

**Purpose of the TRBA
Missions Development Council
Church Planting Team**

- Encourage Church Planting by TRBA, churches, especially in the TRBA ministry area.
- Research and identify strategic Church Planting opportunities within the TRBA ministry area.
- Establish guidelines for funding and supporting the work of TRBA Church Planters and Church Planting Partnering congregations.
- Make funding recommendations for TRBA sponsored Church Plants.
- Provide accountability, oversight, review and encouragement for TRBA sponsored Church Planters and TRBA Churches involved as Church Planting Partners.
- Sponsor training events related to Church Planting issues.

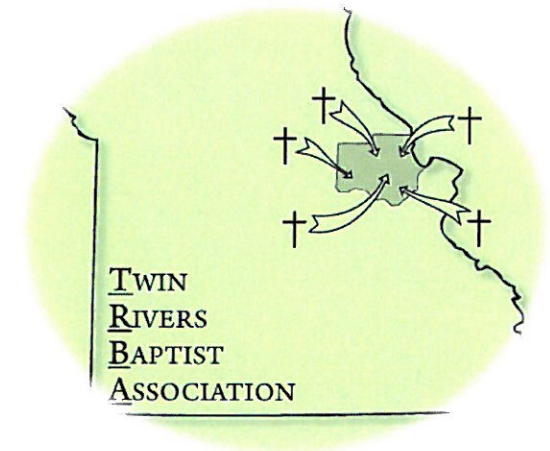
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**Twin Rivers Baptist
Association
Church Planting
Partnerships**



***Establishing Church Planting
Partnerships in the Twin Rivers
Baptist Association***

**INFORMATION FOR POTENTIAL
TRBA PARTNERING CHURCHES**

"The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose, and each will be rewarded according to his own labor. For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building."

I Corinthians 3:8-9



Leading YOUR Church to Become a Church Planting Partner

The purpose of this brochure is to challenge *your Church* to become involved in Church Planting by providing information about the *Church Planting Partnership* options available within the Twin Rivers Baptist Association.

The TRBA Missions Development Council believes an aggressive commitment to Church Planting is *essential* if we are to be good stewards of the population growth that continues to come to the St. Louis "Westplex" area.



Church Planting Partnership levels for TRBA Churches are highlighted below:

I. Primary Sponsoring Church This is a church willing to support a church planter over the long-haul, ideally until the church plant becomes a self-sustaining congregation. The church considering becoming a *Primary Sponsoring Church* should be willing to make the following commitments:



- A minimum two year commitment (3-5 years is preferred).
- Direct financial support to the Church Plant, \$300-\$800/month, depending on church budget and size.

- A formal Partnership Covenant approved by the Church and the Church Planter.
- Pastor or Staff member to serve as Church Planter's Mentor or Supervisor.
- Mobilize members to assist the Church Plant by becoming core group members, if needed, as well as help with special events.
- Assist with legal issues, managing funds, obtaining bank accounts, etc. as needed.
- Ongoing prayer support.
- The MBC requires the Primary Sponsoring Church of any Church Plant receiving MBC funds to contribute at least 4% of its undesignated offerings to the Cooperative Program.



II. Secondary Sponsoring Church

This is a more flexible commitment level.

Commitments typical of this sponsorship level include:

- A minimum one year commitment (2-3 years is preferred).
- Some level of ongoing financial support, \$100-\$250/month, or special offerings.
- A formal Partnership Covenant approved by the Church and the Church Planter.
- Pastor, Staff member or a Church Committee is identified to serve as contact point for the Church Planter.

- Provide volunteers as needed for special events.
- Ongoing prayer support.

III. One-Time/Special Needs Partner A church in this support category would commit to help meet a specific need for a Church Planter. This could include such items as:

- A one-time financial gift.
- A commitment to provide volunteers for a specific event such as a Block Party, Vacation Bible School or survey teams.
- The contribution of a major ministry asset.

No church is too small to become a Church Planting Partner at some level!

Becoming a *Church Planting Partner* at any support level is a decision that ought to

involve the entire church. This is the BEST WAY to maximize involvement from



church members in Church Planting making the Church Planting Partnership a blessing shared by all!

The members of the TRBA Missions Development Council stand ready to help ***YOUR CHURCH*** explore the possibility of becoming a ***Church Planting Partner!***