



Church Planting Australia

A National Church and Congregation Planting Programme

April 2007 – April 2008

Information and Registration Kit

**"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have
commanded you."
(Matthew 28:18-20)**

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- Organising multi-church evangelism and church planting initiatives and programmes.
- Providing Biblically based evangelism and church planting resources.
- Running conferences and training.

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Section 1 – Church Planting Australia: An Overview

Planting new churches and starting new congregations are both essential if we are to see our nation reached with the Gospel. Church Planting Australia (CPA) is a twelve month programme aimed at assisting local churches around Australia in planting new congregations and churches.

The programme offers a simple framework for congregation and church planting. It consists of two phases.

An Outline of the Programme

Phase 1 – Preparation (April-December 2007)

Phase 1 involves laying the groundwork for your church or congregation plant.

- **Researching** your area or target group.
- Developing a **vision and strategy** (and enthusing others about it).
- Building and training a **core team**.
- **Evangelizing** your area or target group and building up contacts.

Phase 2 – Launch (January-April 2008)

The second phase, scheduled for the first part of 2008, is the intensive promotion and launch of the plant.

- **Promoting** the new plant.
- **Evangelizing intensively** in the weeks leading up to the first public meeting.
- Working out **logistics** – such as equipment, music, rosters.
- **Going public!**

Options for Planting

There are many options for planting. It is up to you as to what model you adopt. Some options include:-

- You may wish to start a new congregation on your church property. This may be an evening service, another morning service or an ethnic congregation. Or it could be a 'boutique' congregation targeted at a specific group.
- You may wish to plant another church off-site. This maybe in the local school, community center or in a club or pub.
- Or you may want to partner with another church in planting a new congregation on their property.

Section 2 – Key Elements of the Programme

Church Planting Manual

A Church Planting Manual is being especially written for the programme by Rev Stuart Robinson. Stuart is an experienced church planter and is involved in training and consulting with denominations & churches around Australia. He is a co-author of the Mission Action Planning Manual (MAP).

The Church Planting Manual covers each stage of the church planting process. It also deals with issues following the plant such as maintaining momentum and focus, adding extra congregations, planting again and what to do if the plant isn't working. At this stage, the manual should be available by the end of April 2007.

Martin Robinson Conference CDs

Churches registered for the programme will receive a copy of the CDs (audio only) of Rev Dr Martin Robinson's sessions from the *Planning to Plant* conferences.

News and Prayer Letter

A quarterly news and prayer letter will be produced during the programme. The newsletter will contain articles on church planting, recommended resources and updates on the programme.

Churches registered for the CPA programme will receive a copy of the newsletter.

Networking

A list of participating churches and contact details will be made available to Churches involved in the programme.

You may wish to contact one or more of the other churches involved in the programme to network together, share ideas, offer mutual support and pray for one another.

Advisors

Churches participating in CPA will be encouraged to link themselves in with an experienced church planter who can act as an advisor.

Church Planting Australia Registration Details

To register your church for Church Planting Australia, simply send in the registration form in Appendix 1 with your payment. Alternatively you can register over the phone.

Early bird **\$85.00**

Register before 31 December 2006

Standard **\$100.00**

Registration includes:-

- A copy of the **church planting manual**.
- A copy of the **CDs of Martin Robinson's sessions** at the *Planning to Plant* conferences.
- A copy of the quarterly **news and prayer letter** (via email).
- The opportunity to **network** with other participating churches involved in the programme.
- The **encouragement** that churches around Australia are also involved in planting.

Section 3 – Church Planting Conferences in 2007

Outline of Conferences

To assist churches taking part in Church Planting Australia, one-day church planting conferences are being held around Australia in February & October 2007.

The theme of each conference will be tied into the upcoming phase in the Church Planting programme.

Please note:-

- The registration fee for the Church Planting Australia programme **does not include admission** to the conferences. You will need to register and pay separately if you want to attend one or both of the conferences.
- The conferences are **open to anyone** to attend – you don't have to be involved in the CPA programme to come along.
- Furthermore, the conferences are **entirely optional** – if you are registered for CPA you are under no obligation to attend either conference.

Conference 1 (Feb 2007) – Planning to Plant.

Rev Dr Martin Robinson (UK) keynote speaker.

Conference 2 (Oct 2007) - Church Planting: Final Countdown and Launch!

Rev Stuart Robinson (Aus) keynote speaker.

Conference Registration Details

If you are interested in attending either conference simply send in the conference registration form in Appendix 2 with your payment. Alternatively you can register over the phone.

Early bird **\$70.00**

Closes 31 December for February Conferences

Closes 31 August for October Conferences

Standard **\$85.00**

Concession **\$65.00**

(Students/unemployed/pensioners)

Includes morning/afternoon tea, lunch and refreshments throughout the day.

Conference 1 (Feb 2007) - Planning to Plant

In these one day conferences, the Rev Dr Martin Robinson (UK) will look at the key elements involved in preparing to plant a new church or start a new congregation. Martin will look at:-

- Some **church/congregation planting models**.
- How to **research** your area or target group.
- How to develop a **church planting vision and strategy** and enthuse others about it.
- Building and training a **core team**.
- Maintaining good relationships with **existing churches** in the area.
- Ways of **evangelizing your area/target group**.
- **How to hold onto new converts & contacts** prior to starting your public meetings.

Martin's presentations will give ample opportunity for questions and discussion. The conferences will have an emphasis on the practical aspects – the "how to" - of church & congregation planting.

