USER GUIDE

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OVERVIEW

The Planting Projector is a tool created to help church planting catalysts and church planters work together to chart financial projections for the first five years and identify specific areas that need to be funded.

This tool can help church planters create and see realistic pictures of funds needed.

Church planters and church planting catalysts will meet during the request process, when church planter candidates must begin their projection processes. Both parties meet to discuss, create and analyze funding and various financial scenarios.

Note: The Planting Projector can be accessed on a desktop, laptop or iPad. The application is optimized for mobile devices.

GETTING STARTED

The Planting Projector stores financial information needed for church planting by asking a series of questions on several screens. Information is sorted by:

- Church plant location
- Budget builder: anticipated attendance and income
- Church plant partners
- Budget builder: anticipated expenses
- Recurring vs. non-recurring expenses

Before completing your projection online, make sure you've collected the following information:

- Financials projected for the first five years
- Funding commitment dollars
- Beginning church size
- Anticipated church size at the end of each year for the first five years
- Average weekly participant offering per person (Research local churches to get baseline data.)
- Total ministry related expenses
- Funding partnership commitments from sending church, partner churches and NAMB through the Southern Baptist Convention
- Estimated personnel expenses for each of the first five years
- Approximate administrative expenses for each of the first five years
- Assessment of administrative expenses for each of the first five years
- Total amount of money spent for missions for each of the first five years

To assist in the information gathering process, we've created a spreadsheet that you can download on the Planting Projector home page. Make sure to rename and save the worksheet to your computer before entering your financial information.

The worksheet contains instructions and detailed definitions of the terms used in the Planting Projector tool. The four versions of this spreadsheet are:
- USA
- Canada
- French
- Spanish

Select the appropriate worksheet using tabs at the bottom of the worksheet.

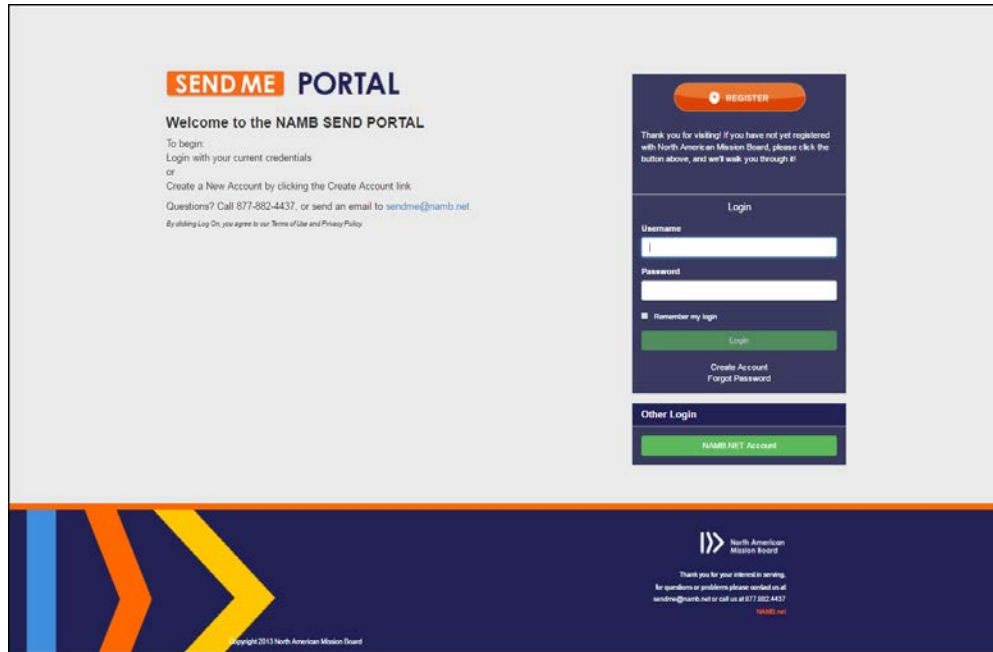After you've completed the worksheet, you are ready to log into the Planting Projector and enter your information.

