



# North Trenholm

CHURCH PLANTING

STRATEGIC PLAN

**SHARE THE GOSPEL**

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**MAKE DISCIPLES**

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**LIVE ON MISSION**



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**OUR VISION AT NORTH TRENHOLM IS TO SEE OUR CITY KNOW JESUS, OUR CHURCH MAKES DISCIPLES, AND THE GOSPEL REACH THE NATIONS.**

**ONE WAY WE BELIEVE GOD HAS CALLED OUR CHURCH TO MOVE TOWARD SEEING THIS VISION MOVE FORWARD IS TO IMPLEMENT A STRATEGIC CHURCH PLANTING INITIATIVE FOCUSED ON PLANTING, REPLANTING, AND REVITALIZING CHURCHES THROUGHOUT OUR CITY.**

**OUR STRATEGIC PLAN IS TO LEVERAGE THE OPPORTUNITIES GOD PROVIDES WHENEVER NORTH TRENHOLM IS AT A CAPACITY THRESHOLD, BEGIN TO SENSE THE CONVICTION OF A LEADER OR OUR LEADERSHIP, OR SEE THE POTENTIAL TO COLLABORATE WITH OTHER CHURCHES TO PLANT HEALTHY CHURCHES IN OUR CITY.**

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## CAPACITY

Our desire at North Trenholm is not to see our church increase in numbers but to see the number of gospel-centered churches increase in our city, 10 churches of 100 people has far more potential for kingdom impact than a church of 1,000. When there are more gospel-centered churches in a city there are more opportunities for people who can evangelize the lost, more pastors and elders who are called to lead, more equipped individuals to make disciples, more mobilized members to live on mission, and more brothers and sisters who can care for the body of Christ.

### 50% CAPACITY

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When our service begins to exceed a threshold of 50% capacity within the worship center, our leadership will start to encourage conversations centered around church planting, challenge our members to begin praying about how God might be leading them to join in on those efforts, and start exploring opportunities to plant a church.

### 60% CAPACITY

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When our service begins to exceed a threshold of 60% capacity within the worship center, our leadership will begin seeking to identify a church planting candidate and other potential leaders whom we can begin to invest in through our Church Planting Residency. During this residency we will begin developing their character, competency, calling, and chemistry.

### 70% CAPACITY

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When our service begins to exceed a threshold of 70% capacity within the worship center, the church planting pastor and those committed to serving in this new effort will begin the process of being launched publicly as a church.

### 80% CAPACITY

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When our service begins to exceed a threshold of 80% capacity within the worship center, our church will commission the launch of the new church plant off-site or provide space on-campus, if available, for that church to meet at an alternate time until we can find a more permanent location where that church is called to plant.



## CONVICTION

Whenever we see a desire to plant begin to rise within a leader at North Trenholm or our leadership begins to sense a calling to strategically plant a church locally, domestically, or globally, those leaders will be encouraged to enter the Church Planting Residency. Only those who meet all of the expectations of a Pastor/Elder, and their character, competency, calling, and chemistry must be in alignment with North Trenholm will be sent out to plant.

*1 Timothy 3:1-7, 1 Timothy 5:17-22, and Titus 1:5-9.*

## COLLABORATION

Whenever the leadership begins to see an opportunity to partner together with other gospel-centered churches in our city to plant, replant, or revitalize a local church, North Trenholm will potentially commit to those efforts by providing opportunities, training, and resources. We will only partner with planters who meet all of the expectations of a Pastor/Elder, and their character, competency, calling, and chemistry must be in alignment with North Trenholm will be sent out to plant.

20 YEARS



The goal would be to see at least 10 new congregations come out of North Trenholm over the next 20 years.

If North Trenholm aimed to see 10 new churches of 50-100 people over the next 20 years, those localized congregations would gain greater proximity to share the Gospel with a community, provide more opportunities to train disciples who make disciples, and serve communities we have not missionally engaged.

Each year prior to planting a church, North Trenholm would seek to invest \$25-50k into a church planting fund to prepare for opportunities to partner and plant in the future. The goal will be to maintain a designated fund for these types of planting efforts of around \$100-125k.

The church would seek to designate one of the mission homes to be used for candidates within the church planting residency for 2-year increments in preparation to plant.



## CHURCH PLANTING RESIDENCY

### CHARACTER

1. Must be spiritually mature: growing in the knowledge of the Word, deepening prayer life, passion in worship, and boldness in sharing the Gospel.
2. Must meet the requirements laid out in scripture of a pastor/elder and be leading their marriage and family well. (*1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9; 1 Peter 5:1-5*)
3. Must bear the fruit of the Spirit within their faith. (*Galatians 5:22-23*)
4. Must show the evidence of being a ministry builder. (*Ephesians 4:11-12*)

### COMPETENCY

1. Pastoral Ministry and Leadership.
2. Christian Leadership.
3. Bible Exposition I: Hermeneutics and Preparation.
4. Evangelism: Nature and Practice.
5. Personal Discipleship and Disciple-Making.
6. Christian Missions: Principles and Practice.

### CALLING

1. What area are we aiming to reach with the Gospel.
2. What is the demographic of that community.
3. What is the plan to go about planting that church. Planting Models: (House/On-Site/Off-Site/Replant)

### CHEMISTRY

1. Must be committed to the local church and active in building community. (*Acts 2:42-47*)
2. Must demonstrate an ability to relate well and work efficiently with the leadership at North Trenholm.
3. Must be open to healthy ongoing communication and feedback.

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