



Mission to Multiply
2022

*Expanding the Kingdom of
God through the BFC*

CHURCH EXTENSION MINISTRIES

Our vision is to see Bible Fellowship Church (BFC) Regional church planting create a *Multiplication Movement* in order to fulfill the BFC vision statement of becoming an "...expanding fellowship of churches."

In order for the BFC Regions to create such a multiplication movement, *sacrifice* will be the key. The churches in the regions will need to cooperate, sacrificing their resources and people for the sake of building the Kingdom and expanding the BFC. This is in accordance with the sacrificial example of our Lord and the Apostles who gave themselves for the furtherance of the Gospel and expanded the Kingdom through an evangelistic and multiplication church planting movement. Churches in the regions will be challenged to move regional multiplication to the forefront of the church's thinking and objectives.

Over the past three years Church Extension Ministries (CEM) has been presenting a vision for a church planting multiplication movement. We have encouraged the churches and regions to take on this challenge. We have defined the Mission to Multiply process in four steps.



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Four Steps in the Mission to Multiply

In the next several years CEM will be proactive with this multiplication challenge in four steps:

1. **Cast Vision** --CEM will meet with some of the BFC regions to prayerfully explore what regional church planting could look like. According to our projections, these regions have the ability to bond together to plant daughter churches:
 - Lehigh Valley
 - Buxmont
 - Berks
 - Lancaster
 - Capitol
 - DELMARVA
2. **Create a Plan**--A plan to plant will be presented, discussed, and implemented in each region. This includes the formation of a Multiplication Resource Team.
3. **Identify Planter(s), Core Group Launch Team Members, and Specific Involvement for Each Church**--CEM will work with each region to assess and identify planter(s) and an indigenous planting team.
4. **Fund the Plan**--CEM and the denomination will provide assistance for funding each multiplication project.

Here are more details on each of the four steps of regional church planting:

Step 1 – Cast a Vision

- The Director and a Multiply Team (a Team chosen by the Director from both CEM's Vision & Strategy Committee and Pastors/Elders who have been involved in daughter planting) will arrange initial meetings with the leaders of the targeted BFC Regions.
- The meetings will be informative regarding multiplication, Q&A, and acquiring preliminary commitments.
- There will be several follow- up meetings to introduce the regional multiplication plan.

Multiply Team:

1. Director Gundrum—*Director of Church Extension*
2. Richard Taylor—*Chairman of the Board of Church Extension and Mentoring Assistant*
3. Dan Hoffstetter—*Church Planter in Topton, PA with the Incubator Model*

(More members TBD)

Regional Meetings

- **Region #1 – Lehigh Valley**
 - **Region #2 – Buxmont**
 - **Region #3 – Berks**
 - **Region #4 – Lancaster**
 - **Region #5 – Capitol**
 - **Region #6 – DELMARVA**
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Step 2 – Create a Plan

For each of the targeted regions, CEM will recruit one or two pastors to serve as the Multiply Coordinators for the Region. A Multiplication Resource Team will also be organized from each Region. One person from each church in the Region will be asked to join the Multiplication Resource Team. The person can be any man or woman from the church who is passionate about church planting.

Region #1 – Lehigh Valley

Multiply Coordinator(s):

Multiplication Resource Team (RT):

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| - | - Northern Lehigh |
| - | - Cedar Crest |
| - | - South Allentown |
| - | - Whitehall |
| - | - Fellowship Community |
| - | - Emmaus |
| - | - Coopersburg |
| - | - Bethlehem |
| - | - Forks |
| - | - Saucon |
| - | - Nazareth |
| - | - Finesville NJ |

***Region #2 – Buxmont**

Multiply Coordinator (s):

Multiplication Resource Team:

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| - | - Graterford |
| - | - Harleysville |
| - | - Hatfield |
| - | - Lower Providence |
| - | - Quakertown |
| - | - Red Hill |
| - | - Royersford |
| - | - Spring City |
| - | - Zionsville |

Region #3 – Berks

Multiply Coordinator(s):

Multiplication Resource Team:

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- Blandon
- Kutztown
- La Roca
- Oley
- Reading
- Sinking Spring

***Region #4 – Lancaster**

Multiply Coordinator(s):

Multiplication Resource Team:

