

# UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH KENTUCKY DISTRICT HOME MISSIONS POLICY

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## **Preamble**

In order to reach the unsaved population of Kentucky with the saving gospel of Jesus Christ, we must endeavor to plant new churches in the spirit of unity. The Kentucky District United Pentecostal Church sets forth the following procedure adopted by the Kentucky District Board and Kentucky Home Missions Board for planting new churches within the district.

## **Section I. Methods of Church Planting**

The following are three methods for planting a church:

1. - Preaching Point
2. - Daughter Church
3. - Home Missions Church

## **II. Preaching Point.**

A. A pastor may have an outreach known as a Preaching Point providing there is not a United Pentecostal Church in that city upon approval by the District Home Missions Director who will gain the approval of the District Superintendent, Presbyter of the section where the work is to be established, and the Home Missions Director of said section. (Notification by standardized letter)

B. A pastor desiring to have an outreach known as a Preaching Point in a city where there is an existing United Pentecostal Church, he must first have the approval of the District Home Missions Board and the District Board before having the first service unless they already pastor in that city. (Notification by standardized letter)

C. The pastor of the Preaching Point and those designated by him to work said Preaching Point must work in harmony with the Presbyter and Home Missions Director of the section where the work is established.

D. Within twelve months the sponsoring pastor must apply for a Daughter Church or Home Missions Church or meet the District Board for continuation of said Preaching Point.

E. Financing the Preaching Point and proper record keeping will be the responsibility of the sponsoring pastor.

F. All media advertisements and signs on the property of a Preaching Point must advertise the sponsoring church and sponsoring pastor. Example: Preaching Point's name  
Sponsoring Church's name  
Location of sponsoring church  
Sponsoring pastor's name

G. The sponsoring pastor's main designated minister of the Preaching Point must be licensed or in the process of securing a license with the United Pentecostal Church.

### **III. Daughter Church.**

- A. When a sponsoring pastor desires to have a Daughter Church he must make application with the District Home Missions Director.
- B. The Daughter Church application must have the approval of the District Board and the Home Missions Board.
- C. When it is inconvenient for the District Board to meet the Daughter Church application may be approved by the District Superintendent, District Home Missions Director, and Presbyter and the Home Missions Director of the section where the work is to be established after polling the Home Missions Board.
- D. A Daughter Church must continue close ties to the sponsoring church. The sponsoring pastor will remain pastor of the Daughter Church until approval as a Home Missions Church.
- E. The pastor of the Daughter Church and those designated by him to work said Daughter Church must work in harmony with the Presbyter and Home Missions Director of the section where the Daughter Church is established.
- F. Within three years the sponsoring pastor must apply for a Home Missions Church or meet the District Board for continuation of said Daughter Church.
- G. Financing the Daughter Church and proper record keeping will be the responsibility of the sponsoring pastor.
- H. The sponsoring pastor's main designated minister of the Daughter Church must be licensed or in the process of securing a license with the United Pentecostal Church.
- I. If there is a change in the sponsoring church's pastor, the sponsoring church board, newly elected pastor and the Daughter Church main designated minister and saints should meet with the District Superintendent, District Home Missions Director, and the Presbyter of section where the Daughter Church is located concerning the continuation of the Daughter Church within 30 days.
- J. A bi-monthly progress report must be completed and sent by the pastor of the Daughter Church to the District Superintendent, District Home Missions Director, Presbyter and Home Missions Director of the section where the work is established.

#### **IV. Home Missions Church without Financial Assistance.**

- A. Any licensed minister who desires approval of location to start a church must be in good standing with the United Pentecostal Church and must make application with the District Home Missions Director.
- B. The Home Missions Church application must have the approval of the District Board and the Home Missions Board.
- C. If, after six months, services have not started then the pastor must meet the District Board for continuation of Home Missions Church.
- D. Home Missions pastor must mail a bi-monthly report to the District Superintendent, District Home Missions Director, Sectional Presbyter, and Section Home Missions Director.
- E. Home Missions pastor is encouraged to support all programs of the United Pentecostal Church.
- F. Home Missions pastor is exempt from his Kentucky District tithes/dues for the first year of his status upon request.
- G. Home Missions pastor is encouraged to attend the Christmas For Christ seminar sponsored by the General Home Missions Department.
- H. The following materials are available upon request from the United Pentecostal Church:
  - 1. First quarter Word Aflame Sunday School literature.
  - 2. Twenty-five "Let Us Praise Him" songbooks.
  - 3. "Exploring God's Word" Home Bible study chart.
  - 4. "In My Father's House" new convert course, all three levels ordered according to procedure.
  - 5. All tracts used during the three years of Home Missions status ordered from the General Home Missions Division. You are to order small amounts but encouraged to order often.

#### **V. Home Missions Church Desiring Financial Assistance.**

- A. Any licensed minister who desires approval of location to start a church must be in good standing with the United Pentecostal Church and must make application with the District Home Missions Director.
- B. The Home Missions Church application must have the approval of the District Board and the Home Missions Board.
- C. If, after six months, services have not started then the pastor must meet the District Board for continuation of Home Missions Church.
- D. Home Missions pastor must mail a bi-monthly report to the District Superintendent, District Home Missions Director, Sectional Presbyter, and Section Home Missions Director.

