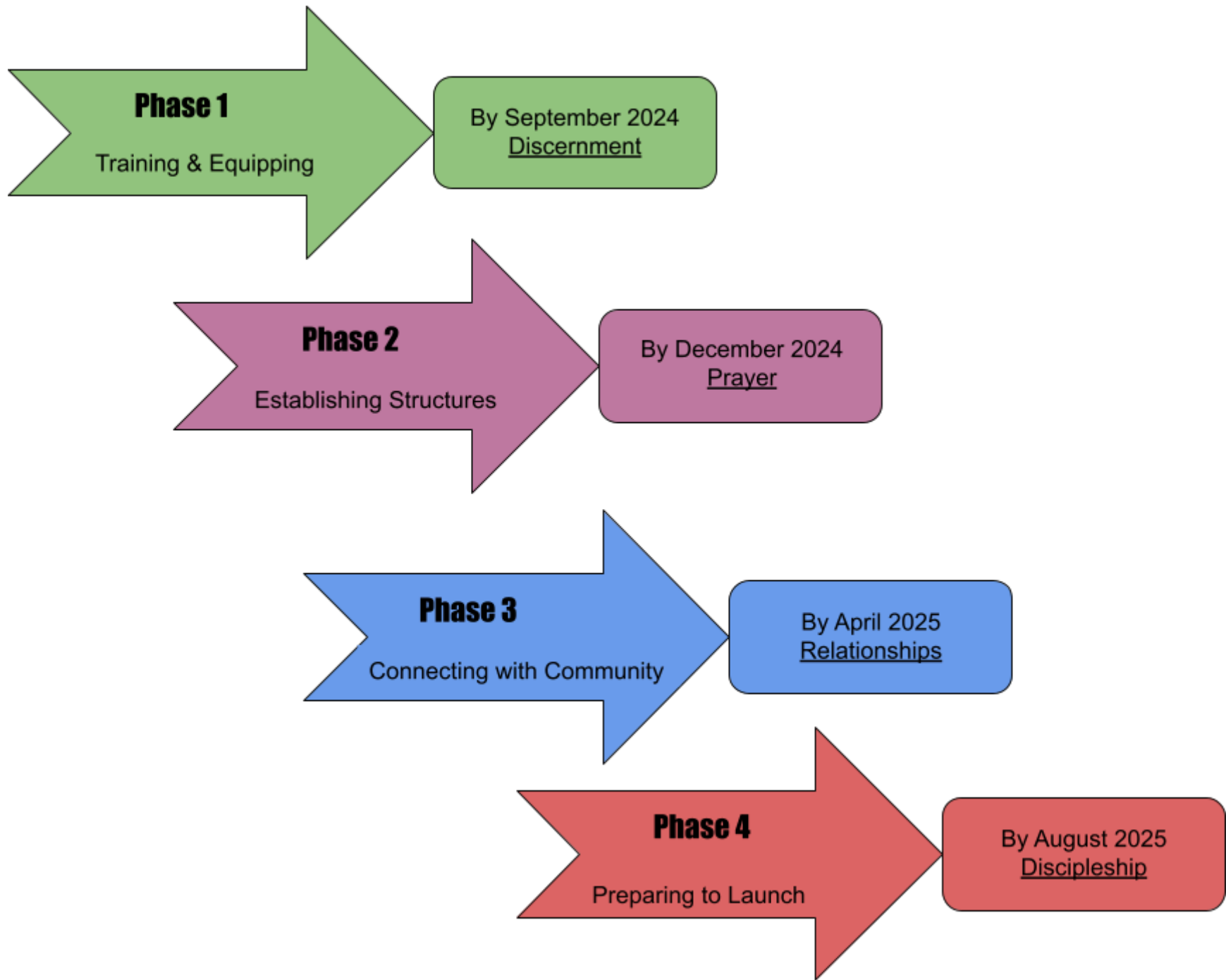


CHURCH PLANTING TIMELINE



Phase 1 Training & Equipping

- February 22nd Meet with Mid-Atlantic Church Planting Director
- March 5th-7th Exponential Conference
- March 14th-Church Planting Conference National Community Church

