



# What does LCMS Church Planting have to offer?

## **Church planting is done at the local level.**

LCMS Church Planting comes alongside districts and their new church plants to support them in four important ways:

- **Resources**
- **Training**
- **Tools**
- **Grants**

LCMS Church Planting uses a **strategic project management approach** to establish new gatherings of believers around Word and Sacrament ministry. The goal is to establish church plants that are Lutheran in doctrine and practice.

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**LCMS CHURCH PLANTING**

# GOD GIVES THE GROWTH

## LCMS CHURCH PLANTING

# Process Overview

### PHASE 1

## Develop Concept

Formulate a vision for a new church by gathering gifted and committed Christians to discuss the mission of God in their context.

### PHASE 2

## Explore Feasibility

Using objective means and measures, determine the feasibility of the planting proposal given the resources available for its planning and execution.

### PHASE 3

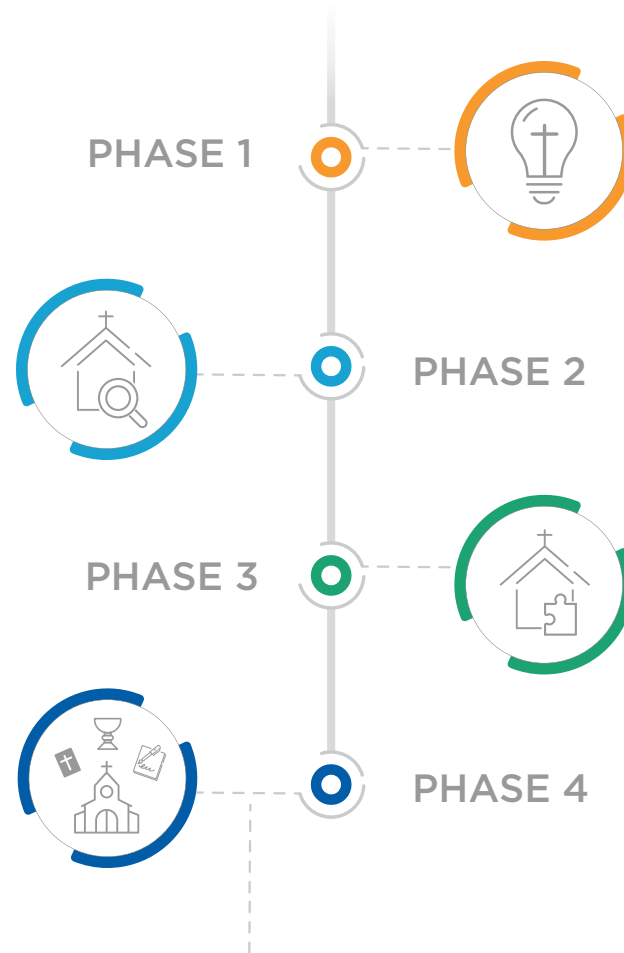
## Strategic Planning

Detail the mission's objectives and the time, money, people and other resources needed to execute those objectives.

### PHASE 4

## Ministry Action

Carry out the Strategic Plan for Word and Sacrament ministry — with pre-launch preparation, public worship launch and development into a sustainable, healthy church.



**“Our work of engaging in mission is simply in keeping with God’s desire.”**

— REV. DR. QUINTIN CUNDIFF  
DIRECTOR, LCMS CHURCH PLANTING

# Ministry Action Milestones

## OCCUR WITHIN PHASE 4: Ministry Action



### Worship Launch

The church plant has followed its plan and officially launched public Word and Sacrament ministry in the community to build a congregation.



### Called Pastor

The church plant is able to call its own pastor to serve as Christ's undershepherd in that place to serve and care for souls.



### Sustainability

The congregation is able to function in a continuous manner without need for outside grants being awarded regularly.



### Chartering

The church plant has completed the work of establishing governance and is recognized as an official congregation of the LCMS and its district.