

## PLANTER EXPECTATIONS

The North American Mission Board (NAMB) through the Send strategy, partners with endorsed planters through training, networking and resourcing. To become an endorsed NAMB missionary, there are some expectations with which the missionary must agree. If you plan to apply to be a church planter with NAMB, please read the Baptist Faith & Message 2000, NAMB Code of Conduct for Missionaries and additional expectations referenced below. Please talk with your local church planting catalyst (CPC) or reach out to the Connection Center at 877-882-4437 with any questions you may have.

### **The Baptist Faith & Message**

NAMB joins with other Southern Baptists in adopting the Baptist Faith & Message as its statement of faith. Review the current [Baptist Faith & Message](#).

### **The NAMB Code of Conduct**

NAMB is an entity of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) whose messengers over the years have adopted resolutions on a variety of subjects. These range from broad concepts of freedom of religion and the separation of church and state to matters of morality and personal conduct. Your personal lifestyle as a NAMB team member/missionary may be more subject to scrutiny than if you were employed by a non-religious, for-profit organization. You will be expected to abide by guidance given to individuals/churches by the SBC and/or NAMB leaders. Review the current NAMB [Code of Conduct](#).

### **Additional Expectations:**

Missionaries are expected to do the following during their time as a church planter:

- At least monthly communication with prayer team and ministry partners
- Regular participation in an intentional coaching relationship
- Occasional participation in a coaching relationship for spouse, if applicable
- Submission of monthly reports to NAMB, coach and ministry partners
- Lead church plant in a minimum of 10% missions giving: minimum 6% to SBC Cooperative Program and 4% to other SBC Great Commission causes
- Register interest as a church planter at the Send Me Portal. Once registered, you will receive a follow-up communication and the church planter application.
- Complete the NAMB application and online pre-assessments provided.
- Attend a NAMB approved assessment event.
- NAMB endorsement is given post approval of application and assessment(s).
- Monthly participation in a peer-to-peer learning community

## **Planter Funding**

The funding provided for church planters is determined based on leadership capacity, context and the church planting model. Funding sources may include NAMB, state/Canadian convention, local association, Sending and/or Supporting Churches and personal support. [Learn more.](#)

## **Planter Endorsement**

A church planter is a man who desires to commit his life following God's missionary call to make disciples, developing a team around a specific plan all aimed at planting a church in a specific location in cooperation with strategic partners.

## **Steps for Church Planter Endorsement**

- To qualify to be endorsed as a church planter with NAMB, applicants must take the following steps:
- Register interest as a church planter at the Send Me Portal. Once registered, you will receive a follow-up communication and the church planter application.
- Complete the NAMB application and online pre-assessments provided.
- Attend a NAMB approved assessment event.
- NAMB endorsement is given post approval of application and assessment(s).
- Must move to or live on-site and in context where the church plant will be located.