



Simple Church

Foursquare Simple Church Networks

Church Multiplication holds the conviction that rather than “plant churches” we are instead instructed to make disciples! (Mat. 28:18-20). Simple Church is a movement within our Foursquare Family whereby we participate with Jesus as He builds His church through the extension of His Kingdom by making disciples of all people. These disciples form into the healthy spiritual families we call “church.” And since the message we bring *is* the message of the Kingdom of God, it must be validated by supernatural power in our lives and by how we love one another!

We are delighted that you are considering partnering with God to see Him raise up a Simple Church network with our Foursquare family! We look forward to hearing how He has led you to this decision and your sense of what God will do through the churches Jesus builds through your trusting obedience. The following documents will help you prepare for the adventure in several ways: it will define “simple church,” suggest some important personal and family preparations, and explain the steps for connecting with the Foursquare family.

Included Documents:

THE FOURSQUARE FAMILY AND SIMPLE CHURCHES

CHURCH AT ITS SIMPLEST- Defining Simple Church

SIMPLE CHURCH NETWORKS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

BEGINNING STEPS FOR STARTING Foursquare Simple Church Networks





The FOURSQUARE FAMILY and SIMPLE CHURCHES

House Churches in Foursquare? You bet! We already have several simple/house church networks operating in various parts of the United States! Over the past year, we have been taking a close look at how we as a Foursquare family could extend a blessing structure over a house church movement as a compliment to our overall church planting efforts. Quite simply, we are convinced that this is God's will.

The "simple church" approach is the easiest and most direct way to fulfill our goal to make disciples as described in Matthew 28 (*note that traditional churches with healthy small groups already know this!*). In addition, a strong case can be made that everyone who participates in the simple church model can be equipped for ministry as declared in Ephesians 4:10, 11. We understand that these networks will want administrative covering that protects their legal status as viable, legitimate Foursquare Churches.

–Rod Koop, Foursquare National Facilitator of Church Multiplication

How is our Foursquare Family Embracing Simple Church?

Tom Wymore, Foursquare's "encourager of simple churches," is networking existing and potential simple church leaders together in a number of ways. He is also working with traditional church pastors to explore how they can transition their churches into "hybrid" churches and/or plant simple churches.

We are creating ways for an individual house church to be registered as a Simple Church. A Foursquare Simple Church will receive offerings, complete monthly Simple Church reports on Ezra and be involved with the Foursquare family. We are also adding Simple Church Networks to Ezra.

We are expanding our corporate definition to embrace "simpler" expressions of the church. "Is this a church?" will be answered in a way that divests ourselves of Western influenced definitions.

Finally, though our definition of church will embrace many new models, we will allocate funding only toward the planting of Simple Church Networks. Contact the Church Multiplication office for a copy of our current Simple Church funding policy.

Some Simple Church Models Currently Functioning in our Foursquare Family

- Simi Valley, CA. Marty Kruse's network meets for weekly celebrations, but more are present in home gatherings. Strong emphasis placed upon intergenerational ministry. Marty meets regularly with his leaders. See their website for more at www.theriversimi.org
- Honolulu, HI. Mark Hsi's network. They meet corporately only once per quarter. All life and ministry happens in the simple churches. Mark meets regularly with his leaders.
- Raytown, MO. John Wiley has moved his church to a "hybrid" format. He describes his church as a network of house churches. See his website for more www.rivercentral.org
- New Hampshire. Tom Johnston's network meets corporately once per month. The network handles administrative functions for the SC pastors. Tom meets regularly with his leaders.
- Las Vegas, NV. John Page leads one of the unique and life-transforming networks imaginable. His churches meet in prison! Check out his website at www.freedomfoursquare.com

I want to know more...

- Check out www.reachmore.org/simplechurch for a list of recommended websites and books.
- Email Tom Wymore, Simple Church Coach, for more information at twymore@foursquare.org
- See our other documents, including *Church at its Simplest*, *Simple Church Networks in the New Testament* and *Beginning Steps for Starting Simple Church Networks*.



CHURCH AT ITS SIMPLEST

What is Simple Church? *Simple Church* is our preferred term for what is often called house church. One of the best definitions comes from House2House (www.house2house.com). Their definition is below (slightly modified). By "simple church," we mean ...

