

OCMN Partnership Application - Parent Church

Let us begin by sincerely thanking you for your interest in multi-site opportunities in Ohio and for your desire to partner with our Ohio Church Multiplication Network and our AG family of churches to work toward a goal that embraces your vision and maximizes a successful outcome. Our hope is not only to begin new works that reach the lost in Ohio, but to do our very best to assist the parent church in journeying with prospective site pastors so that they can be fulfilled and blessed throughout the start-up process and beyond.

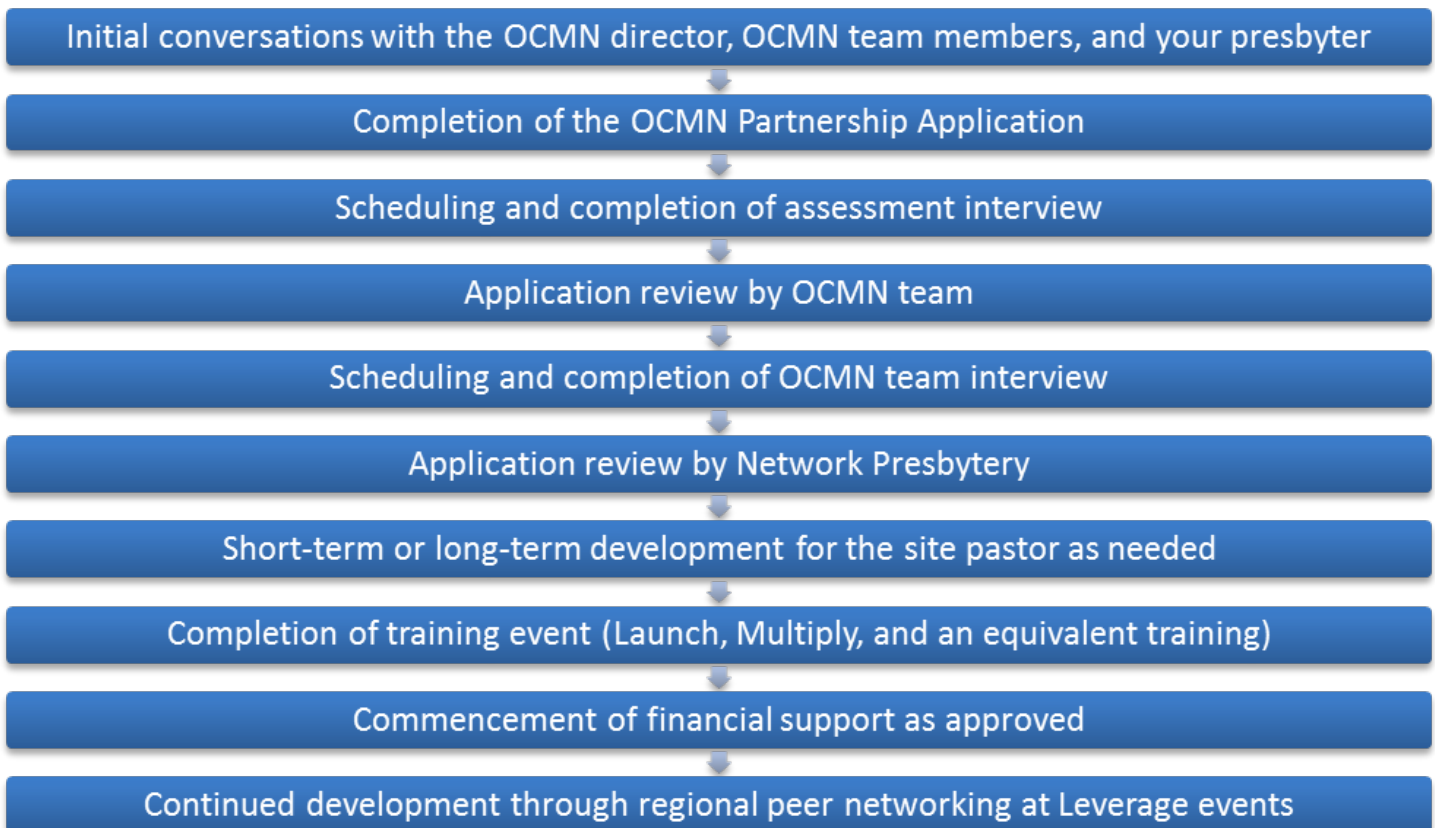
This application set is designed to gather some basic information about the vision and plans for the new site. Although there can be some variation in the order, the steps shown below, referred to as the pipeline, briefly summarize the process that you can expect as you move toward launching a new site with OCMN as a partner.

We would like to emphasize that the OCMN is willing to offer its assistance in the assessment and selection of a site pastor, but that such involvement may not be required for a site to be approved for full support. In cases where the parent church chooses to assess and choose a site pastor without OCMN participation, written documentation supporting that selection might be requested.

Please do not hesitate to contact our office if you have any questions. We look forward to working with you to reach the lost!

Sincerely,

The Ohio Church Multiplication Network



Church models involving one church in many locations can be extremely effective since proven systems and DNA are easily shared, healthy leadership development can spring from the main church, and expensive facility expansion programs can often be avoided. However, these models require that the site parent is prepared for the unique challenges represented so that the chances of impact are maximized. Accordingly, below summarizes the main areas that OCMN will consider when interviewing and assessing potential site parents for partnership support.