LOGGING IN

Complete the following steps to log in to the Planting Projector tool:

1. Access Planting Projector: https://plantingprojector.com/
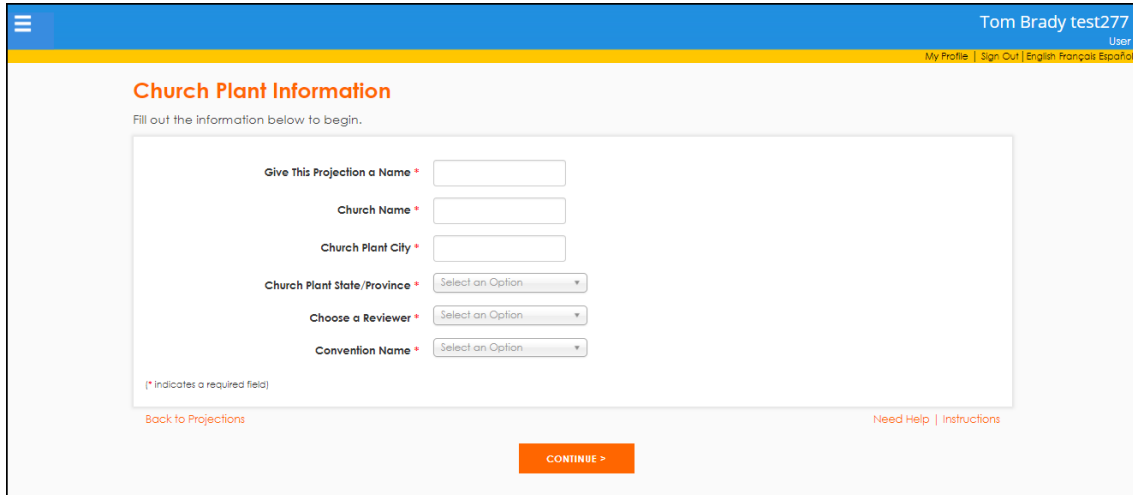

2. On the Planting Projector home page, click one of the following:
   - **Start** to log in and begin your planning projection.
   - **Pre-projection worksheet** to download the worksheet and enter data in your projection.
   - **Demo** to get familiar with the Planting Projector tool before entering data.

3. If you click **Start**, the Send Me Portal page appears.

4. Enter your NAMB user name and password you created when you completed your church planter application. **Note:** Your user name is your email address.

CREATING A NEW PROJECTION

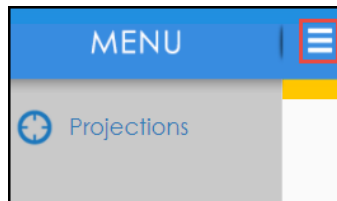When you log in as a church planter, you will see your home page like so:

The system defaults to the first page of a new Projection. However, if you have previous projections, you can view or edit them by clicking the menu icon on the top left page where it says **Projections**.
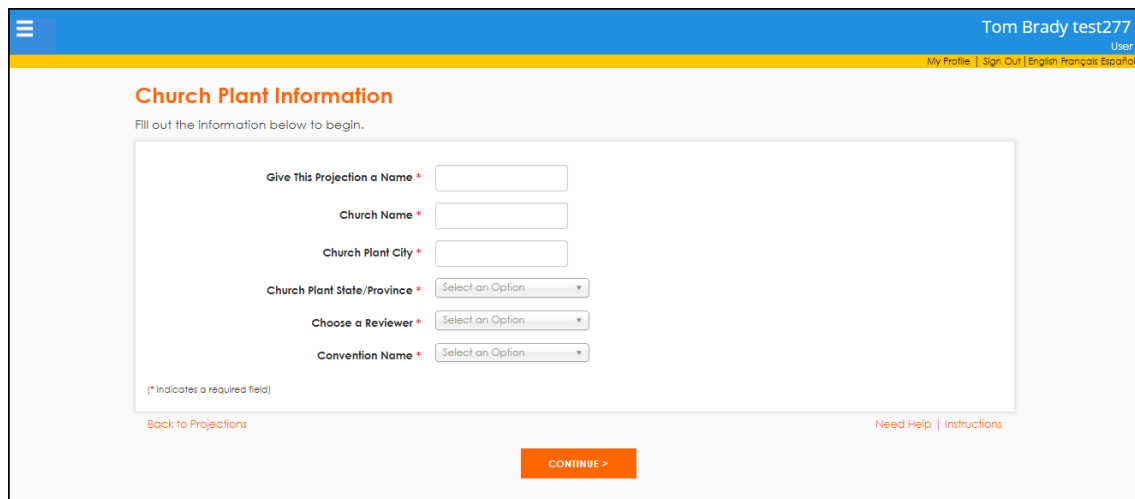

The following page appears:

You can only edit projections that are *In* Progress; however, you can view projections in other statuses. To start a new projection from this page, click **New projection**.

