



## Current Multiplication Grants Available in the Great Lakes Region (GLR) of The Wesleyan Church (TWC)

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Pioneering is joining God in His redemptive mission. We acknowledge that God is already working in the hearts and lives of individuals. As we follow the leading of His Spirit, we are going to places or people groups where there is little or no witness to the transforming message of the gospel. Church Planters and Sending Churches not only establish relationships to see people come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, but we continue to make disciples, develop leaders, and empower a multiplying movement of life change.

We acknowledge we cannot always use the same methods wherever we go. To guide how a church is started, we trust the leading of the Holy Spirit and people immersed in the local culture. At times, launching a traditional life-giving congregation is the best model. Other times we see a need for a fresh expression of the gospel to reach new people and new places. However, the Lord directs our efforts to plant a church; we know it begins with Spirit-anointed leaders living missionally for Jesus Christ. Where there aren't churches, our church planters are engaging in culturally appropriate ways to launch them. As people come to Christ, they invest in discipling those believers. The purpose of a church planter or a sending church is to prepare the way for a new church to be established, grow, thrive and multiply.

The GLR considers our unique opportunity an honor and a privilege to steward financial resources for church multiplication. Through a discerning process (Luke 14:28-31) of prayer, wise counsel, relationship building, and a written proposal, the following characteristics of a grant to be awarded are:

- The point leader has demonstrated that they desire to be a spirit-anointed leader.
- Church Planter/Sending Church has a clear, articulated vision and calling for evangelism.
- The church planter is active in personal evangelism and discipleship and is wired to launch a new church plant/campus/fresh expression of the gospel.
- The Church Planter/Sending Church is actively developing an intercessory prayer team and a financial support team.
- The Church Planter/Sending Church desires to be coached and trained
- The Church Plante/Sending Church strives to be an active contributor to the culture, mission, and vision of the GLR and The Wesleyan Church
- The Church Planter/Sending Church understands and embraces the leadership and spiritual authority of The Great Lakes Region of The Wesleyan Church
- The Church Planter desires to pursue credentials as a licensed minister and eventually an ordained minister of The Wesleyan Church
- The Church Planter/Sending Church has a clear proposed plan of action that, when executed, would allow a partnership with The GLR to reach more people in more places with the good news of Jesus Christ!

### **How to Apply for any of our Church Multiplication Grants**

We want to partner with you! Do you have a calling for church multiplication? Do you have a church multiplication plan and would like to partner with The GLR? Start with a conversation with a GLR Multiplication Team member. We sincerely desire to connect with you, hear what the Holy Spirit has been stirring in your heart, and find ways we can serve you. We all have planted churches and understand church planters' financial needs in launching new works. Please email [CM@TheGLR.org](mailto:CM@TheGLR.org) requesting an appointment to discuss a grant request.

# Church Multiplication Grant Overviews:

## Spark Grant

To ignite kingdom expansion, The GLR invites local churches to partner for church multiplication. Local congregations may apply for a Church Multiplication Spark Grant (up to \$500) to be used to execute a church multiplication project or effort. The GLR continues to use opportunities such as the Spark Grant to pioneer, develop and resource church multiplication.

## Grants Available for Church Planters

The GLR believes in you! We intentionally spend time with each church planter and pioneering leader to understand how best to serve God's vision and calling on their life. From the moment a potential church planter or pioneer is interviewed, we are helping them prepare and discover God's calling on their lives. This support involves relational, spiritual, legal, and professional development, the facilitation of church-to-church partnerships, coaching, training, and financial support. We also connect the church planter or pioneer into a support network of other missional leaders. This missional resourcing aims to unleash the vision and mission the Lord has called the church planter.

Grants that indicate a "\*" are eligible for a matching grant by The Wesleyan Church. Through the generous support of our Wesleyan congregations across the United States and Canada, specific church multiplication efforts in the Great Lakes Region may be eligible for additional financial resources to fund Wesleyan church multiplication projects. These resources are available through matching grants between the local church, the GLR, and TWC. Please connect with our team for further information: [CM@TheGLR.org](mailto:CM@TheGLR.org)

## **NEW** Congregational Style Church Plant Startup Grant\* (up to \$10,000)

- Funds for this grant are designated to help launch a new traditional congregation using a "pioneer" model of planting or a model traditionally referred to as a "parachute drop" type model of planting. We recognize that these planting models require a significant up-front investment due to their "start from scratch" nature.

## Church Planting Grant\* (up to \$50,000)

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## **NEW** Multipliers Church Plant Grant\* (up to \$5,000)

- Funds for this grant are designated to help traditional congregation church plants committed to church multiplication from the beginning. This grant is to enable the planting of at least one autonomous church by the third year of the plant.

## Fresh Expression Grant\* (up to \$10,000 Max)

- Recognizing the need for new methods to accomplish our evangelistic mission, the GLR is prepared to help in supporting specific needs and projects that empower the gospel message to go forth, bear fruit and multiply.

### **Large Launch/ARC Grant** (Partnership Grant)

- The GLR is anticipating the need for significant funds to empower those called to a “launch-large” model of church planting. The GLR welcomes and is financially prepared to support the resource needs of these types of efforts.

