

Application Form for

## Church Planter Candidate Assessment Texas District, LCMS



1. Please complete this form on your computer using the spaces provided. The form must be printed with your responses. Your information cannot be saved to the form.
2. Or print the blank form and print your responses.
3. If additional space is needed to adequately respond, please use a separate sheet of paper.
4. When you have completed this form you can scan it and email as an attachment to [jmhirsch44@gmail.com](mailto:jmhirsch44@gmail.com); Or mail to: Mission Planter Candidate Assessment, Attn: John Hirsch, 2033 Inverness Drive, Round Rock, TX 78681

### A. Personal Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

Present Church Membership \_\_\_\_\_

### B. Family Information

Current Marital Status \_\_\_\_ Single \_\_\_\_ Married – Date of marriage \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been divorced? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, when? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever lost a spouse to death? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, when? \_\_\_\_\_

If not married, but engaged, date of wedding \_\_\_\_\_

*(If you are engaged, please list information for your fiancé)*

Spouse's name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Currently employed? \_\_\_\_\_

Has your spouse ever been divorced? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, when? \_\_\_\_\_

Has your spouse ever lost a spouse to death? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, when? \_\_\_\_\_

**Children**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Living at home? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Health Review**

Your Health Status:

\_\_\_\_\_ Excellent \_\_\_\_\_ Good \_\_\_\_\_ Fair \_\_\_\_\_ Poor

Describe any limiting factors

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Your Spouse's Health Status:

\_\_\_\_\_ Excellent \_\_\_\_\_ Good \_\_\_\_\_ Fair \_\_\_\_\_ Poor

Describe any limiting factors

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Child's Health Status: Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Excellent \_\_\_\_\_ Good \_\_\_\_\_ Fair \_\_\_\_\_ Poor

Describe any limiting factors

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\_\_\_\_\_ Excellent \_\_\_\_\_ Good \_\_\_\_\_ Fair \_\_\_\_\_ Poor

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\_\_\_\_\_ Excellent \_\_\_\_\_ Good \_\_\_\_\_ Fair \_\_\_\_\_ Poor

Describe any limiting factors

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**Your Racial/Ethnic Origin**

\_\_\_ African American \_\_\_ American Indian \_\_\_ Asian \_\_\_ Caucasian \_\_\_ Hispanic

Other (please identify) \_\_\_\_\_

Are you bilingual? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, which language(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Spouse's Racial/Ethnic Origin**

\_\_\_ African American \_\_\_ American Indian \_\_\_ Asian \_\_\_ Caucasian \_\_\_ Hispanic

Other (please identify) \_\_\_\_\_

Are you bilingual? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, which language(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

**C. Education and Credentials** (High school and beyond)

Name of School	City	Date of Leaving	Degree Received

Other credentials or certification(s)

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**Spouse's Education** (High school and beyond)

Name of School	City	Date of Leaving	Degree Received

(Spouse continued)

Other credentials or certification(s)

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**D. Personal Learning/Experiences**

1. Briefly describe any conferences/workshops etc. that you have attended during the past two years (including tapes/CD/s, videos, webinars, etc.)

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2. What books of all types have you read during the last 12 months? This is to include books for courses as well as other reading.

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3. What magazines, newspapers, etc. do you read on a regular basis?

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**E. Church Experiences**

*Complete all information for each church served. Start with current/last church.*

Church \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Denomination \_\_\_\_\_  
Position \_\_\_\_\_ Years Served \_\_\_\_\_  
Location \_\_\_ rural \_\_\_ small town \_\_\_ medium or large city \_\_\_ urban \_\_\_ suburban  
Average worship attendance \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of total baptisms \_\_\_\_\_ Number of adults baptized/confirmed \_\_\_\_\_

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Average worship attendance \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of total baptisms \_\_\_\_\_ Number of adults baptized/confirmed \_\_\_\_\_

### F. Other Work Experience

Please begin with your most recent employment and go back from there.  
Do not include church experience here.

Dates	Position	Company	City, State

### Spouse's Work Experience *(Include church experience)*

Dates	Position	Company	City, State

### G. Financial Readiness

How do you plan to support yourself and your family financially during your first 2 years of church planting?

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### H. Statement of Faith and Denominational Affiliation

Have you been licensed or ordained? \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no

If yes, by whom? \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Denomination or affiliation of ordaining church \_\_\_\_\_

### Please state briefly what your doctrinal position is on:

*(Use Scripture passages to support your statements.)*

1. The Bible

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2. Jesus

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3. The Holy Spirit

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4. God the Father

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5. The nature of man

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6. Justification-(*How one is saved*)

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7: Sanctification (*Living the Christian life*)

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8. The Church

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9. The role of the church planter

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**I. Personal Christian Experiences**

1. When and how did you become a Christian?

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2. When and how did your spouse become a Christian?

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3. Give the names of the teachers, mentors, writers or leaders who have most influenced your walk with God and your thinking about ministry.

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**J. General Information**

1. Describe your hobbies, special interests, and/or favorite forms of recreation

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2. Where do you meet non-Christians and how do you normally share your faith?

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3. Who have you discipled in the past 2 years and how did you disciple them?

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4. What are your strong points (*gifts/talents*) in life/ministry?

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5. What are your weaknesses in ministry?

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**K. Church Planting**

1. Do you definitely believe that God has called you to plant a church rather than serve an established one? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No \_\_\_Unsure

2. Do you sense a call to a particular place, region, ethnic community, etc.? Explain

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3. Is your spouse persuaded of this call? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

4. Is your spouse currently involved in ministry? If so, how?

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5. What experience have you had at starting something new (*i.e. new ministries, new businesses, new ventures, new programs, new projects, etc.*)? How did they turn out?

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6. What other experiences have you had that you believe have prepared you to start a new church?

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7. What specific steps will you take in starting your church?

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**L. To Be Completed by the Church Planter Candidate's Spouse**

1. Are you supportive of your husband in being a church planter? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Explain.

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2. What would you list as your top three spiritual gifts?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

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3. How do you currently use these gifts in your Christian life?

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4. What will be your role in the church plant?

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5. How do you want to be evaluated during the assessment process?

- Only in a supportive role  
 As a partner in leadership and ministry, fulfilling a distinctive role in the church

### M. References

Provide names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses of two references whom we may contact and who could/would attest to your character as well as skills and attributes for mission planting.

#### Reference Number One

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to you \_\_\_\_\_

#### Reference Number Two

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to you \_\_\_\_\_

**N. Potpourri** *(to be completed by the church planter candidate)*

Is there anything else you would like to share with the assessor team prior to the assessment?

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_