

PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE
Mission Group Proposal Guidelines

1. Date of this Proposal.
2. Have you read and do you understand the Pennsylvania Conference Church Planting Policy?
3. Proposed name, location and mailing address of Mission Group. For banking purposes please choose a permanent name with the word "church" in it instead of Mission Group. This will simplify the financial processes (see Treasury Process on page 13). Please do not choose a name that is already part of another conference churches name. This can be confusing in the conference office and contribute to mistakes and delays.
4. Why have you chosen this mission area and your meeting place? Describe.
5. Why start a new church? Write a brief justification involving an expression of your calling, motivations for this project, and why a new church is needed.
6. Have you been meeting regularly for prayer, unity, and spiritual growth?
7. Recount the evidences of God's providential leading in this project.
8. Names of your Mission Group Members with addresses, telephone numbers, birth dates, and home churches. There should be a minimum of 13 members who are baptized adult Seventh-day Adventist members in good and regular standing, and who have been a part of the church for a reasonable amount of time. The members shall have demonstrated in the past a willingness to adhere to Biblical beliefs and the policies of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and the Pennsylvania Conference. Please indicate with an asterisk which of these members possess leadership skills or potential.
9. If there is a very serious problem with the mother church, the mission group may request sponsorship by the Pennsylvania Conference. In this case the memberships will be transferred from the mother church to the Pennsylvania Conference Church. Please recommend a Clerk.
10. Who do you recommend to be appointed by your sponsor as the Group Leader?
11. Who do you recommend to be appointed by your sponsor as the Group Deacon? This person must have been previously ordained by a local church.
12. Who do you recommend to be appointed by your sponsor as the Group Elder? This person must have been previously ordained by a local church.

13. Who do you recommend to be appointed by your sponsor as the Treasurer? If necessary, this person is to be mentored by the mother churches treasurer or the Conference Financial Liaison for Church and School Treasurers.
14. State your financial situation, i.e. the anticipated tithes and offerings of your group based upon past giving patterns or stated commitments and present balance of seed monies.
15. Have you established core values, mission and vision statements that are reflective of the Seventh-day Adventist calling to preach the gospel, seek the lost, and proclaim the Three Angels Message of Revelation 14? Do you have a three to five year plan? Are all of these in harmony with the policies of the church manual? Please attach copies.
16. How will each one of your members be involved in this plan? List names and involvement beside each one.
17. Include a budget, showing sources of income and expense, and which reflects planned giving to the conference and world church via the Pennsylvania Conference Advance and the World Budget.
18. Do you have a projected faith date to be organized as a Company?
19. Mission Group status is granted upon approval of the Conference Executive Committee, or Administration Committee between Executive Committee meetings.