



Dear *North America – Forward* (NAF) Applicant:

Thank you for expressing an interest in planting yet another church. The fact that you are completing an application for NAF indicates that you have already successfully planted at least one church!

North America has millions of lost souls, not only in our large cities, but in communities of anywhere from 5,000 to 750,000 people. There is a great need for proven laborers to “Thrust in the sickle.” We must reach one more city, one more culture, and one more soul ... before the season ends forever. Thank you for the church you have already planted! Because of you – souls will be in heaven who otherwise would likely have been lost.

Please prayerfully fill out the following application. Continue to pray for God's will as it passes through various stages of consideration. We make ourselves available to you to answer your questions regarding any additional information you may need. You may contact the General Director and the General Secretary of North American Missions at 314-837-7300.

In Him,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Carlton L. Coon".

Carlton L. Coon
General Director
North American Missions

NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS OF THE UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH INTERNATIONAL

NORTH AMERICA – FORWARD

POLICY AND PROCEDURES:

The 2013 version of the Manual of the United Pentecostal Church, Article XII, Section 13, Paragraphs 5 and 6 gives provision for any North American Missionary to solicit funds (page 87).

Paragraph # 5 reads: “Any individual soliciting funds for a North American Missions work must have a letter of recommendation from the District North American Missions Executive Committee of the district in which his or her work is located, or if in no organized district, from the General North American Missions Director.”

Paragraph # 6 reads: “In the event an individual goes into a district other than his or her own to solicit funds, he or she must first request permission from the District Superintendent of said district who shall or shall not grant permission after conferring with the District North American Missions Director.”

North American Missions received approval to structure and systematize the items listed in Article XII, Section 13, Paragraphs 5 and 6. This General Board action allows North American Missions to test the use of this policy for the next five years with the following caveats:

- An annual report from North American Missions to the General Board.

- No more than five missionaries can be approved under the structure of *North America – Forward*.
 - The structure is to be used for five years, and then reviewed for extension or final approval as a General Board policy.
1. Name
 - a. The name of this North American Missions endeavor shall be *North America – Forward*.
 2. Purpose:
 - a. To encourage the planting of additional churches in needed areas of North America. These targeted areas can include a community, town, or city of any size.
 - b. To secure financial assistance so proven North American Missionaries can effectively, and with full focus, plant a church or churches in the area to which the person is called.
 3. Administration:
 - a. North American Missions will administer the program known as *North America – Forward*.
 - b. The North American Missions Administrative Committee (NAMAC) shall approve applicants for sponsored projects, establish the budget for each missionary endeavor and give general direction and oversight to the church plant.
 - c. The NAMAC shall annually review the progress of each approved *North America – Forward* project. The review is to provide oversight and to determine present needs and to make necessary adjustments.
 - d. After a *North America – Forward* Missionary has been approved by the NAMAC, the effort is supervised by a committee chaired by the General Director of NAM. This committee shall consist of the General Director of NAM, the District Superintendent, and the District NAM Director.
 4. Selection of the *North America – Forward* Missionary:
 - a. Must be a proven church planter – having effectively planted at least one (1) church, or be a veteran pastor who is a proven soul winner, disciple-maker and church builder.
 - b. Complete an application, including a financial statement and credit report.

- i. The application is submitted to the District NAM Director in the district where the new church is to be planted.
 - ii. The application must have the approval of the District Board before it is submitted to the NAMAC for consideration.
 - iii. The District Superintendent and District NAM Director of the applicant's home district shall complete a questionnaire and send it to the NAMAC.
 - iv. Other written recommendations may be requested.
- c. The applicant and spouse shall meet with the NAMAC for an in-depth interview before being approved.

5. The *North America – Forward* Missionary's Responsibility

- a. Plant and establish a church or churches in the area to which he/she is called.
- b. Shall raise support by soliciting monthly commitments under the NAM banner. As is required by the manual, any *North America – Forward* Missionary soliciting funds in a district must have the approval of the District Superintendent of that district.
- c. After being on site, missionaries are to never be away from their church more than two (2) weekends in succession. Any extended time away from the church must have the approval of the District Director and General Director of NAM.
- d. Send a monthly report to the General Director of NAM, the District Superintendent, and District NAM Director.
- e. As required by the NAMAC, shall send a bi-monthly newsletter to donors.
- f. Work in harmony with the district efforts for NAM, and under the direction of the General Director of NAM, the District Superintendent, and the District NAM Director.
- g. Shall submit an annual personal and church financial report to the NAMAC.
- h. This policy does nothing to limit the right of a district to approve qualified ministers to start additional churches in any city or town – including the approved city or town in which a *North America – Forward* Missionary is planting a church.
- i. This policy does not prohibit a denied applicant for *North America – Forward* seeking approval from his/her district to pursue planting a church using other means to fund the church plant.

