

CLASSIS COLUMBIA CHURCH-PLANTING PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT FORM

The Church Planting Grant of Classis Columbia is intended for those established congregations which seek to assist in the further expansion of God's kingdom through the planting and parenting of a new church.

The grant amount is \$100,000 paid in \$33,333 increments per year once the church planter begins the ministry. Up to \$5,000 is available through the Evangelism Fund in advance for the parenting church to advertise for a church planter and to bring the church planter out for interviews, etc.

Proposal Date:

Jesus said in Matthew 16, "I will build my church, and the gates of Hell will not prevail against it." The Mission Initiative Team (MIT) of Classis Columbia wants to hear from churches 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. MIT wants to consider and pray over every application. Please send applications to: Peter Armstrong at parmstrong@crcna.org.

SECTION ONE – THE PLANTING (PARENT) CHURCH

Contact Information

Name of sponsoring church:

Address:

Chairman/President of the Council:

Names of other partnering churches:

Address:

Contact person for this grant application:

Phone: _____

Email: _____

The community where you hope to start the plant

Population of the community where you hope to start the plant

What is the expected annual budget for the church plant?

How much money is your church able to invest in the work annually?

In addition to the \$100,000 commitment from Classis Columbia, what other funding sources are being pursued?

SECTION TWO - PLANTER INFORMATION

Ministry Leader's Name:

Ministry Leader's Home Address:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Spouse's Name, if applicable:

Ministry Leader's Church Membership: (name, city, and denomination of church)

Ministry Leader's ordination status: (check one)

- ☐ Ordained as a Minister of Word in the CRC
- ☐ Ordained as a Commissioned Pastor in the CRC ___
- Ordained in another denomination: _____
- ☐ Seeking ordination as Minister of Word in Classis Columbia; expected exam date: _____
- ☐ Seeking ordination as Commissioned Pastor in Classis _____; expected exam date: _____
- ☐ None of the above

Please select the assessments that the church planter has completed.

- ☐ Church Planter Candidate Assessment (CPCA)
- ☐ Initial Screening Assessment (ISA) ___
- Full Church Planter Profile ___
- Behavioral Interview ___
- Assessment Center ___
- APEST ___
- Grip-Birkman

SECTION THREEE - CHURCH PLANT INFORMATION

Proposed Start Date: (Can be an approximate date)

Ministry Name:

Is this name temporary or permanent? (circle one)

Church Mailing Address:

Church Meeting Address (choose the main address, if meeting in multiple locations):

Public Worship Gathering Time (if applicable):

Church Website:

Church Email Address:

Church Phone Number:

Do you have paid staff, besides the planter? (If so, list name, email address, and title)

Administrative Assistant:

Worship Leader:

Youth:

Other:

Is the church plant a multi-site? Yes No

SECTION FOUR - VISION FOR THE CHURCH PLANT

Share with us the vision for this new church, as if you had 2-3 minutes to educate and inspire a potential partner to join you in what you believe God is calling you to do.

Consider the following: what is the need for this new church? Who is the intended audience? What doors have already opened for you? What model will the church use? What will its regular practices be? What will its values be? What do you hope the church will look like in 5 years? (approx. 300- 500 words)

Along with Resonate Global Mission, the Mission Initiative Team of Classis Columbia seeks to partner with churches that embody the following values. Please provide one sentence for each value, explaining how your church will live it out:

_____ · Gospel Centered (churches share the good news that God is reconciling the world to himself through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ): _____

_____ · Kingdom-Focused (as Gospel- centered people, churches are joining in the redemptive work that God is doing in the world) :

_____ · Discipleship Multiplication (churches focus on developing personal spiritual growth in individuals and their relationship with God):

_____ · Comprehensive Diversity (diversity of all kinds is reflected in all areas of the church):

_____ · Sustainability (churches are supported in a way that creates healthy sustainability for their unique situation) :

Describe the location of this church plant in 1-3 words (urban? Rural?):

Describe the intended ethnicity of this church plant in 1-3 words:

Have you had a demographic study done on this area? Yes No

If not, we will contact you regarding a demographic study for the area.

Provide a timeline of the next 12-18 months with 5-6 key benchmarks you're aiming for along the way, in agreement you're your partnership team.

Please attach your anticipated budget.

SECTION FIVE - PARTNERSHIP TEAM

A partnership team provides local support and oversight for the church plant in the local context. (Note: This is not the same as a church plant's core leadership team.) They meet monthly for accountability, reviewing the church plant's benchmarks and budget, and to encourage and support the planter. The partners also agree to support the plant in various ways which may include things such as grants, administrative support, prayer, tangible goods, volunteers, etc. The partnership team includes representatives from supporting partners, including a Resonate Global Mission representative as an ex officio member of the team. At least one partner representative must be from the parent church, and at least one partner representative must be from Classis Columbia. Please use the following sections to note your parent church partner, your classis partner, and any other partners.

Name of representative person from parent (calling) organization:

Email: _____

_____ Agrees to support the church plant in the following ways:

Name of representative person from Classis

Columbia: _____

Email: _____

_____ Agrees to support the church plant in the following ways:

Name: _____

Email: _____

Representing (classis/church/other name): _____

_____ Agrees to support the church plant in the following ways:

Name: _____

Email: _____

Representing (classis/church/other name): _____

____ Agrees to support the church plant in the following ways:

Requirements upon Approval

1. Welcome an annual visit from MIT or representative member(s).
2. Quarterly report forms by the planter to the home church.
3. Quarterly report from home church to MIT.
4. Participate in monthly calls/contacts with the Classis Ministry Leader (CML) and/or Classis Church Coach (CCC).