

**CHURCH PLANTER APPLICATION  
NEW CHURCH MINISTRY**

**PERSONAL DATA:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Mailing Address: (if different than residential address) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Phone : \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Civil Status:   \_\_\_ Married   \_\_\_ Single   \_\_\_ Divorce   \_\_\_ Widow

Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Children Name & Children Dates of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Describe any special personal or family needs: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**PROFESSIONAL DATA:**

**EDUCATION:**

<u>Institution &amp; Location</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Attended Degree</u>
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**EMPLOYMENT HISTORY** (beginning with most recent employer)

<u>Employer Name &amp; Location</u>	<u>Position Held</u>	<u>Dates</u>
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**MINISTERIAL STATUS:**

Are you a lay person, a licensed minister, or an ordained minister? If licensed or ordained, list the DATE, CHURCH, DENOMINATION and REGION granting the license or ordination.

**Community/ Overseas Mission Service:**

List service you have offered in the name of Christ to your community or overseas, with dates.

**Service in and through the church:**

List service you have offered within a congregation and service to the wider church Area, Region, General Church.

**REFERENCES:**

List 4 persons who have worked with you and can give an accurate assessment of your abilities and qualifications for ministry.

1) Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Additional Comment: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2) Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Additional Comment: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3) Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Additional Comment: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4) Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Additional Comment: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## FAITH, CALL, VISION:

Please type out responses to the following questions on other sheets of paper. Most answers should take ½ to one page.

1. Describe your early life, where you lived, and the home you grew up in. If you went to church in your childhood and youth, describe the church.
2. Briefly describe your faith journey and call to ministry.
3. What prompted you to explore church planting ministry?
4. What is your concept of the church's mission today and what it means to be a Disciples minister?
5. Do you regularly encounter un-churched people? How do you relate with them?
6. Describe a time when you saw a need and did something about it.
7. Imagine that you are the pastor of a new church meeting in a community center. The community center has a meeting room that seats 150 people, a game room, and/or a swimming pool. You have about 30 people in your group so far. You have a sound system, hymn books, some nursery equipment, and coffee pots that have been donated for the new church.  
  
Design an attraction event to reach un-churched people in the community. You have \$200 available for this attraction event.
8. Describe a time when you were really discouraged. How did you handle it?
9. If you've taken the Myers-Briggs Personality Inventory, what was your type? (ENFJ, INTP, ISTJ, etc)
10. What did you discover during your time of discernment?
11. Lists the strengths you would bring to a new church planting ministry.
12. List the difficulties you might have.
13. Do you have a "vision" for the new church you would like to help create? Describe your vision.
14. What setting do you see for your ministry? Rural, Suburban, County Seat Town, Major Metropolitan Area, Inner-City? Are there areas of the country where you would prefer to serve? Are there limits to where you would go?

15. What type of people do you think you would most effectively minister with? (Young families in the suburbs, hard-living folk, people recovering from addictions, inner-city poor, affluent boomers, retired persons, etc.)
16. When would you be available to begin church planting ministry?
17. What would be your salary requirements?
18. Would you be willing to serve as a bi-vocational church planter?
19. Have you been in contact with a Regional or Area Minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)? Who?

**Send the completed Application to:  
 New Church Ministry  
 P.O. Box 7030  
 Indianapolis, IN 46207-7030**

The New Church Ministry Team is serving the church planting movement among Disciples by developing a group of people who feel called to start a church. New Church Ministry helps assess and train potential church planters. New Church Ministry recommends candidates to regions and congregations that are initiating a new church project and are looking for someone to lead the project.

After receiving your application, a member of the New Church Ministry Team will contact you to talk further about your gifts and call and suggest next steps.

**New Church Ministry Team**  
 800-274-1883

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