



OHIO CHURCH MULTIPLICATION NETWORK

Church Planters Training Pathway:

Introduction: The following is a journey that you can take as a church planter and planting team to be better prepared for starting a church in a new place. Please note that access to **all the videos are FREE**. However, the Church Multiplication Network (CMN) will require you to **start a FREE account with CMN Lead** in order to utilize their videos and resources. This site is an excellent resource for any church.

You can reach the Ohio Church Multiplication website @ <https://ohiocmn.org/>

TOPIC #1: Introduction to OCMN & the Assemblies of God

Foundational Scripture: Matthew 16, Acts 1:8 & Acts 2

Book / Video: <https://ag.org/About/About-the-AG/History>

Webinar: <https://ohiocmn.org/> (Check out the video)
<https://vimeo.com/296917752>

Websites: <https://ohiocmn.org/>
<https://ag.org>
<https://churchmultiplication.net/>

Questions to discuss:

- 1) Why did the Assemblies of God organize back in 1914?
(How do you feel about those priorities?)
- 2) What interests you about planting a church with the Assemblies of God?
- 3) What is your philosophy of ministry?
- 4) How would you define a Spirit filled church?



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TOPIC #2: A Theology of Church Planting

Foundational Scripture: Acts 2:42-47, Matthew 28:18-20

Book / Video: *“Planting Missional Churches”* by Ed Stetzer (ch. 1-4)
(Church Planting 101 with Ed Stetzer)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n5xsqrCjAMA>

Article: <https://influencemagazine.com/en/Practice/A-Healthy-Church-in-Every-Community>

Questions to discuss:

- 1) According to Acts 2:42-47 what are some components that should be present in a church no matter what its expression is?
- 2) What’s the difference between “mission”, “missions”, & “missional” according to Stetzer’s book?
How will this affect the way that your church functions?
- 3) According to Matthew 28:18-20 & Stetzer’s book, what are the 4 sending commands of Jesus?
How will these be incorporated into the fabric of your church?



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TOPIC #3: Healthy Pastor = Healthy Church

Foundational Scripture: Matthew 22:34-40

Book / Video: *"Toxic Soul"* by Jason Isaacs
"The Emotionally Healthy Leader" by Peter Scazzerro
"Love and Respect" – by Emerson Eggeriches
(Having a Healthy Marriage)

Webinar: <https://cmnlead.com/en/Training/Fit-Pastors---Staying-Healthy-in-Ministry>

Podcast: Chris Railey: Increasing Your Energy for Ministry
[https://cmnlead.com/en/Resources/CMN-Leadership-Podcast/Video CMNPodcast Episode-10 2019](https://cmnlead.com/en/Resources/CMN-Leadership-Podcast/Video-CMNPodcast-Episode-10-2019)

Rob Ketterling: How to Keep Your Marriage Healthy in Ministry
[https://cmnlead.com/en/Resources/Marriage-Family-Self-Care/Video CMNL How-to-Keep-Your-Marriage-Healthy-In-Ministry 2019](https://cmnlead.com/en/Resources/Marriage-Family-Self-Care/Video-CMNL-How-to-Keep-Your-Marriage-Healthy-In-Ministry-2019)

Resource: Emerge Ministries - <https://counseling.emerge.org/>

Questions to discuss:

- 1) How would you define a healthy pastor?
- 2) What are realistic expectations concerning the involvement of the spouse of a church planter? What should the spouse expect from the church?
- 3) What are some healthy habits that the pastor and team should practice in order to stay revitalized in ministry?



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TOPIC #4: Team Building & Team Work

Foundational Scripture: 1Corinthians 12, 1Peter 4:10-11

Book / Video: “Planting Missional Churches” by Ed Stetzer (ch. 13, 19)
“5 Dysfunctions of a Team” by Patrick Lencionni
“The 4 Disciplines of Execution” by Chris McChesney & Sean Covey
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aEJDIh7g>

Webinar: <https://cmnlead.com/en/Training/Fit-Pastors---Staying-Healthy-in-Ministry>

Podcast: Chris Railey: Building Your Team & Protecting Your Church Culture
<https://cmnlead.com/en/Resources/CMN-Leadership-Podcast/Video-CMNPodcast-Episode-6-2019>

Chris Railey: The 5 Stages of Building a Team
<https://cmnlead.com/en/Resources/CMN-Leadership-Podcast/Video-CMNPodcast-Episode-11-2019>

Jonathan Hardy: 7 Steps for Onboarding Volunteers
<https://cmnlead.com/en/Resources/Assimilation-Process/Video-Partner-A-System-for-Onboarding-Volunteers-2019-5-Systems-3>

Software: ASANA (Team Management) <https://app.asana.com>

Questions to discuss:

- 1) What are the essential qualities that every successful team has?
Also, what are some skill sets or spiritual gifts?
- 2) What are some important things that every team member needs from their leader?
- 3) What are the Values that your team has agreed upon?



