

Stadia's First Regional Directors Named

When we first began discussing the idea of a nationwide church planting ministry, we thought it would take months to find Directors for the various regions. God, however, has provided beyond our expectations - and ahead of our schedule! We already have our first two regional directors in place: Mac McElroy (representing Southern California and Arizona), and Greg Marksberry (representing the Southeast region).

Mac McElroy joins Stadia after twenty-seven years as Senior Minister at Mission Viejo Christian Church in Orange County, California. During Mac's ministry there, Mission Viejo Christian has grown from 60 to over 1,000 in weekly attendance. In addition, the church serves the community through a preschool and a K-8 Christian school.

Greg Marksberry is a church planter from Peachtree City, Georgia. Heritage Christian Church, which Greg helped to plant just five years ago, now meets on a 77-acre campus and draws an average of 700 in attendance each week.

Mac and Greg will be responsible for recruiting and mentoring church planters in their regions, as well as maintaining contact with donors. We praise God for bringing us such highly qualified, Godly men to lead Stadia's first regional operations.

Before Mac and Greg had even begun their work with Stadia we received inquiries from a number of other regions that are interested in the possibility of joining with us. Those potential regions would require Directors of their own, so please pray for wisdom and guidance as we pursue those options in the coming days.

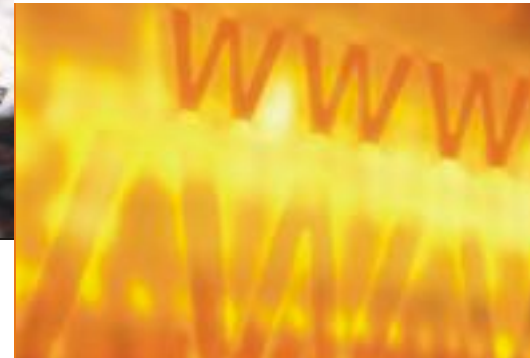


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Rev. 21:16 NIV

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Get connected with Stadia at our new home on the internet - www.Stadia.cc! The Stadia website, set for launch on March 5, will feature information for church planters and donors, contact information on churches planted by Stadia, and a current calendar of church planting events. Our application for church planters will also be available for download there.

The Stadia website will be a great resource for anyone who wants to stay connected with Stadia, and the ministry of church planting. To remember the address, just remember our goal: to start 5,500 new, vibrant Christian Churches ("CCs") by 2025.

www.stadia.cc

"Stadia is bigger than any city, state, region or country. It links ministry to the measure of heaven. It gives us something grand to aspire to and is eternal in its results."

Stadia: New Church Strategies Launch Celebration Wednesday, March 5



Join us Wednesday, March 5 at 7:00 p.m. as we celebrate the launch of a nationwide church planting ministry, Stadia: New Church Strategies. This time of celebration, worship and prayer will be hosted by Adventure Christian Church in Roseville, California.

Stadia is the result of a merger between NCEA and Church Development Fund (CDF). The new ministry will oversee and encourage church planting all across the United States.

The March 5 launch celebration will feature Stadia staff from Northern California, Southern California and the Southeast region, as well as addresses by Bob Russell, Senior Minister of Southeast Christian Church; Allan Dunbar, Executive Director of the North American Christian Convention; and Rick Stedman,

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STADIA
mission, vision and goal

Our Mission:

Stadia: New Church Strategies exists to find, train, deploy, and support church multiplication leaders. These leaders will build regional networks of planters, multiplying churches, and support personnel who will build a church multiplication movement that is sustainable and reproducible.

Our Vision:

Stadia will develop a North American church multiplication movement by 2025.

Our Goal:

5,500 new, vibrant Christian Churches by 2025



STADIA

Church Planter Update

God has exceeded our expectations in every area of Stadia's ministry so far, including the recruitment and hiring of church planters. We had originally hoped to hire planters during the latter part of 2003, but instead we have been amazed by the number of planters that God has already provided. We now have personnel, planters and funding to allow many 2003 church plants to happen ahead of our schedule. Please pray for this roster of current and future planters, and for those that are yet to come!

Planters who will open their churches in the next few months:

Dan Wisniewski
South Reno, Nevada
Pathway Christian Church
www.pathwayreno.org

Randall Roach
Lake Berryessa, California
Valley Christian Church

Doug Marshall
Los Banos, California
Connections Christian Church
www.connectionschristian.com

Chris Delfs
Laguna/Elk Grove, California
LifePointe Christian Church
www.lifepointe.org

Planters who will be coming on board with Stadia soon:

Scott Mathews
Natomas, California

David Limiero
Bakersfield, California

Dan Dix
Northwest Reno, Nevada

Glen Dibley
Southwest Santa Rosa, California

Chris Canclini
Nipomo, California

Other planters who will receive help from Stadia:

Matt King
Spokane Valley, Washington

Jim Word
Burleson, Texas

Andy Huddleston
Springhill, Tennessee

Dan Garrett
Buckhead, Georgia

Planters are currently being sought for church plants in:

Tucson, Arizona
Long Beach, California

"Ask the Lord of the harvest...to send out workers into his harvest field." Luke 10:2b

Launch Celebration: continued

Senior Minister of Adventure Christian Church. A time of worship will be led by Adventure Christian Church. Stadia's promotional material will be on display at the event, which will also coincide with the debut of the Stadia website: www.Stadia.cc.

Our passion for new churches is driven by the belief that planting new churches is the most effective method for winning the lost. A nationwide ministry dedicated to planting churches is an idea whose time has come, and it deserves a celebration!

Please invite your friends and plan on joining us for this exciting event at 7:00pm on March 5. An offering will be taken that evening to support the ministry of church planting.

EVENTS CALENDAR



03.05
Stadia Launch Celebration
Adventure Christian Church
Roseville, CA

Featuring Bob Russell, Allan Dunbar and Rick Stedman - 7:00pm

03.26-03.27
National New Church Conference
Atlanta, GA.

"Unchurched the Church" featuring Michael Slaughter

call (707) 446-6232
or visit www.BlueprintTour.org

05.02
Lost in America Seminar
Crossroads Christian Church
Vacaville, CA

Featuring Tom Clegg

05.02-05.03
Men's Advance
Crossroads Christian Church
Vacaville, CA

"A Man and His Personal Worship" featuring Tom Clegg

Stadia Frequently Asked Questions

As the excitement over Stadia continues to build, we hear many questions about all aspects of this new ministry. For those of you who have been unable to have a one-on-one conversation with a Stadia representative, three of our most frequently asked questions are answered below:

Q: What does the name Stadia mean?

A: The name Stadia: New Church Strategies was inspired by a Greek unit of measurement used to describe the size of Heaven in Revelation 21:16. In that passage, John writes: "The city was laid out like a square...12,000 stadia in length, and as wide and high as it is long." The tagline New Church Strategies reflects our vision to move beyond planting churches to develop a North American church multiplication movement.

Q: Will my donations to Stadia be used to support planting in my area?

A: Yes!! We have received many inquiries from current donors asking how they should continue to support church planting in their areas. Unless you request otherwise, when you give to the ministry of church planting through Stadia, the monies you give will be used to plant churches in your region of the country. Of course, if you wish to give to church planting in another area - or to Stadia in general - you are welcome to do so.

Q: What is Stadia's address?

A: While Stadia is establishing regional operations all over the United States, our national headquarters will remain in Northern California. Our street and mailing addresses are:

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