E. Home Missions pastor is encouraged to support all programs of the United Pentecostal Church.

F. Home Missions pastor is exempt from his Kentucky District tithes/dues for the first year of his status upon request.

G. Home Missions pastor is encouraged to attend the Christmas For Christ seminar sponsored by the General Home Missions Division. To assist the Home Missionary the District Home Missions Department will give each couple \$100.00 travel expense to attend the seminar for the first time. The General Home Missions Division will continue to help the Home Missionary with money once they have arrived at the seminar.

H. The following materials are available upon request from the United Pentecostal Church:

1. First quarter Word Aflame® Sunday School literature.
2. Twenty-five "Let Us Praise Him" songbooks.
3. "Exploring God's Word" home Bible study chart.
4. "My Father's House" new convert's course, all three levels, ordered according to procedure.
5. All tracts used during the five years of home mission status ordered from the General Home Missions Division. You are to order small amounts but encouraged to order often.

I. A home mission pastor must be approved for home mission status and the church must be affiliated before receiving any funds from the Home Missions Department. No money can be received or channeled through the Home Missions Department prior to this approval.

J. To avoid any appearance of an employee-employer relationship, all checks from the Home Missions Department intended to assist the home mission church, whether received as designated or otherwise, will be issued to the local assembly. It is used at the discretion of the pastor.

K. The Partners in Home Missions (P.I.H.M.) program is a system by which individuals or churches sponsor a particular home missionary or a monthly contribution. Upon becoming a P.I.H.M. the church or individual will receive a framed certificate recognizing their support. The minimum support to receive a certificate is \$10.00 each month. The partnership will continue throughout the duration of the three year P.I.H.M. status unless the sponsor cancels it. Time will be allotted during the District Conference and the Camp Meeting to promote the P.I.H.M. program and other programs of the Home Missions Department.

L. As the first year is often the most difficult for a home missionary church and pastor, each home missionary church will receive at least \$100.00 a month in P.I.H.M. support or departmental assistance from the Kentucky District Home Missions Department during that year. The money is to be applied to the church rent or building payment. This assistance is contingent upon funds available and will be governed at the discretion of the District Home Missions Director.

M. During the first five years of home missions status a church is eligible for a Christmas For Christ grant from the General Home Missions Division. All requests must be made through the District Home Missions Director.

N. A. Sheaves For Christ grant is available to the home missions church during the first five years. All requests must be through the District Home Missions Director with the approval of the District Youth President.

O. It is necessary for a lien to be retained by the Kentucky District with a grant or loan to the home mission church. Whereas this lien is a second mortgage, under no circumstances will it be released upon the sale of the property until the lien is paid according to the terms of the indenture.

P. All home missionaries are expected to keep accurate, current and detailed books of church business. The Home Missions Department reserves the right to question and be provided adequate accounting of any money allocated by the Home Missions Department.

Q. In the event a home mission pastor resigns the pastorate or, if for any reason, would no longer be licensed with the United Pentecostal Church during the home mission status, then a new pastor is to be found for the home mission church. Meanwhile, the church will continue as an established place of worship and affiliated church. Therefore, the church will continue to receive the P.I.H.M. money designated for it. The District Superintendent will take the normal process in helping the church in the search for a new pastor.

R. In the event a church closes while under home mission status the District Superintendent, District Home Missions Director and section Presbyter should be the first notified by the pastor. When a church closes the Home Mission Secretary will write all sponsors within ten (10) days of being notified, informing them of the closing and requesting that they transfer their support to another home mission church. Any designated funds received after a church closes will be returned to the sponsor upon request. If no request is made within sixty (60) days the funds will be used as undesignated funds by the Home Missions Department.

## **VI. Kentucky Church Renewal.**

A. The purpose of the Kentucky Church Renewal is to breathe new life into an established assembly that is in decline.

B. The Kentucky District Home Missions Board or the District Home Missions Executive Committee will take under consideration the appeal of any pastor that desires the church to be approved for renewal home mission status. Their decision will be presented to the Kentucky District Board for their consideration and/or final approval.

C. For a church to be considered for church renewal status it must have a documented decline in membership and financial income for the previous three years. A church may be considered for renewal immediately following a change in pastor. Application for church renewal must be made in writing to the District Home Missions Director within six months of the new pastor's installation. The letter must detail the decline of the church and include the plans of the new pastor for revival and church growth.

D. If approved, the church will come under the guidelines and benefits afforded a home mission church. However, the Kentucky District Home Missions Department will not assume the responsibility of any past bills or church indebtedness. The home mission status will begin upon District Board approval.

**VI. Home Missions Officers Expense Allowances.**

A. The District Home Missions Board, whether acting individually or collectively, and the District Home Missions Executive Committee will be reimbursed mileage for travel expense and, in the event it is necessary to spent the night, lodging and food by the Home Missions Department when these events are a part of the normal transaction and involvement of home missionary activity.

B. A General Conference allowance will be set by the Kentucky District Board for the Home Missions Director and Secretary.