



Instructions

Read the next1000 ebook found at: www.next1000.org

Complete the checklist individually.

Discuss your findings as a team.

Answer the action-reflection questions.

Do something.

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1. Leading: vision for church planting movements

- We are convinced God has called us to fuel a church planting movement.
- We are implementing a strategic plan for fueling a church planting movement.
- We have a functioning team that has responsibility and authority to lead the implementation process.
- Our senior leader/s are enthusiastic champions of this cause.
- We have accurate research that quantifies the challenge and tracks our progress.
- We are seeing God remove the obstacles to a church planting movement as we take action and pray in faith.

2. Recruiting: finding the leaders we need now

- We have a clear idea of what we are looking for in an effective church planter based on solid experience and research.
- We have removed extra-Biblical restrictions on who can plant a church.
- We have identified and created multiple “fishing pools” for prospective church planters.
- We have “scouts” whose job it is to identify and coach prospective church planters.
- We have built a recruitment pathway that connects with a wide range of potential candidates and leads to their deployment.
- We fast and pray persistently for God to raise up workers.

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3. Selecting: choosing the right people

- We have a mandatory assessment system documented and a team of competent assessors.
- We have a documented and streamlined process for approving church planting proposals and funding.
- We involve effective church planters in the assessment and approvals.

4. Coaching: empowering church planters

- We have a pool of competent coaches available to church planters.
- We are introducing a coaching culture throughout our movement.
- We are equipping experienced church planters to coach the next wave of church planters.
- We are providing ongoing training and development for our best church planting coaches.

5. Equipping: training church planters and their teams

- We provide practical on-the-job training for planters and their teams.
- We bring our planters together for encouragement and mutual learning.
- We involve effective church planters in the development and delivery of training for church planters.
- We are investing in the development of our most effective trainers.
- We regularly review the effectiveness of our training.

6. Farming: growing the leaders of the future

- Across our movement we have multiple environments that grow pioneering, action-oriented leaders in character, skills, and knowledge.
- We are partnering with healthy local churches to increase the number of those “leadership farm” environments in our movement.
- We provide a development track and mentoring to emerging leaders who are effective in reaching the lost, making disciples and mobilizing others to do the same.
- We involve effective church planters as role models and trainers of future leaders.

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7. Parenting: healthy churches reproducing

- Churches in our movement understand that if they are healthy they should be reproducing.
- We have identified healthy churches that would make good “parents”.
- We have a process and facilitator-coaches in place to help healthy churches reproduce.
- Each new plant is implementing a plan to reproduce itself within its first three years.

8. Sustaining: funding a church planting movement

- We have identified multiple options for funding church planting.
- Our church planters understand: “the resources are in the harvest”.
- Our funding strategy will enable our church planting movement to grow without loss of momentum.
- We are willing to cut funding from church planting projects that are not viable or healthy.
- We are building relationships with major donors who share the vision for a church planting movement.

Team action-reflection questions

What are our strengths?

Where are our challenges?

Where are the greatest opportunities?

What will we do in the next 90 days?

Who is responsible for what?

Who else needs to be on board?

When will we meet to track progress and pray?