

Guidelines for Presbyterial New Church Development **Cross-Culture** Task Force »»New Church Development (NCD)Cross-Culture Task Force««

A NCD task force is named by Presbytery and charged to speak and act on behalf of the Presbytery in regard to the NCD project. It should make reports to the Presbyterial Board of Missions (Missions Committee) as to the progress of the project, but the task force relates directly to the Presbytery. The task force will work with the NCD pastor and General Assembly Board of Missions (GA BOM).

Composition of the Task Force:

The Presbyterial NCD Task Force will consist of three to five people who:

- ✦ are committed to pray for the NCD project
- ✦ are recognized and respected as leaders in the Presbytery
- ✦ have a commitment to church planting and evangelism
- ✦ have a commitment to cross culture ministry
- ✦ able to be positive and flexible working with people who are non-Anglo
- ✦ able to be warm and supporting to peoples of other ethnicity
- ✦ will follow through on assignments and attend task force meetings
- ✦ are able to work with judicatories (Presbytery, GA BOM, etc...) of the church



*When possible the Task Force should consist of a representative/s of the ethnicity the project has targeted.

Responsibilities

1. Determine NCD target area/s in consultation with GA BOM, and/or demographic consultants, and/or NCD pastor
2. If a Preliminary Mission Design (PMD) is not already written, request that the GA BOM provide the task force with a PMD (project plan) for Task Force consideration and presbyterial approval. The PMD is a written document approved by Presbytery that contains budgets, growth projections, organizational structure, and a chronology of activities that lead to the organization of a cross-culture CP Church. The PMD is the game plan and tool for evaluation that the NCD Task Force uses to accomplish the project (the plan is flexible).
3. Serve as a property search committee for the NCD project (rent, buy, acquire or build). The Task Force will also serve as a property search committee for temporary meeting places
4. Serve as a search committee for an organizing pastor (NCD pastor). It is often the case that the GA BOM can provide names of candidates for consideration. In some cases a non-Anglo pastor may be living in the target area who is willing to work for the Presbytery. (More and more we are building cross-culture NCD projects around non-Anglo pastors who already live in the area and who

express a desire to become CP and work in the CP Church)

5. Be an advocate and promote the NCD project at every opportunity in the Presbytery. It is important that the task force keep the NCD pastor and project before the attention of churches in the Presbytery

6. Organize training events for lay leaders and new members in the NCD as the project develops

7. Receive and distribute all project funds. (The task force will name a project treasure.) The Task Force should be sensitive to the issues related to one ethnicity controlling the funds of different ethnicity

8. Plan strategies with the NCD pastor and the GA BOM for evangelism and discipleship

9. Serve as a sounding board for the NCD pastor, recognizing his/her authority in the day-to-day operation of the project

10. Meet bi-monthly with the pastor to discuss ideas, and spend much time in prayer support

11. It may be necessary that the Task Force enlist the help of a translator to attend Task Force meetings. Although the NCD pastor may speak some English, it is often the case he/she is better able to express and understand complex ideas if a translator is present

12. Enlist the resources of other congregations (human, prayer, etc...)

13. At the appropriate time appoint, with suggestions from the NCD pastor, a steering committee from those involved in the group. (Guidelines for a steering committee will be provided by the GA BOM.) As soon as possible a member from the steering committee should begin to share financial responsibilities with the task force treasure. The task force can determine the extent of these responsibilities. It is the intent that this person becomes the project treasure and eventually assumes all treasure responsibilities.

14. Serve as presbytery's representative at all meetings, evaluations, etc..., involving the new church development project

15. Function with decreasing involvement in the project after a steering committee is appointed and begins to assume more responsibilities. At the point the church is organized the role of the Task Force will be greatly reduced (if it is not dissolved).