take a job in order to “tent make” while you give the majority of you efforts to church planting?

Ministry Background and Beliefs

1. List responsibilities and positions held in any church body.
2. Are you licensed by any church body? Which whom? Are you ordained? With what association? If ordained, give the date of your ordination.
3. Have you ever been associated with any particular denomination, fellowship or association of churches in the last ten years? Please name those associations and a contact person within the association.
4. Do you have any continuing obligation to any association or denomination for any reason? (If so, please give details).
5. Have you ever left the ministry for any reason? (If so, please give details).
6. Have you ever been disciplined by any group? (If so, please give details on a separate sheet of paper).
7. Is there any reason why a leader of another church of denomination would question or oppose you in either planting a Vineyard church or becoming a Vineyard pastor?
8. Give the name of your pastor and briefly describe your relationship with him or her.
9. Have you ever regularly participated with a prayer/ministry team? In what capacity?
10. Have you ever lead a small group? For how long? Did it multiply into other small groups?



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11. What would you assess to be your predominant areas of gifting? (That is, within categories of natural talents and abilities related to church leadership, what are your strengths?)
12. How would you assess your gifting and effectiveness in evangelism?
13. How many people have you led to the Lord in the past 12-18 months? Can you give the names of individuals you have led to Christ and disciplined into the faith who are now participating in a local church?
14. Can you name individuals you have trained and raised up into leadership positions in a church or parachurch organization? What books have you read and/or series you listened to that are related to church planting?

Vineyard Background

1. Give the details of your initial exposure to the Vineyard.
2. Please give the names of Vineyard pastors with whom you have some relationship.
3. Why is it that you are seeking to plant a Vineyard church (as opposed to another denomination)?
4. Has the Lord spoken to you personally regarding planting a Vineyard church? (If so, please explain).
5. Are you able to fully ascribe to the statement of faith adopted by the Association of Vineyard Churches?
6. Which of the following have you read?
 - Power Evangelism*, John Wimber
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 - Empowered Evangelicals*, Rich Nathan and Ken Wilson
 - A Theology of the NT or Gospel of the Kingdom*, George Eldon Ladd
 - Surprised by the Power of the Spirit*, Jack Deere
 - The Kingdom and the Power*, Gary Gried and Kevin Springer
 - When the Spirit Comes with Power*, John Wimber



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- Spiritual Gifts: Are They For Today? Four Views*, ed. By Wayne Grudem
 - Breakthrough* Derek Morpheu
 - Naturally Supernatural* Gary Best
 - The Challenge of Jesus* N.T. Wright
 - Surprised by Hope* N.T. Wright
 - The Qwest For The Radical Middle*, Bill Jackson
 - Other Relevant Material:
7. What series by John Wimber, Todd Hunter, or other Vineyard speakers have you listened to?
8. What Vineyard conferences have you attended?
9. How familiar are you with (1) Ladd's Theology of the Kingdom of God? (2) The "Third Wave" of the Holy Spirit? (3) Practicing the Vineyard Prayer Model?
10. What concerns do you have about relating to or identifying with the Association of Vineyard Churches?
11. What specific expectations do you have for your relationship with the Association of Vineyard Churches and its overseers?