

Church Planting Work Group - National Assessment GCN

Work Group Goal:

Church Planting – To Reach Every Person with the Gospel of the Kingdom

Workshop Scope:

A shared understanding of the current state, key players, strengths, gaps, and opportunities in church planting across the country, providing a basis for strategic collaboration and next steps.

Date:	Location:
Workshop & Team Facilitation:	
Church Planting Facilitator:	
Church Planting Co-Facilitator:	
Administration, Minutes & Workshop Documentation:	
Participants Church Planting Work Group:	

Expected Outcomes:

- A clear overview of the current state of churches, fellowships, and church planting in the country.
- Identification of the key church-planting ministries, denominations, networks, movements, training initiatives, and leaders involved.
- Identification of existing strengths, gaps, challenges, and opportunities.
- An understanding of which villages, neighborhoods, towns, districts, cities, people groups, language groups, and social spheres have a Christian fellowship and where significant gaps remain.
- An overview of existing church-planting movements, pioneer teams, house churches, campus and workplace fellowships, training programs, tools, and resources.
- Identification of where churches and fellowships are reproducing and where multiplication is weak or absent.
- Identification of opportunities for greater collaboration between existing churches, church planters, disciple-making movements, ministries, and networks.
- A shared understanding of priority areas and next steps toward a Christian fellowship for every place and people group.

Remark:

A first or simpler structure for workshops as the following could be:

Where are we now? → What do we want to see? → By when? → How will we measure progress? → What Kingdom fruit is emerging?

Prayer and Listening

Bible passages for reflection and interaction:

Matthew 16:18 — Jesus builds His Church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

Matthew 28:18–20 — Make disciples of all peoples, baptizing and teaching them to obey Jesus.

Acts 1:8 — Spirit-empowered witness from our Jerusalem through all Judea and Samaria to the ends of the earth.

Acts 2:42–47 — A multiplying local faith community devoted to teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread, prayer, generosity, and witness.

Acts 13:1–3 — The local church listens to the Holy Spirit and sends apostolic workers.

Acts 14:21–23 — Make disciples, strengthen them, and establish local leadership in the churches.

Titus 1:5 — Establishing leadership so emerging churches can become healthy and locally rooted.

Joint prayer and listening to God for guidance—discerning His direction together:

What is God's vision and plan for our country/region?

What are the main needs?

What could be our joint contribution to fulfill the Great Commission?

Suggested Assessment Questions – Church Planting

Choose the questions you consider most relevant and add your notes below each one. Questions that are not relevant can simply be deleted. Additional questions can be added.

- Where are existing churches, fellowships, house churches, and other Christian communities located?
- Which villages, neighborhoods, towns, districts, cities, campuses, workplaces, and other spheres currently have no accessible Christian fellowship?
- Which ethnic, language, cultural, migrant, or social people groups have little or no culturally relevant Christian fellowship?
- What percentage of geographic places and people groups could realistically be considered served by a healthy Christian fellowship?
- Where are churches and fellowships already multiplying? Which approaches are producing the greatest fruit?
- Which denominations, ministries, church-planting networks, apostolic teams, and disciple-making movements are already active, and where?
 - How are evangelism and disciple making leading intentionally toward new fellowships and churches?

- How quickly can a new group of disciples mature into a reproducing local fellowship with local leadership?
 - How are existing churches identifying, equipping, sending, coaching, and supporting church planters and pioneer teams?
- How are apostolic and fivefold ministry gifts working together to establish, strengthen, and multiply churches?
- Which forms of church expression are needed in different contexts—local church, house fellowship, campus, workplace, migrant community, subculture, or other relational settings?
- Where are we duplicating church-planting efforts, and where are major gaps receiving little or no attention?
- How can denominations and ministries collaborate while honoring their different identities and callings?
- How can mapping and shared information help us systematically identify places and people groups without a fellowship?
- How can new fellowships become locally led, relational, reproducible, financially sustainable, and less dependent on outside structures?
- How are new churches contributing to prayer, evangelism, disciple making, compassion, workplace engagement, and transformation in their communities?
- How can local churches and GCNs partner nationally and globally to help establish fellowships in underserved places?
- What measurable progress toward a Christian fellowship for every place and people group should we aim for during the next 3–5 years?

Church Planting Strategic Priorities

What are the 5–10 most important priorities for accelerating Great Commission fulfillment toward a multiplying Christian fellowship for every place and people group?

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Church Planting Toolbox

What are the key training tools and equipping partners to help churches, pioneer teams, and disciple-making movements establish healthy, reproducing Christian fellowships?

