

**Rocky Mountain Ministry Network**  
**Preliminary Introductory Meeting with the Superintendent**

- A. A prospective church planter and their spouse should initiate a meeting with the District Superintendent to
1. Discuss the plant,
  2. Deliver a letter of intent (LOI) and
  3. A strategic plan outlining the proposed timeline, specific location, requests and list of referrals.
  4. The list of referrals should include the full contact information of previous ministry employers, denominational leaders, mentors and close friends.
- B. The District Superintendent will ask exploratory questions, review the Networks philosophy regarding community, location and proximity and provide a copy of the district's church planting manual.<sup>1</sup>
1. Tell me about your call to plant a church. When did it start? How is it becoming more focused?
  2. How has your call been confirmed in each of you by God, man and circumstances?
  3. What kind of relationship do you personally and the church organizationally plan on having with the Assemblies of God? Will you maintain an AG credential? Will the church be an Assemblies of God church? What district or parent church will it be affiliated with?
  4. What are your greatest fears regarding planting a church?
  5. How do you think other pastors you have worked for and those in the area you intend to plant might recommend you if they were asked?
    - Much reservation
    - Some reservation
    - Recommend
    - Highly recommend
    - Not enough information to recommend
  6. Do you currently have a launch team? How did you recruit them? Where did they come from? What experience do they have in church planting?
  7. How do you see yourself being strategically aligned with the needs of the community you hope to plant a church in?
  8. If you are selected as a candidate, are you willing and available to take a church planting assessment to determine compatibility and areas to work on?
  9. If married, is your spouse supportive of pursuing more ministry responsibilities with you and increasing the time you spend on your ministry related assignments?
  10. If you are confirmed for the next steps, would you be able to devote approximately five hours per week to training and preparation?
  11. Church planting will find your weakness. Do you have a willingness and desire to pursue God and challenge yourself to grow in character as you follow this call?

12. Have others affirmed your leadership and encouraged you to take steps to develop your spiritual gifts?
13. Do you currently have an assignment that allows you to practice your leadership and vision casting skills?
14. Do you have a written vision and mission statement for your personal ministry calling and future development?
15. Do you have a regular prayer time apart from time in your current ministry?
16. Do you have regular personal devotions and Bible study apart from that required in your current ministry?
17. Do you schedule a regular time for relaxation and recreation apart from your ministry expectations?
18. Would a criminal background or credit check on both of you reveal anything that may need explanation prior to approval?
19. Do you have pre-Christian friends with whom you regularly interact?

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<sup>i</sup> Most of the exploratory questions the District Superintendent will ask in the introductory meeting are taken from those listed in the book, *Leading Church Multiplication* by Tom Nebel and Steve Pike (Church Smart Resources, 2014), 80-81.