

Evangel Baptist Church, Wheaton, Illinois
Stepping Out in Faith . . . for the Sake of the Gospel
Enabling Resolution: Church Plant 2014-2015

WHEREAS, we affirm the biblical teaching that those who have been redeemed by Christ are commanded by Him to “Go . . . make disciples of all the Nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age,”

AND WHEREAS, the driving force behind the “Stepping Out . . .” initiative is to increase the evangelistic witness and impact on the unique area in which Evangel Baptist Church is located,

AND WHEREAS, it is widely held by church leaders, backed by research and experience, that the most effective long-term strategy for reaching unchurched people with the good news of Christ is developing and starting new churches,

AND WHEREAS, we affirm that the multiplication of reproducing believers, small groups and local churches is the implicit biblical strategy for obeying our Lord's commandment of “making disciples of all peoples,”

AND WHEREAS, we affirm our affiliation with a movement of multiplying churches, the Converge MidAmerica and Converge Worldwide,

AND WHEREAS, we affirm the work of the Church Council of Evangel in researching and developing this proposal,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of Evangel Baptist Church in Wheaton, Illinois on this Twenty Third day of June, 2013 have agreed to enter into a partnership with the Converge MidAmerica Church Planting Program to establish from our site a new church of redeemed people.

We will seek the success and growth of this endeavor by being faithful, consistent and urgent in intercession; generous with our facilities and flexible with our schedule; regular and open in our

communication with the church plant leadership and Converge MidAmerica staff; supportive of any invitation to cooperate in ministry initiatives; committed to excellence in our own expressions of worship, teaching, fellowship, ministry and evangelism; humble in receiving input and counsel and trusting of the leading of the Holy Spirit and the honorable intentions and good graces of the church plant and our District.

WE FURTHER RESOLVE that Church Council strive to keep the congregation of Evangel fully informed regarding any additional decisions or adjustments as we move forward; to allow for adequate time to process information; to highlight clear reasons and mission impact for any new steps forward; to always respect and retain our denominational heritage and biblical values.

WE FURTHER RESOLVE that once a church planter is identified that a written agreement will be produced to more fully detail expectations, conditions and relationships between Evangel Baptist Church, the new church plant, and Converge MidAmerica.

The adoption of this resolution on June 16, 2012 was made in accordance with provisions of the Evangel Baptist Church Bylaws (Article VIII, Sections C and D) requiring approval by closed ballot by at least three quarters of those attending, with a quorum representing 25% of resident members eligible to vote. These requirements apply to the call or release of a pastor, change of affiliation, consolidation with another church, dissolving the church, or purchase of real estate.