



Anglican Diocese of the West

Funding Strategies

A Brief History of the Diocese

In 2013, the Diocese began with 23 churches. As of 2020, the Diocese consists of almost 50 churches, many of which were church plants. Until this year, the Diocese has been planting 4-5 churches per year.

ADOTW Church Planting Process (Also Found Online at www.adotw.com)

1. Contact the Diocesan Office and Suffragan Bishop for Church Planting
2. Take an Assessment
3. Get Connected Locally
4. Get Training
5. Find a Coach
6. Develop a Church Planting Ministry Plan
7. Launch the Church

ADOTW Church Planting Constructs (Also Found Online at www.adotw.com)

1. *Convictions*: Church planting is a biblical mandate for our Diocese.
2. *Culture*: The unwritten values, expectations, and practices that create an environment for church planting.
3. *Constructs*: The systems and structures needed for the support of church planting
 - a. Leadership Pipeline
 - b. Assessment
 - c. Training
 - d. Coaching
 - e. Ongoing Support
 - f. **Funding** (*the focus of this document*)
 - g. Strategic Oversight
4. *Collaboration*: The people and teams tasked with overseeing and advancing church planting.

How Some Anglican Dioceses are Funding Church Planting

- Some dioceses give 10% (basically a tithe towards church Planting)
- Some dioceses give 25%
- One does 50%
- Most have no budgeted funding strategy

Creating a Church Planting Engine for ADOTW

1. Develop and implement a funding plan (*see suggested model below*)
2. Develop and implement a 5 to 7 – year vision for the Diocese
 - a. **Future Projected:** What do we want the diocese to look like in 2023-2025?
 - b. **Future Projected:** How many new church plants do we want to see by then?
 - c. **Present Work:** What systems and structures need to be put into place now to make that vision a reality?
3. Burning Urgent Patience
 - a. Do not overestimate what can be done in 1 year.
 - b. Do not underestimate what can be done in 5-7 years.

Diocesan Goals for Church Plants

- We want our church plants to be self-governing.
- We want our church plants to be self-sustaining.
- We want our church plants to be self-replicating.

Suggested Diocesan Model for Church Planting

1. **Planter** – All church planters should be able to raise funds
2. **Launch Team/Core Group** – Once gathered, funding from the 10-30 people who will be starting the new church.
3. **Local Archdeaconry (Or Church Partners)** – Buy-in and investment from local congregations.
4. **Diocese** – 2 to 3-year commitment on the back-end.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total
Planter	\$12k+	\$12k+	\$12k+	\$12k+	\$12k+	\$60k
Launch Team/Core Group	\$10k+	\$15k+	\$20k+	\$25k+	\$30k+	\$100k
Archdeaconry	\$5k+	\$5k+	\$5k+	\$5k+	\$5k+	\$25k
Diocese	x	x	\$5k+	\$7.5k	\$10k	\$22.5k