

APPLICATION FOR CONGREGATIONAL ASSISTANCE

FROM CHURCH PLANTING OF THE ARIZONA SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

We, _____ (Sponsoring Church), are requesting the following **financial assistance** from the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention to establish the following **new congregation**:

Check boxes as items are completed, read, and/or acknowledged. The following must be completed, read, and/or acknowledged for all requests and renewal requests:

Name of **new congregation**:

Mailing Address: _____ (City) _____
 (State) ____ (Zip) _____ Phone (____) _____ Email _____

We are requesting the following **Financial assistance**: *(See detailed information on each category in the following pages.)*

| Description | \$ Amount | Frequency | Start Date |
|--|-----------|----------------|------------|
| Pastor's salary and housing assistance (Personnel-recurring) | | Monthly | |
| Travel for Part-time Pastor (recurring, non-personnel) | | Monthly | |
| Rental for meeting space (recurring, non-personnel) | | Monthly | |
| Renewing Pastor's salary and housing assistance | | Monthly | |
| Renewing Travel for Part-time Pastor | | Monthly | |
| Renewing Rental for meeting space | | Monthly | |
| Start up assistance (non-recurring non-personnel) | | One Time Grant | |
| Grant to assist in purchasing land | | One Time Grant | |
| Accelerated Church Planting Model assistance | | Maximum amount | |

Procedure to apply for assistance: Follow the ARIZONA PARTNERSHIP PROCESS and contact an ASBC Church Planting Facilitator and request this *Application for Congregational Assistance* from Church Planting of the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention.:

ARIZONA PARTNERSHIP PROCESS:

- First, after prayer and initial interest in reaching a particular group of un-reached people in a particular location, the local church contacts the local associational leadership.
- Second, a preliminary strategy is developed including a growth and financial plan.
- Third, resources are discovered and partners are enlisted.
- Fourth, the agreed upon strategy and growth and financial plan are implemented.

We acknowledge that any **monthly assistance amounts**, requested from the ASBC, unless indicated otherwise, are committed to the end of a calendar year, and will be evaluated yearly through a re-application process (Renewals) initiated by the ASBC.

This new congregation began meeting on _____ (date) or will begin meeting on _____ (date).

The people group(s), the demographics, and the location for this new congregation are described as follows:

The new congregation, within the next 5 years, is described as follows: _____

We have attached a copy of the new congregation's budget.

The new congregation is currently averaging _____ in attendance in worship.

The following is the average **growth** projections for the new congregation:

| Description | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 |
|-------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | 20__ | 20__ | 20__ | 20__ | 20__ |
| Average attendance in worship | | | | | |
| Giving/person in attendance/week \$ | | | | | |

The following is the estimated **monthly budget** for the new congregation:

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- Since this is required by the ASBC, we request that each of the 5 references listed on the back of The Information Form for Field Personnel (NAMB) be sent the ASBC reference questionnaire and returned to the ASBC and attached to this application.
- Since this is required by the ASBC, we request that the ASBC Church Planter Questionnaire be sent to the new congregation pastor (candidate) listed above to be completed, signed, and returned to the ASBC and attached to this application.
- We, the applicant, will have the Federal I-9 form completed with the new Pastor and will send a copy to the ASBC before the first paycheck to the Pastor from the sponsoring church is issued.
- The following is the **monthly** income sources anticipated to fund the salary, housing, and benefits package for the Pastor:

| Item | Congregation | Sponsoring Church | Association | Other Support | ASBC | Total |
|---------------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------|---------------|------|-------|
| Salary | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Housing Allowance | | | | | | |
| Annuity/ Retirement | | | | | | |
| Insurance | | | | | | |
| Monthly Totals | | | | | | |

- This is how we see the Pastor matching the people group, the new congregation plans to reach:

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*For requesting **Rental assistance for meeting space and/or Travel assistance for a part-time Pastor** the following must be completed and acknowledged below:*

- This is the name and location of the facility we anticipate renting: _____
- We are requesting only rental assistance, and since this is required by the ASBC, we request that The Information Form for Field Personnel (NAMB) be sent to the new congregation pastor (candidate) to be completed and signed by the pastor (candidate), signed by the sponsor church pastor, signed by the Associational DOEM, and returned to the ASBC and attached to this application. We are sending to the ASBC the name, mailing address, email, and phone number.
- This is the name of the part-time Pastor: _____
- We are requesting only travel assistance for a part-time church planter, and since this is required by the ASBC, we request that The Information Form for Field Personnel (NAMB) be sent to the new congregation pastor (candidate) to be completed and signed by the pastor (candidate), signed by the sponsor church pastor, signed by the Associational DOEM, and returned to the ASBC and attached to this application. We are sending to the ASBC the name, mailing address, email, and phone number.

