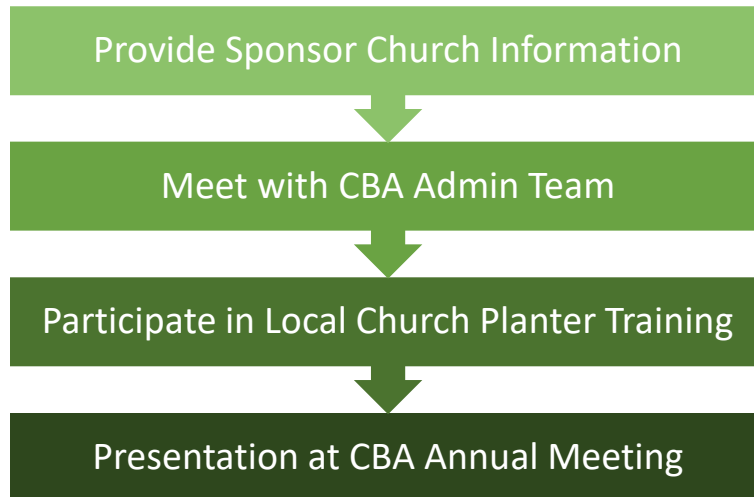


CBA Church Plant Candidate: Admission Process



CBA Church Sponsorship – Sponsorship Covenant

In the same way that Paul and Barnabas were sent out by the leaders and congregation of the Church at Antioch (Acts 13:1-2), our association embraces this principle that churches plant churches. Practically, this also functions as a safeguard to make sure that there is an affirmation by another established church and its leaders that God has called church plant leaders and a team of believers to the task of establishing a new work. Therefore, every new church plant is required to have the sponsorship of a church that is a member in good standing within the Charleston Baptist Association. If you do not have a sponsor church, it is recommended that you establish a connection with a CBA church and cast your vision to pursue a sponsoring relationship. ***For more information on sponsorship & sponsorship covenant, please see the attached.***

CBA's Administrative Team – Application & Interview

The CBA Admin Team oversees vision implementation and administrative functions of the Charleston Baptist Association. In order to receive new churches into the Charleston Baptist Association, information is needed from the church plant leadership by way of an application, an interview and documentation. The application for affiliation with the CBA is attached and will be reviewed by the CBA Admin team. Upon completion of the application, the applicant will be scheduled for an interview at one of our monthly admin team meetings. The following information is also requested for submission to complete the admission process.

- 501©3 documentation
- Constitution & Bylaws
- Background Check Verification
- Vision Statement
- Current Budget
- Listing of Current Church Leadership

See Application attached. Please submit application & information above to the Resource Associate: icarlson@charlestonbaptist.net

South Carolina Baptist Convention Affiliation

Every church of the Charleston Baptist Association is autonomous and willing cooperates together for the sake of carrying out the Great Commission in Greater Charleston. The association has no governing authority but rather serves as a resource and connector to strengthen churches, leaders & plant churches. Church plants who affiliate with the Charleston Baptist Association are considered an affiliate with our state convention. All CBA church plants are requested to complete the information for new church affiliation: <http://www.scbaptist.org/new-church-affiliation-request/>

Church Planter Training – Register & Participate

The leader(s) of the applicant church is expected to attend our local church planter training: The Cypress Project (www.cypressproject.org). This is an equipping process that prepares church planters and teams into reaching their community and establishing a Gospel-centered ministry. Our training is offered August through April (not in December) and meets for one half-day per month. This training is aligned with the South Carolina Baptist Convention training process. ***Please register through the Cypress Project website: www.cypressproject.org***

CBA Annual Meeting – Presentation & Welcome

The last formal step in membership is for the pastor(s) and team to be presented at our annual meeting in October. Your sponsor church will make a formal recommendation to add your church plant to our family of churches. This allows member churches to connect, celebrate, interact, and welcome the applicant church.