



# OHIO CHURCH MULTIPLICATION NETWORK

## **Church Planters Training Pathway:**

**Introduction:** The following is a journey that you can take as a church planter and planting team to be better prepared for starting a church in a new place. Please note that access to **all the videos are FREE**. However, the Church Multiplication Network (CMN) will require you to **start a FREE account with CMN Lead** in order to utilize their videos and resources. This site is an excellent resource for any church.

## **TOPIC #1: Introduction to the Assemblies of God & A Theology of Church Planting**

**Foundational Scripture:** Matthew 16, Acts 1:8 & Acts 2 (Specifically vv. 42-47)

**Book / Video:** <https://ag.org/About/About-the-AG/History>

**Video:** *OCMN Church Planting Questions*  
<https://vimeo.com/296917752>

**Websites:** <https://ohiocmn.org/> <https://ag.org>  
<https://churchmultiplication.net/>

**Book:** *Planting Missional Churches* by Ed Stetzer (ch. 1-4)

**Video:** *Church Planting 101 with Ed Stetzer*  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n5xsqrCjAMA>

## **Questions to discuss:**

- 1) What interests you about planting a church with the Assemblies of God?
- 2) What's the difference between "mission", "missions", & "missional" according to Stetzer's book?  
How will this affect the way that your church functions?



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### **TOPIC #2: Community Engagement & Gospel Ministry**

**Foundational Scripture:** Acts 2:42-47, Matthew 28:18-20

**Book:** *“Planting Missional Churches”* by Ed Stetzer (ch. 20 - *Evangelism*)

**Video** Mike Quinn: *5 L’s of Outreach & Community Engagement*

[https://cmnlead.com/en/Resources/Community-Engagement/Video\\_CMNL\\_5-Ls-of-Outreach-and-Community-Transformation\\_2019](https://cmnlead.com/en/Resources/Community-Engagement/Video_CMNL_5-Ls-of-Outreach-and-Community-Transformation_2019)

Ray Hudson: *A Step By Step Walkthrough To Planning Community Engagement*

[https://cmnlead.com/en/Resources/Community-Engagement/Video\\_CMNL\\_A-Step-by-Step-Walkthrough-to-Planning-Community-Engagement\\_2020](https://cmnlead.com/en/Resources/Community-Engagement/Video_CMNL_A-Step-by-Step-Walkthrough-to-Planning-Community-Engagement_2020)

Walter Harvey: *Commandments of Community Engagement*

[https://cmnlead.com/en/Resources/Community-Engagement/Video\\_CMNL\\_Commandments-of-Community-Engagement\\_2019](https://cmnlead.com/en/Resources/Community-Engagement/Video_CMNL_Commandments-of-Community-Engagement_2019)

Brian Alarid: *Building a Culture of Evangelism*

[https://cmnlead.com/en/Resources/Weekend-Experience/Video\\_CMNL\\_The-Culture-of-Evangelism\\_2019](https://cmnlead.com/en/Resources/Weekend-Experience/Video_CMNL_The-Culture-of-Evangelism_2019)

### **Questions to discuss:**

1. What are the greatest needs in my community?
2. Where is life lived in my community?
3. Where is the greatest pain in the culture at this time?
4. Who are the ministries / non-profits that we can partner with?
5. What is our church passionate about & how can we make a difference?



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### **TOPIC #3: Healthy Pastor = Healthy Church**

**Foundational Scripture:** Matthew 22:34-40

**Book / Video:** *“Toxic Soul”* by Jason Isaacs  
*“The Emotionally Healthy Leader”* by Peter Scazzerro  
*“Love and Respect”* – by Emerson Eggeriches  
(Having a Healthy Marriage)

**Webinar:** Peter Scazzerro – Emotionally Healthy Leadership

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pC58HyaRJPC>

(Short Assessment - <https://www.emotionallyhealthy.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Leadership-Assessment.pdf>)

**Podcast:** Chris Railey: How to Have a Winning Marriage Without Losing Your Ministry

[https://cmnlead.com/en/Resources/CMN-Leadership-Podcast/Video\\_CMNPodcast\\_Episode-20\\_2019](https://cmnlead.com/en/Resources/CMN-Leadership-Podcast/Video_CMNPodcast_Episode-20_2019)

Dr. Robert Crosby & Dr. Jon Davidson: Emotionally Healthy in Crisis

[https://cmnlead.com/en/Resources/COVID-19-Resources/Video\\_Emotionally-Healthy-Leadership-in-Crisis\\_2020](https://cmnlead.com/en/Resources/COVID-19-Resources/Video_Emotionally-Healthy-Leadership-in-Crisis_2020)

**Resource:** Emerge Ministries - <https://counseling.emerge.org/>

### **Questions to discuss:**

- 1) How would you define a healthy pastor?
- 2) What are realistic expectations concerning the involvement of the spouse of a church planter? What should the spouse expect from the church?
- 3) What are some healthy habits that the pastor and team should practice in order to stay revitalized in ministry?



