

The Greater Boston Church Planting Collaborative

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Check the new website <http://www.egc.org> Click “Ministries and Staff” then click on “Greater Boston Church Planting Collaborative”. Click on “Urban Ministry Resources” for a wealth of information and useful links for urban ministry, in Boston and elsewhere.

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 the church he pastors on the North Shore, and sees the satellite church planting model (starting a new church without needing a church planter, by using the staff of the mother church) as a workable model for getting the job done here in greater Boston.

Here is the syllabus for Kim’s presentation:

- A. *There is no “right way”.*
- B. *A brief review of planting by Nazarenes in New England (1985 – present)*
 - Role of District Superintendent*
 - Methodology*
- C. *Where we are today.*
- D. *Where we are seeking to go: assessment, training, coaching, parenting, multi-cultural, teams, finance, flexibility (satellite; cell-based; mass marketing).*
- E. *A systems approach – intentionality: ministry plan; resources.*

There will be lots of time for mutual discussion and learning from each other. If this looks good to you, as Ernie Boch says, “come on down”!

Free, courtesy of Mission to the Americas and Emmanuel Gospel Center. *Church planters usually have enough expenses already. It is helpful if you notify facilitator Ralph Kee that you plan to attend.*

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Gathering to be at the Emmanuel Gospel Center, 2 San Juan St. Boston.

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.*

Gathering on Sat. morning, Nov. 2, 9:30 – 12. “Developing Necessary Leadership, Including Lay Leadership, for Effective Church Planting”. Rev. Paul Bothwell, Director of Urbacad (Urban Academy) for Mission to the Americas in greater Boston, presenting. Urbacad students and graduates have provided major leadership for the planting of at least 13 new churches, and have contributed to the planting of many more.

The newly forming **Gateway Baptist**, 680 Hancock St., Quincy, has its **launch service on Sunday, Sept. 8 at 6:00 PM.** Dan Boyd, church planter. Website: www.gbcquincy.org
Congratulations to Gateway Baptist!

Ask Mr. Blew - your advice column for the pensive church planter, with apologies to GK.

Anonymous from Boston asks: **Mr. Blew, often if in a public place such as the park I happen to mention that I am a church planter, children look at me in envious, wide-eyed wonder. Is this normal?**

Mr. Blue replies: **Yes.**

You too can write Mr. Blew, psychologist for the thoughtful church planter, by e-mailing him at the GBCPC's e-mail address. Specify if you prefer your name be withheld.

SERVICES GBCPC OFFERS (at no cost to recipient)

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

■ **“Ask Mr. Blew”**, advice for the lovelorn church planter.

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:

- In Dorchester area, God’s House of Restoration, **Rev. George A. Brocke, Jr.** This recently planted church wants to move from its home environment to larger space, two rooms, 2000 square feet. 617-320-2104 or 617-445-1389 or BrockeJr@aol.com
- In the area just northeast of Boston, for Sunday services and more, a new Spanish language church plant, **Pastor Julio Caraballo**. Contact **Numen Larreynaga** at NLarreynaga@Necco.com.
- 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.

Vision New England will be sponsoring sessions on Fri. and Sat. Oct. 18 - 19 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 Vision New England also offers mentoring to pastors and lay leaders. Those in greater Boston would contact **Mark Bodholdt** at mpbodholdt@aol.com or 978-562-0646.

Northeast Church Planting Network Conference, Oct. 24 in Weare NH. Information at www.nechurchplanters.org

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