

Special Information for SMP Students Desiring to Serve as Church Planters

The New Church Development Task Force (NCDTF) wants to make you aware of the following information concerning SMP applicants who desire to serve as mission developers/church planters.

Prior to the interview by the District Interview Committee:

1. All SMP applicants desiring to serve as mission developers/church planter should be strongly encouraged to take the Gallup Planter Assessment Survey. The results will be mailed to the district office from LCMS World Missions.

2. Those receiving a result of “recommended” or “guardedly recommended,” should be strongly encouraged to attend the Church Planter Assessment Center (CPAC). The results of this participation will be sent to the district office from LCMS World Missions.

Those receiving a result of “recommended” or “guardedly recommended” should be strongly encouraged to continue with plans to serve as a mission developer/church planter.

During SMP Enrollment:

Those who have received the result of “recommended” or “guardedly recommended” in the above two means of assessment should be strongly encouraged during their SMP enrollment to participate in the planter development process, which includes the:

- The Basic Mission Planter Training
- The Edge Gathering
- The Advanced Mission Planter Training

These students should also be strongly encouraged to establish and maintain an ongoing coaching relationship with a coach who is identified by the Center for US Missions in consultation with the district.

Failure to do the items listed above will result in the automatic forfeiture of tuition assistance from the Board for Mission Services for the student and may also impact the grant application submitted by the mission to be designated as a Covenant Congregation.

Additional information concerning the items above may be obtained by contacting Dr. Yohannes Mengsteab, LCMS World Mission, 1333 S. Kirkwood Road, St. Louis, MO 63122; Yohannes.Mengsteab@LCMS.org; 314-996-1336.