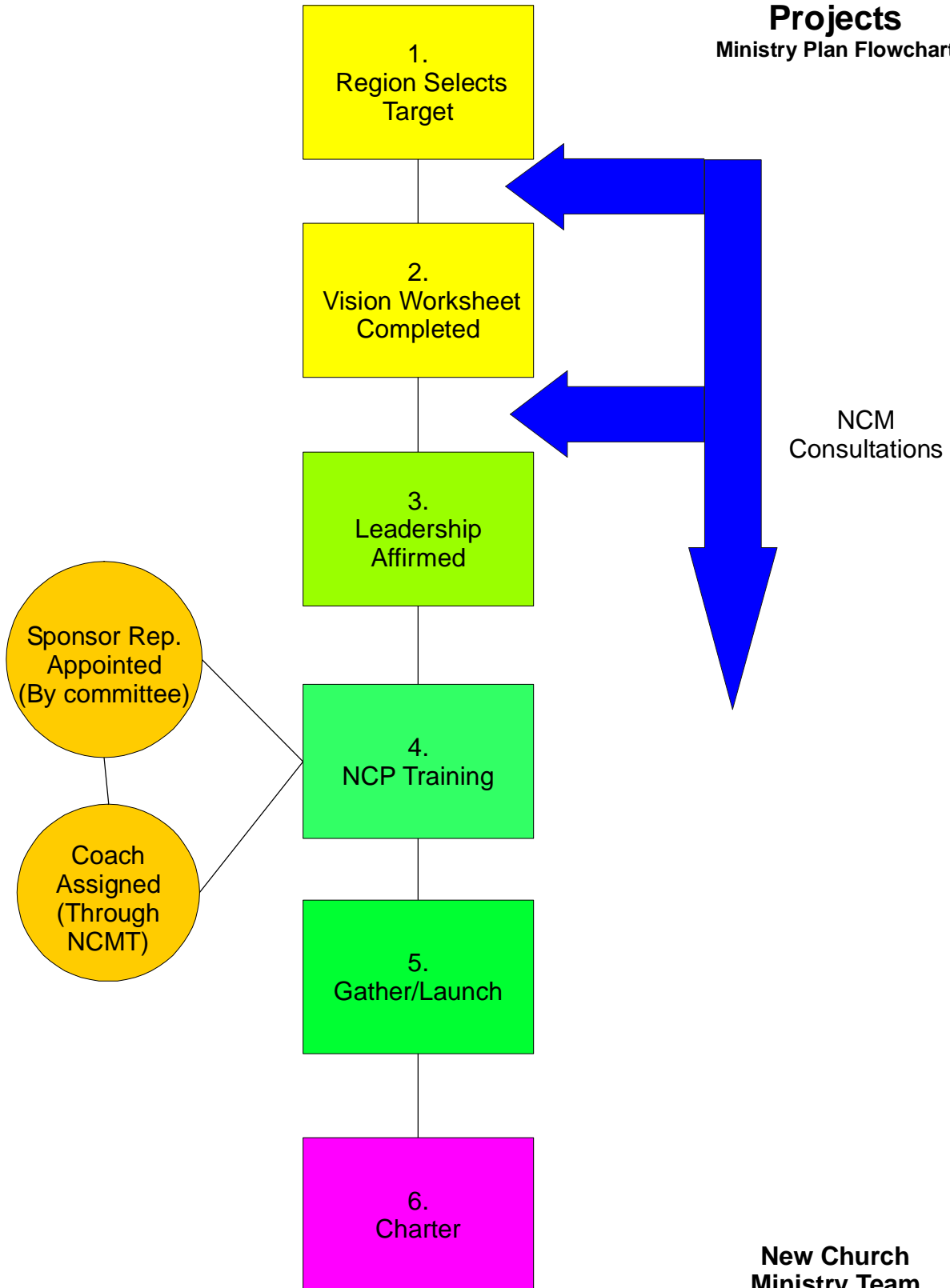


# REGIONALLY INITIATED PROJECTS

## Regionally Initiated Projects Ministry Plan Flowchart



**New Church  
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In 2002, 14% of all new church starts were Regionally Initiated. That means that a Regional committee selected the target area, came up with the vision and funding, and placed a New Church Planter in the field to develop a congregation.

To accomplish the 2020 goal of establishing 1,000 new congregations, Regions will need to establish about 30% of the new congregations. Regional committees can be effective in planting new congregations when the following elements exist: 1) A highly committed and skilled committee, 2) Established partnerships with the NCMT, and 3) the willingness of members to work outside of committee meetings.

Regionally initiated projects are important. They can establish certain kinds of ministries that local congregations may not be interested in forming. For example, in some regions, there is a large need for establishing ethnic congregations. Local congregations may not be interested or have the resources to be successful in those efforts.

Regional committees will also have to continue to monitor Individually initiated, and Church initiated projects as well as affiliations. That means an effective regional committee will be engaged in challenging people to start churches as well as setting the path by establishing congregations too.

1.     REGION SELECTS TARGET  
Sometimes the Region cannot get a local congregation motivated to start a new church in a specific area, or for a specific target. In that case, the Regional committee needs to act as a Visioning committee for a new project. This is especially true for the establishment of ethnic congregations or generational groups.
2.     VISION WORKSHEET COMPLETED  
Just like a Visioning group, the Vision Worksheet (Appendix C) can be completed. If you wish, you can send it to the NCMT for review.
3.     LEADERSHIP AFFIRMED  
In a similar fashion, the Regional committee can seek leadership for the new work utilizing the best search methods of the Region. Like always, the NCMT would be happy to assist your committee with the selection process.
4.     NCP TRAINING  
From this point on the Ministry plan is like others. Once the accountability triangle is in place the Regional committee will no longer have oversight of the project and will rely on the Regional Representative to report progress, and funding needs.