*For requesting a **Renewal of assistance for Pastor's salary and housing, Rental for meeting space, and/or Travel for a part-time Pastor**, the following must be completed and acknowledged below:*

- The Church Planter Self Evaluation (on the form provided by the ASBC) has been completed, signed and attached to this application.
- The Supervisor's Annual Review (on the form provided by the ASBC) has been completed, signed and attached to this application.

*For requesting **Start up assistance, a one time grant**, the following must be completed and acknowledged below:*

- The following items are needed to start this new congregation:

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| Description | Amount |
|--|--------|
| Publicity (initial mail out, signs, survey materials, handout materials) | |
| Worship (baptistery, Lord's Supper & hospitality supplies, offerings, decorations, chairs) | |
| Small Groups (initial discipleship materials) | |
| Administration (initial supplies) | |
| Music (initial sound equipment & supplies) | |
| Video (initial equipment) | |
| Nursery & Children (initial equipment & supplies) | |
| Relocating the Pastor to the field | |
| Other-itemize: | |
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| Total budget for anticipated start up needs | |
| We anticipate receiving this amount of financial assistance from other sources | |

- We are requesting only start up assistance, and since this is required by the ASBC, we request that The Information Form for Field Personnel (NAMB) be sent to the new congregation pastor (candidate) to be completed and signed by the pastor (candidate), signed by the sponsor church pastor, signed by the Associational DOEM, and returned to the ASBC and attached to this application. We are sending to the ASBC the name, mailing address, email, and phone number of the Pastor (candidate).

For requesting a **Grant to assist in Purchasing Land** for a new congregation's first unit facilities, the following must be completed and acknowledged below:

- We acknowledge that, according to ASBC policy, the requested amount does not exceed more than 20% of the purchase price or \$10,000, whichever is less.
- The Visual Site Inspection Checklist provided by the ASBC and completed by an ASBC Church Planting Facilitator has been completed and attached to this application.
- We acknowledge that the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention recommends a Reverter Clause (sample available from the ASBC) should be included in the language of the deed and filed with the County Recorders Office of the county where the land is located at the time of purchase of the land.
- Since this is required by the ASBC, we request that The Information Form for Field Personnel (NAMB) be sent to the new congregation pastor (candidate) to be completed and signed by the pastor (candidate), signed by the sponsor church pastor, signed by the Associational DOEM, and returned to the ASBC and attached to this application. We are sending to the ASBC the name, mailing address, email, and phone number of the Pastor (candidate).

For requesting **Accelerated Church Planting Model assistance** for supplementing debt retirement payments the following must be completed and acknowledged below:

- We have completed and agreed upon a Growth and Financial Strategy in a format provided by the ASBC and attached to and a part of the Application for Congregational Assistance from Church Planting of the ASBC.
- We have attached a completed Visual Site Inspection Checklist provided by the ASBC and completed by an ASBC Church Planting Facilitator.
- We acknowledge that the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention recommends a Reverter Clause (sample available from the ASBC) should be included in the language of the deed and filed with the County Recorders Office of the county where the land is located at the time of purchase of the land.
- Since this is required by the ASBC, we request that The Information Form for Field Personnel (NAMB) be sent to the new congregation pastor (candidate) to be completed and signed by the pastor (candidate), signed by the sponsor church pastor, signed by the Associational DOEM, and returned to the ASBC and attached to this application. We are sending to the ASBC the name, mailing address, email, and phone number of the Pastor (candidate).

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- We acknowledge that the Accelerated Church Planting Model Process checklist (form provided by the ASBC) will be filled out and submitted with each Request (form provided by the ASBC) for distribution of the approved monies from the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention.

The following must be completed, read, and/or acknowledged for all requests and renewal requests:

Partnership Covenant Guidelines

Purpose: To clarify the roles of all participants in the planting of a new church under the leadership and sponsorship of: (sponsoring church name) _____ and assisted by the partners listed on this Application for Congregational Assistance.

Objective: To establish a successful strategic partnership to facilitate the planting of a healthy, multiplying church with evangelistic passion, to be known as (name) _____ Baptist Church, incorporating mutual participation, trust and ownership. The general objectives which we will mutually agree and strive to accomplish are:

1. Establish mutually acceptable guidelines to which all participating entities will adopt.
2. Commit to working relationships relative to ministry, support of missions, doctrinal beliefs, and accountability.
3. Participate in monthly (or quarterly) meetings for prayer, encouragement, and evaluation of progress on strategy and accomplishment of goals.

