



Church Multiplication

United Wesleyan
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RE: Churches Planting Churches

The first time I walked into United Wesleyan in Easley, SC was June 2007. I immediately felt that I was in the presence of outstanding people. From day one the folks I was charged to lead showed a willingness to do whatever it would take to see that the hurting and the outcast know about the love of Jesus Christ. Together, God has enabled us to accomplish some amazing things. Here are a few:

- Sending mission teams overseas, to New Orleans, Jamaica and to churches in our district to provide help and care to the hurting.
- In 2012 we purchased a home to remodel and "flip" to help a couple be able to serve in another part of the world as missionaries, to serve the hurting and poor. All the profits went to benefit this couple and their missionary work for one year.
- We are now working on our second "flip" house. Profits will benefit missions in Haiti, a country still recovering from hurricanes in 2016.
- Together, we have started a Hispanic ministry (Nuevo Pacto) and watched as it has become a healthy place for Spanish speaking folks in our community to worship and grow together and serve alongside the good folks of United.
- We recently laid hands on Jorge' Hernandez and "sent" him out to Dallas to minister as a lead Pastor. Jorge' came to us from Cuba in 2014 and has been a part of Nuevo Pacto.
- We have enjoyed diverse ministries together such as prison and motorcycle evangelism ministries, as well as raising significant funds for Operation Christmas Child and other needs in our world and community.
- In 2016, the congregations of Easley First Wesleyan and United merged together and now are enjoying vibrant ministries together. From this merger, Lifeline Worship, a contemporary worship service of United was developed and is continuing to find ways to serve the community.

The folks at United Wesleyan have accepted many changes to make another attempt to reach people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Now, things are changing again...We have a new dream, a new passion, a new vision!

With God's help we will be a "sending and multiplying" church. We believe the greatest way to reach people with the love of Christ and to make disciples is to plant new and diverse congregations in vital areas.

Our leadership team has prayed, cast vision and is totally on board with this new direction. We have shared our dream with district and denominational officials and have received much encouragement and support.

Our desire is to use what God has blessed us with and start a multiplication network; a network that raises up new leaders and prays for God to open doors in new areas.

The following video explains more fully what we desire to do:

<https://www.wesleyan.org/multiplication>

The following are some key points in our future plans:

1. **We understand reality.** We are a church in a mill village and are thankful for the community that God has given us to serve. Instead of relocating the entire church to another area, we feel God wants us to raise up and develop new churches in the population centers of our area.
2. **God hasn't called us to develop more campuses but to plant new churches.** Recent statistics have revealed that over 4000 churches close each year. Any church that we are fortunate enough to plant will be asked to reproduce into another congregation in the future.
3. **God has called us to reach the un-churched.** "The single most effective way to evangelize the world is to plant new churches." If the world needs Christ and if new churches are the tool God is using we want to be a catalyst for a major move of God.
4. **Building a Network of Churches.** Our goal is to create a Ministry Network within United Wesleyan. Currently we have 3 different worship services working together: Blended at United, Contemporary in our new Lifeline Worship building and Nuevo Pacto hispanic worship. All three of the existing worship services will continue to grow in every way. This new network, consisting of new churches will work, train, pray and serve together but each congregation will be led by their own leadership teams.
5. **We feel confident that we are ready for this new future.** God has always been faithful and the flock has always been obedient to God's call to step out into new fields of ministry by faith. During the past 9 years we have seen 135 individuals baptized and over 100% growth in the congregation. We know that God is faithful.
6. **We must stay surrendered to the Holy Spirit.** One leading church planter recently shared some of his experiences and said: "It all starts by surrendering to the Holy Spirit where all church ministries are focused on discipleship to the church and outreach to the unchurched." This is all about the Kingdom and Kingdom principles will be what guides us as we proceed

How you can help: Help us pray for God's timing, the right locations and resources. At this point the possibilities are Easley, Greenville, Berea (multi-cultural). Please pray for the raising up of church planters that have a passion to lead new congregations.

If you are a leader of an existing congregation and you feel a stirring to help us with people, encouragement or resources, we would love to partner with you.

Closing excitement: As I was ready to finish this planning document, I received a call from a key person in our "remodeling and flip house" program for missions. His words were: "I feel the Lord has been speaking and our next flip house should go toward another church plant!" The excitement continues!

May our best years be ahead of us!
Tim Jones- Pastor