

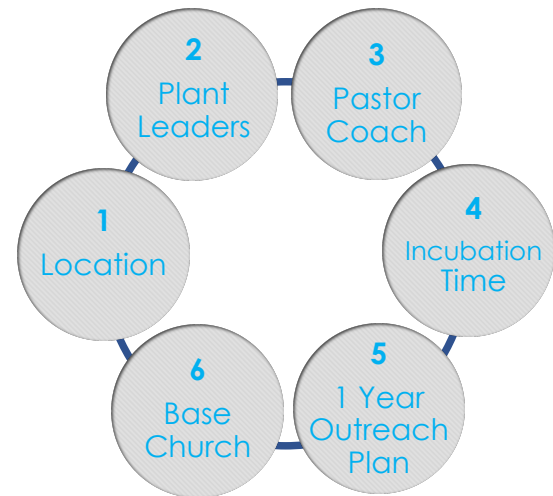
# Guidelines for Starting A New Mission Group

In the Texas Conference



## The Process:

The following steps are done in consultation with the Planting Group, Local Area Church Planting Coordinator, Area Pastors and the Conference Officers



- 1. LOCATION: The Demographic viability and location** must be confirmed by the Texas Conference Church Planting Department
- 2. The Lay Planting Leader** of the new church plant will be appointed by the Texas Conference Church Planting Coordinator in consultation with the Planting Group. A Treasurer and a Communication Secretary will be appointed by the Mission group.
- 3. A Pastor Coach** and a **Base Church** that can best match and support the needs of the new plant will be appointed by the Texas Conference Church Planting Coordinator
- 4. An “incubation” period on AVG of 3-6 months** will be used for the purpose of **spiritual fellowship, initiating mission work, and going through a process of missional strategic planning** before the official public launch of the church
- 5. A One-year Outreach and Discipleship Plan must be submitted every year until three years after reaching church status**
- 6. All financial giving** of the new Mission Group is to be run through the **Base Church**. A separate line item will be set up for all the donations made by the group members toward their planting project. **A Mission Group Treasurer** will be elected to keep itemized accounting records for the group giving. All expenditures by the plant must be approved by the core team and official minutes record must be kept