

Embracing different models for starting new churches

For the past 12 years NCS has made it a practice to capture, catalogue and communicate new learning. As part of the effort to provide tools for leaders to effectively multiply ministry, we have continued to study and embrace methods of starting new churches. It is no longer one model fits all.

In our effort to provide training we have discovered the importance of providing training for the different models of starting new churches mentioned in this brochure. If you would like more information on any of these models, please contact us or visit our web site.



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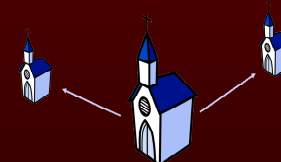
Healthy Leaders Leading Healthy Churches

Training Leaders to Start New Churches in Today's Culture



Traditional Church Planting

Organic Churches



Multi-Site Churches

Cowboy Churches



All kinds of churches to reach all kinds of people

Models for Starting New Churches



Traditional Model

For over 12 years, NCS has been involved in training in the traditional model of starting a new church. This typically involves a leader being called to a specific area to start a new church. The person may have a parent church, may be a “parachute drop” (no sponsoring church and no launch team) or it may be a judicatory sponsored church plant.

We have provided training in this area to hundreds of church planters with good success. The focus is to gather a launch team, raise support and move toward a launch Sunday that is seen as the birth of the church.

This training is provided on a regional or local level with the church planter and his/her launch team. The desired outcome is to launch with as many people as possible and build a healthy church.



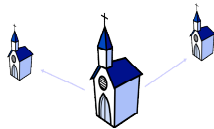
Organic Church

An Organic Community is a small group of people who gather together to share life in Christ centered relationships. Ministering together, learning together, loving together, recreating together, worshipping together,

and encouraging one another in the midst of life. Organic communities are generally small reproductive communities growing to approximately 15-20 adults, along with their families, and who have an apostolic mindset of starting new communities.

The desired outcome of the Organic Church movement is to have a church within walking distance of every home in America. For the past several years, NCS has invested in understanding the organic movement around the world and how to best transfer that learning to the American culture.

This training and coaching is delivered regionally through workshops, an extended training time and one on one coaching.



Multi-site Churches

The core idea of multi-site is simple: "one church meeting in many locations," as Elmer Towns describes it in *Ten of Today's Most Innovative Churches*.³ These alternate venues go by a wide variety of names including digital church, extension sites, video-café congregations, multiple campuses, and satellite ministries. A church becomes multi-site by extending itself to more than one location: across town, across the state, and/or literally around the world. In short, the multi-site movement is about a new way of re-assigning the physical boundaries of a church.

Multi-site congregations occur in all sizes, with many off-site campuses averaging under 100 in weekly worship. Although megachurches with multiple-location strategies garner the most media attention, multi-site isn't solely a megachurch phenomenon. Multi-site churches can be found across the size spectrum, with churches in the 250

to 500 attendance range as a frequent multi-site sponsor.

The desired outcome of a multi-site church is not a growth strategy, but a strategy on how to best fulfill the great commission.

NCS has spent time studying this movement and developing resources to assist churches successfully begin multi-site ministries. This training is delivered through consulting with the local church and providing coaching throughout the process.



Cowboy Churches

In 2005, NCS began studying the rapid growth of Cowboy Churches across the southern United States. In the fall of 2007, we partnered with the Texas Fellowship of Cowboy Churches (TFCC) to build and deliver a Cowboy Church Coaching System. Through the TFCC, over 150 Cowboy Churches have been planted in Texas since 2005 with over 10,000 people now attending Texas Fellowship Cowboy Churches.

We have now seen cowboy churches started in several areas of the United States. In our effort to train and equip those who feel a leading to start a church among the cowboy culture, we have developed a Cowboy Church University. This training is delivered nationally and regionally. Some denominations are now developing their own training systems based on the NCS model.