

HOW TO PREPARE A CHURCH FOR REPLANTING

FOR UNINCORPORATED CONGREGATIONS

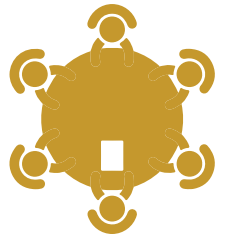


1.) UNDERSTAND THE PROCESS

- As an unincorporated entity in the State of Alabama, there is no legal process to dissolve the organization. The remaining church members can simply choose to stop existing.
- The church will need to divest itself of all assets in accordance with generally legal practices.

2.) CALL A BUSINESS MEETING

- Call a special business meeting giving the members at least ten days notice.
- Elect trustees, if the church does not have any active trustees.
- Vote to empower the church's trustees to sign any documents needed to transfer ownership of any real property.



3.) INVEST IN YOUR COMMUNITY THROUGH THE BMBA

- The church's other assets can be used to support area non-profits, fund missions, support church revitalization, invest in church planting, and more through the BMBA.
- The church may vote in their business meeting to donate other assets to the BMBA.

4.) YOUR CHURCH'S IMPACT WILL CONTINUE THROUGH THE BMBA

- Your church may instruct the BMBA to distribute cash to qualified non-profits.
- The church may provide funds to the BMBA to pay for any costs associated with the transfers. Churches usually include the BMBA as a recipient to help it continue the work of church planting and revitalization.
- The BMBA will work to ensure that a Southern Baptist presence remains in the community or is begun in an underserved community in the metro area.



5.) FINISHING WELL



- The BMBA's financial administration service offers to handle all remaining financial administrative responsibilities through the end of the year (Payroll & tax reports, accounts payable, member contribution statements, etc.).
- If a Replanting church has been identified, the BMBA can facilitate a "Torch Passing" service to celebrate your church's past and your continued investment in the community through the replanting church.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT REPLANTING OR CHURCH REVITALIZATION CONTACT DR. JOSH COOK AT JOSHC@BMBAONLINE.ORG OR 205-599-3245

WHAT IS A CHURCH REPLANT?

Church Planting: the rescue, redemption and restoration of a church at or near the point of death, by the power of the Holy Spirit, for the glory of God and the good of the community.



HONEST ASSESSMENT

A plateaued or declining church begins to look at their community and the church. They realize that many of their faithful members live in other communities and they notice that their community has experienced some type of transition which makes it difficult for the church to be effective.



DISCOVERING HOPE

Churches do not have to end in a hopeless slide and you are not alone. The BMBA has resources to help churches in your situation. You can contact the BMBA to arrange a meeting to learn about all the options for revitalization. The BMBA Revitalization Team wants to help you discover the best path forward for your church and your community.



NEW LIFE AND VISION

If Replanting is a good option for your church, the BMBA will partner with the Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions to identify a church planter or a church plant with a passion to reach a community like yours. With everyone working together, your community will see God glorified through the new life and vision.



A NEW SEASON OF MINISTRY

Rather than experiencing a slow death, your church facilities will be filled by a new church that can experience years of fruitful ministry because of your investment. The existing members of your church may want to stick around and be a part of the new work.