



From the beginning of Exodus Church, our goal has been to financially support, fervently pray for and effectively begin new churches. The New Testament model of disciple-making had church planting at its center.

To facilitate these goals, the elders have studied and discussed the vision of remaining One Church expressed in Multiple Congregations. This would mean that Exodus Church would be One Church remaining unified in goal, mission and values while existing in Multiple Congregations that are as diverse as the contexts in which they reside.

WHY DO THIS?

This plan will allow Exodus to be highly unified as a body of Christ in our goals, mission, and values. The Planter will be able to rely on established systems, policies and plans while being set free to pursue areas of gifting.

WHAT WILL WE SHARE?

Exodus Church will remain One Church while existing in Multiple Congregations. Each Congregation will not be the same in every way. The following categories may be helpful in understanding how this fits together.

- *Centralized* – Things done the same way, overseen by Movement Elders.* (Examples: Accounting, Administrative Matters, etc.)
- *Unified* – Things done the same way, overseen by Mission Elders.* (Examples: Community Groups, Preaching, etc.)
- *Decentralized* – Things done in different ways, overseen by Mission Elders.* (Examples: Age-Specific Ministries, etc.)

WHAT THIS IS NOT

While we are not opposed to any of the following models, the approach we are presenting is not like any of these.

- *Multi-campus/Video Venue* – This model uses video for the sermon portion of the gathering. Our approach will have live preaching and teaching on a weekly basis primarily from the lead pastor/preacher.
- *Completely different churches* – While we will continue to support other church plants, this approach will allow us to remain One Church that will be expressed through Multiple Congregations.

WHAT IS THE TIMELINE/PLAN?

While we do believe that being prepared is critical to planting new churches, we are also aware that the church is an organism more than an organization. Because of this, the following should be seen as fluid and adaptable based on what God is doing.

- **July-December (2012)** – Fundraising, Vision Casting, Core Gathering
- **January-April (2013)** – Launch Team Meetings, CG Leader Training
- **May-August (2013)** – CGs, Monthly Preview Gatherings, Community Engagement Events, Leadership Meetings
- **September 8 (2013)** – Launch of Weekly Worship Gatherings

HOW WILL THIS AFFECT ME?

Our experience here at the first Exodus Congregation will not be affected drastically apart from the absence of those we love who are called and commissioned to start new congregations. Our family will expand in some ways. We will have new people at our training events. Our website will change slightly. Our prayer lives will expand. Our heart for our region will expand. But our regular experience of gathered worship and scattered community will not change dramatically.

- * **Movement elders** will be the lead pastors at each congregation and other men needed to best accomplish the mission. Movement elders will be appointed by the mission elders of the local congregations. **Mission Elders** will be appointed and approved by each local congregation. These elders will lead, shepherd and care for that local congregation.