Church Plant Information

When you start a new projection, enter information about your new church.

1. Enter a unique name for the projection.
2. Enter your church name and church plant city and state.
3. Choose a reviewer from the drop-down field. **Note**: The reviewers are the Send City missionary, church planting catalyst or other NAMB contact.
4. Select your convention.

When you complete the page and click **Continue**, the information on that page is saved.

If you exit Planting Projector and log back in later, you can find this projection on the Projections page. Your newly created projection will be *In Progress.*

Budget Builder – Anticipated Attendance and Income

The Budget Builder page allows you to enter your beginning attendance and anticipated attendance at the end of years one through five.
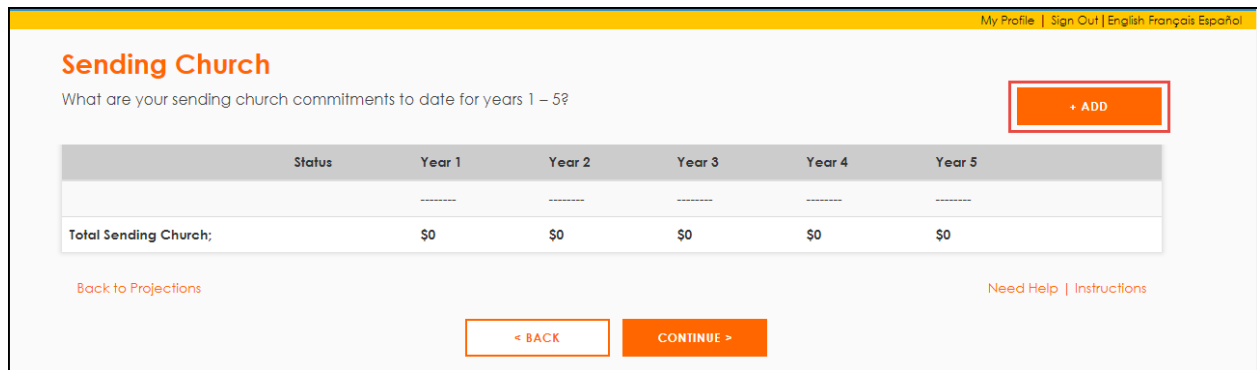

1. For the attendance section, enter your beginning number and projected numbers for the next three to five years. **Note:** Include adults and children for these totals.
2. In the Offerings section, enter the average **weekly** giving per attendee for evangelical churches in your area. **Note:** To determine this amount, contact local churches less

than 5 years old, and ask what their average weekly offering is. Find out the average weekly attendance, and divide the average weekly giving amount by that number.

3. Upon completing this page, click **Continue**.

Sending Church

On the Sending Church page, you can enter the amounts that sending church has committed to your church.

1. Click **Add** to include a sending church:

2. On the Add Sending Church page, enter required information, and then enter the commitment this church as made to your ministry. **Note:** Ensure the contact's email address is correct as your reviewer will send an email to confirm the commitment amount. Your funding cannot be approved until your supporters confirm their commitments.

3. Click **Add**. The information appears on the Sending Church page:

Sending Church

What are your sending church commitments to date for years 1 – 5?

+ ADD

	Status	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5		
First Baptist Church Chicago Allen Finch afinch@connectchurchatl.org	No Response	$40,000	$40,000	$30,000	$0	$0	EDIT	DELETE
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Total Sending Church;		$40,000	$40,000	$30,000	$0	$0		

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Supporting Church

In addition to the support provided by your Sending Church, you may have supporting churches who are committing to provide support to your new church.

