



BECOMING A SENDING CHURCH

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Your journey toward becoming a sending church begins here.

This quick-start guide offers step-by-step instructions to help your church partner with struggling congregations in need of revitalization or replanting. As healthy churches play a vital role in supporting the broader kingdom mission (see Phil. 1:3-5), your church can be a powerful catalyst for bringing new life to dying churches. Prepare to embrace this calling, equip your leaders, and engage in partnerships that reflect Christ's love for His church, as well as His mission to reach every community.



RESOURCE ICON



We have gathered key resources developed by the NAMB Replant Team and other key partners to support you throughout this process. Where the resource icon is present, find additional resources and tools by using the QR code or going to www.renewalmovement.com.



DREAM

How do we explore God's vision for sending?

1. Reflect on God's Heart for Revitalization and Replanting

- Read *Why Replant Churches?* or *Pathways to Partnership*. 
- Discover the Powerful Stories of Partnership. 
- Pray for guidance, wisdom, and opportunities.

2. Engage Church Leaders with a Vision for Partnership

- Share God's heart for revitalization and replanting.
- Pray with your leaders for discernment and opportunities for partnership.


DISCERN

How do we assess our readiness to send?


1. Assess Your Strengths, Opportunities, and Obstacles with the MBC Partner Profile Tool

2. Count the Costs and Joys of Replanting

3. Identify Your Ideal Model

- Consider the various partnership types utilizing the Partnership Toolbox. 
- Discuss with your leaders which model best aligns with the strengths, passions, and convictions of your church.


4. Commit to Partnership Now

- Begin praying for other churches in your association.
- Share your heart with your association leader and ask about opportunities for encouraging and equipping other churches.
- Start supporting another church now. 


DEVELOP

How do we build a sending culture?

1. Equip Yourself and Your Leaders

- Start by building a culture of prayerful dependence.
- Find a coach to encourage and guide you in this process.
- Discover and develop leaders in your church. 

2. Engage the Congregation

- Raise awareness of the need with Scripture, Stories, and Statistics. 
- Lead them to pray for specific churches in need.
- Mobilize your church to serve a specific church in need.

3. Cultivate Kingdom Relationships

- Connect with your association and state convention leaders.
- Invest in relationships with other pastors and church leaders in your area. Partnerships are built on relationships and trust. Don't short-circuit this aspect of the process.

4. Build Sending Infrastructure

Utilize the Sending Church Toolkit. 

DEPLOY

How do we mobilize for replanting?

1. Entrust the Process to the Lord in Prayer

2. Explore the Conversation with Another Church 

3. Establish the Covenant

4. Engage the Collaboration

5. Encourage Your Replanter

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