

# Steps to Becoming a Network Church



1. The leadership of the prospective Network church reads and agrees with the vision, values, bylaws, statement of faith, and guidelines in the Network Manual.
2. If, after a time of prayer, the Lord gives his confirmation, then an engagement period begins for at least one year, and at least two years for international churches.
3. The Senior Pastor, elders, and the Network Apostolic Team begin to build a relationship. In some cases, the Senior Pastor may relate to a designated person appointed by the Network Apostolic Team.
4. Oversight begins at the time of the established engagement period.
5. Tithing begins by the Senior Pastor at the beginning of the engagement period.
6. The Senior Pastor begins to relate to other Hopewell Network leaders within his geographic area. One way we facilitate this is through clusters that meet for mutual support in the various geographical areas.
7. After the engagement period, the Network Apostolic Team, Senior Pastor, and Eldership Team must be in full agreement before any commitment is made.
8. The Network may require changes to the local church bylaws to align with our values of church governance and procedure.
9. If, after the engagement period, there is not a clear sense of God's leading and peace by all involved, then the Network Apostolic Team, the Senior Pastor, and his Eldership Team need to discern if there is a different direction the Lord may be leading.
10. If there is full agreement between the Network Apostolic Team and the potential Network church, an agreement will be signed by the Network Apostle, the Senior Pastor, and several Elders of the new Network church. There may be a public commissioning service by one or more Network Apostolic Team members and/or a designated person appointed by the Network Apostle.