

PLNTD

CORE VALUES

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DECENTRALIZED NETWORK

PLNTD is an intentionally decentralized network. There is no centralized office or paid staff. We are a team of pastors of church planting churches and/or church planters. In other words, our primary work is not PLNTD as a network but our respective churches, and we believe that is what makes PLNTD important. The network exists to serve and equip local churches and church planters, period. The benefit of being decentralized keeps the network flexible and capable of expanding for kingdom advance.

GOSPEL CENTERED

PLNTD believes that the health and progress of both church planters and churches are determined by the centrality of the gospel. The gospel lies at the heart of everything we do and functions as a hermeneutic and grid through which we evaluate everything we do. We believe the gospel cannot be assumed, truncated, shelved, or marginalized at any point in the existence of the local church. More than anything else, we desire to train church planters who love the gospel, preach the gospel, share the gospel, and stand on the gospel as the source of their hope, ground for their confidence, and cause for perseverance in the journey of planting, establishing, and reproducing more gospel-centered churches.

MISSIONALLY DRIVEN

PLNTD seeks to harness the missionary zeal for the advance of the kingdom through church planting. We do not see mission as a department of the church but essential with the nature of the church. As a sent people, we endeavor to be a catalyst for equipping churches to embrace this calling through structural transitioning to bring greater alignment for church multiplication. As a network of churches, we seek to incorporate a full-orbed vision of God's mission that encompasses the entirety of church life. God's mission coupled with God's church and gospel are woven together as the DNA of the network's existence.

DISTINCTIVELY BAPTIST

While there is a great need for networks across the evangelical landscape, PLNTD is committed to planting churches who are distinctively baptistic. This does not mean that we do not cooperate or share resources with other like-minded evangelical organizations or networks. However, as convinced Baptists, we are seeking to network, plant, and support churches who hold to key doctrinal distinctives such as believers' baptism, regenerate church membership, congregational polity, and the priesthood of all believers. If the researchers are correct regarding the decline and closing of Baptist churches, then there is never a more needed time than now for renewal and revitalization through a grassroots movement in this generation.

CONFESSIONALLY REFORMED

PLNTD networks confessional churches that adhere to the tenets of Reformation theology—*sola scriptura* (Scripture alone), *sola gratia* (grace alone), *sola fide* (faith alone), *solus Christus* (Christ alone), and *solus deo gloria* (glory of God alone). The historic Abstract of Principles (1858) serves to establish confessional boundaries. Being confessional means that we are pre-committed to foundational truths that unite us in what we believe as well as affirm the kind of churches we seek to plant and support. Recognizing that every healthy church will be “reformed and always reforming according to the Word of God”, we desire to create a culture where the foundation of fidelity to Scripture serves as platform for ongoing reformation under the Lordship and Headship of Jesus Christ.