



Resolution: Reaffirmation of our church planting vision

For 166 years, Converge has been planting churches. From our first church started in August of 1852 in Rock Island, Illinois, to our most recent plants on the coasts, in small towns, big cities and suburbs of this country and in nations around the world, we have always recognized the necessity of starting new congregations to reach people with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We start new congregations for the glory of God, that he may be honored in every heart, household and homeland. Church planting is still the most effective strategy to reach people with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We start new congregations because we desire to help fulfill the mission of God—every church to engage in the Great Commission by making disciples of all nations.

We start new congregations because we have personally experienced the power of God in our own lives, and we understand that this power is available to all who meet, know and follow Jesus.

We start new congregations because we desire to see the kingdom of God advance in every community, county and country and among every people group.

For these reasons and more, we reaffirm our commitment to focus on starting new congregations and strengthening existing congregations to start new congregations worldwide. Our prayer and desire is that every Converge church will play a part in intentionally starting new congregations that reach ethnically, racially and economically diverse communities locally, regionally and globally with the love of Jesus Christ.

We pray that our church leaders will sense a responsibility to their entire community, city or county. We pray that they would unapologetically and courageously call their congregants to lives of sacrifice, mission and generosity, create leadership development programs such as internships and residencies, and collaborate with other Converge churches to recruit, coach, train and resource church planters. We pray that our churches, in collaboration with national and district leaders, will adopt *Each One Start One* as a goal for this next season. We pray that every church would find a way to parent, partner or plant, and that, by God's grace, we as a movement of churches will experience the greatest number of new churches started from 2020 to 2025 in our rich history as a significant step in our vision to start 100 new congregations annually in the near future.