



# DISCOVER CHURCH PLANTING

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## FROM THE PPN TO THE DCP

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In our previous newsletter, we mentioned that the PPN was growing into a new season. We're excited to announce that the Pacific Planting Network has now become Discover Church Planting!

Pacific Planting Network began as the church planting arm of the Pacific region of Open Bible churches. In 2014, in cooperation with the Pacific Open Bible board, the decision was made to incorporate the Pacific Planting Network as its own non-profit corporation. This was done for two primary reasons:



1. To be able to be a network that also provides resources and relational support to those church planters, churches and organizations beyond Open Bible with whom we have relationships.
2. To be able to access resources that would not be as readily available to us as a denominational entity.

Open Bible will continue to be our primary strategic partner, but we have been able to connect with other individuals and organizations as well, providing beautiful Kingdom partnerships and opportunities.

We began to realize that outside of a very small group of people - those already involved in church planting or church leadership - the name "Pacific Planting Network" did not at all clearly communicate who we are or what we do. "Are you a gardening club?" was not an unfamiliar question. Also, we recognized that there is nothing that would keep us from working with church planters beyond the Pacific Coast or even beyond the United States. While this is where we are currently strong, we do already work with those outside of the West Coast and our vision is to plant churches wherever God provides us a strategic opportunity.

With a goal to plant 130 new churches by 2030 through God-ordained, strategic relationships and the multiplication of our current network churches on the Pacific Coast and beyond, we have chosen the name "Discover Church Planting" as the name we believe best moves us into the future.



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## CHURCHES BUILDING THE KINGDOM TOGETHER

Seeing a opportunity to help another church expand its capacity and reach, Rhapsody took a team to Iglesia la Roca in Tacoma, WA. Iglesia la Roca had a home next to the church building that was in significant disrepair and had been relegated to a storage facility. Repair would be costly, but the church was growing and in need of additional space. Rhapsody, a Discover Church Planting network church, initiated a plan to restore the home. In partnership with Open Bible and the Mobile Kingdom builders a new roof and new windows were installed. The electrical and plumbing systems were repaired, the home was painted, floors were restored and the home is now being used for children's classrooms and offices.



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### WHAT'S NEW NOW AND AHEAD:

Discover Church Planting is welcoming three news members to our board: Darrick Young, Joy Berg, and Ryan Brotherton! All three bring a wealth of passion, experience, and wisdom to this ministry, and we're so grateful they've decided to partner with us in this way!

This week, the DCP is hosting an Assessment Center where those interested in planting a church will discern, with the guidance of DCP leaders, what next steps are appropriate for them in their calling. In January, we're holding an Explore event where anyone interested in planting a church can come experience what it looks like to start a new church and to be part of the DCP community without the pressures of an assessment.

Pastor Oliver Silva is leading his community in the beginnings of a new church plant in San Diego. His community is already gathering on Friday nights, and he's training new leaders who will build into this church, planning to launch next fall. Pastor Rick & Ester Lancaster will be launching New Birth Connection church in Lancaster, CA on January 6, 2019!



We know God is already working to expand this ministry past the coastline, state, and country borders. Would you pray with us that God would lead us to discover new people who need the Gospel of Jesus in new places so that new churches would emerge?

We love you, and we are so grateful for you!

With gratitude,  
Pastor Chris & Lisa Hansler

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A background image showing a sunset over a field with trees in the foreground. The sky is filled with soft, warm colors of orange, yellow, and pink, transitioning into a darker blue at the top. The trees in the foreground are silhouetted against the bright sky.