

ORLANDO CHURCH PLANTING

PROSPECTUS

Orlando is currently experiencing a growth rate of 1,000 new residents each week, presenting a significant opportunity to launch a church planting movement. Substantial funding has already been allocated for two church plants. These will serve as anchors of the movement. The plants will be managed and receive support from the EPC Church Planting Community, led by Richard Rieves, Hunter Bailey and Alfredo Forhans.

Given the scale of this vision, we are seeking movement leaders to plant flagship churches that will, in turn, plant additional churches. Partnering with EPC Church Planting is an added benefit as it offers substantial support, including biannual in-person training, coaching, and cohorts. Our goal is to foster a community of planters where no one feels isolated, and every planter is relationally connected and resourced. We are committed to planting gospel-driven, kingdom-minded, holistic, healthy, and reproducing churches led by well-supported planters. This community is led by three experienced church planters: Hunter Bailey, Alfredo Forhans, and Richard Rieves. You can discover more at www.epcchurchplanting.com.

****Location 1**:** East Orlando. We are targeting this location not only for its growth potential but also because a church property will be made available for the new plant. St. Stephens EPC is located at 8601 Lake Underhill Rd, Orlando, FL 32825. Although it was once a thriving congregation, it has since experienced significant decline. To honor its legacy and continue kingdom work, the church wishes to offer its location and campus to support a new church planting initiative.

In addition to property, \$300,000 has been allocated for this plant, along with the funds necessary to hire a church planting resident.

****Demographics**:** The population within a five-mile radius of the campus is approximately 200,000. This area encompasses both new residential developments and established neighborhoods. Forty-seven percent of the population identifies as Hispanic, while twenty-seven percent identifies as White. Additionally, forty-two percent of residents speak Spanish at home, and forty-seven percent speak English.

Given these demographics, there is a significant opportunity to pair an Anglo planter with a Latino planter. The combination of these demographics and the availability of a building makes it feasible to establish a Latino study center aimed at training the next generation of Latino pastors and planters.

****Location 2**** There are several areas in need of a new church, with Winter Garden and Southeast Orlando (Vista Park) being two promising options. We aim to launch a church planting movement, so we are looking for a strong visionary leader. This church planter will oversee a church planting resident during their residency. Additionally, depending on the location, a Latino planter or pastor may also join this initiative. Significant funding has also been designated for this work.

One advantage of planting two churches simultaneously is the intentional collaboration that can take place between the planters. They are expected to meet regularly for mutual encouragement and idea sharing.

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