1. Click **Add** to add the information about your Supporting Church. **Note:** You can add multiple supporting churches.

Supporting Church

What are your Supporting Church commitments to date for years 1 – 5?

+ ADD

	Status	Projected Year 1	Projected Year 2	Projected Year 3	Projected Year 4	Projected Year 5
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Total Supporting Church;		$0	$0	$0	$0	$0

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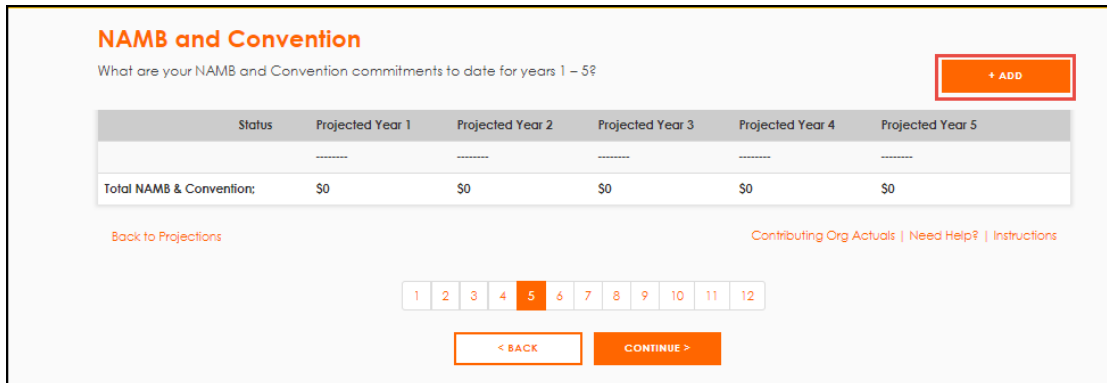
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2. Complete the required fields on the **Add Supporting Church page** as you did on the Add Sending Church page and click **Add**.

NAMB and Convention

You can add your NAMB and convention supporting funds on this page:

1. Click **Add.**

2. On the **Add NAMB and Convention page**, enter the page, enter the annual commitment.
3. Click **Add. Note:** NAMB & Convention contributions will automatically be calculated as percentages of the NAMB & Convention funds.

4. To continue to the next page, click **Edit** on the convention line. The Edit Convention Only portion page appears like so:

