

Information and Application to the Century II Church Planters Fund



Philosophy

This program supports the church that has established its viability through a positive growth pattern. The growth pattern is reflected in the church's numeric history, plan for ministry, purpose statement, and a vision or mission statement. The funds available are provided to assist and encourage successful church plants and church revitalization. Applications are reviewed by the General Board of Evangelism and approved or disapproved according to their assessment of the information provided.

Requirements

1. Statement of purpose for the church with the date it was adopted.
2. A consensus on the part of the leadership of God's direction in establishing an Evangelical Methodist Church.
3. A plan for community outreach—letting the community know you exist.
4. Attendance figures for the previous six months that demonstrate measurable growth.
5. A signed affiliation with the denomination.
6. Agreement by the church planter/pastor to attend a church planting seminar.

General Information

Approved applicants will receive a total of \$6,000. \$500 is to be spent on sending the church planter/pastor to an approved church planting seminar. (Proof of attendance is required.) *Any incurred expenses exceeding the \$500 will be the responsibility of the church.* If you have a question about approval for a seminar please call the chairman of the Board of Evangelism.

This fund is solely supported through the denomination-wide fifth Sunday Seeds of Faith offerings. All monies will be sent to the church in care of their Conference Superintendent for presentation to the church. The General Board of Evangelism annually considers applications.

Application Form for Century II Church Planter's Fund

Return to:

**Evangelical Methodist Church
 General Conference Board of Evangelism
 P. O. Box 17070
 Indianapolis, IN 46217**



Church Name _____
 Address _____
 City/State/Zip _____
 Telephone Number(s) _____

Please provide the following:

1. The church's statement of purpose is: _____

 _____ Date of adoption: _____
2. Do you have the assurance of God's leading and direction in the establishment of this work as an Evangelical Methodist Church? _____
 - a. Why is there a need for a church in this area? _____

 - b. Define the area you are considering – rural, city, suburban? _____

 - c. Why or how has God led your group to this cause? _____

3. What is your plan to reach your community? _____

4. Please attach your attendance figures for the most recent 6 months.
5. By signing below, we have affiliated with the EMC and submitted a copy of the affiliation to the General Secretary.
6. By signing below, as Church Planter/Pastor, I will attend a church planting seminar and submit proof of such to the General Board of Evangelism.
7. By signing below, the church will faithfully participate in the denomination-wide fifth Sunday offerings.

Further Affirmations:

It is understood in signing and submitting this application form, that should our congregation ever officially dissolve as a church organization, and/or cease to function as an Evangelical Methodist Church, all funds received through the Century II Planters Fund of the General Conference Board of Evangelism shall be promptly repaid to the General Board of Evangelism (see paragraph 209).

Chairman of the Board of Stewards: _____ Date: _____
 Church Planter/Pastor: _____ Date: _____
 Chairman of the Board of Trustees: _____ Date: _____

To be completed by the Board of Evangelism and the General Superintendent:

We hereby certify that in our meeting held on _____ (date), the Board of Evangelism has approved this application.

Board of Evangelism Chair: _____ Date: _____
 General Superintendent: _____ Date: _____

Submit originals to the General Secretary, International Headquarters.