- April 13th Greenhouse Church Plant Training
- May 2nd Dream Collective Church Planters Meeting
- May 20th Licensed as Official Worker with Christian & Missionary Alliance
- May 30th Lifeway Church Planter Assessment

- June 6th Dream Collective Church Planters Meeting
- June 13th Coaching Meeting with Mid-Atlantic District Church Planting Director

- July 11th Dream Collective Church Planter Meeting
- August 1st-3rd C&MA BASICS Church Planting Training
- August 14 Dream Collective Church Planters Meeting

Phase 1 Terms Defined

Exponential Conference- Exponential is a growing community of leaders committed to accelerating the multiplication of healthy, reproducing faith communities. They equip movement makers with actionable principles, ideas, and solutions

Dream Collective- The Dream Collective was birthed out of National Community Church. We are authors, storytellers, filmmakers, composers, lawmakers, and entrepreneurs, all striving for Kingdom impact by becoming better at our craft. They are “shareholders” in church plants preaching the Gospel and businesses operating on Kingdom principles.

C&MA BASICS- Basics is an opportunity to explore, define and refine the vision and strategy needed in planting churches. Basics immerses the church planter into a learning lab environment. Basics is not geared toward a particular philosophy of church planting but rather toward the practical nuts and bolts of planting that can apply to any philosophy.

Mid-Atlantic Church Planting Director- Rev. Mark Brumely

Beachhead of Discernment

This Beachhead is all about continuing the process of discernment of Church Planting for the Church. It goes beyond just general discernment about steps towards Church planting in general and includes discerning a vision for church planting and an individual church planter. Church Planting is a faith filled risk and should not be entered into without taking a moment to discern what the Lord is seeking to do in the next season. This phase also involves discerning a potential church planter’s spiritual maturity and occupational competency.

Defining Success

Success in Phase 1 looks like identifying a Church Planter and providing the Planter with training and resources as well as starting to establish a plan for ongoing training in Church Planting and Church Leadership.

Phase 2 Establishing Structures

September 2024

- Prayer Gathering for Church Planting*
- Met with Church Planting Coach*
- Developed Advisory Team
- Met with Advisory Team*
- Developed Leadership Structure
- Developed 12 Month Plan
- 25 Prayer Partners Identified

October 2024

- Explore Projected Financial Needs
- EIN Number
- Bank Account/ Financial Account within Church
- Articles of Incorporation
- 25 Additional Prayer Partners Identified

November 2024

- Informational/ Interest Meeting
- 25 Additional Prayer Partners Identified
- Review Church's Current Financial Policies

December 2024

- Proposed Budget Finalized
- Core Team Identified
- Begin Core Team Assessments (SDI, APEST)
- 100 Total Prayer Partners Identified

Phase 2 Terms Defined

Advisory Team- This team is required by the Mid Atlantic district to work closely with the Church Planter in an advisory capacity on church planting and will meet with the Church Planter Monthly to hear status reports and give insight on the church planting journey. The Mid-Atlantic Church Planting Director is required to be a member of this team. There is also encouragement to seek the counsel of a local area Pastor to be involved. Specifically in the context of Neighborhood Church I believe it is wise for this team to include the lead Pastor and to be made up of a majority of Board of Governance members. Prospective team Breakdown: MAD Church Planting Director, NC Lead Pastor, NC BOG Member, NC BOG Member, NC BOG Member, Local Area Pastor, Core Team Member

Core Team- The individuals from the sending church who will commit to serving alongside and attending the Church Plant for at least one year.

Beachhead of Prayer

Establishing a beachhead of prayer is the primary focus of Phase 2 in Church Planting and is the very first and most essential beachhead to be established. In this phase we are seeking to prayerfully consider how the Holy Spirit is leading us as a church in our Church Planting efforts. This is done by establishing specific people to partner with us in praying for the mission of church planting as well as establishing specific times for the body of the church to pray specifically about church planting.

