



CHURCH PLANTING ACCELERATOR PROGRAM

The Church Planting Accelerator Program is an initiative of All Peoples Church, Bangalore to nurture, equip, mentor and support individuals and church planting teams across India. The program assists those called to pioneer a local church in their specific city/community to realize their vision and establish a thriving, self-sustaining local community of believers in Jesus Christ.

A church planting team may comprise of a single adult or a maximum of 4 adults. The church planting individual or team must have a clear vision to pioneer and pastor a church in a particular city/community. They must be actively involved in Christian ministry either as a volunteer or in a full-time capacity. Selected candidates will be invited to Bangalore and be trained and mentored at APC Bangalore during January 2023 to December 2023. Expenses for their time of training at APC Bangalore will be covered and a monthly stipend will be provided. After successfully completing their training, in January 2024, they will be released to launch their pioneering work in their selected city/community. APC will continue to nurture, mentor, and financially assist each church planting team for a period of 3 years.

ONE-YEAR TRAINING AND MENTORING AT APC BANGALORE (JANUARY-DECEMBER 2023)

Those who are selected to the Church Planting Accelerator Program, will be requested to come to Bangalore for one-year (January-December 2023). Depending on the size of the family a suitable place accommodation will be provided, and all normal living expenses will be reasonably covered. A stipend will also be provided based family size.

Program Plan

The year at Bangalore will be geared towards equipping and preparing for the church planting/pioneering work ahead, and will focus on these three areas of development:

Personal Spiritual Development	Equipping for Church Planting and Church Growth	Practical Exposure to APC and its ministry work at Bangalore
Refresh and establish in important spiritual truth and disciplines. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Attend selected courses at APC Bible CollegeEngage in times of worship and prayerAttend APC's Sunday Church Services, Weekend Schools and ConferencesPersonal mentoring by APC Pastors	Learn, discuss, and understand practical aspects of church planting, church growth and development. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Attend selected courses at APC Bible CollegeEngage in interaction times with APC pastors on specific learning topicsPersonal mentoring by APC Pastors	Gain exposure and practically involve in the work at APC Bangalore. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Be exposed to the internal working at APC BangaloreEngage and interact with domain experts across various aspects of church ministryCarry out specific tasks assigned at APC Bangalore



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR CHURCH PLANTING

After successfully completing the one-year of training and mentoring at APC Bangalore, APC will send each church planting team out and assist them financially for a period of 3-years. The goal is for each church plant to become self-supporting before the end of this 3-year period.

APC Bible College B.Th. graduates who are selected can skip the one-year training and mentoring program at APC Bangalore and can directly start their church planting/pioneering work with support from APC. From 2023 onwards, international B.Th. graduates from APC Bible College can also apply for this program for church planting/pioneering work globally.

AGREEMENT TO APC'S STATEMENT OF FAITH

APC is a Jesus loving, Bible believing, Spirit filled church, that emphasizes walking in Christlikeness, seeks the full expression of all the gifts of the Spirit, embraces the current working of five-fold offices and serves with a Kingdom mindset for the equipping of the believers, and edifying of the Body of Christ.

All Applicants must read and be in agreement with our doctrinal statement of faith. Please note that if at any stage, any church planting team is not in agreement to the statement of faith, APC reserves the right to withdraw their participation in the Church Planting Accelerator Program.

Tenets of Faith and Doctrine of All Peoples Church

The church accepts the Scriptures as the revealed will of God and adopts these statements of fundamental truths and doctrines.

1. The Bible is the inspired Word of God and the revealed will of God (2 Timothy 3:15-17; 1 Peter 1:23-25; Hebrews 4:12) and hence hold the Bible as the supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.

2. There is one true God who eternally exists in three Persons—the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. All are co-equal and co-eternal (Matthew 28:19; 1 John 5:7).

3. Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, is the only begotten Son of God, and God the Son from eternity (Isaiah 9:6; John 1:1,14). We believe in His virgin birth, sinless life, atoning death and bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.

4. Man was created in God's image. By voluntary transgression he fell, and his only hope of redemption is in Jesus Christ, the Son of God (Genesis 1:26-31, 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-21)

5. Salvation of man :

a. Man's only hope of redemption is through the shed blood of Jesus Christ. On the cross Jesus Christ became sin and sickness providing both salvation and healing for



all mankind (Psalm 103:3). This salvation comes by believing in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead and confessing with your mouth, Jesus as Lord (Romans 3:24, 10:8-10; Ephesians 2:8).

b. The inward evidence, to the believer, is the direct witness of the Spirit (Romans 8:16). The outward evidence to all men is a life of true holiness and love (1 John 3:23; John 13:35).

c. Salvation is by faith in Jesus Christ and not by human works; however, our works are evidence of our faith and will determine our rewards in eternity (Acts 16:3; Romans 10:9,10; 14:10-12; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Ephesians 2:8,9; Titus 3:5-7; James 2:18).

6. Baptism in water and the Lord's Supper are the only sacraments of the Church. Baptism in water is a declaration to the world that a believer has died with Christ and that they have been raised with Him to walk in newness of life (Matthew 28:19; Acts 10:47,48; Romans 6:4). The celebration of the Lord's Supper by eating of the bread and drinking of the cup is a remembrance of Jesus (1 Corinthians 11:24-30).