5. Enter the contact information and click **Save**. This contact must confirm the commitment for your projection to be approved.
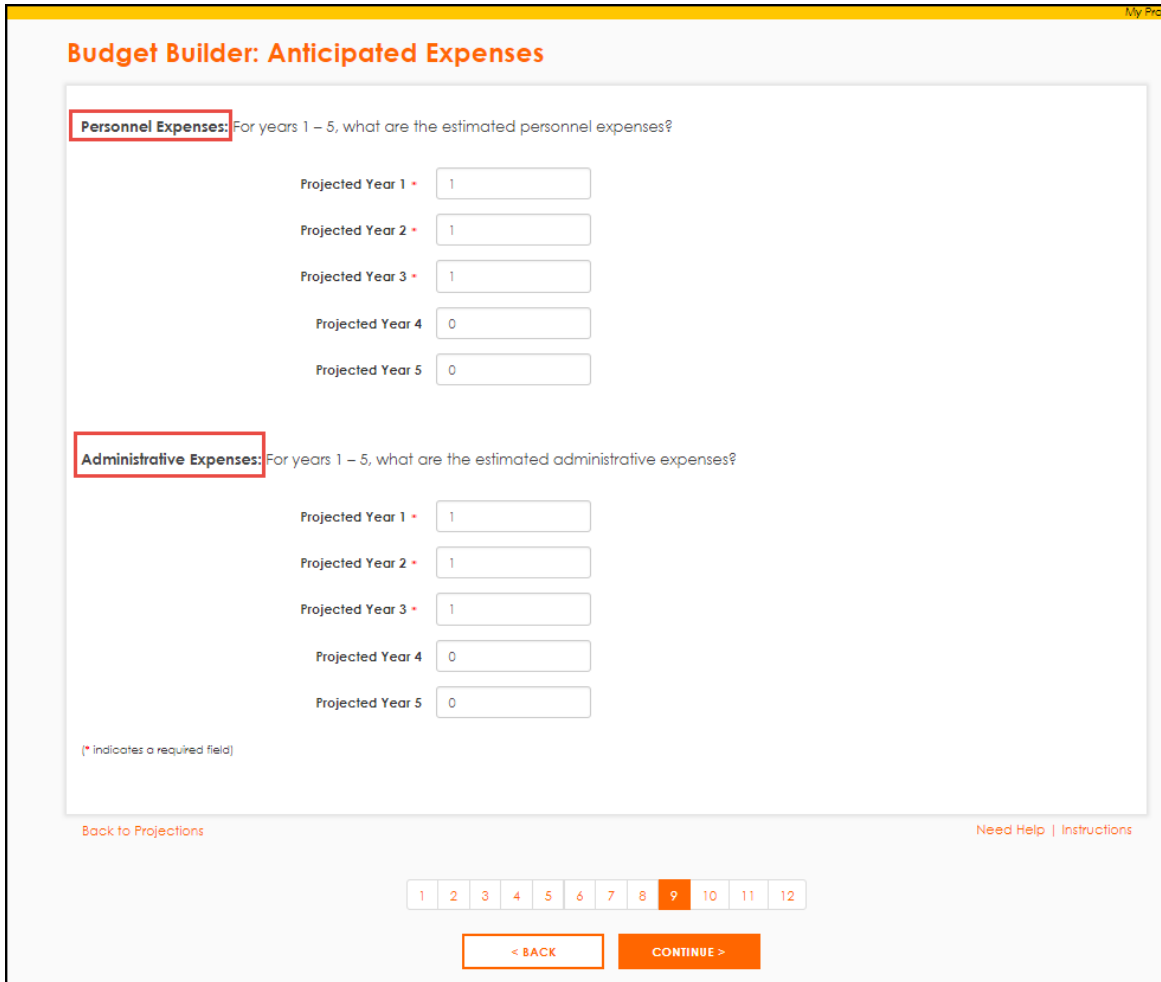
Other Funding Sources

You can enter other funding sources on the next three pages:
- Association
- Individual
- Other

You can add multiple associations, individuals or other sources of funding if necessary.

Budget Builder: Anticipated Expenses
Personnel and Administrative

The Budget Builder: The Anticipated Expenses page allows you to estimate your personnel and administrative costs for the next three to five years.

Personnel expenses can be one of the biggest expenses; they can increase by 10 percent each year. Enter the estimated personnel and administrative expenses, then click **Continue.**

SBC Related Mission Expenses
Missions giving can be Cooperative Program, associational, Annie Armstrong or Lottie Moon funds.

Budget Builder: Anticipated Expenses

SBC Related Mission Expenses: The total percentage of undesignated tithes and offerings allotted for the Southern Baptist Convention related mission. Minimum requirements are filled in below. If you wish to go above and beyond and give more, please increase these amounts.

Year 1

Projected Year 1 Cooperative Program: *	6
Year 1 Actual Annual Cooperative Giving $	0
Projected Great Commission Giving: *	4
Year 1 Actual Great Commission Giving $	0

[* indicates a required field]

Year 2

Projected Year 2 Cooperative Program: *	6
Year 2 Actual Annual Cooperative Giving $	0
Projected Great Commission Giving: *	4
Year 2 Actual Great Commission Giving $	0

[* indicates a required field]

Year 3

Projected Year 3 Cooperative Program: *	6
Year 3 Actual Annual Cooperative Giving $	0
Projected Great Commission Giving: *	4
Year 3 Actual Great Commission Giving $	0

[* indicates a required field]

Year 4

Projected Year 4 Cooperative Program:	6
Projected Great Commission Giving:	4

Year 5

Projected Year 5 Cooperative Program:	6
Projected Great Commission Giving:	4

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The minimum amounts display but if you choose to go above in your giving, you may increase them. Enter your amounts or accept the defaults, then click **Continue**.

Other Missions and Ministry Expenses
1. Use this page to enter the amount you plan to spend on mission causes not related to the SBC. Also, enter Total Ministry Related Expenses which may include evangelism, outreach and community service.

