Gospel DNA Replicating Effective Ministry







Workshop 1 - Multisite churches

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WHAT IS A MULTISITE CHURCH?



One church that has two or more locations with a shared leadership, budget, vision, and board.





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Multisite Model	Definition
Video-Venue Model	Creating one or more on-campus environments that use video-cast sermons (live or recorded), often varying the worship style.
Regional- Campus Model	Replicating the experience of the original campus at additional campuses in order to make church more accessible to other geographic communities.
Teaching-Team Model	Leveraging a strong teaching team across multiple locations at the original campus or an off-site campus.

Source: Scott McConnell, Multisite Churches





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WHEN DOES MULTI-SITE MAKE SENSE?

- 1. Focus on the Great Commission
- 2. Have a culture of multiplication
- 3. Are willing to remove barriers to reach more people
- 4. Are willing to seize the opportunity





WHEN DOES MULTI-SITE NOT MAKE SENSE?

- 1. Are trying to create growth
- 2. Are not healthy
- 3. Have wrong motives

NOTE: In US very few churches have over 3 sites







HOW DO CHURCH PLANTS DIFFER FROM MULTISITE CHURCH?

- 1. Geography: The idea is to relocate members to a new campus to create space in the mother church and provide a more local gospel presence.
- 2. Gifting: a person better suited to a campus pastor role into a leadership role in a church plant can be stressful and unproductive.
- **3. Governance:** Need a high level of agreed central control that is clearly laid out from the outset.





MULTI-SITE vs CHURCH PLANT

MULTISITE

Autonomy

Control

Contextualization

CHURCH PLANT

Consistency

Missional

Attractional

Organic

Standardized

Release (members, resources)

Retain (resources, volunteers)

Multiplication

Addition

Decentralised

Centralised

Mission driven

Personality driven





WHAT IS THE KEY ELEMENT FOR MULTISITE?

An understanding of who your church is and what matters.

- Leaders must be honest about who their church is, so they know what to replicate
- Leaders must get beyond analogies (e.g., DNA)
- New sites must prioritize and invest in the programs/activities that matter most and not try to offer everything





What pieces need to come together to launch a site?

- 1. Unanimity among leaders
- 2. A **leader** for the new site
- 3. A core group of leaders to lead the core ministries at the new site
- 4. A group of people that your church to reach
- 5. Systems and structures in place
- 6. Sufficient finances





Apply this understanding to key decisions

- 1. What level of autonomy at sites?
- 2. Who oversees multi-site?
- 3. How will you deliver the message?
- 4. What core ministries will you offer?





What does leadership look like in a multisite church?

Any pastor has three primary roles:

- teacher,
- shepherd and
- leader

The campus pastor's roles are shepherd and leader

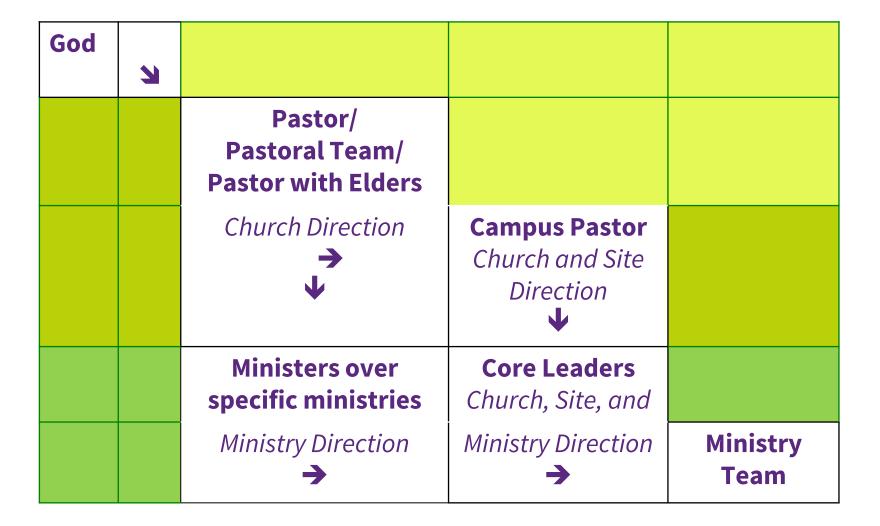
Shepherding – drawing people in with care

Leadership – sending people out as an extension of the church's senior leadership





