



Anglican Diocese of the West

Church Planting Process

1. **Contact the Diocesan Office**

Contact the Diocesan office and talk with the Suffragan Bishop for Church Planting for approval to plant a church. Determine the resources and training available. Discuss the process and build a relationship.

2. **Take an Assessment**

This is a more in-depth look at the planter's calling, character, capacity, gifts, skills, life situation, and ordination stage. An assessment is not pass/fail, but it is a low-overhead tool to quickly gain helpful details about the potential planter.

3. **Get Connected Locally**

Develop and build relationships within the local Archdeaconry: i.e. the Regional Archdeacon, Rectors, and other planters. If in a geographical area where no Anglican Diocese of the West or CONNAM churches are present, connect with other GAFCON jurisdictions for solidarity and collaboration.

4. **Get Training**

Get equipped to plant a healthy church by reading the Diocese of the West recommended literature, boot camps, conferences, retreats, and podcasts.

5. **Find a Coach**

Discern and hire a coach for guidance and mentoring to plant a healthy church through regular phone calls.

6. Develop a Church Planting Ministry Plan

Put together a strategic plan for the church plant:

- a. envision phase
- b. implementation phase I
- c. implementation phase II
- d. multiplication phase.

The ministry plan includes timelines, finances, demographical information, launch team, marketing, discipleship, and leadership pipelines, and what will be needed for the church plant to becoming a church planting church.

7. Launch the Church

Execute the strategic plan, build a launch team, conduct a soft-launch season, and launch the church.