Recurring vs Non-Recurring Expenses

Your projection amounts entered to this point display on the Recurring vs. Non-Recurring Expenses page.

1. Enter your expected non-recurring, or one-time expenses here.
2. Click **Save**. The Projections page appears:

The projection you completed appears with the status *In Progress.*

3. Click **Submit.** Your projection is submitted to the reviewer you selected. This reviewer is notified by email to find your projection in his queue. The status of your projection will change to *In Review.*

Editing your Projection

If your reviewer requests changes before your Projection can be submitted for approval, he will deny the request. This action moves your projection status to *View Denial Reason.* After you view the denial reason, the status changes to In Process, and the Edit button is active.

You will receive an email notifying you of the requested changes. You must make those changes and re-submit the projection.

Approval

When your reviewer has received confirmation from all contributors, and he feels your projection is ready to be approved, he submits the projection to the Regional Mobilizer. The status is changed to In Approval.

The approver may either reject or deny the Projection. If he denies it, you must make the changes, then resubmit again. If he approves it, your Projection is approved and your funding is approved.
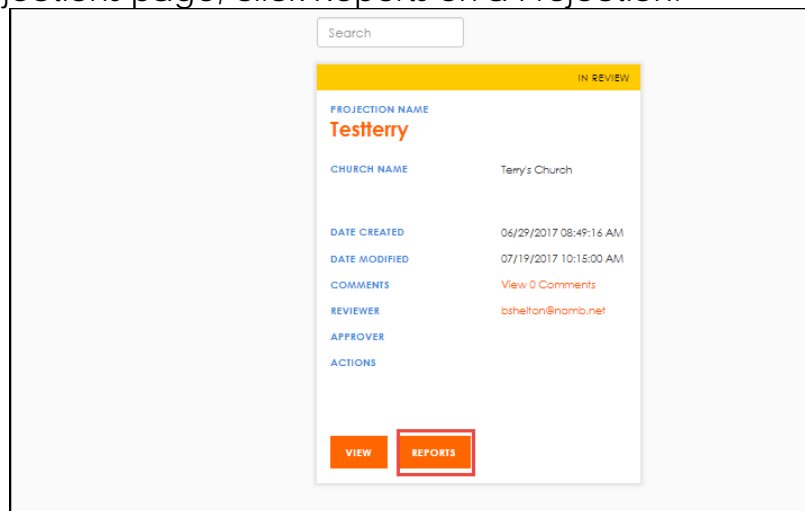
REPORTS

Planting Projector allows you to run reports on the information you have entered.
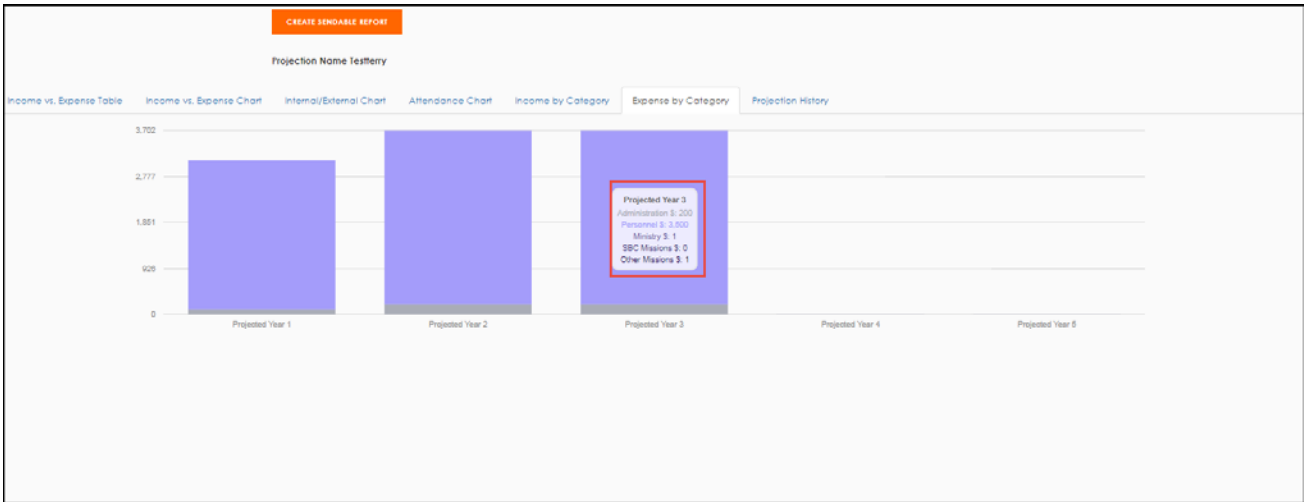The following reports are available:

