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Conversation Starters

- “Mission is messy.”
- Two Word Reality: Attrition Happens (*Boones Mills, Salem, SMF*).
- New churches are needed. *If everyone decided today ...*
- Form follows function (e.g., FOC, CTM, PAC).
- Investment of funds ... in the pastoral leader.
- Investment of funds ... limited and strategic.
- Not every New Start has the goal to become a fully organized church.
- Starting new churches IS the most effective method of evangelism.
- Indigenous leadership ... *ask the Lord of harvest for laborers.*
- Celebrate New Starts and New Start heroes.
- Every congregation was a New Start at some point.

- Prayer: Starting new churches is a work of the Spirit and is born in prayer and cannot be reduced to a denominational strategy.
- New Churches start in the hearts of praying leaders, not necessarily in committee meetings.
- Flexibility: New Churches which are born in the hearts of new church leaders do not necessarily coincide with New Church placement strategy maps in the district office.
- Definition: A Congregation is
<http://www.graceandpeacemagazine.org/magazine/archived-issues/20-issue-july-2011/232-the-color-of-discipleship>
- Elevate Expectation through Celebration and Information:
 - *Credential Process
 - *District Prayer focus on New Starts
 - *District Assembly
 - *CPC, CPE
- How to identify New Start pastoral leaders.
- District Role: Support leaders in whose heart a vision is birthed.
- New Churches require a sacrificial investment.

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