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TOPIC #5: Creating Culture

Foundational Scripture: Matthew 5-7, Chapter 13

- How does Jesus' teaching about the Kingdom of God address church culture?

Book / Video: *"Cracking Your Church's Culture Code"* by Sam Chand

Article: Carey Nieuwhof: A 5 Step Guide on How to Create an Amazing Church Culture

<https://careynieuwhof.com/guide-on-how-to-create-an-amazing-church-culture/>

Video: Jeff Leake: Building Culture

[https://cmnlead.com/en/Resources/Team-Building/Video CMN10 Building-Culture 2018](https://cmnlead.com/en/Resources/Team-Building/Video_CMN10_Building-Culture_2018)

Questions to discuss:

- 1) If someone were to write an article about your church 5 -10 years from now what would you want them to say? What would God want your church to be known for?
- 2) What are the top 4 behaviors that you would like to see ingrained into the life of your church?
- 3) How do you plan on creating this culture in your church?



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TOPIC #6: Making Disciples

Foundational Scripture: 2Cor. 3:18 (NLT), Eph. 4:11-15, John 13

Book / Video: *"Planting Missional Churches"* by Ed Stetzer
(ch. 24 – Spiritual Formation)

Missional Book: *"Building a Discipling Culture"* by Mike Breen
Book: *"Ready, Set, Grow"* - Scott Wilson

Video: Wayne Northup: Discipleship Systems
https://cmnlead.com/en/Resources/Discipleship-Pathway/Video_CMN10_Discipleship-Systems_2018

Website & Media Resource: Right Now Media (OMN has a FREE Subscription)
<https://www.rightnowmedia.org>

Questions to discuss:

- 1) How would you define Spiritual Formation?
How does that compare to being a Disciple of Christ?
- 2) What process will be used in making disciples at your church? (Discipleship Pathway)
- 3) What are the spiritual growth outcomes of your church?
How do you measure a true disciple of Jesus?



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TOPIC #7: Building Leaders

Foundational Scripture: Matthew 20:25-28, Exodus 18:9-27

Books / Video: *"Leaders Made Here"* by Mark Miller
"Next Generation Leader" by Andy Stanley
"Winning with People" by John Maxwell

Video: Jason Hanash: Developing Your Leadership Pipeline
https://cmnlead.com/en/Resources/Discipleship-Pathway/Video_CMN10_Developing-Your-Leadership-Pipeline_2019

Podcast: Craig Groeschel: Leadership Podcast
<https://www.life.church/leadershippodcast/>

Extra Recommended Resources: Chris McChesney, Sean Covey, & Jim Huling
"The 4 Disciplines of Execution: Achieving Your Wildly Important Goals"

Questions to discuss:

- 1) How would you describe a servant leader?
What are some Biblical examples of servant leaders?
(What made them stand out?)
- 2) What qualities do you look for in someone that you want to elevate into leadership?
- 3) How will you build leaders at your church?
- 4) What is the Vision that you want your leaders to champion?



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TOPIC #8: Effective Communication

Foundational Scriptures: 2Timothy 4:1-5

Luke 3:2-3

Acts 13:15-41, 14:15-17, 17:22-31, 22:3-21

Books / Video: *"Planting Missional Churches"* by Ed Stetzer (ch. 23 - Preaching)
"Communicating for a Change" by Andy Stanley
"Revolutionary Communicator" by Jedd Medifind

Video: David Lindell: 16 Keys to Effective Sermon Preparation
https://cmnlead.com/en/Resources/Weekend-Experience/Video_CMNL_16-Keys-to-Effective-Sermon-Delivery_2019

Questions to discuss:

- 1) How does Paul's preaching unfold in different contexts? (Acts scriptures)
How does this compare to Jesus' preaching? Or John the Baptist's preaching?
- 2) What style(s) of preaching & teaching do you think God wants you to use in your context?
- 3) What are some important elements of solid Biblical preaching?
- 4) What questions should a good sermon answer?
- 5) How can you incorporate other ways (ie. Social media, small groups) for the hearers to interact with the message throughout the week?