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- Ephrata
- Lebanon
- Lancaster
- Paradise
- Terre Hill
- Christ Alone

***Region #5 – Capitol**

Multiply Coordinator(s):

Multiplication Resource Team:

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- Adams County
- Dauphin
- Harrisburg
- Steelton
- York

***Region #6 – DELMARVA**

Multiply Coordinator(s):

Multiplication Resource Team:

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- Camden
 - Townsend
 - Long Neck
 - Milford
 - Newark
 - Chestertown

Step 3 – Identify Planter(s), Core Group Launch Team Members, and Church Involvement

Through much time spent together in prayer, the region will identify the planter or planters through the Lord's guidance. CEM already has a process of assessment which will be used to evaluate the potential church planter(s).

In addition, members of the Core Group Launch Team will be identified from the churches in the region. The Core Group Launch Team consists of worship team members, children's workers, prayer coordinators, finance team, administrative help, social media and communication specialists, youth group leaders, outreach coordinators, small group leaders and coordinators, etc.

During this stage, the leadership in each church will fully support the regional church plant and will communicate the plan to their people.

What does a church's commitment look like?

Each church will make multiplication a significant part of their mission and ministry philosophy. Each church's discipling program will include making disciples who are ready to go when the call to plant comes. Each region will focus their meetings on multiplication and prayer.

Creating a regional multiplication movement will be costly. Many of our churches will need to turn from their current inward focus of ministry to a more outward /community and missional focus of reaching the unsaved and unchurched. However, a multiplication focus does not mean that the saints in the church will be marginalized. But rather, as is the case of churches planting churches, the saints of the church will grow in their exposure to Kingdom expansion. We trust being on this *Mission to Multiply* with God will provide the moving of the Spirit for which the BFC has been longing.

How Each Church is Involved

- The Pastor and Elders will teach and inform their flock regarding the vision for the project, church planting and multiplication.
- The Church will provide a qualified member (RT Rep), if possible, from the church to join the RT. This could be a leader, Mission Committee person or anyone that is excited about church planting.
- The Church will organize a prayer team for the project.
- The Church will receive reports from the RT Rep. and keep the Church informed.
- The Church will identify people who will be part of the Core Group Launch Team (CGLT) with the Church Planter.
- The Church will budget funds for the future church plant. The expected budget for a new church plant can range from \$100,000 + or -.

How the Region is Involved

- The Region will select a church to be an incubator for the Church Planter. The Incubator church will be a place for the church planter to serve while the Core Group Launch Team is being put together. See the Incubator Manual for more details about the relationship between the church plant and the incubator church (*available on ChurchPlantingBFC.org/Resources*).
- At the monthly or regular regional meetings, there will be a time of reporting on the church plant and prayer for the project.
- The region will identify a planting team (ideally two planters), preferably from the region, who will be assessed and trained by Church Extension.
- The Planter(s) will attend the regional meetings and report the progress of the plant.
- The region will hold quarterly combined meetings with all the RTs participating with interested people from the churches. These meetings will be arranged by the Multiplication Resource Team (RT) and can

include: corporate prayer, reporting, fellowship time, teaching on church planting, etc.

- Videos will be produced to give regular reports on the project and will be shown in the churches.
- People in the regional churches will visit the church plant and encourage the planter(s) and their team.
- The Regional Churches will assist in resourcing the plant with needed equipment, facility location, office needs and various other practical needs.
- The region will provide work teams, music teams, outreach/event teams as well as other servants who will provide expert assistance when needed.

Step 4- Fund the Plan

The churches in the region will financially support the church plant, but they will not need to do it alone.

Each church planter raises support with the guidance of the Director and office staff. In addition, CEM regularly communicates with its prayer supporters and the existing BFC churches when a new church plant is in the works so they all have an opportunity to give. At CEM, we have seen over and over again how God provides financially for new mission churches. We confidently trust He will do the same for the Mission to Multiply.

Mission to Multiply

CEM is eagerly anticipating the Lord's work in 2022 through regional church planting. We have seen over and over again how the prayers and support of the region make a huge difference in the life of a mission church. Each of our regions are filled with people who do not yet know Jesus Christ as Savior. The Mission to Multiply will reach unbelievers with the gospel of Christ and see them become born again disciples of our Savior and Lord.

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