

The Greater Boston Church Planting Collaborative

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A GBCPC Gathering to which church planters, church planting teams and other church planting enthusiasts are invited:

Saturday morning, September 21, 9:30 – 12:00. **“How to Successfully Start a New Church That Thrives and Multiplies”** including a discussion of the satellite model of church planting - **Rev. Kim Richardson**, presenter. Kim has much church planting experience and success: he is a new church coach and trainer of coaches, a church planter and parent church sponsor, the Team Leader of Vision New England’s church planting network and a Church of the Nazarene church pastor and District Coordinator. He is currently starting a satellite church (possibly two satellite churches) out of his church on the North Shore, and sees the satellite church planting model as a workable model for getting the job done here in greater Boston. Gathering to be at the Emmanuel Gospel Center, 2 San Juan St. Boston.

Free. Church planters usually have enough expenses already. It is helpful if you notify facilitator Ralph Kee that you plan to attend. ralphkee@juno.com 617-262-3363

Directions to the Emmanuel Gospel Center

Subway: Orange Line to Back Bay. Exit on Dartmouth St., turn left and walk into South End – down Dartmouth crossing Columbus, Warren and Tremont. At Tremont St. keep going straight ahead onto what now becomes W. Dedham St. Down W. Dedham one block to Shawmut Ave. Right on Shawmut Ave. one short block to San Juan St. on your right. Right onto San Juan St to 2 San Juan St. (EGC).

Car: I 93 (Southeast Expressway) Exit 18 at Mass Ave/Roxbury. Turn right onto Mass. Ave, go under Boston Medical Center building that spans Mass Ave, cross Harrison Ave, and then turn right onto Washington St. Go 4/10 mile to third traffic light. The very large Cathedral of the Holy Cross is at that corner. At that traffic light, go one block to stop sign. Turn left onto Shawmut Ave. Go one short block and turn right onto San Juan St. EGC is 2 San Juan. Parking is no problem.

Bus: Silver Line on Washington St., exit bus at Monsignor Reynolds Way (Cathedral of the Holy Cross is at that intersection) walk in town on Monsignor Reynolds Way one block to Shawmut Ave, turn left on Shawmut, then right on San Juan. EGC is 2 San Juan.

New church started:

▪ Tamil language Assembly of God church, **Earl Jeyaraj**, church planter. Services first and third Sunday evenings at 5 pm in the facilities of Greenwood Union Church, 4 Oak St., Wakefield.

Answer to prayer

In the spring GBCPC was asked if perhaps it couldn’t help with a problem that some church planters faced in Boston. Rents for the use of Boston public schools had been increased dramatically. Some new churches meeting in schools could never have paid what was demanded. People networked with people, influential people contacted City Council members and the Mayor’s office, and rents were returned to reasonable levels. New churches can continue to rent public school space. PTL. GBCPC particularly thanks **Rev. Dave McNeely** for representing GBCPC as GBCPC joined with others in this successful lobbying effort.

SERVICES GBCPC OFFERS (at no cost to recipient)

■ **Church planting consulting** Thirty years of church planting experience by the Facilitator in greater Boston provides a base for church planting consulting.

■ **Help in understanding cultural differences.** Individuals trained in anthropology are willing to offer a couple of hours of free consultation to help you or your group better understand another culture with which you are trying to relate.

■ **Help in getting organized.** Sometimes its nice to have a little help in incorporating the new church in the State of Massachusetts, writing up the Articles of Organization, writing the church constitution and by-laws, etc. GBCPC stands ready to help.

■ **Architectural help** If you are starting a new church and need architectural advice, GBCPC can put you in touch with an architect who perhaps can answer your questions. Maybe you are renting space, and wonder how to use it to your best advantage. “Can we remove this wall?” “How can we improve our lighting?” “What about putting a sign on our building?” Building issues in Boston or any city are often complicated. Architects who are friends of GBCPC may be able to offer you up to 5 hours free advice.

■ **Providing a forum for exploring ideas relevant to church planting** If you have an idea you would like to explore with other church planters, maybe GBCPC can gather a group together to discuss it.

■ **Church Planters' Street Fair**

- **Looking for a movie screen** – East Boston church planting pastor **Geronimo Monteiro** - 508-872-3114.
- **18 stackable chairs**, fair condition. Must be picked up in NH, 15 minutes from MA border. **Jean Dimmock** – 603-772-1091.

The solid oak pews we advertised last month have been taken and used here in Boston. PTL.

Do you have used chairs, tables, partitions, hymns books, etc. you want to give to a new church that can use them? Are you a new church looking for such items? Enter your free classified in our next newsletter. GBCPC cannot pick up, deliver, or provide storage.

■ **Handouts from previous GBCPC Gatherings** *Free for the asking.*

- The comprehensive and useful 30 page packet of materials that **George Brocke** made available in April, listing resources and social service agencies available to the church planter who includes in her evangelism people with all sorts of needs.
- Packet of resources available for studying demographics for a given church planting project, compiled by **Rudy Mitchell**.
- **Seven Essential Factors for Church Planting Today**, by **Paul Atwater**, founder of North River Community Church.
- **Renewal of a Declining Church** by **Rodney F. Price**, who turned around Mattapan Baptist.
- **Church Planting With the Poor** by **Ralph Kee** and **Ministry Among the Poor: Why and How** by **Mark Marchak**.
- A 25 page booklet on *diakonia and church planting*, **Diakonia: The Church at Work** by **Ralph Kee**.

Offering space for church or new church plant:

- In Somerville - Broadway Winter Hill Congregational Church in Somerville – **Rev. Russell Kent** – rhktertiuskent@netspace.net
- In Brighton – **Rev. Frimo Cupidon** efcc4749@hotmail.com or 781-724-2603
- In Dorchester - Possibility for a Spanish language church plant in **Rev. Dennis Duncan's** facility. 617-265-5194.

Looking for space:

- Needed by Sept. 1, a place to rent or buy for Sunday worship services. New Hope Congregational Church. Contact church pastor **Rev. Anthony C. Moore, Sr**, at 757 Shawmut Ave. Apt. 709, Roxbury 02118. Phone: 617-445-6590.
- In the Dorchester/Milton/Quincy area - **Devis Jean-Jacques**, P. O. Box 1353, Cambridge 02134. 617-265-5534 is looking for a space so his home Bible study can become a church plant.
- In the Dorchester/Mattapan/Roxbury area, New Fellowship Christian Ministries is looking for a building to accommodate about 500 people to rent or purchase. If rent, need Wednesday evenings and Sundays until 3 pm. Would also consider a piece of land on which to build. Contact **Diane Banton** at 617-282-2638. **Rev. John Bridges**, pastor.

Sessions you might not want to miss:

On Friday and Saturday, October 18 – 19 Vision New England will be sponsoring sessions with internationally known church planting practitioner and specialist **BOB LOGAN**, who lives in a Hispanic inner city neighborhood in Los Angeles. Friday will be just for executives and church planting supervisors; Saturday will be for church planters and church planting teams. Sessions held at VNE in Acton. Contact **Rev. Kim Richardson** at kimrichardson@juno.com

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