



Why
plant
churches?

There are
already
churches
here. Why
start more?

“The vigorous, continual planting of new congregations is the single most crucial strategy for 1) the numerical growth of the Body of Christ in any city, and 2) the continual corporate renewal and revival of the existing churches in a city.”

Tim Keller,
Redeemer Presbyterian Church,
New York City, NY

WHY ANN ARBOR?

Metro population is 222, 214

Culturally-influential city home to the University of Michigan and national companies like Borders, Dominos Pizza, and Google AdWords

Consistently ranked as one of America’s most educated cities and a great city in which to live

First city in United States to elect an openly gay city official in 1974

In 2010 was home to one of four commencement speeches by President Obama

6.5 % of Washtenaw County attends an evangelical church

32% of Ann Arbor is affiliated with a religion (nationally 48%)

More at <http://plantinga2.org>

books resources websites

Church planting is all the rage right now. Instead of looking to pastor an existing church, men seeking to impact cities with the gospel are starting new church communities in urban and unreached areas, living in the community where they minister, and advocating for the personal and corporate renewal of long-neglected cities. Accompanying this wave of leaders have been books, websites, and other resources designed to guide the church planters both theologically and practically. Some are helpful, many aren't. Here are some recommendations.

Discovering Church Planting: An Introduction to the Whats, Whys, and Hows of Global Church Planting by JD Payne

Particularly helpful for people new to church planting

<http://amzn.to/94dhfx>

Why Plant Churches? by Tim Keller

<http://bit.ly/whyplantchurches>

Ed Stetzer - Missiologist

Researches and teaches on healthy church starting and growth

<http://edstetzer.com>

Redeemer Church Planting Manual

Step-by-step manual for all stages of church planting

<http://www.redeemer2.com/rstore/category.cfm?Category=23>

Church Planter: The Man, the Message, the Mission by Darrin Patrick

Presents biblical foundations for planters and their work

<http://www.crossway.org/product/9781433515767>

Audio & Video Resources

- Acts 29 Church Planting Network
<http://acts29network.org>
- Global Church Advancement
<http://gca.cc/Resources.htm>
- North American Missions
<http://www.northamericanmissions.org>

