

## FLORIDA District North American Missions

# New Work Application

Thank you for your interest in church planting. We are privileged to work with so many great churches & ministers in the Atlantic District. Our desire is that we will all continue to work together to reach every person in every community in the Atlantic District. Some communities can be reached by churches in neighboring communities. Some communities need a church of their own. Some Communities may need more than one church. One thing every person in every community needs is an opportunity to know who Jesus is. Here are 3 options.

### PREACHING POINTS

A preaching point is a regular service or meeting:

- Distinct from the mother church as to location or language.
- Designed to reach people who are currently unchurched.
- The regular service or meeting is seen as a first step toward possibly starting a daughter work or NAM church. A preaching point must have the approval of the District North American Missions Executive Committee (Superintendent, Presbyter, NAM Director, Sectional NAM Representative).
- A preaching point must have the approval of the District Board.

The existence of a preaching point in a town/city does not preclude another church from applying to start another preaching point or daughter work. It also does not preclude someone from applying to start an autonomous church in that town/city.

### DAUGHTER CHURCHES

A daughter congregation is a congregation which has met at least three months, and is the result of the concerted efforts of an established mother church to plant a new congregation, and holds at least one service per week apart from the mother church, and is under the general oversight of the pastor of the mother church.

A daughter congregation must have the approval of the District North American Missions Executive Committee and the District Board.

The progression of a preaching point to daughter work (and then to NAM church) that has been approved by the District Board is assumed as the desired outcome of its initial approval and does not require further approval by the District Board

### North American Missions Churches

A North American Missions work shall be defined as a work not over five years in existence. North American Missionary status shall be determined as follows:

- (a) After a North American Missions application has been approved by the District North American Missions Board and the District Board.
- (b) After the Missionary has been on site for at least 30 days.
- (c) At the time of drawing first funds from North American Missions except in the case of moving expense.
- (d) If funds are not requested, North American Missions time will be counted six (6) months from when he or she came into the city.

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Application is for    ☐    Preaching Point    ☐    Daughter Work    ☐    NAM Church

Name of Church desiring to start a new work: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of Minister desiring to start a new work: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of desired New Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Population: \_\_\_\_\_

Why are you interested in this location? \_\_\_\_\_

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Are there any UPC churches currently in the city of interest? If Yes, please list below:

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Distance from desired location: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you contacted the pastor(s) in the city of interest? \_\_\_\_\_

What are their feelings in regard to your effort? \_\_\_\_\_

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Are there any other ministers that will be involved with you? If Yes, please list below:

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Will you give the Atlantic District North American Missions department notice in the event you discontinue this work? \_\_\_\_\_

Please detail below your plans for this work if approved:

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I understand that there will be no financial funds available from the Atlantic District of UPCI, except for a North American Missions Church. I also understand that the Pastor and Mother Church will be fully responsible for the preaching point and Daughter Church. I am aware and fully understand that when the Daughter Church has attained a level of stability and a pastor is selected, the pastor of the Daughter Church will work in harmony with the Atlantic District Board and North American Missions as outlined under the local government section of the UPCI manual and the Atlantic District by-laws. Further, I understand that the submission of this application does not guarantee its approval.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return this application to the Atlantic District North American Missions Director**

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