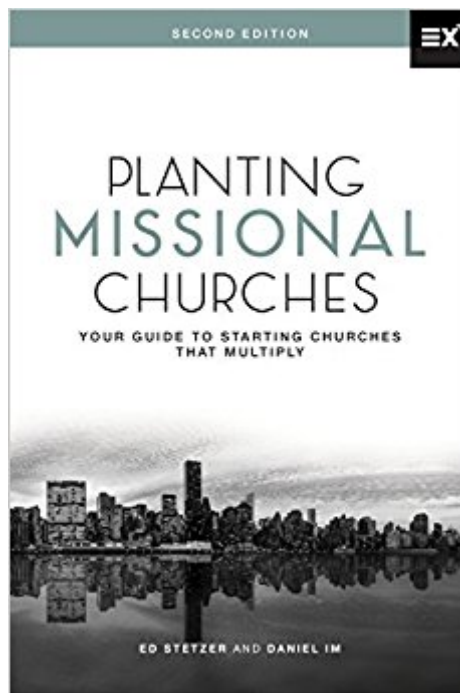




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Planting a church is one of the most exciting adventures you'll ever embark on. It's also one of the hardest. It requires initiative, leadership, strategy, systems, and a lot of prayer. In this second edition of *Planting Missional Churches*, not only will you find a completely redesigned book with new content in every single chapter, but you will also find several new chapters on topics such as church multiplication, residencies, multi-ethnic ministry, multisite, denominations and networks, and spiritual leadership. So if you're planting a church, be prepared. Use this book as a guide to build the needed ministry areas so that you can multiply over and over again. For additional resources visit www.newchurches.com/PMC.

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"Planting Missional Churches was the category-defining book for church planting for a decade. Now, updated with new research, observations, and Daniel Im as coauthor, it is a must read for every church planter." - Matt Chandler, lead pastor, The Village Church

"For two decades now Ed Stetzer has charted the course for a renaissance of church planting in the evangelical world. This updated study reflects not only his years of church planting research and study but his familiarity with the latest developments in the missional conversation. And probably my favorite aspect of the book is that Ed writes not as an observer but as a pastor and practitioner. He has 'skin in the game.' Everything you need to know about where church planting is and where it is going is in these pages!" - J.D. Greear, lead pastor, The Summit Church

"Ed Stetzer's original Planting

Missional Churches has proved to be a defining book in its field. In this edition, Ed and Daniel update the material to suit the constantly shifting contexts we find ourselves in. Lashed with significant new learnings since the last edition, this new edition will serve us well for the next ten years as well." - Alan Hirsch, founder, 100Movements and Forge Mission Training Network"Ed Stetzer's volume on planting missional churches has been perhaps the best single volume on the subject. Now that he has updated it thoroughly, it is even more important to have if you are involved in church planting at any level, or even if you want your local church to be more outwardly focused. I recommend it." - Tim Keller, founding pastor, Redeemer Presbyterian Church"Ed has planted churches personally, taught church planting in seminaries, coached and supervised church planters, and even annually convened the leaders of church planting networks and denominations for years. Does anyone know more about church planting than Ed Stetzer? I doubt it. So if you want to save yourself from unnecessary trouble, read this book!" - Rick Warren, senior pastor, Saddleback Church

Is God calling you to plant a church? What does that even mean? How do you decide what type of church to plant? Where do you start? What systems do you develop? How do you recruit a team to help you? And how do you make sure that your church plant grows and multiplies? This is what Planting Missional Churches is all about.Â Â Use this book as a guide to lay a missional foundation, choose the right model, develop the appropriate systems, and build the needed ministry areas, so that you can ultimately multiply over and over again.

The original was great. The second edition is even better. As indicated on newchurches.com, in revisiting the book the authors "ended up changing over 50% of the content". So if you have the original, I still suggest making the upgrade. The new material is definitely worth it. Also, the new format is cleaner, it's easier to navigate, and it's a pleasure to read. B&H did a great job with the second edition of PMC. Section 1 lays a foundation for church planting and multiplication. In my experience, many people simply don't understand why churches should be planted. On the other hand, there are those who love church planting as an idea but don't understand the Biblical justification for it. This section presents a compelling biblical vision for planting churches. Included in this section are a bunch of stats that bolster the argument for planting. This is a particular strength of this book. Stetzer has clearly done his homework (Stetzer was the former executive director of Lifeway Research). Section 2 is called "Models of Church Planting" and wrestles with concepts related to the various philosophies of ministry. Sections 3 and 4 really dig into the nuts and

bolts that are necessary to plant. It includes everything from how to handle finances, to what the church should be named, how to preach, and much more. Potential planters will definitely be helped by consulting these pages. Section 5 is called "Multiplication and Movements". This section holds a lot of the new material. I was very helped by the chapter "Churches Planting Churches" and believe that the concepts found there should be familiar to all who are in church leadership--even those who aren't interested in planting. Also, I was intrigued by the chapter on denominations and networks. It wasn't quite what I expected but it helped me to think through issues that I had never considered before. I definitely recommend PMC. If I had to recommend only one book on church planting, this is it. PMC is a one-stop-shop for understanding church planting and crafting a plan to do it. PMC is even-handed in the assessment and recommendation of various strategies, it is written by practitioners, and it is both Biblically and statistically informed. Finally, at newchurches.com there are tons of additional and complementary resources. Buy the book and read it. Hop online and join the newchurches.com community. You won't be disappointed.

Ed Stetzer's *Planting Missional Churches* has been a must read for the planters we support in Texas for some time now. With Daniel Im's help, the book has been updated to address contemporary issues. It is definitely a book mostly for use in the North American context (which includes Mexico). Although it misses out on addressing the "language church planted within the english church" model, and does not deal with the missiological differences between multi-ethnic churches and those seeking to be multi-cultural, it does address just about everything else. And does it well. Regardless the model you are working with, from organic T4T to conventional purpose driven, this book will give you a great go to resource for making sure you are not skipping any steps along the way. Every pastor seeking to multiply his church and every new church starter considering or in the process of starting a new church should have this book on their need to read list.

Planting missional churches is a must read for anyone who is interested at all in the movement of church planting. It is so practically beneficial and deeply theological. This is the best survey on church planting out there!

This is an excellent book that covers way more than church planting. My only wish is that I would have bought it in print too.

This updated second edition is the new standard text for training church planters. Great updates and

new material, very practical and solid research.

A great resource for all those who are minded and serious about fulfilling God's original intent for man and the Church.

This book provided tremendous insight as I am in the midst of planting a church. Stetzer and Im provide readers with spiritual and practical leadership. This book is about planting churches and disciples making disciples!

This is a great resource that pastors, church planters, and missionaries will benefit from to carry out the Great Commission.

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