

How to Start a Network of Multiplying Churches

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I. The Story of Hope Church NYC and the New City Network

II. Broad Thoughts on Movement and Mission

- A. Movement requires multiplication, and we use “Multiplying” as another word for “Mission”
- B. Multiplication is better than Addition for any local church. This is how we’re looking to build movement.
- C. Multiplication requires multiplying at EVERY level of the Church (2 Tim 2:2)
- D. 8.5 million is the number we care most about - invested in city movement *more* than the local church we lead
 - i) Once the local church I lead is self-sustaining/self-governing, we become more invested in movement-making, rather than the local church (self-propagating). This is most clearly seen in an open-handedness in sending resources (people and money) to help start new churches
 - (1) The health of the mother church starts first. So yes, we care about movement more, but the health of the mother church is of vital importance to start
 - ii) In our experience, the local church experiences sadness/grief, but gains in seeing God multiply seeds of generosity (while the mother church can still grow and deepen). Again, the mother church should FIRST get to a size of sustainability while still being able to send 20-40 people to plant churches, but thereafter, the possibilities of becoming a generative church are strong if the culture is such.
 - (1) Now that we’re a family of churches, the whole network can help “seed” new churches.

III. The Subversive Rationale for Movement

- A. A 3-Month Sabbatical every 3 Years
 - iii) My Own Soul & Longevity - Modeling this for the Pastors After Me
 - iv) Everyone is Unique, but Everyone is Replaceable (John 1:20)
 - v) A Movement that Lives On When I’m Long Gone

IV. The Nuts & Bolts

- A. Intentionally Apprentice Capable Leaders with Character & Competence
- B. Being the Kind of “Spiritual Father” to other Leaders that God is for us.
 - 1. Balance of Mission + Morale (Progress + Joy in Phil 1:25)
 - a) NOT CEO, although there are elements of this. If I lean CEO, then mission becomes goal, thereby limiting joy.
 - b) NOT Buddy, although there are elements of this. If I lean buddy, then morale is the goal, but there can be limited progress.
- C. Provide a Training Ground That’s Intentional - Church Planting Residency
 - 1. See [HERE](#)

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- D. Provide a Training Ground That's Unintentional - Weekly Pastoral Meetings/Life Together
 - 1. See [HERE](#)
- E. Provide a training ground that is broader than our own family of churches (Redeemer City to City + New City Network + Denomination) to instill movement vision
 - 1. See [HERE](#) for Redeemer City to City - this is distinct from what's offered in other cities. CTC is an amazing, invaluable resource that we are more-than-fortunate to have.
 - 2. See [HERE](#) for New City Network
 - 3. We desire each church to be part of a denomination that fits our theological disposition/culture. Being part of a longer-standing institution provides yet another leg of support, tradition, accountability.
- F. Empower to Lead/Learn through Leading
- G. Central Resource so that Church Planters can major in core competencies (Normally Preaching and Pastoring)
 - 1. Financial Resources
 - 2. Administrative Support
 - 3. Systems Support
 - 4. Human Resources
 - 5. Emotional Health

**For more information on how Hope Church NYC defines itself + function + the pros vs. cons of Network Church Planting vs Multi-Site, see [HERE](#).*