

Recommended Process for the Planting of New Churches or Sites

The bylaws of the General Council of the Assemblies of God, Article VI, Section 6 states

The planting of new churches shall be a priority goal of The General Council of the Assemblies of God. Resources at all levels shall be aligned to accomplish this purpose. Initiative for establishing new churches and the oversight of those churches may emanate from local assemblies, sections, and district councils. District Presbyteries, sectional committees, or the authorities within a district charged with the responsibility of approving new churches shall not prohibit the planting of new churches unless a compelling reason exists. If it is determined that a compelling reason exists, a minister or local church desiring to plant the church shall have the right to appeal to their district Presbytery or authorities within a district charged with the responsibility of approving new churches, and the decision of the district may be appealed to the General Council Executive Presbytery, whose decision shall be final.

It is our desire in the Ohio Ministry Network to facilitate the planting of new churches while maintaining the strength and harmony of our Network. In order to help accomplish this dual goal, we recommend the process represented in the graph below be followed for the planting of new churches and sites.

