

Launch



CHURCH PLANTING SOLUTIONS

Comprehensive training designed to equip the next generation of church planters.

Policy

Launch, North American Mission's premier training experience, is open to everyone. Launch is specifically framed for a church planter, potential church planter, church-planting team member(s), sponsoring or mother church pastor(s), daughter work or preaching point pastor(s), North American Missions district directors and representatives, and all other mission-minded individuals.

Launch is a one-year commitment that entails three to four months of preparatory work, a six-day training intensive, followed by online training and coaching. Launch training is available to anyone upon approval of their pastor. Those who complete the entire Launch process and are prepared to launch a church according to funding requirements within twelve months of approval notification may apply for Launch funding.

A. Requirements for Launch Funding

1. Have approval in writing from district superintendent and NAM district director.
2. Complete Launch training as required by North American Missions.
3. Submit a Launch Portfolio to the North American Missions Executive Team and Launch committee for approval, which includes the following:
 - a. Launch Application
 - b. Resume/Bio and recent picture
 - c. References/Endorsements, including pastor and NAM district director
 - d. Testimony and Calling
 - e. Community Demographic Report
 - f. Church Planter and Team Profile (Each approved Launch missionary will be required to launch with a team.)

- g. Make a Launch Pad Presentation to the Launch committee. (Master Plan)
4. Interview with the committee (in person or video).
5. Upon approval, submit monthly reports to NAM.
6. The Launch church must have received district approval and be affiliated with the United Pentecostal Church BEFORE the application deadline.

B. Funding

1. Launch participants must have their budget approved by the Launch committee.
2. Launch participants will be responsible to raise 1/3 of their budget.
3. NAM will advance 2/3's of their approved budget.
4. Launch participants must raise their portion of funds prior to September 30th the year their application is being considered.

C. Financial Agreement

Launch expects church plants to give a minimum of 10% to missions each year. From this 10%, the Launch church agrees to give 5% of gross income back to the Launch program until the original investment is returned, or for a maximum of 10 years.

D. Distribution of Launch Funds

Before funds for approved Launch missionaries can be dispersed, the Launch agreement must be signed and the Launch missionaries' funds must be verified. For reporting purposes, this distribution will be considered an allocation for one year and will require monthly reporting for 12 months from the distribution date. The Launch missionary will then request disbursements according to their pre-approved budget.

E. Launch Missionary Agreement

I, _____, agree to the following conditions of receiving these funds:

- All funds will be used as stipulated in the budget I submitted to the Launch committee. If this needs to be altered significantly (a variation of over 10%), I will seek permission from the Launch committee to proceed.
- I will submit a report every month on a timely basis to keep NAM apprised of our progress. I acknowledge that monies will not be dispersed to me if I do not meet reporting requirements.
- I agree to send to NAM 5% of gross income every month until all matching funds are returned to the Launch fund, or within 10 years, whichever occurs first.

Launch Missionary

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