

The Greater Boston Church Planting Collaborative

Cheerleading effective church planting in greater Boston and beyond.

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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.

This should be well worth your while: Fri. and Sat. Oct. 18 - 19 *Vision New England* will be sponsoring sessions with **internationally known church planting specialist BOB LOGAN**, who knows urban ministry because he lives in a Hispanic inner city neighborhood in Los Angeles. Friday will be 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 in several languages. Those in greater Boston would contact Mark Bodholdt at mpbodholdt@aol.com or 978-562-0646.

Following GBCPC sponsored events to which church planters, church planting teams and other church planting enthusiasts are invited:

1 ∂“Clarify, clarify, clarify”. The more clearly we can think about our ministry, the more successful we are likely to be in our ministry. Clear thinking, and its concomitant, clear writing, makes effective ministry more likely. These **self-mentoring Salons** will help each of us who participate think more clearly; thus each one of us will likely minister more effectively. The first and third Friday afternoons of each month, 1:30 – 3:00 PM, **beginning Oct. 4**, at the Emmanuel Gospel Center. These are occasions for each participant to actually teach him or herself in an interactive environment where peers also learn from each other. The biblical books of Nehemiah and Acts, and, to a lesser degree, Peter Drucker’s The Effective Executive, and Margaret J. Wheatley’s Leadership and the New Science: Learning about Organization from an Orderly Universe, will be polestars. Ralph Kee will serve as prompter.

2 ⚡“**Developing Necessary Leadership, Including Lay Leadership, for the Spontaneous Multiplication of Churches**”. Saturday morning, Nov. 2, 9:30 – 12. Presenter: **Rev. Paul Bothwell**, Director of Boston’s Urbacad (Urban Academy) for Mission to the Americas. Urbacad students and graduates have provided major leadership for the planting of some 35 new churches since Urbacad started 23 years ago. Our world will be reached through the spontaneous multiplication of churches. Boston provides a wonderful base for SMC. We invite your attendance.

9:30 Open forum around church planting issues as raised by the assembled group.
10:00 Presentation by Paul Bothwell. Interactive.

Salons and Gathering at the Emmanuel Gospel Center, 2 San Juan St. Boston. Salons and Gathering free, courtesy of Mission to the Americas and Emmanuel Gospel Center. It is helpful if you notify facilitator Ralph Kee that you plan to attend. 617-262-3363 ralphkee@juno.com

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”

Point to ponder: research by the Alban’s Institute indicates church planters are usually enslaved by their history. If they have never been in a church of more than, say, 75 people, they are incapable of bringing the new church they are starting beyond 75 people. Mental models needed to move beyond past experience are lacking. What do you think? Are you the rule, or the exception to the rule?

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.

• **Resources for the church planters**, the truly useful handout **Rev. Kim Richardson** offered at his presentation on Sept. 21.

• 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:

• 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.

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

www.nechurchplanters.org

Perry Polnaszek of **TouchedTwice Ministries**, ministry that helps the church planting effort, announces that **Bentley College** is offering free tax consulting for pastors and non-profits on Tuesday, Oct. 8, 7:00 – 8:30 at **Head Start**, 350 Essex St., Lawrence Let Perry know at touchedtwice@msn.com. if you are planning to attend.

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

Fearful from Hyde Park asks: “Mr. Blew, as a church planter just starting up and having only a handful of people, I feel intimidated when I attend Big Ministerial Dinners here in the Boston area. I scarcely know how to ask for the spaghetti.”

Mr. Blue replies: “In Boston you look down the table to where the pasta is, and say in a clear, firm voice, ‘Pastah, pass da pasta past da pastah’”.

You too can e-mail Mr. Blew, counselor for the worried church planter. Specify if you prefer your name be withheld

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