- a way of doing and being church that is so simple that almost any believer will say, "I could do that!"
- the kind of church described in the New Testament, flexible and changeable to enable quick responses to the needs of the extended family and God's call to extend His Kingdom.
- people who listen to God, follow His leading and obey Him.
- spiritual parents raising spiritual sons and daughters to establish their own families.

It's More Than a Change of Location!

Simple church is more than a move away from the confines of a building. It is a response to God's call to re-examine everything about "church" in light of Scripture and to simplify what has been complicated by events and programs. It is best described by common core values and practices such as ...

- Simplicity. Formal programs give place to informal, spontaneous expressions of life and outreach.
- Intimacy with God and one another. Intimacy with God is foundational to everything else.
- Community. SC folks know that relationships are at the core of everything in the Christ life.
- Family. The church *is* family, healthy families *are* the church, and leaders are spiritual parents.
- The Gospel of the Kingdom—this is the message that Jesus and the NT believers presented!
- 24/7 Christian walk. Folks in simple churches have a sincere desire to be devoted followers of Jesus all the time, everywhere; the level of personal accountability and involvement is very high.
- Spontaneity. Life and ministry together are characterized by the informal and spontaneous.
- Supernatural lifestyle. Simple church folks generally seem to be very open to the supernatural and keenly aware of the need to live naturally supernatural lives in today's broken world.
- Intimacy-based, missional praying (e.g., praying Luke 10:2b for workers for the Harvest).
- Participation (for everyone—everyone has something to contribute, not only when the church gathers but as the church ministers to its own community and beyond).
- Leadership by example, serving and spiritual influence, carried out in and by a leadership community, not a single leader. Simple church leaders allot most of their time to intentional relationships in both formal and informal settings.
- Modeling and discovery-based learning as the primary means of teaching/training; this is a return to the Hebraic model used by Jesus and other NT leaders.

How is this different from more traditional forms of church?

Many of these values are shared by the traditional church models, so how is Simple Church different?

Traditional Church	Simple Church
Meetings: the major focus is on the large gatherings, even in cell-celebration models.	Meetings: the major emphasis is on small group meetings; tends toward the informal and spontaneous.
Community: is often <i>assumed</i> that community results from regular services, events and the members' involvement in the specified programs.	Community: is pursued very deliberately, with effort given almost exclusively to building relationships rather than to events, meetings, programs.
Leadership: is typically reserved for those appointed to pastoral roles and position of authority.	Leadership: is viewed as the shared responsibility of every member in the community
Participation: is limited to only a few by the size of meetings and often by the ministry philosophy.	Participation: is by every member (including children!) in all gatherings and all expressions of ministry.
Personal care for one another is primarily done by the pastoral staff or those they appoint.	Personal care for one another takes place through all the members of the group.

A Biblical Definition of Church—Is *that* a church?!

The question “Is that a church?” was never asked in NT times. There was only *the church*: the “universal” Church, the church in a region/city or the church that met in someone’s house (Romans 16:3-5, 1 Corinthians 16:19, Colossians 4:15). So a better question would be, “Is that a viable expression of the church?” What helps us recognize the Body of Christ regardless of its “clothing”? Consider the following.

