

Local Church Barnabas Team Overview

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Scope

Local sponsoring churches, local associations, and the state convention work in cooperation to plant churches throughout our state. For the purpose of our cooperative church planting work, there are two types of Barnabas Teams: (1) Associational Barnabas Team (ABT), and (2) Local Church Barnabas Team (LCBT). The purpose of this document is to provide background information and a job description for LCBT members.

Background

Biblical Basis

Barnabas was a Jewish Levite who encouraged Paul and was a catalyst for church planting and church growth (Acts 11:25).

Associational Church Planting Strategy (ACPS)

The ACPS developed and adopted by the association, sets a goal for the number of new church plants in the next ten years based on research of population and population projections. The ten-year goal will inform the association's work in each one-three year window (a 10-3-1 church planting process).

What is an Local Church Barnabas Team (LCBT)?

An LCBT is a group of volunteers that work alongside a church planter in a specific area to evangelize people who will become a part of the core group of the new church plant. The intent of the LCBT is to give strength, depth, experience, and workers to all new church plants.

- The local sponsoring church will oversee the selection and orientation of members.
- A trained evangelism volunteer will led the LCBT.
- The LCBT will consist of members from the sponsoring church, partner churches, the new church plant, and other members of the association.
- The state convention will provide training for new LCBTs.

Job Description

What will the LCBT do?

- Assist the church planter in doing evangelism in selected communities
- Develop a prospect list through surveying communities
- Connect community people back to the developing core group
- Stay connected with the new church plant for six months minimum.

What is expected of LCBT members?

- Work in concert with the LCBT leader to promote the new church plant in the target community
- Attend training and orientation for team members
- Attend the regular meetings of the LCBT
- Commit to working with a new church plant for a six months minimum
- As required, train church planter and core group members in personal, mass, and special event evangelism
- Participate in evangelism, servant evangelism, survey of communities, special event evangelism, door-to-door, and other forms of evangelism strategies
- Use demographic profiles and community survey results to help formulate culturally relevant and need based communications to the target community

- Keep contact records and facilitate reporting to the local sponsoring church, the association, and the state convention