

# Church Planter Residency Host Site Application

## **\$4,000 Startup Matching Grant Qualifications:**

1. Must be a Wesleyan Church in good standing
2. Must have local church board (or leadership advisory team) approval
3. Must have District Superintendent approval (\*DBA approval not necessary)
4. Must be willing to commit to the residency path for at least one year
5. Must include Cultivate Church Planter Training (9 months online) as the content/curriculum for the planters
6. Must be willing to connect residents to a certified/trained Cultivate Coach (or become trained)
7. Lead pastor (or designated staff pastor) must be willing to serve as the primary mentor/supervisor for the residents
  - a. Must provide a detailed ministry/job description and evaluation
  - b. Must be willing to include the residents on the church's staff/leadership team
  - c. Must assess monthly goals set by residents
  - d. Must determine what new ministry needs to be started within the church and help develop an action plan for implementation
  - e. Must create a timeline/schedule of events over the residency year
  - f. Must clarify financial obligations and processes
8. Must be willing to find temporary housing for residents
9. Must be willing to serve as a sending/parent church for residents
10. Must be willing to fulfill the Church Planter Residency outcomes (see below)

## **Church Planter Residency Objective and Outcomes:**

### *General Objective:*

- Achieve readiness for church planting in the areas of personal growth, emotional intelligence, relational awareness, spiritual growth, theological application, and ministry experience.

### *Specific Outcomes:*

- Examine call and role in church planting (Church Planter Assessment Center)
- Identify and affirm leadership gifts and strengths
- Grow in spiritual formation
- Practice personal and communal discipleship and evangelism
- Improve spiritual qualities and healthy family/marriage dynamics
- Integrate theological training into the practice of ministry

- Increase competencies in every dimension of ministry
- Grow in interpersonal relationships and professional skills
- Develop one (or more) new ministries
- Grow in demographic and sociological awareness (within the new church plant's location)
- Formulate a prayer team strategy
- Develop vision, mission, and core values of the new church
- Understand budget and financial systems within a new church
- Increase cultural diversity awareness and multi-ethnic strategies
- Increase awareness of effective discipleship and evangelistic strategies for a post-Christian culture
- Increase awareness of fundraising dynamics and develop a strategy for raising funds for the new church
- Draft a church plant proposal document

Lead Pastor Signature:

Date:

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Board or Advisory Member Signature:

Date:

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\*In addition to this document, please submit an electronic document demonstrating the church's plan to designate at least \$4,000 within the church's budget to go toward the Church Planter Residency program.

\*Please submit application and matching grant documentation to [Littlec@Wesleyan.org](mailto:Littlec@Wesleyan.org)