Please use this table to identify existing tools and partners, as well as new tools and partnerships needed:

Church Planting Tools & Partners	Existent / New	Contact Person / Ministry

Further person to be invited to join this Work Group

Person, Ministry:

Activities Portfolio

Based on the assessment, strategic planning, available tools, and partnerships, develop a portfolio of collaborative activities and next steps toward establishing and multiplying Christian fellowships in every underserved place and people group.

Activities Portfolio

Examples: Church and gap mapping, pioneer-team training, collaborative planting projects, house-church initiatives, campus/workplace fellowships, coaching cohorts, people-group church-planting projects

Next Steps

Examples: Identify priority places and people groups, appoint point persons, form pioneer teams, connect existing church planters, launch pilot fellowships, establish coaching and multiplication pathways

Kingdom Performance Indicators – Church Planting

Please **choose** the indicators which are relevant to you.

Area	Suggested Kingdom Performance Indicators
Church / Fellowship Access	% of population living within meaningful relational access to a Christian fellowship; remaining areas without access
Geographic Coverage	% of villages, neighborhoods, towns, districts, or cities with an active Christian fellowship
People-Group Coverage	% of ethnic, language, cultural, migrant, and social groups with a culturally relevant fellowship
Church Planting Activity	Number of active pioneer teams and new church/fellowship starts
Multiplication	Churches/fellowships reproducing new churches; second- and third-generation multiplication
Disciple-Making Integration	% of new fellowships emerging from evangelism and disciple-making processes; disciples equipped to reproduce
Local Leadership	New fellowships with identified and equipped local leaders; leadership development pathways
Sending Churches	% / number of churches intentionally identifying, equipping, sending, and supporting church planters
Fivefold & Team Ministry	Apostolic and complementary fivefold teams serving church planting and strengthening
Contextual Expressions	New fellowships among campuses, workplaces, homes, migrants, subcultures, and other underserved contexts
Collaboration	Denominations, churches, ministries, and movements sharing maps, priorities, teams, training, and projects
Sustainability	New fellowships becoming locally led, reproducible, financially responsible, and rooted in their communities
Transformation & Mission	New fellowships engaged in prayer, evangelism, disciple making, compassion, workplace, and community transformation
National & Global Partnership	Regions and nations partnering in prayer, learning, going, giving, coaching, and church-planting multiplication

Five core indicators for the GCN goal

For a simple national dashboard, focus on five:

1. **Fellowship Access:** What percentage of places and people groups have meaningful access to a Christian fellowship?
2. **Church-Planting Engagement:** How many churches, movements, and pioneer teams are intentionally planting new fellowships?
3. **Multiplication:** Are new churches and fellowships reproducing second- and third-generation fellowships?
4. **Local Leadership & Sustainability:** Are new fellowships developing local leaders and becoming healthy, reproducible, and locally rooted?
5. **Gap Reduction:** Are the remaining geographic and people-group gaps measurably decreasing?

The key progression would therefore be:

Map & Pray → Engage & Equip People & Places → Make Disciples → Gather Fellowship → Develop Local Leaders → Multiply Churches → Reach New Places

The ultimate indicator is not simply how many churches are planted, but whether healthy, locally rooted fellowships are multiplying and progressively closing the remaining geographic and people-group gaps.

Kingdom Performance Indicators Panel – Church Planting

Please **define** the indicators which are relevant to you.

Key Area	Kingdom Performance Indicator	Current Baseline	Target / Goal	Timeframe	How Will We Measure It?
Church / Fellowship Access					
Geographic Coverage					
People-Group Coverage					
Church Planting Activity					
Multiplication					
Disciple-Making Integration					
Local Leadership					
Sending Churches					
Fivefold & Team Ministry					
Contextual Expressions					
Collaboration					
Sustainability					
Transformation & Mission					
National & Global Partnership					

Guiding question: What measurable indicators will show that we are making real progress toward a healthy, multiplying Christian fellowship for every place and people group?

Church Planting Work Group - Team Contact List

Maintain this list as the Work Group develops and use it to stay connected with team members and key participants.

First Name	Last Name	Organization / Ministry	City / Region	Cellphone	Email

Next Steps for the Work Group Facilitator:

- Summarize the workshop outcomes in this document and share them with the other National Facilitating Team members of GCN.
- Continue to build and enlarge the Church Planting Work Group. Maintain an updated contact list and stay connected with the team members.
- Identify and connect key church planting leaders, denominations, ministries, movements, and existing initiatives.
- Map existing churches and identify geographic areas and people groups without a Christian fellowship.
- Identify and share fruitful church planting models, tools, training, and best practices.
- Initiate local pilot projects from the Activities Portfolio.
- Encourage successful church planting approaches to multiply into other communities, regions, and people groups.
- Continue to meet as a Work Group for further strategic and practical development, collaboration, and multiplication.