

# ***Informed Consent for Church Planting Assessment***

Thank you for your interest in church planting in North America. This form will provide you with general information about the assessment process, as well as some of the specific types of assessments that will be required in order for you to partner with The Church at Brook Hills. Your signature on this document indicates that you understand the information and freely consent to participate in this assessment.

## **OVERVIEW**

The assessment of church planters is designed to assist both the teams and the church in knowing how best to prepare for future missionary endeavors. Our assessment process assists in understanding the strengths and limitations members will bring to a church planting team. It also allows our leadership to know how best to customize the equipping process for an individual and the team. The assessment process consists of both informal and formal processes, and occurs over the 12 months it takes for a team to complete their equipping before being commissioned. Our assessment process evaluates church planters in the following areas:

- Calling to salvation and to missionary labors
- Character components
- Conviction regarding doctrine, missiology, and strategy
- Capacity as a leader
- Cross-cultural adaptability
- Cooperation of family to the future labors and overall family health

The assessment process includes at least, but is not limited to, the following:

- Informal meeting with pastor of church multiplication upon initial interest
- Responding to the “Points to Ponder” handout
- Small Group Leader’s Assessment
- Background check
- Leadership Assessment
- Personal and Family Assessment
- Possible References from Past Churches
- Missiological Assessment
- General observations made during the 12 months of equipping

## **YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES**

You are a full partner in the assessment process and have a heavy responsibility upon the outcome of this process. Your honesty and transparency is essential to success. You will be asked to participate in interviews, inventories, conversations, and questionnaires that will aid in your growth and development and assist our leadership in knowing how best to equip you for your calling. However, all of these measures are wholly dependent upon your honesty. Responding in ways that are less than truthful and transparent can jeopardize your opportunity to partner with The Church at Brook Hills in church planting. If at any point during this process you have suggestions or concerns, we anticipate that you will share those with us.

**POTENTIAL RISK**

You should be aware that assessments pose potential risks. In the course of responding to questionnaires, interviews, or inventories, additional problems may surface of which you were not initially aware. If this occurs, then you should feel free to share these new concerns with us.

**CONFIDENTIALITY**

By agreeing to the assessment process you understand that the information obtained in all assessment components will be used for the expressed purpose of aiding The Church at Brook Hills and you in evaluating your current fitness for partnering together in planting churches. Your information is private and confidential and will not be shared beyond the scope of the assessment process. You understand that information obtained from the assessment process can be shared with individuals necessary to the evaluation process. Further, you agree to allow those responsible for the assessment process to communicate with one another regarding all aspects of your assessment. Specifically:

1. You allow the Pastor of Church Multiplication or his representative to communicate with all outside interviewers, assessors, small group leaders, pastors, or ministers necessary for the assessment process;
2. You allow the Pastor of Church Multiplication or his representative to communicate with any counselor or specialist to whom you are referred for the purpose of this assessment process;
3. You allow the Pastor of Church Multiplication or his representative to communicate with any member of the Church Multiplication Team or the Elders of the Church at Brook Hills for the purpose of this assessment.

**ACKNOWLEDGED:**

I (we, if married) understand that the information obtained in all assessment components will be used for the expressed purpose of aiding The Church at Brook Hills and me and in evaluating my current fitness for partnering together in planting churches in North America. I (we) understand that I have the right to discontinue the assessment process at any time. However, I (we) understand that The Church at Brook Hills will be unable to provide feedback of the assessment results if assessment is terminated.

By my signature below (or signatures of both spouses if married), I (we) acknowledge that I (we) have been given an overview of the assessment process, informed of my (our) responsibilities, potential risks, and confidentiality regarding the assessment process, and have read the 2-page consent form. I (we) fully understand my (our) obligations as a participant in the assessment and I (we) freely agree to this assessment process.

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TCABH Representative

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Date