

How to Sponsor a Church Plant

(And Become a VISION AMERICA Church)

spōn·sor (spōn'sər) n. One who assumes responsibility for another person or a group during a period of instruction, apprenticeship, or probation.

Sponsoring a church plant? You have read about it, heard it talked about and perhaps even know of some churches that are doing it, but you haven't really considered your church doing it.

We understand!

Sponsoring a church is an important concept for IFCA as we pursue the goals established for VISION AMERICA. Working to fulfill the 2020 Strategic Plan, we are rallying member churches to actively participate in Great Commission efforts needed here in the USA through church planting. Plain and simple? ... VISION AMERICA's goals cannot be met without 100 sponsor churches.

Think your church is too small, too busy, too low on finances, too something or other to be a church plant sponsor?

Think again!

Sponsoring a church plant is a very natural and easy element to church planting today. It is flexible enough to be tailored to any church that wants to be engaged in the broader scope of Great Commission ministry represented by church planting. That's your church ... right?

Get it done!

Read the details on the right and then let's talk ... we are here to help you.

Getting it Done

Become a Sponsor PROMISE Church

Promise churches commit:

- To stay abreast of the needs and developments of a specific existing church plant and to regularly **pray** for that church plant.
- To regularly **encourage** the church plant, through correspondence and opportunities for joint fellowship.
- To receive special offerings for the church plant for the purpose of helping to underwrite **special needs or projects**.

Become a Sponsor PARTNER Church

Partner Churches network together with other established churches, each contributing what it can, in addition to Prayer and Encouragement, toward the establishment of the church plant.

- **People/Core Group** on permanent or temporary basis.
- Periodic but regular **Offerings or budgeted funds**.
- **Ministry Teams** of all sorts, Sunday School teachers, music teams, Children's ministry workers, neighborhood canvassing, Bible Study leaders, Youth leaders, Steering Committee personnel, etc.
- **Special Projects** funding and physical assistance.

Become a Sponsor PARENT Church

Parent churches give birth to a church plant, providing:

- **Leadership/Oversight** including pulpit ministry and spiritual leaders/overseers.
- **People/Core Group** from the Parent Church; perhaps just temporarily but could be permanent as well.
- **Monthly Financial Support**; a major part of funding.
- **Encouragement** through regular communication and fellowship as well as counsel and guidance in dealing with issues that may arise.
- **Ministry Teams** such as: Bible Study leaders, children's workers, teachers, musicians, outreach teams, canvassing, VBS etc.
- **Special Project Offerings** beyond the regular support.

For more information on becoming a sponsor church, or on churches needing sponsors, talk with a VISION AMERICA representative today or contact us at VA@ifca.org!

