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Definition

- A **4-stage strategy** to help a new church begin with a healthy **DNA** to be a strong, reproducing congregation.
- The Michigan **New Church Incubator (NCI)** will assist in recruiting quality leaders that exhibit **three critical building blocks necessary for an effective Church Starter**. It would look like this …

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This following diagram illustrates the three key building blocks needed in an effective Church Starter.

Understanding that Jesus is the foundation, He says that he will BUILD HIS church. The Church Starter must have:

(1) **BLOCK 1:** The most significant building block is to be a **Servant Leader**. That is the primary door that you must enter to build a healthy, reproducing church.

(2) **BLOCK 2: Evangelistic Leadership** -The ability to reach and disciple lost people into mature believers, who join the new church in faithful obedience.

(3) **BLOCK 3: Entrepreneurial Leadership** -The ability to envision and implement God's desire for a new church in a new place.

A church starter possessing these three building blocks will have the greatest potential of starting a healthy, reproducing church.

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The **Michigan New Church Incubator (NCI)** may offer a wide variety of consulting or other services to provide the new church with needed resources to start well and overcome common problems.

The **MI-NCI** will network to resource the new church with more concrete aid, such as office space, supplies, materials, financial resources, intellectual capital and more. Church Starters and new churches that participate with the **Michigan New Church Incubator** will experience a much higher success rate than those that do not have the **NCI** support system.

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4 STAGES

Stage 1: **Enlist** *(Discovery)*

Stage 2: **Explore** *(Assessment)*

Stage 3: **Equip** *(Training)*

Stage 4: **Enable** *(Empower)*

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ENLIST *(Discover)*

ENLISTING top quality Church Starters from …

- Greenhouse/Exposure Events in MI
- Social Media & web presence
- Aggressive recruiting from diverse events and venues
- Enlistment from partner churches
- Additional partnerships *(NAMB, etc.)*

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EXPLORE *(Assess)*

Walking with you as you EXPLORE …

- Personal Interview
- Complete/Return Mini-Application
- Church Planter Profile *(Online ELI)*
- 1-Hour Behavioral Pre-Assessment
- Complete the Personal Profile *(PIF)*
- Multi-Day Behavioral Assessment Event

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EQUIP *(Training)*

Training 5-Star Church Starters

- Basic Training Journey
- Cultural Boot Camp
- Baptist Faith & Message Study
- Coaching *(for Starter & Spouse)*
- Church Planting Networks
- Proposal Submission

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ENABLE *(Empower)*

Enabling Church Starters to lead their new church to be self-supporting, self-governing, and reproducing

1. Finalize Covenant with Primary Partner & Supporting Partner Churches
2. Build Prayer Support Team
3. Build Financial Support Network

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ENABLE *(Empower)*

4. Apply for Supplemental BSCM/NAMB Financial Support According to Benchmarks
5. Plant the Church
6. Confirm NAMB church of record requirements
7. Church Established as Self-Supporting, Self-Governing, Reproducing Congregation

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