

Connect with us

How do I connect with the Antioch Network?

1. Pray for all new church planters, their congregations and advocates
2. Identify entrepreneurial business leaders, who can help mentor the next generation of church planters
3. Identify leaders with the potential to start exceptional congregations
4. Give

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\$250 | Funds assessment of a potential new church planter

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\$500 | Funds travel and training for one participant to attend the annual Antioch Network recruitment/assessment event

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\$1,000 | Funds one year of coaching for a new Antioch church planter

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\$5,000 | Helps to fund the purchase of needed equipment, such as a computer, projector or instruments for a new Antioch church plant

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\$10,000 | Funds the complete programmatic costs of the annual Antioch Network event

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\$25,000 | Funds a one-year internship for a new church planter at a Disciples flagship church

Prosper and Oswego
18 to go!

Antioch Network

Hope Partnership for Missional Transformation

Empowering courageous leaders for this new era of **God's mission**



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The Audacious Goal:
Plant 20 in 10!



What we know

No surprise

About two thirds of Disciples congregations are in decline.

Good news

Since 2001, new churches have reached 45,000 people for Christ, more than all additions to the 3,700 established Disciples churches combined.

More good news

A number of these new Disciples congregations are growing at an amazing rate.

Why the growth?

These growing congregations have entrepreneurial leaders who can inspire, empower and engage people into the higher calling of being part of God's mission on earth.

Who are these leaders?

They are gifted individuals with uncanny creativity, who can turn simple ideas and meager resources into successful ventures.

How do we find them?

Hope Partnership for Missional Transformation has a proven infrastructure for recruiting individuals with the skills and passion to start new congregations.

"We planted a church. The seed is in the ground and it's sprouting."

Grace Christian Church, Prosper, Texas, led by Pastor Doug Kriz.

Where to start?

Be Audacious!

Imagine what would happen if we blended the gifts of creative and gifted entrepreneurs, growing established Disciples congregations, Hope Partnership's leadership development resources and talented new church planters?

We would reach the goal of establishing **20** exceptional new congregations in the next decade. Each new flagship congregation would have as part of its DNA the potential to reach an average worship attendance of **500**.

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ANTIOCH NETWORK

Research indicates that the success and failure in church planting centers around the leader. And, it takes exceptional leaders to grow exceptional congregations.

The Antioch Network identifies and recruits promising and creative planters and then matches them with outstanding experienced Disciples pastors and entrepreneurial lay leaders of exceptional and growing congregations.

Who is the Antioch Network?

It's the Hope Partnership team, new church advocates, business leaders from the wider Church, established church pastors and successful new church planters.

What is the process?

1. The Network advisory team identifies five to seven candidates a year from seminaries, existing congregations, from among lay leaders and church pastors who demonstrate unique gifts for church planting.
2. Candidates attend an annual two-day event where they hear from successful planters of large churches and where they will be assessed for the qualities desired to become successful planters.
3. One or two outstanding candidates will be selected for 12-month paid internships in a large Disciples congregation.
4. The other candidates will participate in Hope Partnership's new church planter discernment process. They will reflect on their experiences and possibly discover their call to church planting. They can be considered for internships in the next rotation.
5. The advisory team will continue to provide counsel to the interns, their coaches, the mentoring congregations and the other candidates.

"We are wired to start new things...we have a single sense of God's purpose for us."

Geoff and Marissa Mitchell, Big Life Church in Oswego, Ill.