- The church is the result of the extension of the Kingdom of God. Whenever the Kingdom of God invaded an area it created a community of Christ followers, a family, known as a church (*ekklesia*).
- Although there are many descriptions of the church in the New Testament, perhaps the simplest yet fullest description of the church is “God’s Family.”
 - Although the church is called “family” only rarely: Galatians 6:10, 1 Peter 4:17 (*oikos*: household) and Ephesians 3:15 (*patria*: family descended from a father), the early believers clearly understood their relationship with God and one another in terms of family. In Romans 8:14-15 and Galatians 4:6 believers know God as “Abba” (Aramaic for “papa” or “daddy”), and the most common term for believers in the NT is “brothers.”
 - I love my friend John White’s definition of the church: “A spiritual family called together by Jesus and functioning under His leadership.”
- All believers in the New Testament had entered the family having experienced the following. They had ...
 - been unmistakably born from above (“born again”) through repentance and deep, total trust in Jesus.
 - confessed Jesus as *Lord*, the complete master of their lives.
 - baptized in water as a means of identification with Jesus and His family.
 - inundated by God’s Spirit (baptized in the Spirit).
 - undergone a process of inner healing and spiritual cleansing via deliverance as needed.
- Although we are not told a lot about the gatherings of the church, we do know the following:
 - They usually gathered around a meal, integrating at some point the celebration of the Lord’s Supper (see Acts 2:46; 1 Corinthians 11:20-26).
 - The gathering could be as few as two or three (Matthew 18:20).
 - The following were characteristic of every gathering.
 - The *Presence* of God. Early believers expected the *experienced presence* of Jesus through the Holy Spirit to be among them (Matthew 18:20 and 1 Corinthians 14:24-25).
 - The *Power* of God. The early believers expected the supernatural power of God to be expressed in their midst (see 1 Corinthians 5:4, 12:7-11, and Galatians 3:5).
 - *Participation* by all. The early believers expected each person to contribute in their gatherings as the Spirit led (1 Corinthians 12:7-11 and 14:24-26. Ephesians 5:19-20 and Colossians 3:16-17 also imply participation by many.). Meeting in homes helped maintain the smaller size needed for participation. The NT also describes other, occasional larger gatherings, but the regular gatherings remained small to allow for participation by all.
- Leadership in the NT church was servant-oriented and not hierarchical, and *leaders led by example* as much as by instruction and training. Paul’s letters are filled with evidence of this. Four passages that show this are Acts 20:17-28, 1 Corinthians 4:14-17, 2 Corinthians 4:5 (your “slaves for Christ’s sake”) and 1 Thessalonians 2:6-12 (Paul likens himself to mother and father).
- The purpose or mission of the church has many facets (see 1 Peter 1:9, for example), but it always flows from intimacy with Jesus (John 15:1-17) and derives its power and direction from individual and corporate relationship with Him.

Summary: Is it a viable expression of the church? Yes, if you see the following:

- People being transformed by the power of God, relating to God and one another as family, who are in various ways transforming the world around them.
- Leadership that leads by loving example and serving as well as by instruction/training.
- Gatherings that are filled with God’s presence and power and in which everyone participates.

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Simple Church Networks in the New Testament

Reflections by Tom Wymore

Reflection causes us to realize that *all* the churches in New Testament times were *networks of house churches*, so we do well to look to the New Testament for help in the birthing of simple church networks. Paul left more house church networks behind than anyone, so how did he do it?

Strategy (I encourage the reader to do her/his own research on this in Acts!)

Paul's "strategy" was not really a strategy, rather his approach was based upon principles Jesus had taught His disciples, and the primary principle was to follow the Holy Spirit! This does not mean that there are no patterns to emulate, however. Consider the following.

1. First, prayer clearly fueled and directed Paul's apostolic ministry. This is clearest in his letters to the house church networks in the cities he visited, but prayer is also a major theme in Acts. Everything Paul did was birthed out of prayer. His first journey was launched during a "prayer meeting" (Acts 13:1ff.), and Paul's life breathed an atmosphere of constant prayer.
2. Second, as Roland Allen points out in *Missionary Methods, St. Paul's or Ours?*, Paul consistently went to major Roman cities that were the trade centers for their region. Paul expected the explosive power of the Gospel of the Kingdom to result in its spread throughout a region from the main city.
3. Third, Paul clearly modeled his approach after Jesus' instructions to His disciples in Luke 10 to find a person of peace (see below for a discussion on the person of peace). He always began his presentation of the Good News, if possible, in a synagogue or at least a place of prayer because he was looking for a person of peace—see Acts 13:2, 14; 14:1; 16:13-14; 17:1-2, 10; 18:4; 19:8.
4. Fourth, Paul's message was the Good News of the Kingdom of God (as opposed to the "gospel of the church" or "get out of hell free" message that is common today!). Because the Gospel of the Kingdom *must* be validated by God's power, signs and wonders were an essential part of Paul's ministry. This is consistent with Jesus' commission to the seventy-two in Luke 10 and to the twelve in Luke 9 and parallel passages. The presentation of the Good News apart from supernatural confirmation would have been *unthinkable* for early Christians! Also, as we have noted, the Gospel of the Kingdom is built around making disciples, not planting churches—a highly important distinction.
5. Fifth, training was by means of *example* and *modeling* which backed up the interactive, experiential style of teaching of Paul's day. Paul's preferred to stay in a place long enough to model life in the Kingdom. When that wasn't possible, he left someone behind to model as well as teach (Luke was left in Philippi, Silas and Timothy in Berea, etc.).
6. Sixth, Paul established and developed leaders by two means. He trained leaders "on site" when possible (training especially the "persons of peace" who usually became leaders/elders in the local house church networks), and he also trained apostolic leaders as they traveled with him. These people became those whom he could leave behind in a city or send out to strengthen believers.
7. Seventh, Paul traveled in a leadership community. In a sense, Paul's apostolic band was a church itself, modeling a Kingdom-of-God community. People who came in contact with Paul and his companions were able to see what "church" looked like as it was lived out in front of them each day!