7. The Holy Spirit, the third Person of the Godhead, dwells in every believer. The Holy Spirit is at work in and through the believer as evidenced through the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22,23) and the gifts of the Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:7-11).

8. All believers are entitled to, and should ardently expect and earnestly seek, the promise of the Father, the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, according to the command of Jesus Christ. With this comes the endowment of power for life and service, the bestowment of gifts and their uses in the work of the ministry: This experience is distinct from and subsequent to the experience of the new birth but can occur at the same moment a person is reborn (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4-8, 2:38,39, 10:44-46, 11:14-16, 15:7-9; 1 Corinthians 12:1-31).

9. The Church is the Body of Christ. Each believer is an integral part (Ephesians 1:22, 2:19-22; Hebrews 12:23) of Christ's Body—the Church. God has a definite function for each believer in the Church (Romans 12:6-12). Some are called to stand in one or more of the five-fold ministry office (Ephesians 4:7-11). The local church is an integral part of Christ's Body. As each believer fulfils their calling, within the local church and outside, they will fulfill their God-ordained function in the Body of Christ.

10. God's will is the wellbeing of the total person.

a. Spiritual (John 3:3,11; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Romans 10:9,10)

b. Mental (2 Timothy 1:7; Romans 12:1; Isaiah 26:3)

c. Physical (Isaiah 53:4,5; Matthew 8:17; 1 Peter 2:24)

d. Financial (III John 1:2; Malachi 3:10-11; Luke 6:38; 2 Corinthians. 9:6-10)

e. Social (Proverbs 3:4)



11. Every believer should be actively involved in fulfilling the Great Commission of preaching the Gospel and making disciples of all nations (Mark 16:15; Matthew 28:18-20).

12. Jesus is coming again to gather all His Saints to heaven (1 Corinthians 15:51,52; 1 Thessalonians 4:16,17; 2 Thessalonians 2:1). Those who have not accepted the redemptive work of Jesus Christ will suffer eternal separation from God (Revelation 19:20, 20:10-15).

13. The Lord Jesus Christ will return with His saints from heaven to rule and reign for one thousand years on earth as the Scripture promised (Romans 11:25,27; 2 Thessalonians 1:7; Revelation 19:11-16, 20:1-7). After this, there will be a new heaven and a new earth (Revelation 21).

PERSONAL INTEGRITY AND CODE OF CONDUCT

At APC every minister and team member is expected to walk with purity, holiness, integrity, humility, expressing Christlike character at all times.

Please read the following "Code of Honor" statements to ensure you are in agreement.

I pledge to apply myself wholeheartedly to my intellectual pursuits and to use the full powers of my mind for the glory of God.

I pledge to grow in my spirit by developing a personal relationship with God.

I pledge to develop my body by practicing sound health habits and participating in wholesome physical activities.

I pledge to cultivate good relationships socially with others, and to seek to love others as I love myself. I will not lie, steal, or curse. I will not be a talebearer.

I pledge to handle my personal finances in a manner that expresses good financial stewardship.

I pledge to make every effort to resolve any relational disputes in a peaceable, Christ-like manner.

I pledge to keep my total being under subjection from all immoral, illegal, and unethical acts and habits, both on and off campus. To this end, I will not use tobacco, take any illegal drug, or drink alcoholic beverages of any kind. I will not be involved in sexual misconduct, including but not limited to adultery, illicit sexual acts, and homosexual behavior. I will not be involved in viewing any pornographic materials, including on the Internet. I will not verbally or physically abuse any person or thing, including but not limited to my spouse, children, and roommates.

I pledge to maintain a position of openness to God's claims on my life, and to do my utmost to know and follow His will for my life.

I pledge to be punctual and to attend all required classes, services and activities that are held.



I pledge to abide by the rules and regulations, which are communicated to us as part of the CPAP. I accept my selection into the CPAP as a privilege and not a right.

I pledge to keep the CODE OF HONOR carefully and prayerfully.

FINANCIAL INTEGRITY

Being accountable to God, to those who support us financially and to the people we serve, is of utmost importance.

APC requires that all CPAP participants conduct themselves with financial integrity.

KINGDOM MINDSET AND KINGDOM RELATIONSHIPS

We believe in maintaining healthy relationships with people, even with those whom we may differ in theological perspectives. While we do not have to change our theological position, we can disagree while maintaining peace and brotherly love. We seek to maintain good, healthy relationships and do not walk in comparison, or competition with one another.

APC requires that all CPAP participants to conduct themselves with a kingdom mindset and maintain healthy kingdom relationship.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND STEWARDSHIP

CPAP participants agree to walk in spiritual, moral, and financial accountability to APC. While APC will not interfere in personal matters, CPAP participants will be asked to report on work, assignment and finances given to them, as an expression of accountability and proper stewardship of resources given to them.

APC requires that all CPAP participants agree to walking in accountability and honor towards the leadership at APC and demonstrate proper stewardship of resources entrusted to them.

Any violation of godly standards will result in appropriate disciplinary action, with the intent of lifting each one up to the standards we are to maintain.