

# Church Planting track

## Vision and Content

CFC residencies are led by experienced ministry practitioners who embody the CFC core values of loving shepherd leadership, gospel-centered theology and multiplication-minded vision. Residencies run from September-May with a holiday break and include practical ministry experience, group discussion, teaching, applicable reading and assignments.

The church planting residency covers foundational principles and practical expressions related to pastoral ministry and topics specific to church planting. Church planting residents also participate in a preaching cohort.

Part of the second semester of the residency is a planning assignment where every resident prayerfully considers next steps after the residency. If a resident demonstrates calling, gifting and ability for lead church planting or another role in a church plant, further training with the CFC is a possibility. Residents interested in pursuing training beyond the residency, including placement in a CFC church, should share this with their leader so next steps can be discussed.

## Schedule

The church planting residency meets from 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m., every other Tuesday. Part of the residency includes time shared with replanting/revitalization residents.

## Reading

The reading list is updated each year and includes a mix of theological and practical selections. Past books have included *The Shepherd Preacher* by Mark Hallock, *Welcome to the Family* by various CFC pastors, *The Unbelievable Gospel* and *Gospel-Centered Discipleship* by Jonathan Dodson, *Multiplying Churches* by Steve Timmis and *Leading with Love* by Alexander Strauch.

## Assignments

Assignments range from reporting back on part or all of a book, preparing a sermon to preach, position papers and developing and executing a ministry strategy plan. Assignments adjust from year to year based on what best fits the situation of the residents.

## Practical ministry experience

The experience of doing life in the culture of a CFC church alongside the residency is invaluable. As such, we encourage every resident to pursue membership and meaningful participation in a CFC church working in conjunction with that church's leaders.