6. The *North America – Forward* Missionary's tenure shall be five (5) years, with the term beginning when the budget is raised and the missionary is

on location. A missionary's support shall not be terminated after appointment except by majority agreement of the General Director of NAM, the District Superintendent, and the District NAM Director.

7. *North America – Forward Budget*

- a. The missionary's budget is determined by processes established by the NAMAC.
- b. The missionary's traveling schedules shall be coordinated by the Secretary of NAM and the District NAM Director.
- c. Monthly commitments raised by the *North America – Forward Missionary* for the budget will be sent by the contributing churches and individuals to NAM.
- d. Support after appointment, and before the missionary's term begins, shall come from freewill offerings received while deputizing to raise the budget. The missionary shall provide the contributor and NAM a receipt for each offering.
- e. NAM will send monthly statements to each donor.
- f. All budgeted monies raised by the missionary shall be held by NAM for disbursement. In case of termination of the missionary, these funds shall be reallocated by the NAMAC within NAM.
- g. At the end of a missionary's term, or in the case of a resignation or termination, all contributors of the missionary shall be notified immediately.
- h. A *North America – Forward Missionary* is not eligible for a *Christmas for Christ* allocation of any kind.



Please attach a recent photo of your family.

Date: _____, 20

1. Missionary's' full name:

Last

First

Middle

Missionary's Spouse's full name:

Last

First

Middle

2. Mailing Address:

City:

State/Prov:

Zip Code:

3. Telephone: Home Phone:

Daytime Phone:

Mobile Phone:

E-mail Address:

4. Name of the place where you will be planting:

5. Population:

PERSONAL – FAMILY

6. Date of birth of applicants: Husband Wife
7. Marital Status: ☐ Married ☐ Single ☐ Divorced
8. Number of children living AT HOME:
- Ages , , , ,
9. What is the status of YOUR HEALTH at this time?
☐ Poor ☐ Good ☐ Excellent
(If you checked "Poor" please explain on a separate sheet of paper.)
10. What is the status of YOUR SPOUSE'S HEALTH at this time?
☐ Poor ☐ Good ☐ Excellent ☐ N/A
(If you checked "Poor" please explain on a separate sheet of paper.)
11. What is the status of YOUR CHILDREN'S HEALTH at this time?
☐ Poor ☐ Good ☐ Excellent ☐ N/A
(If you checked "Poor" please explain on a separate sheet of paper.)
12. Do you have the full support of your family in this move? ☐ Yes ☐ No
(If "NO", please explain on a separate sheet of paper.)

PERSONAL – EDUCATION

13. Name of High School: City:
- Did you graduate? ☐ Yes ☐ No Year you graduated?
14. Name of College: City:
- Did you graduate? ☐ Yes ☐ No Year you graduated?
- Degree Earned:
15. Name of College: City:
- Did you graduate? ☐ Yes ☐ No Year you graduated?
- Degree Earned:

16. Name of Bible College: City:
- Did you graduate? ☐ Yes ☐ No Year you graduated?
- Degree Earned:

PERSONAL – FINANCES

17. Do you have any church construction experience? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If YES, describe:
18. Why would you being able to commit full-time to this plant or plants make you more effective?
19. What is your TOTAL current MONTHLY INCOME? (Please include all sources of income from the ministry, secular work, wife's secular work, investment income, etc.)

From SECULAR work	\$
From the MINISTRY	\$
OTHER (Include all)	\$
TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME	\$

20. What is your TOTAL current MONTHLY EXPENSES? (Please include all expenses.)

<u>Description:</u>	<u>Monthly Amount:</u>
Automobile Payment(s)	\$
Automobile Insurance	\$
Automobile Expenses	\$
Home Mortgage (rent)	\$

Average Utilities Combined	\$
Telephone	\$
Mobile Phone	\$
Furniture Payments	\$
Home Insurance	\$
Doctor Bills	\$
Medical Insurance	\$
Credit Cards Payments	\$
Personal Loan Payments	\$
Real Estate (<i>other than home</i>)	\$
Groceries	\$
Clothing (<i>personal family</i>)	\$
Retirement	\$
Other Debts and Payments	\$
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TOTAL MONTHLY PAYMENTS	\$

21. Are you current in repaying your debts? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If NO, explain:

22. Have you ever declared BANKRUPTCY? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If YES, Month: Year:
Please Explain:

23. Applicant must attach a credit report from one of the nationally recognized credit reporting bureaus to this application.

PERSONAL – DOCTRINE

24. What do you preach to be essentials as the Bible requirements for salvation?
25. How do you interpret the Bible requirement of holiness?
26. Do YOU and YOUR SPOUSE adhere to the bylaws and Articles of Faith as set forth in the current edition of the Manual of the United Pentecostal Church International? ☐ Yes ☐ No
(If “No”, please explain on a separate sheet of paper.)
27. What is your approach in presenting holiness to new converts?

