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Church Planters' Mini-Bootcamps Multiplying Healthy Churches Among All People

Do not neglect the gift you have... Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress. (1 Timothy 4:14-15)

Are You a Church Planter?

Do you dream about starting a new God-glorifying community that will draw new believers into God's family? These mini-bootcamps will help you refine your sense of God's calling, give you practical tools to assist you in the church-planting process, and connect you with other like-minded leaders.

- **Who:** Designed for anyone who senses God might be leading them to plant an EFCA church sometime in the next 5 years.
- **When:** Saturday seminars held from 8am-4pm in Honolulu. Lunch included.
- **What:** Different topics related to the process of church planting will be covered at every session, led by experienced church planters, pastors, and other leaders.
- **Cost:** \$20 per session for each individual/couple. *Airfare/childcare financial assistance available upon request.*

Upcoming Sessions

Jan. 24, 2009

The Church: Why plant churches? What is the church? What are the vital functions of the church? What leadership structures should be in place? ***The Planter:*** What character qualities should I have? How do I prayerfully know I'm called? What leadership and ministry skills do I need to work on?

May 23, 2009

Location/Missiology: How do we choose a location? How do we research the neighborhood and ethnography? What impact should this have on our plan? ***Philosophy of Ministry:*** How do we come up with our core values? How do we know what we're not? What will be our priorities and action plan?

Sept. 26, 2009

Core Team Development: How do we recruit? Who should we recruit? ***Evangelism:*** What evangelistic strategies should we consider? What place does marketing have? How do we foster an environment of evangelistic passion?

Jan. 23, 2010

Community Development: How do we build authentic fellowship? How do we foster spiritual growth? ***Teaching/Preaching:*** How do we teach in a way that will challenge believers and unbelievers alike?

May 22, 2010

Leadership Development: How do we identify potential leaders? How should they be trained and released? ***Administration:*** How do we incorporate, write bylaws, set up payroll, etc.?

To Register

*Schedule a meeting with your senior pastor to discuss the self-evaluation on the next page.
After receiving your pastor's approval, contact Steve Knapp (Knappkins398@cs.com).*

Church Planters' Basic Self-Evaluation

Take time to prayerfully answer these questions. If you answer honestly, you will find a number of deficiencies in yourself. Together with your pastor, ask God to help you see whether these are disqualifying factors or simply areas where more growth, training, and experience are needed. Additional assessments and interviews will be completed later in order for the district to consider supporting a church plant project.

Do I love Jesus and seek his kingdom first? Am I satisfied in Christ alone, or do I turn to other idols for happiness, security, and fulfillment (even the idea of church planting might be an idol)? Do I seek to glorify God or myself first?

Do I see the influence of God's Word and Spirit in my life? Do I passionately love Scripture and apply it to my own life before I teach it to others? Do I passionately love spending time with the Lord in prayer? Am I patient to wait for the Holy Spirit's guidance?

Am I qualified to be an elder? Do I meet the qualifications listed in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1? Am I respectable? Above reproach? Faithful to my wife? Raising a faithful family?

Am I a missionary to my community? Do I take the initiative to build spiritually significant relationships with people outside the church? Have I seen fruit in my personal evangelism?

Do I have the energy, enthusiasm, and availability to pour myself into the demanding task of starting a new church? Am I healthy physically, emotionally, financially, spiritually, relationally, maritally, mentally? Am I a hard worker? Am I persevering?

Am I the kind of leader many people will follow? Have I served successfully in some form of church leadership? Have I raised others into positions of leadership?

Can I preach and teach effectively? Do I have a clear sense of the themes of the Bible? Do I have a good grasp of basic theology? Am I effective in communicating these things with appropriate application that brings about tangible life-change in listeners? Can I defend against false teaching?

Do I have entrepreneurial passion and skills? Have I started new ministries successfully? Do I have the ability to see how God is working in the world, and establish the strategic steps that will motivate other people to join him?

Am I interested in church planting for the right reasons? Do I sense it to be God's leading for me, or am I escaping a dissatisfying current situation by pursuing something that seems cool or trendy?

Am I adaptable to new people, places, and concepts? Can I easily relate to unfamiliar people and cultures? Am I able to quickly change strategies, or do I ride a dying horse until it's dead?

Am I humble enough to learn from others? Or am I stubbornly fixed to my own ideas and plans?