The Person of Peace Principle

What is a "person of peace"? The "person of peace" is mentioned in Jesus' instructions to the 72 as He sends them out before He visits specific villages (Luke 10:6). The "person of peace" is called a "worthy person" in Matthew 10:11-13. This person is *described very clearly* by NT culture and Jesus' instructions:

- First, s/he was the person in the city whose home was most clearly recognized as a house of peace. Marvin Wilson states that the goal of every Jewish home was to become a *shalom bayit*, a peaceful home (*Our Father Abraham*, pp. 217-219). So a person of peace would be recognized by the wholeness (health) of his/her life and family and would become a primary foundation for the establishing of God's Kingdom in the region (wholeness begets wholeness!).
- Second, the person of peace was someone whose heart had already been prepared by God to receive the message of the Kingdom of God. So this person's house became the "base of operations" for ministry in the region and their sphere of influence provided natural, relational pathways through which the Kingdom would advance.

The book of Acts reveals *the application of this principle* after Pentecost. Philip is led to the Ethiopian Eunuch (Acts 8:26-40), Peter is led to Cornelius (Acts 10), and Paul's persons of peace include Timothy's mother, Eunice in Lystra (see Acts 14:6 ff. and compare Acts 16:1-2 and 2 Timothy 1:5), Lydia in Philippi (Acts 16:14-15), Jason in Thessalonica (Acts 17:5-9) and many others.

What if a "person of peace" isn't available because of the brokenness of the people and their culture? This was an issue for Paul and the other apostles and is certainly an issue for us. What did they do?

- First, note that this may not have been as much of an issue then as it is now. The Roman Empire had been thoroughly permeated by Judaism through the Diaspora, and Paul was *usually* led to cities where there was a synagogue. There also were some healthy people of peace in the Gentile world—some philosophies of life promoted values that were fairly healthy in terms of ethics and relationships (the Stoics come to mind). Paul mentions this in Romans 2:14-15 where he speaks of Gentiles who have the law of God "written on their hearts."
- Second, the Gospel in New Testament times powerfully transformed lives. People were healed, delivered and deeply changed by the supernatural power of God at conversion. Paul's description of the Corinthians' transformation in 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 and in many other places shows the extreme change that the Gospel caused in those who responded to it. The sheer power of the Gospel of the Kingdom to change lives coupled with a strong emphasis on obedience to God helped even broken people become "persons of peace" in a relatively short period of time. Most of us have known people whose hearts were set on obedience and transformation from the beginning of their journey with God. Perhaps we were looking at a person of peace in process!
- Third, when there was no clearly identifiable person of peace in a region, Paul would stay in that area long enough to model health and wholeness (as in Corinth and Ephesus) or leave a person of peace behind as he did when he left Luke in Philippi and Silas and Timothy in Berea. This approach was also reinforced up by letters and visits as needed.

Why this principle is so important.

- First, we live out the "absolute dependence lifestyle" Jesus taught in John 15:4-5 when we put this principle into practice. Since it's true that we can do nothing apart from Jesus—just as He did nothing apart from His Father (John 5:19, 30), failure to look for the person of peace whom God has prepared is an invitation to failure and a rather flagrant declaration of independence—the exact opposite of what Jesus modeled and taught. On the other hand, as we trust in and discover God's work in preparing this person, we will find true receptivity *and* lasting fruit (John 15:8,16).
- Second, the process for making disciples requires us to start with reasonably healthy people *whenever possible, or at least* the person whom God has highlighted as "destined for health." Because wholeness (health) begets wholeness (health) and because modeling is an integral part of training followers of Jesus, starting with someone whose life already has some wholeness ensures a good foundation for what follows. The person of peace often became the leader of the church that was started in his/her home after s/he was discipled. Paul almost certainly appointed elders from among such people (see Acts 14:21-23). The qualifications for elders in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 are a good description of a person of peace. Obviously, God's word and His Spirit can be trusted to bring transformation when no healthy person is available, but we need to make this the rare exception if we wish to make disciples the way that Jesus and the early apostles made disciples.

