

Guiding Principles for GMC Church Multiplication

2025 Kingdom Advancement Commission

- 1) Making reproducing disciples is the mission of Jesus. It is also the mission of the Global Methodist Church.
- 2) We seek to catalyze a global, Wesleyan church multiplication movement.
Goal is to start 3,500 new churches by 2031.
This represents approximately 3% new churches
We can organize for growth or control, but not both.
- 3) Starting a church may or may not result in making disciples; but making disciples will always result in churches planted.
- 4) We will empower catalytic, apostolic leaders.
- 5) Our goal is not to “grow larger” but to “multiply at all levels.”

A church multiplication movement requires a culture of multiplying disciples in local churches -> leaders multiplying leaders -> churches multiplying churches. Then repeat the cycle.

A church-planting movement requires a denomination-wide culture of multiplication.

- 6) All Global Methodists in good standing are empowered to plant churches.

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- 7) The local church owns the church planting task.

Churches start churches.

- 8) Spiritual calling and a desire to make disciples are the only essentials for planting a church.

Financial resources can be helpful, but lack of money is no reason for not planting.

- 9) We encourage working as networks.

Individual churches may not see themselves as able to plant a church by themselves. We encourage churches to network with 4-5 other churches to plant.

We will encourage the voluntary association and cooperation of local leaders and churches in the mission of church planting.

- 10) We celebrate a variety of methods for planting churches

All of those that result in the effective making of reproducing disciples are acceptable.

- 11) We encourage multiple forms of new churches.

It takes all kinds of churches to reach all kinds of people.

The three main categories required for a comprehensive church multiplication strategy are:

- a. "Prevailing model" church plants.
- b. Culturally targeted and first-generation church plants.
- c. Unconventional: micro-churches; multi-housing; online; collegiate, etc.