



## CHURCH PLANTER APPLICATION

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Use the tab button or your arrow keys to move from answer to answer.

Date completed:

Name of Candidate:

If Married, Spouse's Name:

Are you or your spouse divorced?

Names of Children:

### **Contact Information**

Phone Number:        -        -

E-Mail Address:

Home Address:

### **Background Information**

Where do you desire to plant?

What church or churches are possible sending churches?

### **Theological Convictions:**

I have read and affirm the *EFCA 2008 Statement of Faith*. (Note: The wording in Article 9 will be voted upon to be changed from "premillennial" to "glorious" at the 2019 National EFCA Conference. Currently, the EFCA uses the 2008 statement.)

I have read and affirm the *What it Means to be an EFCA*

I have the following credentials:

If you are not credentialed with the EFCA, please answer these theological questions or submit your licensing paper (numbers refer to articles in EFCA Statement of Faith):

1. **God.** Explain your understanding of the being of God and the doctrine of the Trinity. Describe some of the attributes of God.
2. **Bible.** How do you defend the canon and what is your understanding of inerrancy?
3. **Human Condition.** What does it mean to be made in the image of God? What are the effects of the fall?
4. **Jesus Christ.** Explain your understanding of the union of divine and human natures in the person of Christ.
5. **Work of Christ.** How does the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ bring about our salvation? Include the concept of atonement. What is the Gospel?
6. **Holy Spirit.** What does it mean that the Holy Spirit “indwells, illuminates, guides, equips and empowers believers for service?”
7. **The Church.** Describe your understanding of baptism, the Lord’s Supper, and local church governance.
8. **Christian Living.** How do you understand the doctrine of sanctification?
9. **Christ’s Return.** Explain your understanding of the second coming of Jesus Christ and your position on the Millennium.
10. **Response and Eternal Destiny.** Explain your view of the eternal destiny of those who do not believe in Jesus Christ. How do you understand “the new heaven and the new earth.”

## **The Four C's of Church Planting: Character, Call, Chemistry, and Competency**

### **Character**

1. Describe your practice of personal spiritual disciplines within the last seven days including prayer, Bible reading and study, corporate worship, and the Sabbath.
2. In the biblical qualifications for elder (1 Timothy 3, Titus 1, Acts 6, where do you excel? Where do you struggle?
3. Describe how you handle the following temptations: Money, Sex, Power, and Pride.
4. How do you and your spouse (if married) work together in the home and in ministry?

### **Call/Chemistry**

5. What about being a church planter has been clarified for you through the process of self-assessment and your reading and study?
6. Why do you want to plant a new church?
7. If you could design your best case, best-suited, church planting scenario, what would it look like?
8. Over the last six months, describe two ways your call to church planting has been affirmed by others.
9. Over the last six months, describe how you and your spouse (if married) have processed your call to become a church planter. Please include how you and your spouse have prayed together about church planting, discussed your self-assessment data, sought counsel, and planned together.
10. Write out your personal mission statement. Add a sentence or two that describe examples of how you have personally lived out this statement within the last 1-3 years.
11. Give three examples of one constant fruit you bear when you have been involved in ministry.

## **Competencies**

### Leadership/Team Building

12. Think about a time when you were able to translate a personal vision for ministry into reality. Outline the process you followed and describe the team that you built to accomplish your vision.
13. Describe your most successful team-building technique. Give a recent example of how you have used it. What have been the results?

### Evangelism/Gathering

13. Give an example of a need in your community outside of the church context where you mobilized people to help meet that need. How did you discover the need and what steps did you take to meet that need?
14. List the first names of people and your relationship to them who you are praying would come to faith in Christ?
15. How are you sharing your faith with the people you are praying for?
16. List the first names of people you have personally introduced to faith in Christ within the last three years.
17. Tell about a group effort you spearheaded in which the goal was to help pre-Christians come to a better understanding of who Jesus is.
18. Describe a time when you were able to form a new group of people and lead them through a multiplication process so that two or more groups were produced.

### Discipleship/Equipping

19. Give an example of someone you were able to help progress from one level of spiritual maturity to the next. Describe what you did in coaching or mentoring that person to help him/her grow.
20. Describe your involvement with small groups and/or missional communities?
21. How successful have you been at recruiting others for a job, task, or ministry? Give a specific example from within the last two years including how you helped equip them to be successful.

### Communication

22. What is your philosophy of preaching?
23. How does preaching contribute to the making of disciples?

*Multiplication*

24. Give an example of how you have helped a group or church to develop and multiply leaders.

*Emotional Intelligence*

25. What has been your biggest disappointment or setback in ministry? How did you go about recovering from that experience and how long did it take?