

CHURCH PLANT  
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**SUMMARY**

Community of Hope in partnership with Assist Church Expansion envisions the planting of a legacy church--self-sustaining, self-governing, effectively reaching the lost and committed to reproducing--in the metro Fort Wayne, IN area.

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# The Target

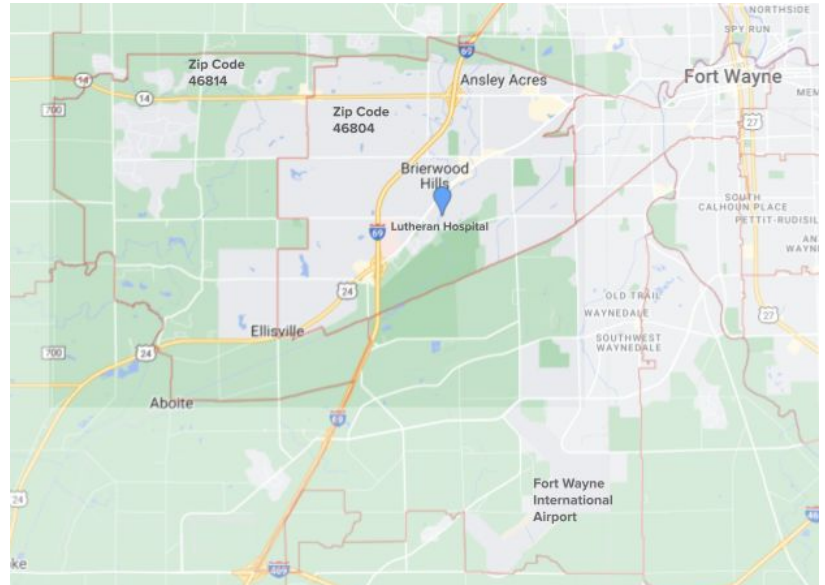
## Southwest Fort Wayne, IN

This family friendly area is growing quickly and is fertile for an evangelistic, Bible teaching church that is engaging in the community!

*"New churches best reach new generations, new residents, and new people groups."* - Tim Keller

As God is moving people to this area, now is the time to plant a new church to reach the men, women, boys and girls who He is already pulling together in this community to reach out and find Him (Acts 17:26-27)!

Target Zip Codes: 46804 & 46814  
(Where families are 75+% of households!)



# The Why

## Reasons to plant a church in the Southwest Fort Wayne area:

1. **Mother Church committed to planting a daughter church** – Community of Hope in Columbia City, IN. The church has been praying for Fort Wayne as a place to plant and even has key families living in the target area. The church is ready to invest in a resident as a major initiative of their ministry with time, training and finances!
2. **Emerging Core Team in the Target Area** - One of the elders of Community of Hope lives in this area and has been garnering prayer and engagement in the community to see a new church reaching families!
3. **Fort Wayne is a key city in the region** - The community again was among the fastest-growing metro areas in the Great Lakes region in 2021. For the region, Fort Wayne is the “place to go” and has the infrastructure and affordability to continue to grow. Spiritually, getting a “beachhead” with a vibrant church in this city provides opportunities for the Gospel to spread and for even more expansion and church planting.
4. **No Charis Fellowship church in Ft. Wayne** - Despite the Fellowship’s strong history in Northern Indiana, and the proximity of Charis churches, there is currently not a member church in Fort Wayne. The closest church is Community of Hope in Columbia City.
5. **Bolster the Heartland district in a collaborative church plant initiative** - Opportunities for the district churches within a drivable distance to support this work with human and financial resources, plus the strong Fellowship presence in the area could begin the momentum of church multiplication again.
6. **Church planting is one of the most effective ways of evangelism** - Above all, *people need Jesus in this community* and church planting energy and effort is a great way to reach them.

# Budget

We believe that daughter church planting is the most effective way to plant churches in North America. Secondly, we believe that a church planter is most benefited by being part of the mother church for mentoring and relationships they can build to envision partners for a new church. Our residency strategy gives the resident time to get to know the church family and learn from church leadership.

This opportunity is poised for success with an outstanding mother church that has been preparing to birth a new church and bringing on a resident. At the same time, it takes a collaborative effort so we are seeking to see many participating in the support of this new work!

## RESIDENCY & CHURCH PLANT FINANCIAL PROJECTIONS

INCOME	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	PROJECT
Community of Hope	\$35,000	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$135,000
Resident - Individual Fundraising	\$6,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$6,000	\$36,000
District/District Churches	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$30,000	\$20,000	\$125,000
Outside Funding	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$50,000
Church Plant Launch Team + Church Offerings	\$20,000	\$50,000	\$127,000	\$190,000	\$387,000
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$96,000</b>	<b>\$182,000</b>	<b>\$204,000</b>	<b>\$251,000</b>	<b>\$733,000</b>

EXPENSES	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	PROJECT
Resident/Planter Support/Benefits & Training Costs*	\$72,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$312,000
Church Operations	\$13,000	\$65,000	\$102,000	\$119,000	\$299,000
Church Launch Equipment and Resources		\$40,000			\$40,000
Church Planting Multiplication/Missions			\$12,700	\$19,000	\$31,700
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$85,000</b>	<b>\$185,000</b>	<b>\$194,700</b>	<b>\$218,000</b>	<b>\$682,700</b>

\* Note: Planter Support & benefits increase each year, and training costs decrease, so this line item stays consistent.

# PROJECT PHASES

The proposed project timeline is 4 years from the winter of 2023. This plan would include the all the partners approval of the project proposal and the signing of the Partnership Agreement.

