



## Church Planting Grant Application

Jesus said in Matthew 16, "I will build my church, and the gates of Hell will not prevail against it." The AFLC Home Missions Committee wants to hear from churches and districts that believe they are called to help plant a new church. We believe the local congregation is the right form of the Kingdom of God and the local congregation is most effective way to make these disciples. We invite you to apply. The committee wants to consider and pray over every application. It is our desire to seek recommendations from the Annual Conference and the Missions Corporation each June. But the committee is open to receive applications all year.

**Please send applications to:** AFLC Home Missions – 3110 E. Medicine Lake Blvd., Plymouth, MN, 55441.

### Contact Information

Name of sponsoring church: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman/President of the congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of other partnering churches: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person for this grant application: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of district (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Two primary contacts from the district: \_\_\_\_\_

### The Vision

Community where you hope to start the plant \_\_\_\_\_

Population of the community where you hope to start the plant \_\_\_\_\_

Who is the pastor-leader you have in mind to start the work? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be willing to have him take the AFLC HM Planter Assessment Test? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the amount of the matching grant you are requesting?

\$12,000

\$30,000 (three years)

\$100,000 (four years)

In 30 words or less, describe the vision your congregation has for this plant.

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The planter/starter/pastor of the plant has to be uniquely gifted for planting. His call requires a specialized spiritual gifting. Have you found this person yet? \_\_\_\_\_

If he is married, his wife would need also to be spiritually gifted for the call. What is her level of commitment to the call (1-10)? What are her giftings? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to have your pastor-leader assessed by the committee? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to provide for two weeks of specialized training for church planting? \_\_\_\_\_

How much money is your church/district able to invest in the work this year? \_\_\_\_\_

New church plants need a team of committed volunteers. The committee recommends a minimum of five.

Are you willing to help provide them? \_\_\_\_\_

**Requirements upon Approval**

1. Welcome an annual visit from the Home Missions Director and/or Committee member.
2. Pastor/leader complete quarterly report forms and submit to the Home Missions office.
3. Treasurer/Secretary complete quarterly report forms and submit to the Home Missions office
4. Participate in monthly calls with the AFLC Home Missions Director.
5. Encourage your leaders to attend one of our training sessions (February retreat in Mesa, AZ, workshop in conjunction with SIT, or a special church planting convention with the Home Mission Director).