

COLORADO NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

COLORADO DISTRICT MISSIONS POLICY

Preamble

In order to reach the unsaved of Colorado with the saving gospel of Jesus Christ, we must endeavor to plant new churches in the spirit of unity. The Colorado District of the United Pentecostal Church sets forth the following procedure adopted by the Colorado District Board and Colorado District North American Missions Board for planting new churches within the District.

I. Church Planting

The following are three methods for church planting:

1. Preaching Point - an outreach opportunity to a designated area that allows a church or minister to see if a church might be able to be established. Outreach efforts can include: Bible Studies, Home Fellowship Groups, and outreach events.

a. The Preaching Point is recognized as an outreach opportunity.

b. A minister of a Preaching Point is not recognized as a pastor.

c. The Preaching Point cannot be advertised as a church.

2. Daughter Church - a church plant that is ready to begin regular weekly services and will be sponsored by a Mother Church is known as a Daughter Church. The goal of the Mother Church is to help support the Daughter Church until the Daughter Church is able to support itself. This allows the Daughter Church to grow and at the same time be provided fellowship and resources of the Mother Church.

3. Colorado North American Missions Church (North American Missions Church)

II. Preaching Point

A. A minister may have outreach known as a Preaching Point. The minister of the Preaching Point must be under the authority of a sponsoring pastor of the United Pentecostal Church.

B. The requesting minister will send a standardized letter and completed Preaching Point Application to the Colorado North American Missions Director. The Colorado North American Missions Director will forward the letter and application to those required for approval. If approved, a copy of the approved application will be maintained by the District.

C. A minister desiring to have an outreach known as a Preaching Point in a city where there is an existing United Pentecostal Church, must first have the approval of the Colorado North American Missions Board and the District Board. The District Board may override any decision by the Colorado North American Missions Board. The minister of the Preaching Point must remain under the authority of a sponsoring pastor of a United Pentecostal Church.

The requesting minister will send a standardized letter and Preaching Point Application to the Colorado North American Missions Director. The Colorado North American Missions Director will forward the letter and application to those required for approval. The Presbyter will be responsible for communicating to the pastor(s) of the city notifying of the requested new preaching point. The communication is to be in a written format with a documented verification from the recipient. In the event that there is no other minister or pastor with a Preaching Point or church in the city, no communication will be required. If approved, a copy of the approved application will be maintained by the District.

D. The sponsoring pastor of the Preaching Point must work in harmony with the Presbyter, Colorado NAM Director, and the Sectional NAM Director of where the work is established.

E. Financing of Preaching Point and proper record keeping will be the responsibility of the sponsoring pastor.

III. Daughter Churches.

- A. When a pastor desires to have a Daughter Church, he must make application with the Colorado North American Missions Director. The requesting pastor/minister will send a letter and Daughter Church Application to the Colorado North American Missions Director. The Colorado North American Missions Director will forward the letter and application to those required for approval. In the event the proposed Daughter Church is not an upgrade from a Preaching Point, the Presbyter will be responsible for sending a letter to the pastor(s) of the city notifying of the requested Daughter Church.
- B. The Daughter Church application must have the approval of the District Board and the Colorado North American Missions Board. The District Board may override any decision by the Colorado North American Missions Board.
- C. At the discretion of the District Superintendent, the Daughter Church application may be approved by the District Superintendent, Colorado North American Missions Director, Presbyter and the Colorado NAM Sectional Director.
- D. The pastor of the Daughter Church and those designated by him to work said Daughter Church must work in harmony with the Presbyter, Colorado North American Missions Director, and Section NAM Director where the Daughter Church is established.