Leadership Capacity

Site parents require a very capable lead pastor and larger projects also call for a strong accompanying team. The OCMN interview and assessment process will look for the following characteristics in a site parent, taking into consideration the size and scope of the target community and the project.

- Strong staff and/or pastor-to-lay-leader relationships
- Developed methods for evaluation and improvement
- Clear and established organizational and communication systems for the team
- A clear and functioning system to multiply leaders

Healthy Patterns

It is essential for the site parent to have a history of health in the following areas.

- Outreach/community impact and involvement
- Assimilation and discipleship
- Attendance/congregational participation in the life of the church
- Finance
- Missions giving
- Peer networking with other churches and ministries

Vision and Mission

The leaders of the site parent should be able to articulate a clear vision and mission that incorporate the addition of a new site(s) in a way that fits the church and community. There should be clear and measurable church-wide goals that tie back to the vision and mission. The leadership of the site parent should also demonstrate that the existing congregation has embraced this vision and mission, or be able to share a plan to seek their support of the essential ideas involved. Consideration of the size and demographics of the target communities will be included in the assessment process to determine the match between the vision and community. In addition, high-level strategies regarding promotional plans for launch should be known by the leadership team.

Your Story and Vision

Please send a statement along with this application to ocmn@ohioministry.net describing the following:

- (a) the reason you desire to pursue a multisite model
- (b) why you are moving to your proposed location/site
- (c) your vision for the new work including any specific ministry plan that you might have developed (this plan should explain how you will approach preaching, worship, financial reporting, and your organizational structure as well as some first, second and third year goals for the parent church and site church in the following areas: worship attendance, evangelism, discipleship, relationships, and ministry involvement)

Assessment Checklist

In addition to this application, you will be asked to submit the items below. You will be provided with details regarding these items at the appropriate time.

Two online profiles - the information for these will be emailed to you

Online staff survey - a link for you to forward to your staff will be emailed to you

References - you will be asked to supply names and email addresses for these below

Document showing leadership structure - this can be an organization chart, a statement in the bylaws, or a memorandum of understanding

Launch matrix - a sample will be sent to you

Last two ACMR reports - if the church is too young, any data that describes attendance, congregational involvement in church life, assimilation, discipleship, etc. (our office can pull these reports from your file)

Last two annual financial reports - if the church is too young, a report summarizing the church's financial history

Assessment interview

OCMN team interview

General Information

Today's Date

A. Parent Church

Church Name

Street Address

City, State, Zip

Daytime Phone

Type

Website

Number of sites
(including parent site)

Lead Pastor

Please provide the names and emails of the individuals below as references:

Area Presbyter	E-mail
Area AG Church Pastor	E-mail
Local Non-AG Pastor	E-mail
Non-credentialed Friend	E-mail
Former Supervisor	E-mail
Coach or Mentor	E-mail

B. Site Pastor (if selected)

Please attach a photograph of the site pastor and spouse to this application.

Full Name		
Marital Status		Gender
Street Address		
City, State, Zip		
E-mail		
Daytime Phone		Type
Evening Phone		Type
Date of Birth	<input type="text"/>	Place of Birth
Full Name of Spouse		Date Married <input type="text"/>
Children (Names, Ages)		

Does the site pastor hold credentials with the Assemblies of God?

Yes

No

If no, has the site pastor ever been divorced?

Yes

No

If yes, please identify the credential, the date received and from which district:

Credential Type	Year	<input type="text"/>	District
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Has the site pastor ever held credentials with any other church organization?

Yes

No

If so, please list the church organization and type of credential held:

C. Site Location

Expected launch date

Street Address
(if selected)

City, State, Zip

City Population

Distance from parent church

Is the demographic the same as that of the community surrounding the parent church?

Yes

No

Number of people in parent church within a 20 minute drive of the proposed site:

Please briefly describe the demographic of the community where the site will reside.

D. PAC Agreement

We, the Official Board or Advisory Committee of the above named church, understand that the Ohio Church Multiplication Network exists to be a catalyst to a culture of intentional church multiplication throughout Ohio in order to help fulfill the Great Commission. By receiving funds for the purpose of starting a new site, we commit to the following:

1. The site pastor will hold credentials with the Assemblies of God, or obtain credentials within one year of the launch date of the site church. The site pastor will be affirmatively assessed by the parent church and the Ohio Church Multiplication Network leadership, and expected to serve in keeping with the principles of voluntary cooperation as outlined in the bylaws of the Ohio Ministry Network and the General Council of the Assemblies of God.
2. The site pastor will work with a trained and certified coach for two years following the site's launch (funds are made available to help secure a coach).
3. The site must agree to comply with the recommendations stated in the bylaws of the Ohio Ministry Network which includes a monthly contribution of 1% of their general fund income to support network ministries and 1% to camp ministries, as well as monthly offerings to support US and world missions. In addition, these churches must agree to a monthly contribution of 1% of their general fund income to support OCMN in order to help facilitate the multiplication of churches, leaders, and disciples.
4. The parent church leaders must agree to ensure that the site has taken appropriate steps toward risk management.
 - Adequate liability insurance must be arranged for all open churches even if the church has not yet had its public launch.
 - The lead pastor, church staff, and all volunteers need to have adequate background checks.
 - Policies and procedures should be determined and followed to minimize risk including but not limited to the following areas of ministry: church finances, building and property management, and working with minors.
5. The site pastor will complete online monthly progress reports for two years following the site's launch.

Parent Church Pastor

Date

Board Secretary

Date

PAC Leader

Date