



Sending Church Expectations

What is a Sending Church?

A Sending Church partners with a new church plant in prayer, participation and/or provision, taking responsibility for the plant until she is self-sustaining, self-governing and self-propagating.

What does NAMB expect of a Sending Church?

• Discovering Church Planters

- Cast vision and pray for God to work and move people from the pews to mission.
- Implement a strategy to lead your church to pray regularly for church planters.
- Establish intentional processes that raise up planters from within your church or adopt a planter who needs a Sending Church

• Developing Church Planters

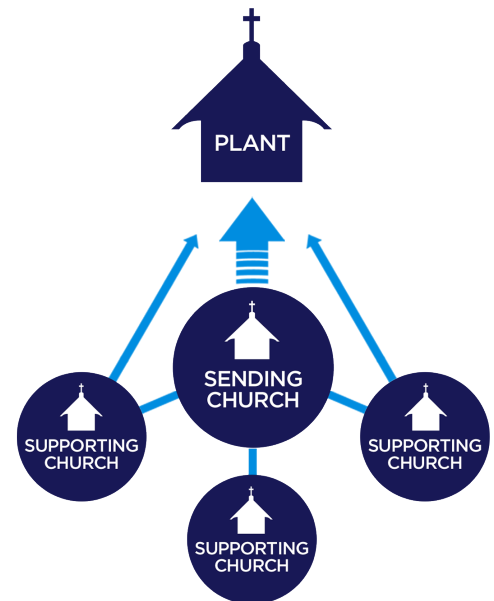
- Develop systems that equip discovered planters with the knowledge, skills, and experience necessary to plant a church.
- Ensure your planters are properly assessed and appropriately trained.
- Determine an appropriate budget with your planter using [PlantingProjector.com](https://www.plantingprojector.com).
- Help enlist additional Supporting Churches.

• Deploy Your Church Planter

- Commit to the health and long-term success of the plant and planting team.
- Enlist a church member or staff person to provide leadership to the partnership
- Celebrate and encourage your church plant(er) with a commissioning service for planter/team.
- Plan, provide, and/or ensure ongoing prayer, support, care and coaching/mentoring.
- Provide accountability for giving, including support of the Cooperative Program and NAMB's Code of Conduct expectations.

What can a Sending Church expect of NAMB?

- Networking assistance for partner churches.
- Resources and events to help develop awareness within and equipping within the Sending Church (i.e., Catch the Vision tours, Send Conferences).
- Send City Missionaries providing strategic coordination and coaching in 32 focus cities.
- Strategic research assistance (i.e., community demographic reports).
- Coaching and mentoring assistance for planters and Sending Churches (i.e., Church Planter Care Ministry, Church Planting Catalysts).
- Online tools to help monitor the progress and health of the plant (i.e., [PlantingProjector.com](https://www.plantingprojector.com)).
- Resources and events to provide mobilization, ongoing training and multiplication development for planters and Sending Churches (i.e., Sending Church Lab).





- Potential financial resources for church plant (i.e., grants for startup funds).

How do Sending Churches relate to the SBC?

- Sending Churches must support the Baptist Faith and Message 2000 and commit to lead the new church plant to be in agreement with its content.
- Sending Churches must be in friendly cooperation and able to seat messengers with the Southern Baptist Convention or the Canadian National Baptist Convention.