

Foursquare Gospel Church of Canada New Foursquare Church Development Team

Church Planting Proposal

A formal Church Planting Proposal will be required to complete the Church Planting Intensive (CPI). A copy will be filed with the New Foursquare Church Development Team and the Mother/Sponsoring Church, the Unit in which the new church will be planted, and the FGCC National Office.

Church Planting Proposal Components

1. **Values Statement:** A list of 4-7 statements that capture the heart of what your church is all about. These are not theological statements that declare the importance of worship, evangelism, teaching, discipleship, etc. They are characteristics and distinctives about you and how you go about doing those and other aspects of ministry that help determine your priorities and resolve your decisions.
2. **Vision Description:** One to two paragraph description of the future, what the church's impact on lives will look and feel like 3-5 years from now.
3. **Mission Statement:** One paragraph that answers the following:
 - a. Who are the people God has called you to reach?
 - b. What are the needs of these people to which you will respond?
 - c. How will you address those needs?
4. **Prayer Support Team:** Who are the intercessors that have agreed to support you in prayer, and how will you structure your ongoing communications with them?
5. **Leadership Team:** What will your leadership team look like? How will you go about building you leadership team? Who are the members of your leadership team and in what roles do they serve (what are their assignments)?
6. **Intentional Outreach:** Describe what you and your launch team will do to network intentionally with pre-Christians as you prepare for launch and the first year of the church.
7. **Timeline:** What is your timeline from completion of your church planting proposal to launching public services to your first anniversary? The timeline should indicate key points in the development of the full range of ministry that you intend to offer to the community, and in the establishment of the necessary components of the administrative structure.

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8. **Budget:** What is your start-up budget of income and expense? What is your proposed monthly budget of both income and expenses for the first year of your church plant?
- Aim for at least three (3) renewable streams of income. (E.g.: tithes and offerings; bi-vocational income; monthly support from people outside the church; income from shared facility, etc.)
 - Aim for at least (2) non-renewable streams of income. (E.g.: Denominational allowance; one-time gifts; parent church support, etc.)
 - Since church planting is all about the Harvest, a great check on your budgeting process can be to note whether the expenditures are for Mission or Maintenance