### **Rural Church - DRN Grant** (Partnership Grant)

- The GLR has formed a partnership with [Dirt Roads Network \(DRN\)](#) in its mission to plant traditional congregations and campuses in rural communities. This grant is available for those who have partnered with DRN.

### **Micro Church Grant\*** (up to \$4,000)

- Funding is available for micro-church models of incarnational church plants. The GLR recognizes the unique resources needed for these network models of ministry and welcomes the opportunity to resource these types of multiplication.

### **Coaching Grant\*** (up to \$2000)

- Coaching is a requirement for all new church plants, and The GLR desires to provide the needed funding to allow these relationships to be formal and intentional. This grant is available for approved coaches. A Post-Launch Coaching Grant \* is also available upon request.

### **Project Manager Grant\*** (\$1000 Matching Grant)

- Different planting models may require a project manager due to the many moving pieces or people engaged in the project. For these plants, resources are available to help support the need for a manager.

### **Post-Launch Booster Grant\*** (up to \$10,000 Matching Grant)

- The GLR plants new churches to reach new people in new places with the gospel of Jesus Christ. To instigate kingdom-expanding efforts, we provide resources as a booster post-launch following the new congregation's first baptism experience.

### **Church Planter Soul-Care Grant\*** (\$500 Matching Grant)

- The care of our planters is crucial to their overall well-being. This grant funds [Full Strength Network](#) to provide counseling for our church planters and their families for the entirety of their church planting journey.

### **Hepzibah 62:4 Grant\*** (\$1000 Matching Grant)

- [Hephzibah62:4](#) and the Church Multiplication Collective of The Wesleyan Church are partnering to provide grant funding for church plants committed to organized ministry, which aims to transform the lives of vulnerable children in their local community. These grants are available on first come, first served for Wesleyan church plants meeting the requirements, with up to 10 grants awarded annually.

### **Thrive Grant\*** (\$1000 Matching Grant)

- Paying attention to personal finances is an essential part of self-care for church planters and their families. Personal finances can significantly impact all areas of life: personal relationships, future retirement,

education, recreation, growth in faith, and the ability to serve the church effectively. [This grant](#) allows church planters to work intentionally towards God's glory.

### **Demographic Research Tool: (Free)** <https://www.wesleyan.org/multiplication/missioninsite>

- MissionInsite is a cloud-based technology platform that bridges the gap between data and discernable information by answering the “where” and “what about” questions in your organization and community. This powerful tool is generously provided to Wesleyan church planters.
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## **Grants Available for Sending Churches**

As the gospel takes root in an area through evangelism and discipleship, we are eager to make disciples and develop Spirit-anointed leadership. We are helping the new faith communities become an established missional outpost that is both fruitful and multiplying. We assist Sending Churches to mature through ongoing personal evangelism, experiencing transforming encounters with the Holy Spirit in discipleship, and empowering God's unique calling on emerging leaders. The GLR is committed to supporting church planters and sending churches as they fervently engage in mission, establishing appropriate organizational systems, and cultivating new expressions of the gospel. We walk alongside sending churches to ensure that every church family grows to its full potential and is ultimately a multiplying movement.

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### **Sending Church Grant\*** (Matching Grant up to \$5000)

- The GLR would like to support a sending church by providing financial resources to support the core systems for church multiplication, which may include start-up costs, assessment, coaching, training, and planter soul care.

### **NEW Young Sending Church Grant\*** (Matching Grant up to \$5000)

- The GLR desires to see a significant increase in new churches committed to multiplication; this matching grant exists to assist young sending churches (less than 5-years post-launch) absorb the cost of sending financial and human resources to start a new church.

### **Church Merger Grant** (Matching Grant)

- In some unique situations, financial resources are made available to church mergers with the intent to multiply. This type of funding is awarded on a case-by-case condition and is a matching grant to a portion of the investment made by the local congregation.

### **Reproducing Campus/Site TWC Grant\*** (up to \$5000)

- The GLR believes in the efforts of growing churches to utilize a campus model for church growth. We welcome the opportunity to resource these efforts to reach more people for Jesus.

### **Multiplying Campus Grant** (Matching Grant)

- The GLR believes in the efforts of sending churches to utilize a campus model for church multiplication. This model sees campusing as a strategic pathway to raising future healthy, growing independent congregations that form a multiplication movement. We welcome the opportunity to resource these new efforts.

### **Church Planting Network Start-Up Grant\*** (\$5000 Matching Grant)

- Sending congregations that desire to launch a multiplication movement through strategic partnerships with other Wesleyan Churches will need financial support. The GLR is looking to invest in kingdom collaboration between Wesleyan churches.

### **Church Planting Network Coaching Grant\*** (\$2000 Matching Grant)

- Often the need for a coach to guide and empower the formation of a network is necessary. The GLR hopes to provide networks with the needed resources to supply a coaching relationship.

### **Church Planting Residency Host Site Start-Up Grant\*** \$4000 Matching Grant)

- To empower the growth of residency programs to fan the flame of God's calling on someone's life for vocational ministry, the GLR is offering a grant to launch new residency sites.

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### **Other Grants Available Through The Wesleyan Church**

TWC Church Planter Champions (Up to \$15,000)

Asbury Seminary Alumni TWC Grant (Match \$20,000)

ARC/WIF/12Stone TWC Grant