Application to us? How shall we go about participating in the extension of God's Kingdom?

1. First, since health begets health, and since only a person of peace can recognize a person of peace, the first qualification for your participation in extending God's Kingdom is for you to be a person of peace! It would have been inconceivable to Paul for an emotionally and spiritually immature person to be an evangelist or apostle. Jesus and Paul knew that a healthy foundation was not optional for the transformation of a city or region. This is underscored by Paul's emphasis upon modeling and his frequent concern that believers model transformation to their pre-Christian neighbors (see Paul's letters to the Thessalonians and 1 Timothy and Titus).

2. Second, with the call to extend God's Kingdom comes the need for an increasingly intimate relationship with God. As we have already stated, intimacy is at the heart of everything—in fact, intimacy with God *is* the Good News! Those of us called to extend God's His Kingdom will find that it is intimacy alone that will enable us to discern God's leading, give healthy expression to supernatural power, and pray with true effectiveness.
3. Third, prayer—not as the western church typically defines it but as the Bible defines it—must become the foundation of everything. A good place to start will be to ask for God's help in putting into practice Luke 10:2b as well as the other prayer principles in Jesus' teaching and those principles that are revealed in Paul's prayers.
4. Fourth, since "the Kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power" (1 Corinthians 4:20), you should be prepared to do whatever it takes to see God's supernatural power released as you present the message of the Kingdom. The Good News must be validated by God's power to be believable in today's culture! "When you go, proclaim this: 'The kingdom of heaven is near.' Heal the sick, raise the dead to life again, heal those who have skin diseases, and force demons out of people. I give you these powers freely, so help other people freely." (Matthew 10:7-8). And this is precisely how thousands of simple churches are being planted in China, India and many other places in the world!
5. Fifth, since the church is essentially family and community, extending God's Kingdom should be done in community. This community starts with your own family, but it will go beyond that. Everyone can and must follow Jesus as part of a band of brothers/sisters! Your family and the leadership community around you *must* model the intimate and healthy relationships that the Gospel of the Kingdom produces.
6. Sixth, you must intentionally practice of the "person of peace" principle from the beginning. Through prayer and interaction with your community you will discover persons of peace and build from there.
7. What about the meetings? It's best to think of this endeavor *not* in terms of meetings but of family. We are called to "make disciples" by inviting people into our lives, not to start meetings. The gatherings will flow naturally out of the relationships with new believers and will be birthed as the Spirit leads. Some of the gatherings will be for specific purposes, some will be spontaneous, but all should be the outgrowth of life lived together in Jesus. Regular gatherings will surely be part of what God leads you to do, but it's best to think in terms of them being an outgrowth of Kingdom life rather than the one thing that will make Kingdom life happen! (For some great thoughts on "meetings," check out chapter 9 of *So You Don't Want to Go To Church Anymore*.)

In a Nutshell: You start this adventure by ensuring that your own family is a "household of peace." Then with much prayer, you seek to hear and discover God's direction so that you can find the next "person of peace." You will also be praying Luke 10:2b, which will open doors to others who are potential "Kingdom extenders" (prayer is God's prescribed means for thrusting new laborers into the Harvest). Then as you build relationships with the persons of peace you will watch Jesus open their hearts to His love (supernatural power will be the norm, one hopes!). The persons of peace will then reach to their *oikos* (spheres of influence), and the Kingdom will expand along natural lines. And after that? I am confident that as you listen to Jesus (as part of a loving community) and do what He says, you will discover those next steps!

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Beginning Steps for Starting Foursquare Simple Church Networks

Personal and Family Preparation.

This involves a change of focus from meetings or buildings to making disciples! The following are essential preparations for pursuing God's call to extend His Kingdom through simple faith communities.

Get healthy. Scripture makes it clear that "wholeness gives birth to wholeness."

THE SIMPLE CHURCH ADVENTURE is about *inviting* people into your life rather than doing meetings or programs, so it is essential for you to be healthy in your relationship with God and your family! Genuine, growing intimacy with God ("living loved," hearing God, obeying Him wholeheartedly, etc.) is the foundation from which everything else flows. And since the first expression of the church is your own family, and since you will be inviting people into your life, your family must be healthy. You need to be able to say to people, "Live your life the way I live mine; relate to God the way I relate; treat your spouse the way I treat mine." To make disciples you must yourself *be* a healthy disciple of Christ.

