

Planting Today ... for a Harvest Tomorrow

MCE's ministry is geared toward the permeation of every identifiable Midwestern community with the hope of the Gospel through the biblical ministry of reproductive IFCA International churches. Chances are there is a need for such a church in your community or in a nearby one. Contact us to begin discussing the possibilities that may exist for establishing one.

Are you interested in the possibility of planting a church as an MCE missionary pastor? Call or write today and let's explore any existing opportunities for which you may be suited.

Midwest Church Extension is the Church Planting Agency of IFCA International in the Midwestern States of Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and portions of Missouri.



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What Does Midwest Church Extension Do?





For ministries seeking to describe their ministry activity, it is no longer adequate to claim participation in the Great Commission activity of the Church since that is the popular claim of any number of organizations. A demonstration of the width, breadth and depth of a ministry's Great Commission impact is of singular importance in justifying such a claim. Midwest Church Extension focuses on fulfilling the Great Commission by strategically extending the ministry of IFCA International churches to Midwestern communities and by equipping believers for church planting ministry in whatever community God may call them

to. There are **five essential elements** to the ministry of Midwest Church Extension that help us to maintain that focus:

Planting

The ministry of MCE serves to facilitate the planting of new churches and to re-plant struggling churches. In doing so, our intent is to oversee the planting and development of IFCA International churches until they are able to function with sufficient stability and in a manner by which the Great Commission may be increasingly fulfilled through the consistent, faithful preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Training

The ministry of MCE provides practical, hands-on training for those who demonstrate a serious interest or burden for the ministry of church planting.

- **Residencies**

MCE Residencies provide for extensive practical ministry training, under the oversight of MCE personnel, for those who have made a commitment to MCE in terms of future placement as MCE Missionary Church Planters.

- **Internships**

MCE Internships provide short-term opportunities for practical ministry training, under the oversight of MCE personnel, for those who are leaning toward church planting ministry but are undecided as to what field and/or mission agency.

- **Mission Teams**

MCE hosts small groups of students who spend an intensive time of getting exposure to the ministry of church planting by visiting various church plants, interacting with church planting missionaries and involving themselves in practical ministry on various levels.



Teaching

- **Website Resources**

MCE's website provides access to resources generally related to the ministry of church planting and to MCE's ministry as well. A library of training modules is also being developed for on-line delivery to those who wish to learn more about the ministry of church planting and the particular approach taken by MCE.

- **Campus Ministries**

MCE personnel teach regularly on Bible College campuses and work cooperatively with seminaries to promote the ministry church planting and to equip future church planting missionaries.



Encouraging

- **Pulpit, Conference Ministry**

MCE personnel are available to serve the local church in Sunday pulpit ministry and Bible/Mission Conferences throughout the year. While themes of church planting, missions and church health are core to this ministry there are other options as well, designed to meet the specific needs of the individual local church.

Reproducing

- **Equipping Churches to Plant Again**

MCE believes that the burden of fulfilling the Great Commission through the ministry of church planting is properly borne by the local church itself. Every local church was a church plant at one time in its life. Since healthy, living things reproduce themselves MCE believes that every church ought to have an eye toward planting a church ... reproducing itself ... in the "next community". MCE church plants are intentionally "wired" that way and we stand ready to assist local churches who seek our counsel and/or assistance in making it happen in their experience.