PERSONAL – COOPERATION

28. Do you cooperate with the financial plan (tithing, etc.) of your district?
☐ Yes ☐ No
29. Did you PERSONALLY support CHRISTMAS FOR CHRIST last year?
☐ Yes ☐ No
- If “YES”, what was the amount \$

30. Are you presently supporting METRO EVANGELISM MINISTRIES?
☐ Yes ☐ No

If “Yes”, Name of Metro Missionary:

Monthly Amount: \$

31. Are you presently supporting a *North America – Forward* Missionary?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If “Yes”, Name of Missionary:

Monthly Amount: \$

32. How much are you PERSONALLY GIVING to the following programs?

GLOBAL MISSIONS (Monthly Amount) \$

CHRISTMAS FOR CHRIST (Annually) \$

33. Will you cooperate 100% with North American Missions and the district where your project is located? ☐ Yes ☐ No
34. Will you affiliate your assembly with the United Pentecostal Church International? Yes ☐ No ☐

(NOTE: IF you are approved it is REQUIRED that the new project be AFFILIATED immediately. Failure to do so could result in termination.)

PERSONAL – EVANGELISM

35. How many souls have YOU won during the past two years OUTSIDE the pulpit (through personal home bible studies, etc.)?

PERSONAL – MINISTRY

36. What is your present ministry status?
37. When and where did you receive your credentials with the United Pentecostal Church?

Local Year: District:

General Year: District:

Ordination Year: District:

38. What church(es) have you previously started?
- a. Church #1
- i. Where?

ii. Who is the current pastor of that church?

b. Church #2

i. Where?

ii. Who is the current pastor of that church?

c. Church #3

i. Where?

ii. Who is the current pastor of that church?

39. Please list all FORMER PASTORS:

Name

City

Telephone

40. Where is your PRESENT field of labor?

Name of Church:

City:

State/Prov:

(a) When was the church started?

(b) How long have you been at the PRESENT field of labor?

Years:

Months:

(c) How has the church experienced GROWTH under YOUR MINISTRY?

41. What do you feel you will bring to this church plant from your previous church plants?

TARGET AREA

42. Is the population of the area growing? ☐ Yes ☐ No
43. Do you know any United Pentecostal Church people in the city?
☐ Yes ☐ No
- If “yes”, have they committed to helping you start a church? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- If “yes”, whose church do they attend?
44. What is your basic approach in soul winning?
45. What is the name of the NEAREST UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH to the projected CHURCH PLANT location?

Name of church:

City:

Pastor:

Distance from your projected church plant: miles

46. If your application is NOT approved what are your immediate plans?

FINANCIAL REQUEST

47. If your request for appointment to the North America – Forward program is approved, what is the ESTIMATED REALISTIC MONTHLY INCOME you would need to meet your obligations and support your family?

\$ Per Month

REFERENCES

48. Please give the names and complete mailing addresses for the persons requested below:

Present Pastor:

Phone:

District Superintendent (present or former):

Phone:

Presbyter (present or former):

Phone:

Former Teacher in Bible College (if applicable):

Phone:

Businessman or Employer (present or former):

Phone:

Minister Friend:

Phone:

Minister Friend:

Phone:

Minister Friend:

Phone:

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY and SIGN

49. We have read the *North America – Forward Policy* and understand this policy is non-negotiable: ☐ Yes ☐ No

50. We have answered the preceding questions to the best of our knowledge and ability. We therefore affix our signatures.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Signature of Spouse _____ Date _____

NOTE: When submitting this application, please include a personal note or letter covering anything you feel is important to express your burden more fully.

ENDORSEMENTS REQUIRED

51. If you are applying to become a *North America – Forward* Missionary OUTSIDE of your PRESENT DISTRICT, do you have the blessing of the district you are leaving? ☐ Yes ☐ No
(If “yes,” please have the following officials, from your present district, review this application and sign below.)

NOTE TO SIGNERS: Please feel free to attach a letter to the application if you feel more information on the applicant is necessary.

Superintendent _____

Secretary _____

North American Missions Director _____

52. When this application has been approved by the DISTRICT BOARD, of the district where the CHURCH PLANT WILL BE LOCATED, please have the following officials sign below and fill in the District Resolution section:

Superintendent

Secretary

North American Missions Director

DISTRICT RESOLUTION: The attached application has been reviewed and approved by our District Board on (date)_____.

The vote was _____ for the resolution and _____ against the resolution.

We recommend the above applicant to North American Missions and request appointment to the *North America - Forward* program.

53. When this application has been approved by the NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE, the following officials must sign below.

_____ Date _____
Carlton L. Coon, Sr
Director, North American Missions

_____ Date _____
Bill Hobson
Secretary, North American Missions

54. When this application is approved by the EXECUTIVE BOARD of the United Pentecostal Church International, the General Secretary of the United Pentecostal Church International will sign below:

_____ Date _____
Jerry Jones