

Count me in as a Member of the Christian Church Commission to help provide operational and capital support for new church starts in the Oklahoma City area.

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301 NW 36th Street  
Oklahoma City, OK  
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## New Directions for New Disciple Churches



The Christian Church  
Commission of The Christian  
Church (Disciples of Christ) in  
Oklahoma

## A Brief History of The Commission



Planning for Land Usage and Construction of New Churches

For over 60 years the Christian Church Commission has been a part of the formation of almost 20 congregations in the greater Oklahoma City area. Most of these congregations were assisted in their start-up and development by the commission's purchase and donation of the land on which

their facilities were constructed.

Funding for the purchase of these sites was provided through the generosity of Christian Church members participating in the "1000 Club." Semi-annually, appeals were sent to 1000 Club members who contributed generously to the work of the Commission.

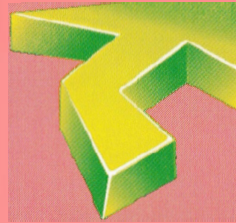
Congregations established with the help of the Commission include:

- 1940s** Del City CC, Midwest City FCC, Northwest CC
- 1950s** Memorial CC, Village CC, Midwest Boulevard CC
- 1960s** Western Oaks CC, Edmond Southern Hills CC, Moore FCC
- 1970s** Mustang CC, New Covenant CC, Wildewood CC, Newcastle Disciples CC
- 1980s** Edmond Trinity CC, Good Shepherd CC
- 1990s** Choctaw, Faith Community CC
- 2010s** Iglesia Christiana Del Capitol Hill, Refuge Fellowship
- Currently -** Simplicity Christian Church

## Membership

The Christian Church Commission is primarily funded by its Members. The Commission requests donations twice a year, once in the spring and once in the fall. Donations of any amount are appreciated.

## A New Direction



Methods for establishing new congregations have evolved since the last half of the 20th century. The Philosophy of "build it and they will come" no longer works. Now churches must be carefully planned and "planted" by visionary "church planters."

The Christian Church Commission has joined with the denomination's Hope Partnership in the denomination's priority to establish 1,000 new congregations by the year 2020. Hope Partnership teaches that new congregations achieve success through financial support in the gathering phases of development, and only later with support being provided for land and buildings.

The Commission has accepted this exciting, new Challenge assisting the pastors and leaders of newly forming congregations by providing significant financial support as they begin gathering their new faith communities. This support will enable churches to provide for clergy salary and benefits, pay for necessary equipment, technology and supplies, and provide funds for rental of temporary church facilities.

The Commission estimates that a new church start in the Oklahoma City area will require operational support of at least \$70,000 per year for the first three years in order to achieve a sustainable level of membership. Further commission support may be needed after 7 to 9 years as the new congregation begins planning for land acquisition and a first building.

## The Executive Committee of the Christian Church Commission

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