The leadership flow



Source: Scott McConnell, Multi-site

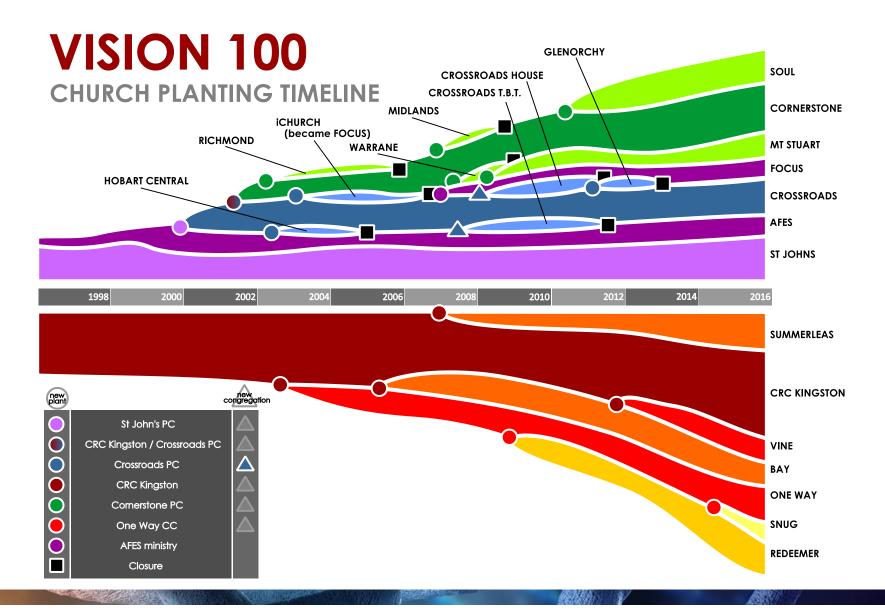
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CASE STUDY:

Vision100 network (KINGSTON, TAS)

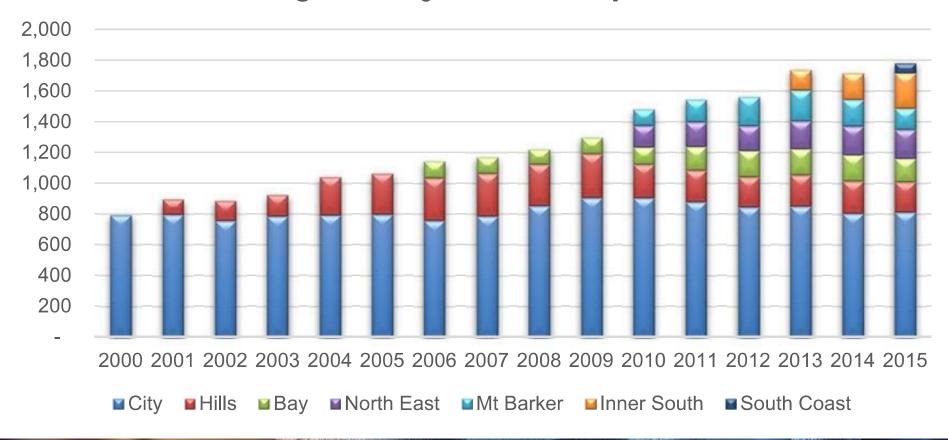






CASE STUDY: HOLY TRINITY NETWORK (ADELAIDE, SA)

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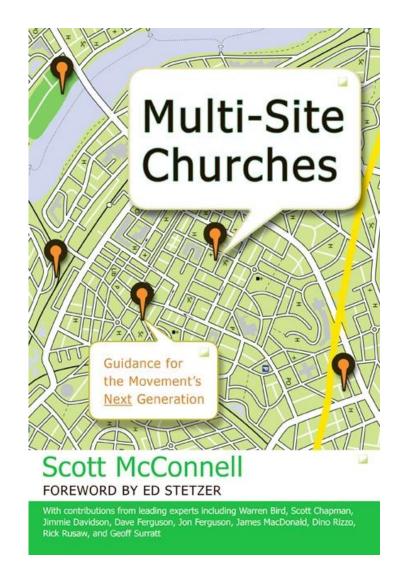
KEY RESOURCES

Multisite Churches

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LifeWay Research conducted in-depth interviews with lead pastors, campus pastors and ministers responsible for multi-site ministry at their church

These included over 40 multi-site churches that represented a variety of sizes, denominations and locations across the country







KEY RESOURCES

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Leadnet

http://leadnet.org/category/multi-site_churches/





Workshop 1 - "Witness": the benefits of the purpose driven model

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