



CORE COMPETENCIES

1. Knowing Yourself and Preparing your Family
2. Spiritual Disciplines
3. "How To's" of Church Planting
4. Church Leadership
5. Gospel Centered Preaching
6. Culturally Contextualized
7. Missionally Engaged
8. Networking for Life

PRE-LAUNCH PROJECTS

- One Page Plan (Goals and values)
- Philosophy of Ministry
- First Year Preaching Schedule
- Prayer (Partners, Strategy)
- Church Planting Advisory Team
- Administration (Budget, Policies, Fundraising)
- Prospectus (Ethnographic/ Demographic Research and overall vision)

CHURCH PLANTER TOOLKIT

Financial

- Biblical Stewardship (Personal)
- Funding the Ministry
- Managing Church Finances
- Theology of Giving

Organizational

- Mission/Vision/Values
- Church Organization
- Elder Training
- Board Governance
- Staff Hiring Process
- Organizational Structure
- Utilizing Support Staff
- Strategic Planning
- Staff Recruiting/Development
- Maximizing Staff and Elder Retreats

Chemistry

- Personal Life of the Leader
- Marriage/Spiritual Life
- Self-Awareness/Self-Mgmt.
- Team Leadership
- Emotional Intelligence
- People Management

Leadership

- Leadership Skills
- Strengths-Based Leadership
- Overcoming & Growing Through Resistance
- Leadership Culture
- Creating Momentum
- Five Dysfunctions of a Team
- Conflict Management

LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

Classroom: Residents will spend one full day at classroom sessions per week for the span of 10 months (excluding holidays). This includes sermon reviews and elder meetings.

Trips: The year includes 3 retreats/ conferences, 2 multi-day training courses, and one 10 day mission's trip to a recent church plant.

Home: Approximately 10 hours of homework per week to prepare for the next classroom session.

Sending Church: Each applicant will need to be working or volunteering at their sending church. Recommended amount of time is 20 hours per week.

MUST-READ RESOURCES

- *Center Church* (Tim Keller)
- *Apostolic Church Planting* (J.D. Payne)
- *Prayer Revolution* (John Smed)
- *Together for the City* (Powell / James)
- *Kingdom First* (Jeff Christopherson)
- *The Honest Guide to Church Planting* (Tom Bennardo)
- *Elders* (P.J. Smyth)
- The Bible (Read in 10 months)
- [Online Course](#)- Certificate in Leadership Fundamentals (Trevor Throness)
- [Online Course](#)- Simeon Trust: First Principles

SPOUSAL ENGAGEMENT

Spouses will have the opportunity to attend various retreats/ trainings/ trips with their husband, engage with books and classes that pertain to their role as the wife of a church planter, and journey with other church planting wives throughout the church planting residency year.