- Income vs expense table
- Income vs expense chart
- Internal/external chart
- Attendance chart
- Income by category
- Expense by category
- Projection history—a log of status changes and updates by user

To access the reports, do the following:
1. From your projections page, click Reports on a Projection:

The report page appears:

2. Click the tabs at the top to view the different reports. **Note:** On Chart reports, hover your mouse over the bars on the chart to see details of the measure.

3. To have a compiled PDF of the report data sent to your email address, click **Create Sendable Report**:

	Projected Year 1	Projected Year 2	Projected Year 3	Projected Year 4	Projected Year 5	Total
Projection Name: Testterry						
Anticipated Commitment by Organization Type:						
Sending Church Commitment	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Supporting Church(es)	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Convention Commitment	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Association Commitment	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
SNA Grant	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
NAMB Through Convention	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Individuals	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Other	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Offerings	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Total Commitments:	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Unconfirmed Commitments:	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Percentage of Unconfirmed Commitments:						
Anticipated Expenses by Type:						
Administrative	$ 100.00	$ 200.00	$ 200.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 500.00
Personnel	$ 3,000.00	$ 3,500.00	$ 3,500.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 10,000.00
Ministry	$ 1.00	$ 1.00	$ 1.00	$ 1.00	$ 1.00	$ 5.00
SBC Missions	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Other Missions	$ 1.00	$ 1.00	$ 1.00	$ 1.00	$ 1.00	$ 5.00
Total Anticipated Expenses	$ 3,102.00	$ 3,702.00	$ 3,702.00	$ 2.00	$ 2.00	$ 10,510.00
Non-Recurring	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Recurring	$ 3,102.00	$ 3,702.00	$ 3,702.00	$ 2.00	$ 2.00	$ 10,510.00
Total Income Net of Expenses	$ -3,102.00	$ -3,702.00	$ -3,702.00	$ -2.00	$ -2.00	$ -10,510.00
Cooperative Program Giving Percentage	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%	
Great Commission Giving Percentage	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	

	Beginning	Projected Year 1	Projected Year 2	Projected Year 3	Projected Year 4	Projected Year 5
Anticipated Attendance	0	0	0	0		

INTEGRATION WITH QUARTERLY REPORTING

When you begin submitting Quarterly Reports, several data elements from those reports are imported into Planting Projector to allow you to view actual numbers against your projections.

Because data is tracked quarterly in Quarterly Reporting and annually in Planting Projector, actual numbers are imported at the end of each projection year. When the yearly update on the plant projection is due, you will be able to compare anticipated numbers vs. actual numbers, and adjust the next year's projection accordingly.

The following fields in Planting Projector are populated by data in Quarterly Reporting:

Actual Weekly Worship Attendance
This number is imported from the following question in Quarterly Reporting:
How many people currently attend a weekly worship service?

Actual Income Average Weekly
This number is imported from the following question in Quarterly Reporting:
How much local giving/offering has been received this quarter?

Actual Cooperative Giving/Actual Great Commission Giving

This number is imported from the following questions in Quarterly Reporting:
Amount of giving to The Cooperative Program?
Amount of giving to the Other SBC Great Commission initiatives, such as other plants or Annie Armstrong, etc.

Actual Income

This number is imported from the following questions in Quarterly Reporting:
How much total income has been received this quarter? (formula applied to convert to yearly)

Contributing Organization Actuals

This number is imported from the following question in Quarterly Reporting:
Support given by Sending Church, Multiplying Church and manually added developing partner.

Clicking the Contributing Org Actuals to import amounts broken down by partner name.

LOGGING OUT

To log out of Planting Projector, click **Sign Out** in the top right corner.