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➤ Q: WHO IS MULTIPLY FOR?

A: Planters with a specific call to plant a Foursquare church in an identified area. Planters who are already living in or in the process of moving to their identified community.

➤ Q: DOES A POTENTIAL PLANTER NEED TO BE A CREDENTIALLED FOURSQUARE MINISTER IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN MULTIPLY?

A: No. However, in order to progress from year one of training to year two, all Multiply participants must have completed Foursquare credentialing.

➤ Q: WHAT ARE THE FINANCIAL EXPECTATIONS OF MY CHURCH?

A: There aren't any financial expectations of the Sending Partner Churches. While you are welcome to financially support the planter/plant if you and your church wish to do so, the primary goal of a sending partner/church planter relationship is specifically relationship. Some of our most successful church plants are those that have an engaged and supportive sending partner and care network. These relationships help planters have a voice of pastoral experience, church covering, along with support that helps them be connected to the greater Foursquare movement during their planting process.

➤ Q: WHAT ARE THE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPECTATIONS OF MY CHURCH?

A: In the early stages of the planting process, it is imperative for a budding ministry to have space to get a strong start. Working alongside your church administrator, and under the covering of church leaders and church council, planters need a place to house financial transactions during— this includes things like receiving seed funding provided by Foursquare, tithes given specifically to the plant, and utilizing the available funds for the Kingdom. The other administrative item to note is that a planter's license would also remain under the appointment of the Sending Church during the planting process. There may be unique administrative needs that are specific to an individual plant, but the main administrative expectation is acting as a place for financial transactions until the plant is ready to become their own entity.

➤ Q: HOW OFTEN DO I NEED TO CONNECT WITH THE PLANTER/PLANT I AM SENDING?

A: Our minimum request is that you connect with the planter/plant you are sending on a quarterly basis, but if able, we encourage sending partners to connect monthly. This gives you an opportunity to hear about what the planters are learning/processing and how the plant is going.

➤ Q: HOW INVOLVED DO I AS THE SENDING PARTNER NEED TO BE IN THE LIFE/PLANNING OF THIS CHURCH PLANT?

A: We encourage you to be involved in the life of the planter, supporting them in their leadership development and offering your wisdom and guidance where applicable. Our minimum expectation is that you as the sending partner are meeting with the planter on a quarterly basis. Much of the planning of the church plant will be the responsibility of the church planter as it is being built on the vision and mission they are sensing from the Lord.

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➤ Q: CAN I SUPPORT/SEND A CHURCH PLANTER THAT WANTS TO BE FOURSQUARE IF I AM A PART OF A DIFFERENT NETWORK/DENOMINATION/MOVEMENT?

A: Absolutely! We have had non-Foursquare churches support planter/plants that are wanting to be Foursquare a number of times. There are expectations around the support and partnership that a sending church provides, so our team would want to talk more with you and your team to make sure that you are fully apprised of the responsibilities in sending/supporting a church planter through Foursquare.

➤ Q: IS THE CHURCH PLANT TECHNICALLY STILL PART OF MY CHURCH? ARE WE LIABLE FOR IT? WHAT ABOUT INSURANCE AND/OR A SEPARATE LOCATION?

A: Yes! During the planting process the church planter's credentials are under the Sending Partner with their primary active appointment being a church planter. This plant/planter(s) are to be considered a ministry under the Sending Partner church. They are accountable to the Sending Partner church's leadership, council, and administrative practices. They are also under the covering of the Sending Partner's insurance as an additional ministry until the new plant has completed Foursquare's [Covenant Church Process](#). Church Plants typically begin this process within their second year of planting, with the understanding that each plant progresses at its own pace, and the timeline may be sooner or later depending on the unique journey of each plant.

➤ Q: DOES A CHURCH PLANT HAVE ITS OWN COUNCIL, OR DOES IT SUBMIT TO THE LEADERSHIP OF THE SENDING PARTNER CHURCH?

A: Each church plant builds a core team in the planting process that acts as a support during the formation of the church, but these individuals do not necessarily always end up being those who will serve as their eventual council. A church plant is accountable to the Sending Partner's Council until it has progressed through Foursquare's [Covenant Church Process](#) to become a Board-approved Foursquare entity.

