

SELF-ASSESSMENT FORM FOR CHURCH PLANTING READINESS

Name of Church: _____

Date of assessment date: _____

No.	Areas of Assessment	Yes! (ready, we will trust God for it)	Willing (to work at it)	Open (to idea)	No (not now)
1	PRAYER				
	Has the Church been praying for church planting regularly? (If "yes", proceed; if "no" go to 2)	Yes	-	-	No
1.1	Among Pastors & leaders?	All	Most	Some	None
1.2	At Church prayer meetings?	Intentionally	Regularly	Occasionally	None
2	Pastoral Initiative				
2.1	Preaching from pulpit?	Intentionally	Regularly	Occasionally	None
2.2	Advocate for planting Churches?	Intentionally	Regularly	Occasionally	None
2.3	Your Pastor had planted a Church before?	Seeks to plant more	>1	1	No
3	Evangelism is Active				
3.1	Guests at Worship Services	Every Service	Regularly	Irregularly	Almost none
3.2	Regular outreach programmes a strong priority? Tick (✓) on rows A–E below.	Regular & ongoing	Special events in Church Plan	Irregular/One-off sometimes	None
A	Regular outreach programmes (Alpha, EE, etc)				
B	Small groups /Home fellowships				
C	Seeker events (Seeker Service, Guest Sunday)				
D	Visitation to hospitals & homes (by Pastor, leaders & members)				
E	Others (pls specify)				
3.3	Outreach taught from discipleship class, & reinforced at small groups?	Intentionally	Regularly	Occasionally	None

4	Missional Church - Collective Leadership Vision				
4.1	LCEC deliberate on Church Planting in LCEC?	At least once a year	Once in last 2 years	Once in last 5 years	None
4.2	Planted a new Church?	Within last 3 year	Within last 5 years	Within last 10 years	None to-date
4.3	Response to Church planting proposal by Pastor & Leaders?	Strong support	Quite positive	Hesitant	Not now
4.4	Response to Church planting proposal by another TRAC Church in District?	Strong support	Quite positive	Hesitant	Non-committal
5	Readiness of Congregation				
5.1	Congregational support – general impression?	Ready to act	Prepared to consider	Generally supportive	Not supportive
5.2	Core group to support Church Planting exist in the Church?	Already planning for it	Prepared to consider	Few prepared to commit	None
5.3	Response to local Church's proposal to plant a preaching point?	Strong support	Quite supportive	Generally supportive	Not supportive
5.4	Response to proposal of supporting a preaching point by another TRAC Church in District?	Strong support	Quite supportive	Generally supportive	Not supportive

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6	Outreach Programmes through Social Concern				
6.1	Within church premises – tuition, child-care, etc?	Regular & ongoing	In Church plan	Irregular	No programme
6.2	With community – church event outside the church building. (Blood donation, open house)	Regular and ongoing	In Church plan	Irregular	No programme
6.3	In community – sustained programme to reach out based on needs (Shelter, Feeding, Homes)	Regular and ongoing	In Church plan	Irregular	No programme
7	New Membership Trend				
7.1	New membership by conversion? (% p.a. of total Church membership for past 5 years)	>20%	10-20%	<10%	Negligible
7.2	Sunday Worship Service attendance/ Membership	>100 %	80-100%	50-80%	<50%
7.3	New membership through outreach programmes	Majority	Minority	Few	Other avenues
8	Ministry Workers (Church members serving in the different areas of the Ministry Menu)				
8.1	How is the response of members each year to serve in various ministries of the Church?	Always sufficient	Just enough	Need persuasion	Struggle
8.2	Strongest interest ministry? Tick (✓) on rows A–E below.	Best served	Good response	Insufficient	Least interest
A	Evangelism				
B	Christian Education				
C	Social Concern				
D	Sunday Service Helpers				
E	Others (pls specify) :				

9	Challenges	Not an Issue. Ready	Can be overcome	Major challenge	Not possible for now
	Challenges in planting a new Church or supporting a Preaching Point within District. Tick (✓) below for each potential challenge.				
9.1	Pastoral support?				
9.2	LCEC support?				
9.3	Experience or knowledge in successful Church Planting?				
9.4	Committed core group for Church Planting?				
9.5	Covenant Group for new Church?				
9.6	Specific giftings to bring – preaching, teaching, worship & praying?				
9.7	Congregational support?				
9.8	Prayer support?				
9.9	Equipping of Church planters?				
10	Self-assessment of Church's readiness to plant a new Preaching Point?	Yes! (ready, we will trust God for it)	Willing (to work at it)	Open (to idea)	No (not now)
10.1	Your personal assessment?				
10.2	Church leadership's assessment? (after discussion)				

Note: The assessment on Church planting readiness is to be completed individually by all the leaders (regardless of whether you may initially feel your Church is ready or not). Thereafter, leaders are to discuss their self-assessment, and arrive at a consensus (item 10.2), and pray and work through whatever decision that is arrived at. Churches are not required to submit their forms to TRAC Board of Evangelism.