

COVENANT FOR NEW CHURCH STARTS

The Pledge of Cooperating Entities:

We pledge ourselves to pray for one another and walk together in true Christian grace before a watching world as we participate in this mission venture.

Church Plant _____

Name of Church Plant

Leaders

Signed: Pastor/Representative Date

Lead Partner Church _____

Name of Lead Partner Church

Signed Date

Partnering Church _____

Name of Lead Partner Church

Signed: Date

Partnering Church _____

Name of Lead Partner Church

Signed: Date

Partnering Church _____

Name of Lead Partner Church

Signed: Date

Longs Peak Baptist Association _____

Signed: Date

Colorado Baptist Convention _____

Signed:

A. General Statements:

1. This covenant shall be entered into by all entities working together to start the new Church Plant.
2. The time frame for this covenant shall be determined by the mutual agreement of all.
3. The partnership between the Church Plant, Lead Partner Church, the Partnering Churches, Longs Peak Association, and the Colorado Baptist Convention takes precedent over any other partnership the Church Plant may establish.

B. The Church Plant Covenant

1. The Church Plant agrees to meet quarterly with all Cooperating Entities for encouragement, prayer, and for study and evaluation of progress, goals, and strategy. Conference calls are an acceptable means of meeting.
2. The Church Plant agrees to submit written monthly reports of growth and finances to the Cooperating Entities.
3. The Church Plant agrees to give a total of at least ten percent of its income to missions as soon as the core group begins to meet regularly and receives tithes and offerings. Mission gifts include the association, Cooperative Program, and a church plant.

C. The Lead Partner Church and Partnering Church Covenant

1. The Lead Partner Church and Partnering Churches agree to meet quarterly with the Cooperating Entities for prayer, encouragement, reviewing of goals, growth, finances, strategy and discussion of problems related to the Church Plant. Conference call meetings are acceptable.
2. The Lead Partner Church and Partnering Churches agree to allow the Church Plant to establish strategy and goals in keeping with its philosophy of ministry.
3. Churches may be a partner in the Church Plant by praying for it, sending volunteers to assist in projects, helping provide the financial Support or by other means.

D. The Longs Peak Baptist Association Covenant

1. The Association will partner with the Church Plant in developing financial support when Cooperating Entities are involved. The Association will monitor the schedule of support from all Cooperating Entities.
2. The Association agrees to meet quarterly with the Cooperating Entities for prayer, encouragement and for study and evaluation of strategy, goals and progress.
3. The Association will notify all Cooperating Entities of the quarterly meeting.
4. Funding will be reviewed annually and continued funding will be recommended on the basis of growth, needs and the proposed strategy.

E. The Colorado Baptist Convention Covenant

1. The Colorado Baptist Convention agrees to relate to the Church Plant primarily through the Longs Peak Baptist Association.
2. The Colorado Baptist Convention will send a representative to the quarterly meeting of Cooperating Entities, when possible.
3. Funding will be reviewed annually and continued funding will be recommended on the basis of growth, needs, and the proposed strategy.