

How Can You Get Involved?

Mid America Friends is looking for Church Planting Pastors and for Church Planting Churches.

Church Planting Pastors:

- Are not afraid to take risks—This is a person who believes that God has called and God will provide if one will step out.
- Know themselves—They discover their strengths and can surround themselves with people who can build on those strengths.
- Embrace the church—They believe that church planting is the most effective means of evangelism today.
- Desire to see the kingdom advance—They are people who are not willing to let someone else do it.

Church Planting Churches:

- Get outside themselves—All their energy is not focused on themselves, but on reaching people for Christ.
- Have a strong sense of mission—They believe that God has called the church to be the redemptive agent for the world.
- Are willing to sacrifice for the kingdom—They are willing to share resources and families in order to bring people to Christ.
- Believe in the Great Commission—They are willing to do what it says.

If you fit any of these criteria, please call the General Superintendent, Dr. David Robinson to discuss how you may become involved in planting an Evangelical Friends Church.

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Every Church a Sending Church

Every Christian a Witnessing Christian



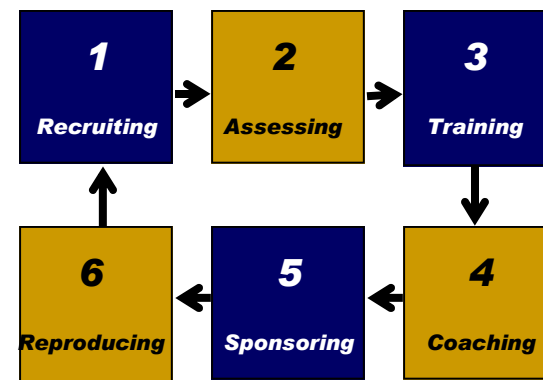
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Church Planting Strategic System



How We Support
and Encourage
Church Planting



EFC Mid America Friends—Strategic Church Planting

Evangelical Friends Church - Mid America is a network of Evangelical Friends Churches in Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Missouri and Colorado.

We hold the following **Core Values**:

- Every person is valuable to God and to us,
- The world is our mission field,
- Each Christian is a minister,
- Each Christian is a steward of God's resources,
- The church is Christ's vehicle for ministry and evangelism, and
- The Scriptures are our trustworthy source for faith and living.

Our **Vision** reflects these values and involves God's call to us:

- To reproduce the church in the towns and cities of our region, and
- To extend the church across the geographical and cultural borders of the world

This vision is manifested through our **Purpose**:

- To utilize our collective resources to assist our local churches to meet the spiritual needs of the people in their communities.
- The Friends Church Ministry Center in Wichita serves the participating churches, working to fulfill Jesus' Great Commandment to mobilize, equip and send workers to spread the love of Jesus.

In order for the Friends Church Mid America to capitalize on the movement of church planting taking place within our region, it is critical to develop the following strategies. These strategies are to enable us to fulfill our vision of "reproducing the church in the towns and cities of our region."

OUR GOAL

In order to accomplish the church planting vision, we will develop a comprehensive church planting strategy, and the strategic support systems necessary to sustain a reproducing church planting movement that will last.

STRATEGIC SYSTEMS

Recruiting: Discovering and Developing Church Planters: We will envision a recruiting system that will aggressively discover church planters through a variety of means. Each potential church planter will be interviewed by the General Superintendent and/or appropriate persons from the Home Missions Board.

Assessing: Right Planter, Right Place, Right People: We will envision an assessment system that will help a leader objectively evaluate his potential as a church planter. Funding for these assessments will be provided by Mid America Friends.

Training: We envision each potential church planter in a Boot Camp training that will produce well trained planters and starting healthy new Friends churches which will continually multiply and reproduce. The funding should be provided by the sponsoring church or group of churches.

Coaching: On Time, On Target, In Balance: We will envision experienced pastors who will tithe their time to equip, empower and encourage Friends church planters.

Sponsoring: Strategic Partnership of Equal Sacrifice: Believing that churches plant churches, we envision developing local churches who will serve as a "sponsor" to new church plants to sustain a reproducing church planting movement. We also envision through these strategic partnerships developing the necessary financial resources that will sustain a reproducing church planting movement.

Reproducing: Healthy Churches Reproduce: We envision a movement where our healthy Friends churches will naturally reproduce daughter churches, and new churches will reproduce new churches.