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TOPIC #9: Spirit Empowered Leadership

Scriptural Foundation: Acts 2:1-41, Acts 1:4-5, Luke 24:49

Books / Video: *"Clear the Stage"* by Scott Wilson
"The Spirit Empowered Church" by Alton Garrison

Video: Dr. Bill Hogg (Missiologist from The Send Institute):
Balancing Church Planting Strategies and the Holy Spirit
<https://www.sendinstitute.org/balancing-church-planting-strategies-holy-spirit/>

Curriculum: *"Who is the Holy Spirit?"* by Doug Clay
(4 Week Series for Adults, Youth, & Kids)
<https://myhealthychurch.com/store/startitem.cfm?item=261155>

Questions to discuss:

- 1) What role does the Holy Spirit play in your life personally?
What role will the Holy Spirit play in the Church plant?
- 2) What makes you anxious about the role of the Holy Spirit in your church?
Why do you feel this way?
- 3) What makes you excited about the role of the Holy Spirit in your church services?
Why?



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4) What are some ways that the Holy Spirit leads you?

How will you help people from the church learn to be people who seek the Spirit?

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TOPIC #10: Money Matters

Scriptural Foundation: Luke 14:28-30, Luke 16:10-11

2Cor. 8:20-21, 2Cor 9:6-11, 1Cor 16:2

Malachi 3:10

Books / Video: *“Planting Missional Churches”* by Ed Stetzer
(ch. 14 – Finding & Handling Finances)

Video Series: Rollie Dimos: Church Finance Essentials (4 Part Training)
<https://cmnlead.com/en/Training/Church-Finance-Essentials>

Church Accounting Software: (*Also contact Shelby Pratt at OMN for consultation)

1) APLOS - <https://www.aplos.com/> (Discount codes through CMN)

2) Realm - <https://www.acstechnologies.com/products/realm>

Questions to discuss:

- 1) What do you need in order to set up your churches budget & accounting system?
- 2) What streams of income will be a part of your budget?
- 3) What is your plan to support local para-church & non-profits in your community?
- 4) What is your plan to minister to the poor, orphans, widows, & the marginalized?
- 5) What is your plan to support missions in the U.S. and around the world?



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TOPIC #11: Vision Casting

Scriptural Foundation: Hab 2:2-3, Proverbs 29:18
Jeremiah 29
Luke 4:18-21

Book / Video: *"Visioneering"* by Andy Stanley

Video: Herbert Cooper: Developing a God-Inspired Vision
https://cmnlead.com/en/Resources/Vision/Video_Launch-Training_Herbert-Cooper_2016

Video: Walter Harvey: Cultivating Vision
https://cmnlead.com/en/Resources/Vision/Video_CMN10_Cultivating-Vision_2018

Questions to discuss:

- 1) What are the main needs in your target community?
- 2) Where is life lived in your community?
(ie. Sports, arts, community organizations, etc...)
- 3) What are the passions that God has placed in your heart?
- 4) How do these passions insect community needs and life?
(This is where Vision comes)
- 5) How will you accomplish the Vision?



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TOPIC #12: Church Structure

Scriptural Foundation: Matthew 16:13-19, Ephesians 4:11-13

Book / Video: *"Planting Missional Churches"* by Ed Stetzer (Sec. 3-4)

Video: Jonathan Hardy: 5 Systems Every Church Should Have
https://cmnlead.com/en/Resources/Assimilation-Process/Video_Partner_5-Systems-Introduction_2019

Software: Planning Center <https://planning.center/>
Easy Worship <https://www.easyworship.com/>
Pro Presenter <https://renewedvision.com/propresenter/>

Questions to discuss:

- 1) How will your church be governed? (see <https://ohiocmn.org/samples/> for samples)
- 2) What will be your system for assimilating guest and new people into relationships?
- 3) How will you recruit, train, and deploy people to serve IN & OUTSIDE the church?
- 4) How will you minister to youth and children?
 - For youth see resources at <https://oymnetwork.com/>
 - For children see resources at <https://ohiokidmin.com/>
- 5) How will you approach worship in your church?
 - How will your worship services be structured?
 - How will your music ministry be structured?