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### **TOPIC #4: Team Building & Team Work**

**Foundational Scripture:** 1Corinthians 12, 1Peter 4:10-11

**Book / Video:** *“Planting Missional Churches”* by Ed Stetzer (ch. 13, 19)  
*“5 Dysfunctions of a Team”* by Patrick Lencionni  
*“Find Your Place”* by Rob Wegner and Brian Phipps

**Podcast:** Chris Railey: Building Your Team & Protecting Your Church Culture  
<https://cmnlead.com/en/Resources/CMN-Leadership-Podcast/Video-CMNPodcast-Episode-6-2019>

Chris Railey: The 5 Stages of Building a Team  
<https://cmnlead.com/en/Resources/CMN-Leadership-Podcast/Video-CMNPodcast-Episode-11-2019>

Jonathan Hardy: 7 Steps for Onboarding Volunteers  
<https://cmnlead.com/en/Resources/Assimilation-Process/Video-Partner-A-System-for-Onboarding-Volunteers-2019-5-Systems-3>

**Software:** ASANA (Team Management) <https://app.asana.com>

### **Questions to discuss:**

- 1) What are the essential qualities that every successful team has?  
Also, what are some skill sets or spiritual gifts?
- 2) What are some important things that every team member needs from their leader?
- 3) What are the Values that your team has agreed upon?



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### TOPIC #5: Creating Culture

**Foundational Scripture:** Matthew 5-7, Chapter 13

**\*\*How does Jesus' teaching about the Kingdom of God address church culture?**

**Book / Video:** *"Cracking Your Church's Culture Code"* by Sam Chand

**Article:** Carey Nieuwhof: A 5 Step Guide on How to Create an Amazing Church Culture

<https://careynieuwhof.com/guide-on-how-to-create-an-amazing-church-culture/>

**Video:** *Cultural Shifts in the Church* by Matt Nelson

[https://cmnlead.com/en/Resources/Leadership-Development/Video\\_CMN10\\_Cultural-Shifts-in-the-Church\\_2019](https://cmnlead.com/en/Resources/Leadership-Development/Video_CMN10_Cultural-Shifts-in-the-Church_2019)

Jeff Leake: Building Culture

[https://cmnlead.com/en/Resources/Team-Building/Video\\_CMN10\\_Building-Culture\\_2018](https://cmnlead.com/en/Resources/Team-Building/Video_CMN10_Building-Culture_2018)

### Questions to discuss:

- 1) If someone were to write an article about your church 5 -10 years from now what would you want them to say? What would God want your church to be known for?
- 2) What are the top 4 behaviors that you would like to see ingrained into the life of your church?
- 3) How do you plan on creating this culture in your church?



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### **TOPIC #6: Making Disciples**

**Foundational Scripture:** 2Cor. 3:18 (NLT), Eph. 4:11-15, John 13

**Book / Video:** *"Planting Missional Churches"* by Ed Stetzer  
(ch. 24 – Spiritual Formation)

**Missional Book:** *"Building a Discipling Culture"* by Mike Breen  
**Book:** *"Ready, Set, Grow"* - Scott Wilson  
*"No Silver Bullets"* – Daniel Im

**Video:** Wayne Northup: Discipleship Systems  
[https://cmnlead.com/en/Resources/Discipleship-Pathway/Video\\_CMN10\\_Discipleship-Systems\\_2018](https://cmnlead.com/en/Resources/Discipleship-Pathway/Video_CMN10_Discipleship-Systems_2018)

Daniel Im: *Measuring Discipleship*  
[https://cmnlead.com/en/Resources/Discipleship-Pathway/Video\\_CMN10\\_Measuring-Discipleship\\_2018](https://cmnlead.com/en/Resources/Discipleship-Pathway/Video_CMN10_Measuring-Discipleship_2018)

**Website & Media Resource:** Right Now Media (OMN has a FREE Subscription)  
<https://www.rightnowmedia.org>

### **Questions to discuss:**

- 1) How would you define Spiritual Formation?  
How does that compare to being a Disciple of Christ?
- 2) What process will be used in making disciples at your church? (Discipleship Pathway)
- 3) What are the spiritual growth outcomes of your church?  
How do you measure a true disciple of Jesus?



