

We Network Anabaptist Church Planting Partnerships By:

1. Finding and assessing church planters
2. Creating church planter support teams
3. Church planting Task Force
4. Catalyst training events
5. Connecting established churches in supporting new churches
6. Sister church relationships



The Core Tasks of Western District Conference

- ❖ Sustaining Transformational Pastors
- ❖ Resourcing Healthy, Missional Churches
- ❖ Networking Anabaptist Church Planting Partnerships

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Core Tasks of the Western District Conference

For Pastors:

- ◆ Pastors who are growing spiritually, theologically and strategically
- ◆ Pastors with a stronger vision and future orientation
- ◆ Pastors who are connected and accountable to the wider church
- ◆ Pastors who call members to personal holiness and social justice, to personal redemption and the restoration of creation and culture

We Sustain Transformational Pastors By:

1. Process of licensing and ordination where pastors are examined for emotional wholeness, spiritual depth, theological consistency, faithful discipleship.
2. Annual accountability forms
3. Peer groups, mentors, spiritual directors, counselors
4. Prevention of Clergy misconduct training and misconduct process when a church leader is accused
5. Training days for pastors (Pastor's Day Apart)
6. Pastor review consultants
7. Youth Ministry Network monthly meetings
8. Scholarships for full-time seminary students
9. Pastoral studies distance education grants
10. Continuing education grants (\$125 per year)

For Churches:

- ◆ Churches growing in spiritual vitality and relational community
- ◆ Churches intentionally reaching out to the unchurched
- ◆ Churches with empowering processes of discernment, governance and conflict transformation
- ◆ Churches serving people in the community
- ◆ Churches engaged in God's global mission
- ◆ Churches with leadership development practices and pastor calling initiatives

We Resource Healthy, Missional Churches By:

1. Annual Assembly as our premiere training event for lay leaders and pastors
2. Pastoral Search Committee training and support—Finding new pastors
3. Support for and collaboration with Instituto Biblico Anabautista
4. Training events for churches and lay leaders
5. Resource library with 12,000 resources
6. Training in Safe Sanctuary policy—prevention of child abuse
7. Training for Christian Formation—new ways of doing Sunday school and Wednesday nights
8. Youth Ministry Network events
9. Support of Camp Menoscah and Oklahoma camping program
10. A core of Anabaptist values that permeates resources and events
11. Trained transitional pastors to help churches look at their history and identity
12. Coaches for congregational visioning
13. Consultants for congregational conflict