



# Ecosystem for Church Planting

Church planting initiatives within the Anglican Diocese of Pittsburgh will include five qualities that contribute to a healthy ecosystem for church establishment and growth.

1. A model/strategy for identifying a geographic region best suited for a church plant.
2. A process to assemble a critical mass/core team of gifted, spiritually mature lay leaders committed to giving their time/talent/money to the church plant initiative.
3. A model (pipeline) for identifying, vetting, and sending out appropriately gifted church planting pastor(s).
4. A financial plan/structure to support both the operating fund of church plants and compensation for the church plant pastors.
5. A team of peers/mentors/coaches to support and encourage the church planting pastor.

All the above can fit into one of four possible models for church planting:

1. Mother church model
2. Minister church model
3. Diocese-driven model
4. Organic gathering model