Keynote Speaker

Rev Dr Martin Robinson is the National Director of Together in Mission in the UK - an interdenominational organization that works with denominations and churches in the areas of church planting, evangelism and leadership development (see www.togetherinmission.org).

Martin has pastored and planted churches in the UK. He was National Secretary of the Churches of Christ UK and has served as Director of Mission and Theology for the Bible Society UK.

Martin has written ten books on church planting and mission including, *Planting Tomorrow's Churches Today*, *Celebrating the Small Church*, *The Faith of Unbeliever*, and *Invading Secular Space*. He is married to Lynda and they have three adult children.

Dates & Locations

Sydney

Sat 3 February

Chatswood Anglican Church - Cnr Fullers Rd & View St, Chatswood (Walking distance from Chatswood Station)

Perth

Tue 6 February

South Perth Church of Christ - Cnr Murray St & McNabb Loop, Como

Adelaide

Wed 7 February

Holy Trinity Church - 87 North Terrace, Adelaide

Hobart

Thu 8 February

Holy Trinity Church - 50 Warwick St, Hobart (Enter off Church St)

Melbourne

Tue 13 February

Glen Waverley Anglican Church - 800 Waverley Rd, Glen Waverley

Canberra

Wed 14 February

Hughes Baptist Church - Groom St, Hughes

Brisbane

Thu 15 February

Ashgrove Baptist Church - 7 Firhill St, Ashgrove

Programme

9:00	Registration & Refreshments
9:30	Welcome & Bible Study
9:50	Church/Congregation Planting Models
11:00	Morning Tea
11:15	Researching your Area or Target Group Developing a Vision & Strategy
12:30	Lunch
1:15	Building and Training a Core Team
2:30	Afternoon Tea
2:45	Evangelizing your Area or Target Group
3:50	Feedback and Wrap Up
4:00	Finish

Conference 2 (Oct 2007) - Church Planting: Countdown & Launch!

The first public meeting and the months leading up to it are critical times for a new church plant. A great amount of focused energy is needed to get the plant off the ground.

In these conferences the Rev Stuart Robinson will look at what is involved in launching a new church or congregation. Topics covered will include:-

- How to **actively promote** the new plant.
- Engaging in **intensive evangelism** leading up to the launch.
- Planning & running your **public meetings**.
- Welcoming and incorporating **newcomers**.
- Maintaining **focus and momentum**.
- Adding **extra congregations** & planting again.
- What **if the plant doesn't work?**

Stuart's sessions will have a practical emphasis with ample opportunity for questions and discussion.

Keynote Speaker

Stuart Robinson is the senior pastor of Chatswood Anglican church in Sydney and serves part-time as the National Mission facilitator for the Anglican General Synod in Australia.

Stuart has planted a number of churches in both inner city and suburban environments. He is an experienced trainer and consultant working with denominations and churches across Australia.

Stuart has a passion for seeing churches multiplied across our nation. He is a co-author of the *Mission Action Planning Manual* (MAP) and has written a Church Planting Handbook. Stuart is married to Jane and they have four children.

Dates & Locations

Perth

Mon 15 October

South Perth Church of Christ - Cnr Murray St & McNabb Loop, Como

Adelaide

Tue 16 October

Holy Trinity Church - 87 North Terrace, Adelaide

Melbourne

Wed 17 October

St Hilarys Anglican Church – 12 John St, Kew

Brisbane

Thu 18 October

Ashgrove Baptist Church - 7 Firhill St, Ashgrove

Sydney

Fri 19 October

Chatswood Anglican Church - Cnr Fullers Rd & View St, Chatswood (Walking distance from Chatswood Station)

Programme

- 9:00 Registration & Refreshments
- 9:30 Welcome & Bible Study
- 9:50 Countdown: Promotion & Intensive Evangelism
- 11:00 Morning Tea
- 11:15 Launch: Going Public!
- 12:30 Lunch
- 1:15 Orbit: Maintaining Focus & Momentum
- 2:30 Afternoon Tea
- 2:45 Exploration: Where to after Planting
- 3:50 Feedback and Wrap Up
- 4:00 Finish

Appendix 1 – Church Planting Australia Registration

Title: Name:

Church:

Position: Denomination:

Address: Postcode:

Home Phone: () Work Phone: ()

Email:

(please include an email address as communication during the programme will be via email)

Payment Method

Cheque or Money Order enclosed (please make payable to Gospel Outreach Ministries)

Please charge my Mastercard Visa

Card Number

Expiry date:

Amount:

Name on Card:

Signature:

Please briefly describe the type of church or congregation plant that you will be seeking to undertake (if you are currently unsure of the type of plant simply write 'unsure').

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Please send to:-

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Appendix 2 – Church Planting Conferences Registration

One name per form. Please photocopy if more forms needed.

Title: Name:

Church:

Position: Denomination:

Address: Postcode:

Home Phone: () Work Phone: ()

Email:

(if possible please include an email address as it will make it easier for us to communicate with you)

Conference Details

Please register me for the following conference/s.

Planning to Plant (Martin Robinson) – February 2007

Location:

Church Planting: Countdown & Launch! (Stuart Robinson) – October 2007

Location:

Payment Method

Cheque or Money Order enclosed (please make payable to Gospel Outreach Ministries)

Please charge my Mastercard Visa

Card Number

Expiry date:

Amount:

Name on Card:

Signature:

Please send to:-

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