IV. Colorado North American Missions Churches

- A. Any licensed minister who desires approval of location to start a church must be in good standing with the United Pentecostal Church and must make application with the Colorado North American Missions Director.
- B. The Colorado North American Missions Church application must have the approval of the District Board and the Colorado NAM Board.
- C. If, after six months, services have not started then the pastor must meet the North American Missions Board for continuation of the Colorado North American Missions Church.
- D. The Colorado NAM pastor is encouraged to support all programs of the United Pentecostal Church.
- E. A Colorado North American Missions pastor must be approved for Colorado Missions status and the church must be affiliated before receiving any funds from the Colorado North American Missions Department. No money can be received or channeled through the Colorado NAM Department prior to this approval.
- F. During the five years of Colorado Missions status, a church is eligible for a Christmas For Christ grant from the North American Missions Division. All requests must be made through the Colorado North American Missions Director.
- G. A Sheaves for Christ grant is available to the Colorado North American Missions church during the five years of status. All requests must be through Colorado North American Missions Director with the approval of the District Youth President.
- H. In the event a Colorado North American Missions pastor resigns the pastorate or , if for any reason, would no longer be licensed with the United Pentecostal Church during the Colorado North American Missions Status, then a new pastor is to be found for the Colorado North American Missions church. Meanwhile, the church will continue as an established place of worship and

affiliated church. The District Superintendent will take the normal process in helping the church in the search for a new pastor.

I. In the event a church closes while under the Colorado North American Missions status, the District Superintendent, Colorado North American Missions Director, and sectional Presbyter should be the first notified by the pastor.

V. Colorado Church Renewal

A. The purpose of the Colorado Church Renewal is to breathe new life into an established assembly that is in decline.

B. A church will be considered for church renewal status when there is a change in pastorate and there is a documented decline in membership and financial income for the previous three years. The request for church renewal must be made in writing to the Colorado North American Missions Director within six months of the new pastor's installation. The letter must detail the decline of the church and include the plans of the new pastor for revival and church growth.

C. The Colorado North American Missions Board will take under consideration the appeal of any pastor that desires the church to be approved for Renewal of Colorado Missions Status. Their decision will be presented to the Colorado District Board for their consideration and/or final approval.

D. If approved, the church will come under the guidelines and benefits afforded a Colorado North American Missions Church. However, neither the Colorado District or Colorado North American Mission Department will assume the responsibility of any past bills or church indebtedness. The Colorado North American Missions status will begin upon District Board approval.

VI. Colorado North American Missions Officers Expense Allowances.

The Colorado North American Missions Board, whether acting individually or collectively, may be reimbursed for travel expenses for any travel made on behalf of Colorado North American Missions as approved by the Colorado North American Missions Director.

VII. Grants and Allocation

Colorado Missions Benefits program of an approved Colorado North American Missionary will be as follows:

1. Moving Expenses would be limited to the actual cost of moving up to a maximum of *\$750.
2. A rent or housing allowance could be granted for two months in the case employment cannot be found or if there is a definite financial need. The housing allowance shall not exceed *\$500.00 a month.
3. Emergency Assistance as approved and when funds are available.
4. North American Missions Training Seminar Travel Reimbursement upon receipt of the expense voucher, and the availability of funds.
5. To receive these funds, an itemized written request can be submitted to the Colorado North American Missions Director or the Colorado North American Missions Director can initiate a dispersal without a request from the missionary. The North American Missions Board is authorized to determine amounts up to *\$2,000.00. The Colorado North American Missionary must in turn give receipts of said funds to the District Office.
6. All benefits of the above program will cease when the missionary reaches his/her fifth anniversary of missionary status. Missionary status begins upon the date of the District Board Approval of North American Missions status.

7. The maximum allocations granted to a North American Missionary shall be as follows:

- a. The first year missionary is eligible for grants up to *\$3,000
- b. The second year missionary is eligible for grants up to *\$2,000
- c. The third year missionary is eligible for grants up to *\$1,500
- d. The fourth year missionary is eligible for grants up to *\$1,000
- e. The fifth year missionary is eligible for grants up to *\$500.00

*All grants are subject to availability of funds. If requests should exceed the maximum amount allowed then it would be subject to approval by the Colorado District Board.