



CHURCH PLANTING

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A WORD FROM STEVE KRIER, DIRECTOR OF CHURCH PLANTING

Welcome to the church planting process! I commend you for your willingness to step out and prayerfully explore church planting as God's call for you.

Church planting can be incredibly rewarding! But with most worthwhile endeavors, the work is hard and often slow. Because the work of church planting is demanding, Converge Heartland is committed from the beginning to providing the necessary training and resources. Before you begin this work, we want to help you discern your calling to be a church planter.

This booklet is designed to give you valuable information about Converge Heartland and the church planting process. Our approach has proven effective in finding called and qualified church planters and equipping them to plant healthy churches.

I am praying for you and will continue to pray for you along this journey. Now, let's get started!



Better together,

STEVE KRIER
Director of Church Planting
Converge Heartland



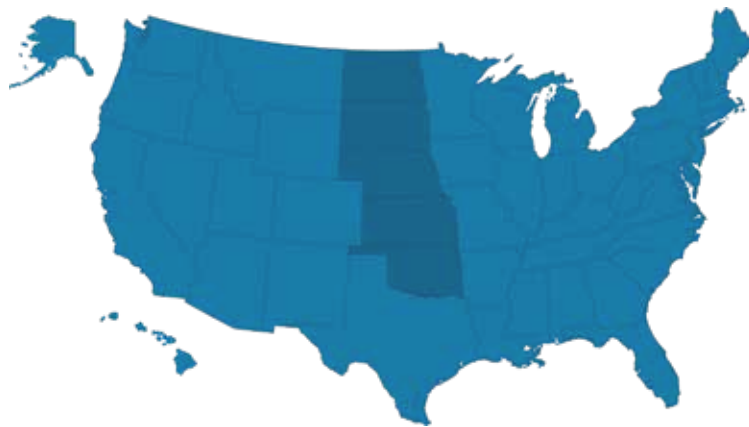
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CONVERGE

Converge is a movement of churches working to help people meet, know, and follow Jesus. We do this by starting and strengthening churches together worldwide.

CONVERGE HEARTLAND

Converge Heartland is a district within the Converge movement. Our district is comprised of over 60 churches in North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, and the Kansas City metro area. The vision of Converge Heartland is to see a gospel-centered church bringing transformation to every Heartland community.



CONVERGE HEARTLAND LEAD TEAMS

A LEAD Team is a gathering of relationally and missionally committed leaders from a geographical region. Teams meet together regularly to build meaningful relationships, focus on spiritual growth, and work together to see mission accomplished through multiplying (planting) new churches, and nurturing church health. As a church planter in the Heartland, you will be connected to a LEAD Team. In addition to the relational and spiritual support, the LEAD Team may have financial resources collectively and from their own churches that can help the new plant launch strong. We are better together!

Converge is one of the national leaders in church planting.

We are dedicated to planting healthy and sustainable churches.

With Converge, you'll get personalized coaching, practical training, relevant resources and tested strategies that work in the community in which you plant. You'll be able to implement proven systems that will help increase the long-term success of your church plant. More importantly, you'll be part of a family with other experienced church planters and mentors to support you, enthusiastic partners who want to see you succeed.



**COACHING AND LEADERSHIP
DEVELOPMENT**



**PRACTICAL TRAINING
AND RESOURCES**



**TESTED STRATEGIES IN
YOUR CONTEXT**



PROVEN PATHWAY



**PASTOR RETIREMENT
PLAN**

WHY PLANT WITH CONVERGE?

HEAR IT FROM OUR PLANTERS:

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Church planting shouldn't be done alone. Converge Heartland is that family, that tribe, who will be in your corner. They'll help you through the darkest times and the best times. I probably wouldn't be a Church Planter if God hadn't, in his grace, brought my wife and I to partner with Converge Heartland.

Chase Hill, Gospel Life Church, Wichita, KS



Planting a church is the biggest challenge that I have ever faced in ministry. That said, nothing has meant more to me than having the support, guidance, and friendship of the Converge Network. Their generosity, encouragement, and counsel have been a constant source of blessing, and I couldn't be more grateful to have them in the trenches of ministry with me.

Cody Weckerly, Harvest Plains Church, Mapleton, NE



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We have received support in so many ways – financially, in prayer, through counseling, through wise and experienced people speaking into our lives and encouraging us to use the gifts that God has given us. And that support didn't stop with the launch of our church! We continue to receive support and encouragement. Perhaps the biggest support is knowing that we are not alone and are being cheered on by men and women who not only love God but also want the best for us and our church.

Robert Conn, Arrows Church, Omaha, NE



PRE-LAUNCH

After some conversations together, you'll have the opportunity to attend Converge's highly-trusted Church Planting Assessment Center. During the assessment, trained assessors will help you discern your calling, fit in ministry and capacity to be the lead pastor on a planting team. Next, we'll outline partnership details, discuss your salary and explain what church planting grants you will receive. We'll teach you how to raise funds, recruit your launch team and fill out the legal forms to establish your church as a 501c3 non-profit. We can even help with the creative aspects of your church plant such as naming, branding, logo development and getting your website up and running.

LAUNCH

The support doesn't end just because you're ready to launch your church. Now the real fun begins. When it's time to launch, we stand with you to support you and your team. We want to make sure you're ready to launch successfully.

POST-LAUNCH

Throughout your journey you'll continue to receive coaching, training, church planting resources and the opportunity to connect with other leaders in Converge. When your church plant is ready to plant a new church, we'll walk alongside you throughout the process.

We can help you learn how to raise up leaders within your church, plan for capital campaigns and expansions, and how to keep you and your church healthy as you fulfill God's calling in your ministry.



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