➤ Q: WILL TITHING AND REPORTING TO FOURSQUARE HAPPEN AS A PART OF MY CHURCH OR WILL THE CHURCH PLANT SUBMIT ITS OWN REPORTS?

A: Initially, reporting will happen through the Sending Partner, as the church plant is functioning as a ministry under their covering. Once a plant has met the benchmarks to initiate Foursquare's [Covenant Church Process](#), reporting will become the church plant's responsibility.

➤ Q: AM I REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY OF THEIR TRAINING (ONLINE OR IN-PERSON)?

A: No, sending partners are not required to participate in any of the training. That being said, you are welcome and invited to attend any of the in-person retreats if you would like, just let our team know!





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➤ Q: HOW LONG IS THE TYPICAL COMMITMENT FOR A SENDING CHURCH?

A: The typical commitment for a sending church is two years.

➤ Q: SHOULD THE CHURCH PLANT ESTABLISH THEIR NONPROFIT CORPORATION?

A: No, but each church plant model may need to be additionally evaluated for a precise answer. The majority of new plants will eventually progress through Foursquare's [Covenant Church Process](#). In completion of this process a plant will receive its own EIN with its respective state and come under Foursquare's 501c3. Church plants coming into Foursquare with existing EINs and/or corporation statuses will work with district administrators to navigate an amended covenantal process.

➤ Q: SHOULD A BANK ACCOUNT BE ESTABLISHED SPECIFICALLY FOR THE CHURCH PLANT?

A: No! It is important that all financial transactions, specifically donations, are received by a Board-approved Foursquare entity. Until they are their own entity, church plants cannot have their own autonomous bank account. An appropriate option is for the Sending Partner church to create a sub account for the plant. This allows plants to be able to track and utilize funds within the oversight and accountability of the Sending Partner church until they are ready to become their own Board-approved Foursquare entity. These guidelines are set by the IRS and have clear ramifications. A church plant cannot receive donations until it has completed Foursquare's [Covenant Church Process](#).

➤ Q: WHAT HAPPENS IF SERVING AS A SENDING PARTNER OR THE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CHURCH PLANT BECOMES A CHALLENGE? CAN A CHURCH PLANT TRANSFER SENDING PARTNERS?

A: Absolutely. We know that relationships are constantly changing, and we want our sending partners and church planters both to have a healthy relationship. Changes are natural, and the Multiply Team will help navigate any challenges should they arise

➤ Q: WHO DO I CONNECT WITH DURING THE TIME AS A SENDING PARTNER IF QUESTIONS ARISE?

A: Our team! Questions related to finances, licensing, and plant operations can be directed to our Operations Administrator. If you have questions on the content and training planters receive during the course of the two years you can contact our Training Administrator. Any questions related to the life of the plant, issues/concerns, or other topics can be directed to our Team Lead.

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➤ Q: WHAT ACCOUNTABILITY IS IN PLACE FOR THE PLANTER/PLANT DURING THEIR MULTIPLY PROCESS?

A: Accountability for planters in Multiply is a three-pronged approach. We do everything in partnership with the local church acting as the sending partner and Foursquare district offices. Sending churches act as the on the ground accountability and covering for the planter. Multiply, along with the district offices, act as a secondary level of accountability during the planting process. If any issues arise, they will be handled in communication and partnership together.

➤ Q: IF I HAVE A LEADER IN MY CHURCH SENSING A CALL TO PLANT WHAT ARE THEIR NEXT STEPS? HOW CAN I BE INVOLVED IN THEIR EXPLORATION PROCESS? IF THEY MOVE INTO THE MULTIPLY APPLICATION PROCESS WHAT DOES MY INVOLVEMENT LOOK LIKE?

A: The first part of our application process is for planters to have discussed the call they are sensing with their Senior Pastor. We recognize the importance of having a trusted leader be a part of the discerning process. So, if you have a leader sensing a call to plant, you are a very important part of their exploration process. We have information on what Multiply and planting with Foursquare entails to support those conversations.

If you are in support of their call the next step is to connect them with the Multiply Catalyst for your district area so they can continue the discernment process with them. You can find the leader for your area [HERE](#). If the leader is moved into the Multiply application process, you will be contacted by our team to confirm your support of the potential planter and to discuss what the process of being a sending partner would look like for you and your church. You are also welcome, but not required, to participate in the potential planter's interview.

