

10 Steps to Church Planting with Reach Nebraska

1. **Make the initial contact.** Call or write the Reach Nebraska Project Director.
2. **Personal Interview.** What follows then is to sit down one-on-one with the RNPD to go over the following procedure step by step. Also we will discuss your interest, options and possibilities in church planting.
3. **Selection Process.**
The steps include:
 - a. Complete pre-applications.
 - b. Complete a written profile questionnaire that helps identify areas that affect your ministry.
 - c. An interview with an assessment team which covers 13 characteristics of a church planter.
 - d. A meeting with the Reach Nebraska selection team.
4. **Project Proposal.** We will ask you to put on paper your ideas or the details of your anticipated project.
This includes:
 - a. An overview of what you plan to do, including; mission statement, values, and basic strategy.
 - b. Prepare a Reach Nebraska Grant application.
5. **Formal Approval.** At this point the Home Missions Executive Committee makes the decision regarding whether or not you are approved to plant an Assemblies of God church in Nebraska.
6. **Clarification and Commitments Meeting.** If the selection process is a green light we will clarify the commitments which you will have with the Nebraska District and clarify what the Nebraska District commits to you. This is done so there will be clear understanding of relationships and obligations with no surprises coming later.
7. **Receive Training.** If approved, then you and your spouse will be sent by Reach Nebraska to a four day church planting boot camp at no cost to you.
8. **Make Preparations.**
This includes several steps;
 - a. Build a group of prayer partners.
 - b. If applicable begin building relationship with a parent church.
 - c. Set up your budget.
 - d. Gather team members and begin developing a core group.
9. **Begin Public Services.** This begins only after 3-9 months of preparation. Statistics show that after one year of public services, the congregation averages 2 ½ times the size of the core group at the first public service. Therefore it is crucial to the church planter to develop the strongest possible core group before public services begin.
10. **Accountability.** The Church planter and spouse are assigned to an experienced, trained, pastor coach. This relationship will provide encouragement, counsel, and accountability. Also support will be available through group meetings with other church planters and special events provided by the Reach Nebraska.

This is a general outline of the process of how it works. May God help you in finding your place in the Kingdom.