Responsibilities of Partners during the Covenant Agreement

Sponsor and supporting churches:

- Enlist a prayer team for the church planting effort.
- Assist in developing a strategic plan to plant the church.
- Enlist and deploy volunteers to regularly assist with the church plant.
- Assist in the selection, supervision, mentoring and accountability of planter/team members.
- Participate in the financial support for planter (and team members when applicable), including assistance with salary, housing and benefits.
- Provide a process for facilitating: membership, discipline, ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper, accounting, insurance, and other legal requirements.
- Assist planter in submitting monthly reports and provide copies to all partners in the covenant.
- Assist planter in implementing doctrinal teaching and practice in agreement with the current Baptist Faith & Message.
- Guide the church plant to financial support of missions through the Cooperative Program and other local, state, national, and international missions' entities.
- Assist in providing and/or securing and maintaining meeting facilities/location for the church plant.

Association and/or State Convention:

- Mobilize prayer support for the church planting effort.
- Assist in enlisting, assessing, evaluation for the church planting process, training, and mentoring of church planter/team members.
- Assist in developing a strategic plan for the church plant and daughter churches.
- Assist with financial support, and provide accountability for doctrine and missions support.
- Provide personal and event evangelism training for the church planter and church plant leaders.
- Assist planter in submitting monthly reports and provide copies to all partners in the covenant.

Church Planter and/or Church Plant:

- Cooperate with the sponsor church leadership in developing a strategic plan for the church plant.
- Commit to enthusiastically fulfilling all the functions of the new church (i.e., worship, evangelism, missions, ministry, discipleship, fellowship, etc.)

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- Participate in the training and coaching/mentoring provided by the sponsor church, association, and/or state convention.
- Commit to planting a Southern Baptist church as defined by a balance of:
 - Doctrine: Affirmation of SBC doctrinal teachings and beliefs as expressed in the current Baptist Faith & Message. Most churches will use “Baptist” in the church name. If “Baptist” is not used in the name, there must be a stated affiliation with the SBC in all the founding documents of the church [constitution and bylaws, articles of incorporation, etc.].
 - Participation in Acts 1:8 Kingdom Missions: participate in mission causes through the Cooperative Program *and local Association* (it is suggested a minimum of 10% of undesignated receipts be given) as well as extending missions’ involvement through associational, state, national and international missions’ offerings.
- Incorporate an intentional plan to multiply/reproduce annually by starting new Bible study units, ministries and church plants.
- Submit a monthly report to sponsor church and copy all covenant participants.
- Participate in personal and event evangelism training provided by the association and/or state convention.
- Submit the Annual Church Profile (ACP) at the appropriate time.
- Demonstrate a working knowledge of Baptists distinctives including the doctrine and cooperative missions of the Southern Baptist Convention.
- *To protect the pastor, neither he nor any member of his family will participate in the receiving, counting, depositing, or disbursing of church funds.*
- *The church planter pastor will lead his congregation towards achieving the projections (goals) set forth in the Application for Congregational Assistance; lead the congregation to have a weekly outreach strategy; set an evangelistic example by personally making a goal of at least six (6) evangelistic, cultivative visits per week as a full-time pastor and three (3) as a part-time pastor; initiate ongoing small group Bible studies and training; lead in a program of stewardship development and church budget promotion; and establish a relationship with a mentor for his personal growth.*
- *The new congregation commits to remain a cooperating Southern Baptist Church, and if for any reason ceases to do so or ceases to exist, transfers any ownership in land, buildings, or assets to the local Southern Baptist Association.*

Termination of This Covenant Agreement:

- Conditions in which any covenant partner can terminate participation in the agreement:
 - The Church Plant clearly departs from the doctrinal stance expressed in the *current* SBC Baptist Faith & Message.
 - The Church Plant ceases to fulfill the commitment to participate in giving to Acts 1:8 kingdom missions according to the agreed upon percentages.
 - Should the Church Plant constitute as a church without the agreement of all covenant partners, a partner may cease funding support and participation in the partnership within 90 days.
 - The church plant significantly fails to live within the guidelines.
 - Moral or ethical failure on the part of the new church pastor
- Cooperating Entities may terminate this relationship for other reasons after consultation of all parties and an agreed upon time frame for termination.
- The inconveniences associated with multiple congregations in one facility, cultural differences, differing worship styles, or different models of outreach and ministry shall not be sufficient reason for termination of the relationship.

The undersigned parties enter into a covenant relationship, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to plant a new church. All agree the final authority and responsibility for the actions and activities of this new church plant rests primarily with the sponsor church and the church plant congregation.

The PARTNERS:

Sponsoring Church: _____ **Pastor** _____ **Date** _____

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New Congregation: _____ Pastor _____ Date _____

Supporting Church: _____ Representative _____ Date _____

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Supporting Church: _____ Representative _____ Date _____

Supporting Church: _____ Representative _____ Date _____

Supporting Church: _____ Representative _____ Date _____

Supporting Church: _____ Representative _____ Date _____

Association: _____ DOEM _____ Date _____

Arizona Southern Baptist Convention: Facilitator _____ Date _____

If there are changes to the Partnership Covenant Agreement that have been agreed to by the potential partners, an addendum may be attached to this application. Addendum attached: Yes No Dated _____