



10 Sending Church Basics

Here are 10 basic things a Sending Church should do:

- 1. Enlist and empower a church member or staff person to lead the partnership**
Every church plant needs a champion within the Sending Church. Begin by identifying what Sending Church leader will be the primary advocate for the new church among the sending congregation.
- 2. Make sure your planter has been properly assessed**
Every church planter should be assessed, both within the Sending Church and by those with significant experience in church planting. NAMB stands ready to help with one of the best church planter assessments in the world. Visit namb.net/Church-Planter-Assessment to learn more.
- 3. Develop and implement a prayer strategy**
Oswald Chamers wrote, “Prayer does not equip us for greater works— prayer is the greater work.” If the Spirit of God does not move in peoples hearts, a church will not be planted. Sending Churches should lead out in the great work of praying for the church plant, the planter and the planting team. Visit namb.net/SendingChurch for resources to help implement a prayer strategy.
- 4. Help your planter receive appropriate training**
Every potential planter has strengths and opportunities for growth. Proper training will work to maximize strengths and help planters grow in needed areas. NAMB has developed three training tracks to address different planters and planting contexts. Learn more at namb.net/Training.
- 5. Help your planter determine budget**
Sending Churches should take the lead role in helping a planter determine an appropriate salary, planting budget and financial accountability processes. NAMB has developed PlantingProjector.com as a free resource to help this budgeting process.
- 6. Help your planter develop a team of supporting churches**
Church planting is costly, financially and otherwise. Most of the time, it takes a coalition of churches to plant a new church. The Sending Church takes the lead role in helping the planter develop a team of supporting churches to join in this great work through prayer, participation and/or providing for the planter’s various needs.
- 7. Develop a volunteer strategy with your planter**
Volunteers can be a big help to church planters, but only when their participation in the planting process is strategic and volunteers are well-equipped to serve. Learn more about how volunteers can participate in the work of church planting at namb.net/SendingChurch.



8.

Celebrate & commission your planter publicly

The Sending Church has the unique privilege of celebrating and commissioning the church planter as they launch them to this new work. This is a great opportunity to communicate to your congregation what God has done and pray for what He will do through this new work.

9.

Implement an ongoing strategy to care for your planter

When your planter hits the field, he will be in the crosshairs of Satan's attempts to thwart his work. Your proactive encouragement and care for your church planter may make the difference between his success and failure. Check out "10 Ways to Care for a Planter" at namb.net/SendingChurch.

10.

Connect your planter with a planting coach

While you can care for your planter emotionally, spiritually and physically, you may struggle to coach him strategically unless you have planted a church in a similar context. The Sending Church should take the lead role in finding a coach that has the expertise and experience that will help the planter walk through the tactical aspects of church planting.