

Start Up Grant Acceptance Form

It is with great pleasure that churches of the Georgia Baptist Convention invest in the launch of this new church. Faithful partner churches contributing to missions through the Cooperative Program and the Georgia Baptist State Mission Offering provide these funds. The following reversion clause is a requirement as a part of the policy when providing these funds for new congregations. Please sign three copies, return one to GBC, the second becomes an appendix to the partnership agreement with the partner church and/or the association, and retain the third in the new church's records.

1. Decisions concerning the closing of a new church are to be made in consultation with all partners (church, association, and GBC) and not as a unilateral decision of the church planter.
2. In the event the new congregation discontinues its cooperative affiliation with the Georgia Baptist Convention or ceases to exist, the following procedures will be followed:

All real property provided in grants, all equipment purchased with partnership funds, and any remaining assets shall be returned to the partner church or association and designated for use in future church planting.

Or the congregation shall reimburse the partnership group (church, association, and convention) for all grants and pastoral funding assistance provided. This reimbursement shall be equivalent to the amount of funding provided for the purchase of the properties, equipment, and pastoral supplement.

We have read this Acceptance Form and agree to the conditions set forth.

(New Church Name)

(New Church Pastor)

(New Church Representative)

(Partner Church Pastor or Representative)

(Associational Missionary)

(Church Planting Ministries, GBC)

(Date)

Also, as the list is developed, think of how the local emerging congregation will contribute and how each partner can participate. Do not expect all the cost to be borne by any one partner.

Start Up Request Worksheet

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