

Church Planting Organizations

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Christian churches and churches of Christ are committed to church planting! Just a quick look at this list will remind you that church leaders from coast to coast are working to reach non-Christians with new congregations.

Church planting organizations and associations were asked to share information about their ministry beyond basic contact information. That information is condensed below, for those who answered our survey.

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Vision: Christian Church Starters exists to establish a church planting movement in New Mexico.

Focus: Christian Church Starters primarily plants churches in New Mexico and El Paso, Texas.

Success: New City Christian Church, launched in March 2010 in Albuquerque, New Mexico, is the fourth plant in the last 10 years.

Future: Christian Church Starters will next plant in New Mexico's second-largest city, Las Cruces.

Christian Evangelistic Association

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Vision: Reaching 1 percent of the Northwest with the gospel of Jesus Christ through the planting of new churches.

Focus: To serve as a catalyst for church planting in the Northwest by partnering with churches and sister organizations to start healthy, reproducing churches.

Success: In the past decade, CEA has planted 25 churches in Washington, Idaho, Alaska, Oregon, and British Columbia.

Future: The immediate focus is on new churches in Corvallis and Portland, Oregon; Boise, Idaho; Seattle, Washington; and Salt Lake City, Utah. CEA is working toward the goal of partnering to launch 100 churches in the Northwest in the next decade.

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Vision: Multiplying new Christians by multiplying new churches.

Focus: While there are no geographic boundaries, Effective Evangelism's primary area is the Midwest and working with small and midsize churches (25 to 1,000) to partner in new church planting.

Success: Effective Evangelism has been working recently with The Gathering in Carmel, Indiana, a church plant by a former elder and teacher at East 91st Street Christian Church in Indianapolis.

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Vision: Heart of Texas Evangelistic Association (HOTEA) exists to promote evangelism, start new churches, and strengthen existing churches.

Focus: HOTEA's main focus is to start new Christian churches in south-central Texas and to help existing churches improve their evangelistic efforts, strengthen their eldership, and engage in strategic planning to foster new church work.

Success: HOTEA started LifeBridge Christian Church in Schertz, Texas, on September 12, 2010. In addition, 27 seminars and workshops have been conducted for area churches.

Future: HOTEA hopes to launch

a new church every two years and is planning an institute in San Antonio to train adults in preaching, teaching, evangelizing, and serving as elders and deacons.

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Vision: The purpose of Hisportic Christian Mission (HCM) is to evangelize Portuguese-speaking people and empower pastors to equip the people.

Focus: Since 1984 HCM has focused on U.S. immigrants from Brazil, Portugal, and Cape Verde, planting churches in all cities where there is a concentrated population of Portuguese-speaking people. HCM has expanded into African countries and recently established a Brazilian church planter in Guinea-Bissau.

Success: The Christian Church Brazilian was started three years ago in Atlanta, Georgia. A number of native pastors have planted churches under a Brazilian church planter in Guinea-Bissau.

Future: A new congregation is being planted in Framingham, Massachusetts, by a pastor from Brazil. The ministry in Guinea-Bissau is building a complex to house a pastor training college and a school for children.



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Vision: Ignite Church Planting (ICP) exists to accelerate the spread of Jesus' mission across the Chicagoland area by starting new churches.

Focus: ICP is focused on the 10 million people who reside in the Chicago, Illinois, region and Northwest Indiana.

Success: ICP has initiated or partnered in 20 new churches since

2001, including two in 2011 along the I-90 corridor.

Future: ICP is establishing a cluster of six new churches around O'Hare International Airport. The first one launched in October 2011, and the second is planned for 2012.

Intermountain Church Planters Association

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Vision: Loving God by discipling the nations through a multiplying church planting movement.

Focus: Intermountain Church Planters Association (ICPA) works to plant churches throughout the Northwest region of the United States.

Success: ICPA is in partnership with East 91st Street Christian Church (Indianapolis, Indiana), Christian Evangelistic Association (Seattle, Washington), Stadia, and 21 local churches in support of 8 new churches in 2011 in Boise, Idaho; Salt Lake City, Utah; and Mountain View, Wyoming.

Future: ICPA is establishing partnerships for new churches in 2012 and early 2013.

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Vision: Keystone Church Planting Network (KCPN) exists to start new, healthy, growing, reproducing churches.

Focus: KCPN works primarily in Pennsylvania and throughout the Northeast/Mid-Atlantic region, the most highly populated and influential area of the United States.

Success: KCPN partnered with several churches and the Orchard Group to start Legacy Christian Church near Allentown, Pennsylvania, in 2009.

Future: KCPN is planning one new church next year and three within the next five years.

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Vision: To make it hard to go to Hell in Ohio!

Focus: Planting new churches throughout the state of Ohio.

Success: Over the past five years, KSP has launched nine new churches in Ohio and partnered to launch four new churches in Ecuador.

Future: With seven new church plants already in process, KSP will continue toward its goal of planting 50 new churches. KSP endeavors to be one of the leading "missional" church plant networks.

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Vision: The vision of NewThing is to be a catalyst for a movement of reproducing churches relentlessly dedicated to helping people find their way back to God.

