

Church Planting in the Network

Some very introductory thoughts for our consideration.

- I. Kinds of Plants (3 kinds of Dioceses: In-Dominion / Redeemed / Network)
 - A. new church in an area previously out of bounds (NYC, Philadelphia, Seattle)
 - B. group (small or large) of disenfranchised Episcopalians from several churches.
 - C. an entire parish which must/is called to leave diocese/or ECUSA
 - D. and then there is the tiny beleaguered group in the middle of nowhere.

- II. What all plants need
 - A. TLC
 - B. A Bishop/overseer
 - C. A leader, not necessarily a priest...
 - D. Priestly help
 - E. A heart for the lost.
 - F. Training and oversight from experienced planters and coaches.
 - G. Connection to a larger healthy church for training & encouragement
 - H. Culturally appropriate

- III. Core Values of Network to be reproduced in Plants
 - A. Generosity
 - B. Heart for the lost
 - C. Faithfulness to Scripture
 - D. "to the ends of the earth" - mission-mindedness.
 - E. Common DNA

- IV. Ways to plant
 - A. Missionary fellowships (St. Aidan's Missionary Society model from Bill Murdoch)
 - B. House churches which are part of a Network parish. (e.g. Christ Church, Overland Park is doing this?)
 - C. Planting under an overseas jurisdiction, *Ekklesia connection?*
 - D. Connection to a nearby parish of another Anglican body: REC, APA, AmIA
 - E. Unofficial connection to a network bishop. *What does this look like?*

- V. Suggested moves forward.
 - A. Ask Tom Herrick to convene Church Plant experts who are part of the Network. Anoint/appoint them to produce a strategy for the training and support of new congregations.
 - B. Ask Convocational Deans to give input to Steering Committee about appropriate ways forward.
 - C. Develop a FUND for new congregations start up costs **who?**
 - D. Land and buildings capital fund (United Anglican Fund) **who?**
 - E. Appoint a "chapman" for "breakaway plants", who could broker information, connect to Ekklesia for a foreign bishop, etc., depending on need.