



Member Churches

Membership in the Discover Church Planting Network (DCP) is made up of churches who are planting the Gospel in new places to reach new people. Below are some of the benefits of membership in the Discover Church Planting Network:

1. **Supportive Relationships.** You have the supportive relationships of other planters, of a planting coach and of a network of creative and effective missional leaders who want to help you fulfill the vision God has given you.
2. **Training.** You have access to training and quarterly “clusters” where you can grow, contribute and be equipped for your calling.
3. **Resources.** You will have access to benchmark-based funding to help you accelerate your progress.
4. **Kingdom Investment.** You become a part of a growing movement that is singularly focused on reaching lost people for Jesus. Everything you give goes toward helping people plant churches.

Qualifications for Membership

Membership to the DCP is granted to churches approved by the DCP Board of Directors who meet the following minimum qualifications:

1. Adoption of a statement of faith that is compatible to the tenets of faith recommended by the DCP.
2. Adoption of Articles of Incorporation, a Constitution or Bylaws approved by the DCP or compatible with models consistent with the beliefs and practices of the DCP.
3. Have an adequate number of spiritually qualified members to fill the offices of the church as called for in its Constitution or Bylaws
4. The church must meet at least one of the following criteria:
 - a. It is a new church plant, defined as a church less than 5 years old from its date of inception.
 - b. It is a church that is actively planting or adopting one or more new church plants both spiritually and financially.
5. The church will give 5%* of its undesignated income (1/2 of your missions giving) to the DCP until it has invested the equivalent of what it has received in funding (benchmarks, coaching and training). After it has met that equivalent, it will give 2% of undesignated income (1/5 of your missions giving) to the DCP to continue to invest in church planting.
**This 5% can either be given directly to the DCP or can be given to the DCP through partnering organizations.*

Member Church Governance

Each member of the Discover Church Planting Network as defined above shall be self-governing and shall have the power to choose or call its pastor, elect its official board, and transact all other business pertaining to such members in accordance with its individual Articles of Incorporation and

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Bylaws. While we may have funding contracts and agreements, the Discover Church Planting Network does not exercise legal authority or governance over member churches.

Removal from Membership

In the event that a church fails to meet one or more of the membership qualifications as listed above the DCP board shall have the right to remove the church from membership. Removal from membership shall require a majority vote of the board and notice with cause shall be provided by mail or electronic transmission to the church being removed from membership. In the event of removal of membership, any outstanding contracts or agreements shall remain in effect, unless otherwise mutually agreed upon in writing by the DCP and the member church.

Participation of Member Churches

We want to not only reach people through one church, we want to plant many growing churches that will also plant other churches. We want to see a reproducing movement of churches that are reaching people for Jesus. We assume you want that too. As such when we invest in a new church plant we see you as a partner and expect to see a return on that investment. That return includes:

- Many people coming to Jesus
- People becoming healthy disciples who reach others
- That your church will launch other churches and ministries
- Your participation in the present and future promotion and leadership of the Discover Church Planting Network
- Champion the cause of church planting to others (including blogging & other web-based interaction)
- Participation as a leader in the Network (i.e. assessor, coach, trainer, etc.)

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