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### **TOPIC #7: Building Leaders**

**Foundational Scripture:** Matthew 20:25-28, Exodus 18:9-27

**Books / Video:** *"A Guide for Identifying and Training Leaders"* by Josh Willaford  
*"Next Generation Leader"* by Andy Stanley  
*"Winning with People"* by John Maxwell

**Video:** Jason Hanash: Developing Your Leadership Pipeline  
[https://cmnlead.com/en/Resources/Discipleship-Pathway/Video\\_CMN10\\_Developing-Your-Leadership-Pipeline\\_2019](https://cmnlead.com/en/Resources/Discipleship-Pathway/Video_CMN10_Developing-Your-Leadership-Pipeline_2019)

Scott Wilson: How to Add Value to Others as a Leader  
[https://cmnlead.com/en/Resources/Leadership-Development/Video\\_CMNL\\_How-to-Add-Value-to-Others-as-a-Leader\\_2019](https://cmnlead.com/en/Resources/Leadership-Development/Video_CMNL_How-to-Add-Value-to-Others-as-a-Leader_2019)

**Podcast:** Craig Groeschel: Leadership Podcast  
<https://www.life.church/leadershippodcast/>

### **Questions to discuss:**

- 1) How would you describe a servant leader?  
What are some Biblical examples of servant leaders?  
(What made them stand out?)
- 2) What qualities do you look for in someone that you want to elevate into leadership?
- 3) How will you build leaders at your church?
- 4) What is the Vision that you want your leaders to champion?



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### **TOPIC #8: Effective Communication**

**Foundational Scriptures:** 2Timothy 4:1-5

Luke 3:2-3

Acts 13:15-41, 14:15-17, 17:22-31, 22:3-21

**Books:** *“Planting Missional Churches”* by Ed Stetzer (ch. 23 - Preaching)  
*“Communicating for a Change”* by Andy Stanley  
*“Secrets of Dynamic Communication ”* by Ken Davis  
*“Messaging: Why Audience Matters”* by John Wootton

**Video:** David Lindell: 16 Keys to Effective Sermon Preparation

[https://cmnlead.com/en/Resources/Weekend-Experience/Video\\_CMNL\\_16-Keys-to-Effective-Sermon-Delivery\\_2019](https://cmnlead.com/en/Resources/Weekend-Experience/Video_CMNL_16-Keys-to-Effective-Sermon-Delivery_2019)

Greg Ford: Preaching Down the House: Becoming a Better Communicator

[https://cmnlead.com/en/Resources/Weekend-Experience/Video\\_CMNL\\_Preaching-Down-the-House\\_2019](https://cmnlead.com/en/Resources/Weekend-Experience/Video_CMNL_Preaching-Down-the-House_2019)

### **Questions to discuss:**

- 1) How does Paul’s preaching unfold in different contexts? (Acts scriptures)  
How does this compare to Jesus’ preaching? Or John the Baptist’s preaching?
- 2) What style(s) of preaching & teaching do you think God wants you to use in your context?
- 3) What are some important elements of solid Biblical preaching?
- 4) What questions should a good sermon answer?
- 5) How can you incorporate other ways (ie. Social media, small groups) for the hearers to interact with the message throughout the week?





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### **TOPIC #9: Spirit Empowered Leadership**

**Scriptural Foundation:** Acts 2:1-41, Acts 1:4-5, Luke 24:49

**Books:** *“Clear the Stage”* by Scott Wilson  
*“The Spirit Empowered Church”* by Alton Garrison  
*“Forgotten God”* by Francis Chan

**Video / Podcast:** Dr. Bill Hogg (Missiologist from The Send Institute):  
Balancing Church Planting Strategies and the Holy Spirit  
<https://www.sendinstitute.org/balancing-church-planting-strategies-holy-spirit/>  
Kristi Northup: How to Talk to a New Believer About the Baptism in the Holy Spirit  
[https://cmnlead.com/en/Resources/Pastoral-Care/Video\\_CMN10\\_How-to-Talk-to-a-New-Believer-about-the-Baptism-in-the-Holy-Spirit\\_2020](https://cmnlead.com/en/Resources/Pastoral-Care/Video_CMN10_How-to-Talk-to-a-New-Believer-about-the-Baptism-in-the-Holy-Spirit_2020)

**Curriculum:** *“Who is the Holy Spirit?”* by Doug Clay  
(4 Week Series for Adults, Youth, & Kids)  
<https://myhealthychurch.com/store/startitem.cfm?item=261155>

### **Questions to discuss:**

- 1) What role does the Holy Spirit play in your life personally?  
What role will the Holy Spirit play in the Church plant?
- 2) What makes you anxious about the role of the Holy Spirit in your church?  
Why do you feel this way?
- 3) What makes you excited about the role of the Holy Spirit in your church services?  
Why?
- 4) How will you help people from the church learn to be people who seek the Spirit?



