

THE PLANTER'S COMPASS

The Latest News from Director Tim Zuck

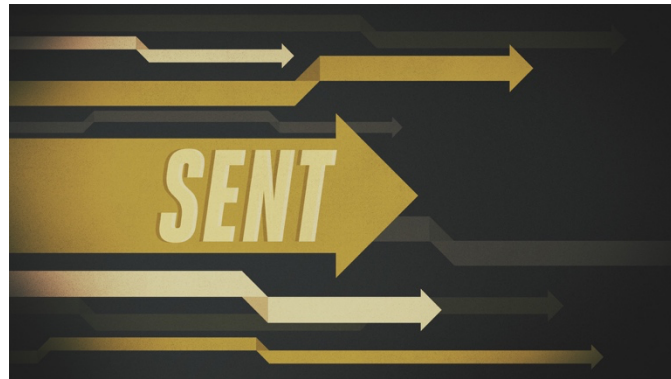
Then & Now



While my assignment is new, the calling is not. The calling to serve as a church planter began as early as 2000, when I first met with David Gundrum at Lancaster Bible College to discuss church planting. In 2004, we relocated to the Lehigh Valley, where we served at the Hellertown Mission Church. During our time there, I served as a church planting intern and church planter.

Fast forward to today: by God's grace, I have the privilege of serving as the Director of Church Extension! The calling hasn't changed—just the vantage point.

New Beginnings: From Sent to Sending



One of my ministry mantras is to “live sent,” based on John 20:21, where Jesus states, as the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.” Every church planter is *sent* to a particular community to evangelize, make disciples, and plant a church. Church Extension Ministries had sent me as a church-planting missionary for the Bible Fellowship Church. Now, I’ve come full circle from *sent* to *sender*.

Many years ago, while I was still a church-planting pastor in Hellertown, PA, the late Rev. Dan Allen stopped by my office. During a conversation about church planting, he remarked, “I may be talking to the next Director of Church Extension Ministries!” I brushed off his comment, but little did I know the significance of his words! The Lord who sent me out was also preparing me to send others out.

An Update on FCC

Many people have asked about Forks Community Church (FCC) since I accepted the call to my new role. Forks Community Church is doing well. In the new year alone, we had eight baptisms and seventeen new members. We praise God for His goodness!

Please pray that God's hand continues to be upon the church during this time of transition. Also, pray that FCC can locate a larger facility that will allow for expansion of ministries and outreach.

Prayer Requests

- Praise the Lord for His faithful guidance and preparation!
- Pray that I would serve Jesus faithfully as Director of Church Extension and lead Church Extension to continue to plant churches in the Lord's power.
- Pray that I would depend upon the Lord for the required stamina, wisdom, and discernment to serve in this capacity.
- Pray for my family as we adjust to new rhythms, especially with increased travel and changing demands. Pray that our home would remain a place of peace, unity, and steady faith in this season.

Family Update

Tori remains cancer-free and in good health! She continues to teach third grade and is active at FCC in many roles. Our oldest child, Dylan, is sixteen and enjoys weightlifting and bodybuilding. Adam is fourteen and plays on the Easton Freshman Baseball team and is on the drum line of the high school marching band. Emma and Lily, our twins, are now twelve years old. Emma plays basketball and softball. Lily cheers and plays lacrosse. In my spare time, I enjoy weightlifting, mountain biking, and barbecuing meat in my smoker.



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