

The Church's hope rests in the hands of young people who will carry on the mission to plant new churches.



Are you ... entrepreneurial and future-focused with a desire to share the gospel in relevant, contextual new ways?

Are you ... interested in a one-year hands-on learning experience in a vital, large impact church setting?

Would you like to be considered for a one year, paid residency in church planting?

If you answered yes to the above three questions, we would like to speak with you!!!

What You Will Gain from a Church Planting Residency?

- First-hand experience working at a large impact church for one year
- If done concurrently as a student (final year), you will receive a stipend. If done post graduation, you will receive a salary, housing and benefits.
- Wisdom and insight from experienced planters and conference staff, who will help you prepare for the journey ahead
- The opportunity to attend national planter training events (New Church Leadership Institute, Church Planting Boot Camp, Launchpad, etc.)
- Hands-on experience planning worship, leading small groups, organizing community outreach, and raising money for projects
- Contextual Education credit if you are attending seminary
- An assignment to plant a large impact church upon successful completion of the program
- A greater vision of your calling and a greater readiness for the ministry that awaits you!



Residency Expectations - Highlights

- All Residents will attend an orientation meeting with Path 1 and with the congregational development staff and committee of their annual conference.
- The Residents will be assigned to a recognized large impact vital congregation in (or, in some cases, outside) their annual conference to serve for one year, working regular, full-time hours (if post seminary) or a part-time "Contextual Education" experience if done in the final year of seminary.
- The resident will work carrying out duties as the church directs him/her, while also fulfilling the requirements laid out in his/her covenant with Residency sponsors.
- The resident will be paired with a mentor who is a member of the church's pastoral staff.

What is a Large Impact Church?

- High volume of professions of faith
- High scores on the “UMC Vital Congregations” signs of a healthy church
 - Inviting and Inspiring Worship
 - Engaged Disciples in mission and outreach
 - Gifted, Empowered and Equipped Lay Leadership
 - Effective, Equipped and Inspired Clergy Leadership
 - Small Group Ministries
 - Strong Children’s and Youth Ministry
- Strong Discipleship system
- May not be in your annual conference but reflect the kind of church you desire to plant.
- Other traits determined by the annual conference

Residency Overview and Partners

Path 1, the church planting movement of The United Methodist Church, is committed to encouraging and supporting the next generation of church planters. We believe young people are critical to our mission to reach the growing number of unchurched people in the world and to stay relevant to the changing trends and needs of the world. In accordance with that commitment we are providing Residencies for young adults who feel called to plant new churches.

We are creating partnerships with annual conferences to fund these Residencies. Our Residency program helps address the denomination’s need to increase the number of young and diverse clergy under 35 years of age. These Residencies are designed to help our UMC plant vital, new large impact churches with a relevant, contextual, outward focus on ministries and mission.

The partners involved in this program are the planter resident, the host church, the annual conference, seminaries, and Path 1. The host church will act as the temporary employer of the resident while the annual conference, seminary and Path 1 will serve as co-sponsors of the program. Each sponsor will contribute money, time, and resources to the program and evaluate the effectiveness of the planter, the Residency program, and the fund development process.

What’s Next?

- Prayerfully consider whether you are called to be a planter and to pursue this Residency opportunity.
- Talk to your pastor, district superintendent, or seminary professor about your desire to become a church planter.
- Ask your annual conference to provide or recommend a planter assessment process to determine whether you have the qualities of a high-potential planter. Your Congregational Developer will find assessment tools for you.
- Contact Path 1 for more information about the Residency program.



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