

MT. PLEASANT – SATELLITE PLANT

A PROPOSAL TO: Church Health Division of the Church of God in Michigan



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**OBJECTIVE: TO ESTABLISH A SATELLITE CONGREGATION OF
THE FLOYD CHURCH OF GOD IN THE BUILDING PREVIOUSLY
USED BY THE PROSPECT PARK CHURCH OF GOD, MT. PLEASANT,
MI**

SUMMARY:

Short Term Goal: To establish a congregation that is related to the Floyd Church of God as a daughter congregation operating under the leadership of the Floyd Church, and sharing DNA and Resources where needed and helpful with the Floyd Church.

Long Term Goal: To continue to function as a daughter congregation of the Floyd Church as described previously, unless it becomes beneficial for Kingdom growth for the Church to function as a fully autonomous Church of God congregation, at which time the Floyd Church would launch the new autonomous congregation with its blessing.

Onsite ministry will be conducted by a Campus Pastor from the Floyd Church, (Very Likely Bill Caroffino, Floyd's Associate Pastor) with leadership for the main services of the Church to be broadcast using technology to the new site from the Floyd Church, with the hope that two way broadcasting might be achieved so that both churches might actually worship together from separate locations.

METHODOLOGY:

It is our desire to partner with the Church of God in Michigan to plant a satellite congregation in Mt. Pleasant using resources both from the Church of God in Michigan and the Floyd Church of God to achieve our Goals. A core of people from the Floyd Church would begin to attend and invest themselves in the new plant and work alongside a Campus Pastor, to begin to build relationships with, and provide ministry to the people from the Mt. Pleasant community. We believe that building relationships is one of the strengths of the Floyd Church and will be one of the core values that we try and infuse into the new plant, as well as a concern for Sound Biblical Teaching, Uplifting and Inclusive Worship, and a User-Friendly Atmosphere. We further desire to build a strong missional foundation for the new plant that will keep it focused on winning the lost and discipling believers.

The existing Building is crucial to our plans due to the nature of the technology that we hope to use. The model that we are moving toward cannot be accomplished in a rented facility, because of the lack of a solid network connection. We further feel that the building is an asset due primarily to the location. It is close to both the college campus and many new housing units. The building is in need of some minor repairs, and cleaning but we feel that we can take care of most of this with very little cost.

Rebranding the church will be a necessity, since there is a "stigma" (the word used by several of the former members of the Prospect Park Church) in the community which is a barrier to growth. We will need to convince the community that this is a totally new work. This can be accomplished by changes to the existing building and grounds, as well as new signage, and a complete change of personality for the church itself. It will be a conventional ministry inasmuch as it will aid us in ministering to the church folk who may come, but will be unconventional enough to catch the interest of the unchurched as well. Yes, this will be difficult to pull off, but we feel that it is a goal worth working toward so that we can recapture the imaginations of those who have attended church and left, as well as those who have never been a part of a body of believers.

Success will be measured in this new work by looking at the numbers in attendance, and the general interest of the community in what we are doing. Salvation stories and Baptisms are critical measurements as well, but we also have to realize that reaching the unchurched takes more time than in past generations since many don't have any understanding at all of who God is. We expect that it will take time for those who attend to discover what faith in Christ is and to embrace it.

RESOURCES NEEDED

FROM THE CHURCH OF GOD IN MI

It is our hope that the Church of God in MI can supply to us the use of the Church Building that previously belonged to the Prospect Park Church of God, free of Charge, and debt free. We understand and agree that the building will continue to be owned by the Church of God in MI until such time as the Church Health Division should see fit to offer it to either the Floyd Church if the plant remains as a satellite plant, or to the new work should it achieve its own autonomous identity.

We have discussed with Dr. Jones the possibility of the state allowing us to keep the rent paid for the use of the parsonage to help with the ministry costs of the plant.

We are also in need of funds to help purchase equipment for the new plant. An amount can be discussed at a later date as we get a better understanding of the needs.

FROM THE FLOYD CHURCH

The Floyd Church of God will contribute resources needed to meet the regularly occurring expenses of the plant, including the costs of using and maintaining the building, paying staff, and funding ministries.

The Floyd church will also contribute non monetary ministry resources as needed such as discipleship materials, music, equipment, office supplies etc.

The core of the people of the church will also come from the Floyd church, so that a well rounded ministry can be present at the time of the public launch.

Staffing will also come from Floyd in the form of a campus Pastor and also secretarial services, which we anticipate will be shared to save costs.

ADDITIONAL EQUIP. AND FURNISHINGS

- Sound system at Mt. Pleasant site
- Video Conferencing Hardware
- Additional Projection System or large TV Monitor for both sites
- Additional Furnishings to be assessed after Building is inventoried



Pastor Bill Caroffino

POSSIBLE TIMELINE

Upon Approval by Church Health:

1. Solicit final approval from the constituency of the Floyd Church

As soon as the Building is available to us:

1. Begin a Bible Study at the Mt Pleasant Location
2. Begin cleanout, cleanup, and repairs.
3. Begin installing and testing Audio visual equipment.
4. Hold "Town Hall" Meetings with Mt. Pleasant residents/students.

March- 2011:

1. Launch Website
2. Begin Advertising
3. Install sign, complete other exterior renovations
4. Run Test Services with Core in place
5. Publicize Launch date.

April-2011:

1. Public Launch



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