If you realize that you aren't healthy in any of these areas, please find someone who is and have them disciple you for a while until you are truly healthy before proceeding further!

More on this theme is found in Church At Its Simplest, attached.

Get equipped- the supernatural power of God. "The Kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power!" (1 Corinthians 4:20).

When Jesus sent His disciples out to announce that the Kingdom of God, they were sent with power (Acts 1:7, 8). Healing the sick and casting out demons (see Matt 10: 1-8)—the power released—was the indicator that God's Kingdom had truly come near (see Luke 9:1-6 and 10:8-9). When Philip went down to Samaria he healed the sick and cast out demons as he announced the Good News (Acts 8:4-8), and Paul describes his ministry in terms of power, telling the Thessalonians, "we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not simply with words, but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction..." (1 Thessalonians 1:4-5a). In 1 Corinthians Paul says, "My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power." (1 Corinthians 2:4-5).

If you don't know how to heal the sick or cast out demons- the power of God is available! We are here to help with suggested resources as well as training options.

Get connected. Build relationships with those whom God has called you to touch.

Since this is about inviting people into life with Jesus, you will need to start by catching the pulse of your community. Walk through it and pray, build relationships by listening to people being sensitive to the Holy Spirit as you catch the Father's heart for them. Have an informal gathering at your home, meet up at a restaurant, or be open for your weekend plans to change when others want to join in! Connect with others who hear God's call to participate in the extension of the Kingdom of God.

Check out Simple Church on the site www.reachmore.org for links to others already on this journey. You can also email Tom Wymore twymore@foursquare.org for help in connecting with others.

Get informed. Recommended reading resources.

So You Don't Want to Go To Church Anymore by Jake Colsen (a pseudonym for Wayne Jacobsen and Dave Coleman) and *Permission Granted to Do Church Differently* by Gary Goodell and Graham Cooke.

Other resources are on the web at www.reachmore.org

Foursquare Preparations.

Communication.

If you are being sponsored by a Foursquare church, be sure that communication is flowing between you and its leadership and that everyone understands basic Simple Church values and approaches. Be sure that you are in communication with your District Supervisor and his/her Church Multiplication representative. They will need to sign off on any funding proposals and will supply any paperwork needed to start a church. If they turn out to be unfamiliar with simple/house church model and Foursquare's commitment to it, feel free to have them contact the national Church Multiplication personnel for help.

Confirming Support.

After you have the support of your district leadership, you will submit a simple church network planting proposal to them (it will be routed to the national office as well).

The proposal should include the following:

Your Own Story. This is a synopsis of God's call to begin this adventure and evidence of your familiarity with simple church principles and values. It will include, but not be limited to, books read, websites researched, and practical experience obtained. We are also looking for evidence that you hear God and live intimately with Him and that you live in truly healthy relationships with others.

Values, Vision and Mission Statement. This need not be as detailed as a typical Church Planting proposal because Simple Church by its definition is, well, simpler! But even simple church leaders have core values, a vision of what God has called them to and a sense of mission. In this section we will be looking for evidence of commitment to the releasing, empowering leadership style that is essential to simple, organic church life and rapid multiplication.

Funding. If you are requesting funding, the proposal should also include a proposed budget. You can submit this to your District Supervisor and his/her Church Multiplication rep, but because SC planting is in its beginning stages the national CM team will also be evaluating your proposed budget. We will be looking for evidence of your clear understanding of organic/simple church values. A separate handout that describes our current guidelines regarding funding is available.

Demographics. You will submit a simple demographic study of the people you feel called to impact. You should a brief description of how your community will be impacted by this endeavor. A snapshot of how your community will be transformed five years in the future would be great!

Leadership Development. You will need to submit a preliminary description of how and when training will be given to the leaders (and future leaders) of simple churches in your network.

Note: Tom Wymore recommends that individual simple church leaders *not* be licensed since the licensing process may slow down multiplication and may also send a "clergy-laity" message to folks.

Final Words. Submit anything else you wish to communicate with us—perhaps things related to the uniqueness of your call, your vision, or anything you know is vitally important.

Connections.

As soon as you enter into conversation with us, certainly by the time you have submitted a proposal to the district, we will begin to link you with others. Your district leaders will be in contact with you about coaching, as well as completing all necessary forms.

Questions? Feel free to contact your district rep or national Simple Church team members for help along the way.

To find out whom to contact in your area, email Tom Wymore twymore@foursquare.org