Defining Success

A successful movement through phase two will include the identification of 100 different prayer partnerships, Advisory Team members, Core Team members, and the Fundraising Goals that will help implement fundraising strategies in Phase 3. It is also crucial that Church and Leadership Structures are worked through allowing for success in later phases. And lastly, a strong feeling or indication of where the Holy Spirit is leading the Church to plant.

Phase 3 Connecting with Community

January 2025

- Prayer Gathering for Church Planting*
- Met with Church Planting Coach*
- Met with Advisory Team*
- Established Location
- Continue Core Team Assessments
- Have Meal/Coffee with 4 people from the community
- Write Down the names of 25 People in Community
- Identify leader of Evangelistic Effort

February 2025

- Meet with Local Pastors
- Have Meal/Coffee with 4 people from the community
- Write Down the names of 25 People in Community
- Establish each Core team member's Mission Field
- visited 3 different community gatherings in community
- Community Focus Group

March 2025

- Established 3 Fundraising Streams
- Have Meal/Coffee with 4 people from the community
- Write Down the names of 25 People in Community
- Visited 3 other religious services in community
- Meet with Law enforcement in Community

April 2025

- Person of Peace found
- Funds Secured for Next 3 Years
- Have Meal/Coffee with total of 16 people from the community
- Write Down the names of 25 People in Community
- Meet with School Leaders
- Acquired Rights for Location
- Community Focus Group

Phase 3 Terms Defined

Assessments- Resources used to better understand team dynamics, strengths and weaknesses such as: SDI, APEST test, Myers Briggs etc.

Mission Field- Where each team member have the best chance to meet and interact with the unchurched

Person of Peace- Person who has influence in a community that can help give access and credibility to ministry to the people of that community

Beachhead of Relationships

This beachhead involves establishing, building, and maintaining relationships with people within the community. These relationships foster the ability for evangelism and discipleship within the community, the ability to learn more of the history and potential spiritual strongholds of the community. This phase also is a time to focus on the relationship between core team members to establish stronger bonds between each other and begin to collaborate more effectively on Church Planting Vision. This is done by meeting and talking with people in the community and attempting to establish genuine friendships. This phase should also include routinely meeting with core team members and going through core team building materials together.

Defining Success

Success in Phase 3 starts early on with committing to a location for the Church plant to be. Obviously before building relationships in a given location it must be known where the location is. After location is established success looks like identifying and writing down the names of 100 individuals in the community, having a meal or coffee with at least 16 people in the community. The Church Planter and Core team should be able to to develop a community profile from information researched and people interacted with. This phase is also important to have developed and implemented a fundraising strategy that helps fund the a budget for the first three years of the life of the church plant.

Phase 4 Planning to Launch

May 2025

- Prayer Gathering for Church Planting*
- Met with Church Planting Coach*
- Met with Advisory Team*
- Social Media Established
- Train Core team on Initial Discipleship Plan
- Established Preaching/Teaching Team

June 2025

- Established Marketing Procedures
- Develop Evangelism Pathway
- Financial Software Established
- Worship leader Established
- Setup/ Teardown Procedure Established

July 2025

- Established Service Roles
- Developed long term discipleship Pathway
- Create Signs
- Door Hangers/ Postcards
- Established Connections Tea,
- Outreach Effort Made
- Preview

August 2025

- Acquired Audio Equipment
- GreenHouse Residency Pathway Established
- Outreach Effort made
- Established Property Maintenance
- Preview

Phase 4 Terms Defined

Initial Discipleship- Discipleship of an early/ not yet Christian Focusing on giving spiritual and biblical foundations and developing ability to engage directly with Scriptures.

Preview- Setting up a time to run through service in the community

Beachhead of Discipleship

Establishing a beachhead of discipleship includes developing the pathway and resources that will help lead the unchurched into being spiritually mature followers of Christ including the point in which they themselves are ready to lead others down the same pathway. This is done by developing a discipleship pathway and training core team members on how to successfully implement this pathway in their existing relationships.

Defining Success

Success in Phase 4 looks like developing and implementing a plan of initial discipleship and long term discipleship. Success in this phase also means being ready to launch a service having all aspects accounted for including: roles, equipment, sermon/ teaching materials, and all other practical matters as it pertains to a worship service.