

A Checklist for the creation of a

Memorandum of Understanding between SoCal AG, a Parent Church and a Church Planter/Team

It must be fully understood that the PAC will be a church under the legal and organizational umbrella of the Parent Church.

The Basic Presumption

While all parties understand that this is a beginning document, and that situations are subject to change beyond our control it is the Basic Presumption of the Planter/Team, the Parent Church and SoCal AG that the ultimate goal of this relationship is that the Plant (choose one):

___ Remain a PAC in perpetuity ___ Become a General Council Church when possible

It is mutually understood that any Parent Affiliated Church may request a change of status to District or General Affiliates status at it's initiative and timing

This agreement will be reviewed on _____ (insert date) by representatives of; SoCal AG, the Parent Church and the Planter/Team. The criteria for evaluation will include, but not be limited to:

Legal and Financial

- Deeds and titles to Real Property purchased by the Plant will be in the name(s) of:

(check all that apply) ___ The PAC ___ The Parent __X__ SoCal AG

Approvals for financial transactions including the purchase or sale of real property shall be handled in this manner:

- The Plant will operate under the bylaws of the Parent Church unless the decision is made to incorporate. In that case, the SoCal AG Church Planting Ministry will aid the process.

- If choosing to incorporate the Plant, the President of the Corporation will be _____ The Board of the Corporation shall be

_____ will file Articles of Incorporation with the Secretary of State's office in Sacramento

- The Parent assumes the following as their financial responsibility to the Planter:

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- Primary financial responsibility for the Plant will be in the hands of _____
- The Plant will / will not (choose one) maintain a separate checking account. Details : _____
- The offerings and receipts taken at the Plant will be handled in this manner: _____
- Deposits will be made: _____
- The manner of payment of bills and accounts of the Plant will be handled in this way: _____
- The Plant will/will not (choose one) be covered by the Parent Church insurances. If not covered by the Parent Church policies, insurance coverages will be provided for by: _____
- The name of the Plant will be _____
- If there is an intent to “brand” the Plant, please detail the process as much as possible: _____

Governance

- The Planter will be selected by and accountable to: _____
- The Legal Board of the PAC will be: _____
- There will/will not (choose one) be an Advisory Board for the Plant
- The membership of the PAC will:
(choose one) _____ Be kept separately from the Parent OR _____ Be part of the Parent church membership
- Membership will be approved by the following process: _____

Ministry

- The Main Service preaching at the Plant will be _____

- If applicable, the Plant church office will be staffed:

- The initial schedule of services at the Plant site will be:

- Oversight of Plant Ministries (for example, Youth Ministries) shall be in the following manner:

- Please describe the relationship of the Parent church Lead Pastor to the membership and adherents of the Plant:

The Responsibilities of the Parent Church

- The Lead Pastor of the Parent Church shall meet with the Planter for mentoring and support on a _____ basis (suggested is weekly)
- The Parent Church makes this commitment to the care and support of the Planter:

- The Parent Church will provide the Plant with the following:

This worksheet is intended to be just that, a worksheet to help craft a Memo of Understanding.

Once every one has come to agreement about the questions posed here, a separate document is to be created, illustrating in detail the agreement between all parties.

That document SHALL be signed by the Pastor of the Parenting church and the pastor/planter/leader of the church to be Parented