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### **TOPIC #10: Money Matters**

**Scriptural Foundation:** Luke 14:28-30, Luke 16:10-11  
2Cor. 8:20-21, 2Cor 9:6-11, 1Cor 16:2  
Malachi 3:10

**Books / Video:** *“Planting Missional Churches”* by Ed Stetzer  
(ch. 14 – Finding & Handling Finances )

**Video Series:** Rollie Dimos: Church Finance Essentials (4 Part Training)  
<https://cmnlead.com/en/Training/Church-Finance-Essentials>

**Church Accounting Software:** (\*Also contact Shelby Pratt at OMN for consultation)  
1) APLOS - <https://www.aplos.com/> (Discount codes through CMN)  
2) Realm - <https://www.acstechnologies.com/products/realm>

### **Questions to discuss:**

- 1) What do you need in order to set up your churches budget & accounting system?
- 2) What streams of income will be a part of your budget?
- 3) What is your plan to support local para-church & non-profits in your community?
- 4) What is your plan to minister to the poor, orphans, widows, & the marginalized?
- 5) What is your plan to support missions in the U.S. and around the world?



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### **TOPIC #11: Vision Casting**

**Scriptural Foundation:** Hab 2:2-3, Proverbs 29:18  
Jeremiah 29  
Luke 4:18-21

**Book:** *"Visioneering"* by Andy Stanley

**Articles:** *3 Threats to a Leader's Vision* by Stephen Blandino

[https://cmnlead.com/en/Resources/Vision/Article\\_Three-Threats-to-a-Leaders-Vision\\_2018](https://cmnlead.com/en/Resources/Vision/Article_Three-Threats-to-a-Leaders-Vision_2018)

**Video:** Herbert Cooper: Developing a God-Inspired Vision

[https://cmnlead.com/en/Resources/Vision/Video\\_Launch-Training\\_Herbert-Cooper\\_2016](https://cmnlead.com/en/Resources/Vision/Video_Launch-Training_Herbert-Cooper_2016)

*Seeing Vision Become Reality* by Dan Hunter

[https://cmnlead.com/en/Resources/Vision/Video\\_CMNL\\_Dan-Hunter-Seeing-Vision-Become-Reality\\_2019](https://cmnlead.com/en/Resources/Vision/Video_CMNL_Dan-Hunter-Seeing-Vision-Become-Reality_2019)

### **Questions to discuss:**

- 1) What are the main needs in your target community?
- 2) Where is life lived in your community?  
(ie. Sports, arts, community organizations, etc...)
- 3) What are the passions that God has placed in your heart?
- 4) How do these passions insect community needs and life?  
(This is where Vision comes)
- 5) How will you accomplish the Vision?



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### **TOPIC #12: Church Structure**

**Scriptural Foundation:** Matthew 16:13-19, Ephesians 4:11-13

**Book / Video:** *"Planting Missional Churches"* by Ed Stetzer (Sec. 3-4)

**Video:** Jonathan Hardy: 5 Systems Every Church Should Have  
[https://cmnlead.com/en/Resources/Assimilation-Process/Video\\_Partner\\_5-Systems-Introduction\\_2019](https://cmnlead.com/en/Resources/Assimilation-Process/Video_Partner_5-Systems-Introduction_2019)

**Software:** Planning Center <https://planning.center/>  
Easy Worship <https://www.easyworship.com/>  
Pro Presenter <https://renewedvision.com/propresenter/>

### **Questions to discuss:**

- 1) How will your church be governed? (see <https://ohiocmn.org/samples/> for samples)
- 2) What will be your system for assimilating guest and new people into relationships?
- 3) How will you recruit, train, and deploy people to serve IN & OUTSIDE the church?
- 4) How will you minister to youth and children?
  - For youth see resources at <https://oymnetwork.com/>
  - For children see resources at <https://ohiokidmin.com/>
- 5) How will you approach worship in your church?
  - How will your worship services be structured?
  - How will your music ministry be structured?