

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **How long is the process to plant a church?**

The timeline varies and is based on three major factors- how long have you lived in your community, what approach you take to planting (Micro Church, Traditional approach, etc.), and how fast your launch team grows. For example- if you're moving into a new area, it will likely take 9 months to get settled in and meet people but if you have lived in the community, you likely have established relationships with people. Plant SoCal is committed to keeping the assessing and training process as short as possible.

## **What is a parent church?**

A parent church assumes the administrative and often the legal oversight of the church plant in the first two years of its existence. A parent church does not tell the planter how to plant but lifts some of the non-ministry burden so that the planter can concentrate on reaching people. A parent church is a source of encouragement and support. The relationship between the parent church and the church plant is established through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

## **How soon can I promote my church plant?**

Once you have signed a MOU with your parent church, you are free to promote your plant on social media and to fundraise.

## **Are there certain times of the year that are preferred to launch a church?**

We work with three planting seasons in the year: the second weekend of January; Easter or two weeks before, and the beginning September. Of course, we do consider exceptions.

## **How many people need to be on my launch team?**

It takes 25 people, ages 16 years or older, before a plant can submit its application with the SoCal Network. The more people on the launch team, the larger the grant that is available.

## **What funding can I receive from the SoCal Network?**

We have three levels of funding, based on the amount of money raised by the planter and the size of the launch team. As a grant, these funds do not need to be repaid.

- 25 people and \$5,000 in cash and pledges raised: \$5,000 grant
- 50 people and \$10,000 in cash and pledges raised: \$10,000 grant
- 75 people and \$15,000 in cash and pledges raised: \$15,000 grant

## **When can I submit the Church Plant Application?**

You can submit your plant application after you have a parent church MOU and at least 25 members on your launch team. You MUST submit it at least 30 days before the official launch.

## **Do you work with partners?**

Yes. We have partnerships with CMN, Stadia, Portable Church and Outreach Marketing. Others are being developed. You can find links on our website, [www.plantsocal.org](http://www.plantsocal.org).