Focus: NewThing is primarily focused on planting reproducing churches through its Leadership Residency program wherever God leads the planter. NewThing has planted churches in Boston, New York City, San Francisco, Paris, and Brasilia. It works in both urban and rural areas, as well as in under-resourced, affluent, and ethnically diverse areas.

Success: In the last eight months of 2011, NewThing helped launch 17 new churches, 70 percent with leaders from its Leadership Residency program. Since its inception, NewThing has launched more than 100 churches.

Future: NewThing has set a goal of an additional 100 churches by early 2013. It is also looking into expanding globally and taking its Leadership Residency program online.

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Focus: NOAH strategically plants vibrant, healthy, reproducing New Testament churches in Northeastern Ohio. NOAH has also networked to plant churches as far away as South Africa. NOAH also assists struggling churches in its region to revitalize their ministries.

Success: NOAH partnered with others to plant three new churches in Ohio in 2010, and four new churches in South Africa over the last few years.

Future: NOAH is working to start three new churches in the Youngstown, Ohio, area and is sponsoring a mission work in Brazil.

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Vision: Northern Plains Evangelistic Association (NPEA) exists to plant healthy reproducing churches in our region and the world.

Focus: NPEA plants churches in North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, and Manitoba, Canada. NPEA plants outside its region in strategic partnerships.

Success: Gateway Community Christian Church started September 11, 2011, in Bridger Valley, Wyoming. White Water Christian Church was started in Laramie, Wyoming, three years ago.

Future: NPEA will be planting a church in Bismarck, North Dakota, in fall 2012; it will be the first Restoration Movement church in that state. NPEA is planning a 2013 church start in Sheridan, Wyoming.

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Focus: OLÉ works primarily in Oregon but is seeking expansion in the Northwest. It also is networking with families of Oregon church members in Latin America.

Success: Spanish-speaking services have been established at Christian churches in Newberg and Tigard.

Future: OLÉ is working on leadership development among Hispanics and on continuing partnerships with Anglo congregations.

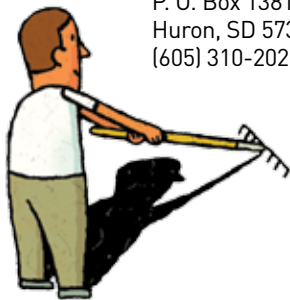
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Vision: Orchard Group plants growing and reproducing churches in New York, the Northeastern United States, and beyond.

Focus: For more than 60 years, Orchard Group has focused on New York City and strategic population centers in the Northeast. In the past 20 years, the focus has expanded to highly resistant cultures throughout the United States; for instance, Ventura, California; Salt Lake City, Utah; and Phoenix, Arizona.

Success: In recent years, Orchard Group has helped establish churches that now each average more than 1,000 in weekly attendance in New York City,



Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington, D.C. In addition, new churches were launched in fall 2011 in Upper Manhattan and Buffalo, New York, and Ventura, California.

Future: Orchard Group will launch its first international plant in Limerick, Ireland, in 2012.

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Focus: RHM is devoted to planting both ethnic and Anglo churches in the six New England states..

Success: RHM sponsored REUNION Christian Church in the Back Bay region of Boston in 2007. This church established a second campus in Somerville, Massachusetts, on October 23, 2011. NorthPointe Christian Church was started in Lincoln, Rhode Island, in 2009, and it just daughtered SouthPointe Christian Church in Warwick, Rhode Island, on October 30, 2011. Restoration House is also working with Dallas Christian College to develop an online college program to train church planting leaders for 20 house churches in China.

Future: RHM is implementing a long-range strategy for church health and church growth in New England. The first stage is to establish a flagship church in each of the six New England states. The second stage is to plant a cluster of churches around each flagship church that can work together "to keep the unity



of the Spirit through the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:3). The third stage will be for each cluster of churches to plant churches in cooperation with each other. The focus is on major cities along significant

corridors of travel in each state. RHM is in the process of planting a cluster of churches around Providence, Rhode Island.

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Focus: Stadia plants churches throughout the United States and is working internationally, primarily in Ecuador and Israel.

Success: Since 2003 Stadia has helped plant 125 new churches with a total weekly attendance of approximately 25,000.

Future: While Stadia continues to plant churches domestically, it dreams of a day when every new church in the United States is planted together with a new church in another country. Stadia is pursuing the goal of 100 new church plants per year by the end of this decade.

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Focus: VEF works primarily in Virginia and parts of North Carolina, Maryland, and West Virginia.

Success: VEF planted Discovery Church in Bristol, Virginia, on September 11, 2011, and Catalyst Church in Morgantown, West Virginia, on October 2, 2011.

Future: VEF plans to launch Venture Christian Church in Danville, Virginia, in the spring of 2012, and is working on two additional plants for this year.

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Focus: WCMA works primarily in Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

Success: WCMA collaborated in a partnership plant that launched Legacy Christian Church on October 2, 2011, in Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin, a suburb of Milwaukee.

Future: WCMA is working with the mother church of the October 2011 plant to establish additional partnerships in the upper Midwest.

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