



Diocese of the West Funding Strategies

Brief History of the Diocese: In 2013, the Diocese began with 23 churches, and as of 2020, consists of almost 50 churches, many whom were church plants. Until this year, the Diocese has been planting four-five churches per year.

DOTW Church Planting Process: *(Also Found Online @ DOTW Website)*

1. Contact the Diocesan Office and Archdeacon for Church Planting
2. Take an Assessment
3. Get Connected Locally
4. Get Training
5. Find a Coach
6. Develop a Church Planting Ministry Plan
7. Launch the Church

DOTW Church Planting Constructs: *(Also Found Online @ DOTW Website)*

1. *Convictions:* Church planting is a biblical mandate for our Diocese.
2. *Culture:* The unwritten values, expectations, and practices that create an environment for church planting.
3. *Constructs:* The systems and structures needed for the support of church planting.
 - a. Leadership Pipeline
 - b. Assessment
 - c. Training
 - d. Coaching
 - e. Ongoing Support
 - f. Funding** *(the focus of this document)*
 - g. Strategic Oversight
4. *Collaboration:* the people and teams tasked with overseeing and advancing church planting.

How Some Anglican Dioceses are Funding Church Planting

- Some dioceses give 10% (basically a tithe towards church planting)
- Some dioceses give 25%
- One does 50%
- Most have no budgeted funding strategy

Creating a Church Planting Engine for DOTW

1. Develop and implement a funding plan (*See Suggested Model Below*)
2. Develop and implement a 5 to 7-year vision for the Diocese
 - a. **Future Projected:** What do we want the Diocese to look like in 2023-2025?
 - b. **Future Projected:** How many new church plants do we want to see by then?
 - c. **Present Work:** What systems and structures need to be put into place now to make that vision a reality?
3. Burning Urgent Patience
 - a. Do not overestimate what can be done in 1 year.
 - b. Do not underestimate what can be done in 5-7 years.

Diocesan Goals for Church Plants

- We want our church plants to be self-governing.
- We want our church plants to be self-sustaining.
- We want our church plants to be self-replicating.

Suggest Diocesan Model for Church Planting

1. *Planter*
 - a. All church planters should be able to raise funds.
2. *Launch Team/Core Group*
 - a. Once gathered, funding from the 10-30 people whom will be starting the new church.
3. *Local Archdeaconry (or Church Partners)*
 - a. Buy-in and investment from local congregations.
4. *Diocese*
 - a. 2 to 3-year commitment on the back-end.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total
Planter	\$12k+	\$12k+	\$12k+	\$12k+	\$12k+	\$60k
Launch Team/Core Group	\$10k+	\$15k+	\$20k+	\$25k+	\$30k+	\$100k
Archdeaconry	\$5k+	\$5k+	\$5k+	\$5k+	\$5k+	\$25k
Diocese	x	x	\$5k+	\$7.5k	\$10k	\$22.5k