

**A Case Study Of An Effective Church Plant In Brighton, Michigan**  
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ABSTRACT

This project was designed to enhance effectiveness in new church formation commonly referred to as church planting or pioneering. The case study utilized was an Assemblies of God church planted in 1992 in the community of Brighton, Michigan. Focus and application throughout the project pertaining to church planting or pioneering was specific, but not limited, to North America.

Next, articulation regarding a biblical-theology foundation directly related to church planting was the primary focus. In addition, the project will also serve as a stimulus and counsel to individuals who desire to plant or pioneer a new congregation. Five chapters comprise this body of work. Chapter one examines the need for church planting within the Assemblies of God and other evangelical denominations. This chapter also provides the biblical and theological roots of the Church and examination of biblical precedence regarding church planting. Chapter two contains current methodologies and suggestions being utilized by those involved in effective church plant scenarios. Section three explores the ten-year history and development of the Brighton Assembly of God church plant. The final chapter addresses essential characteristics that a successful church planter will possess or strive to possess. This chapter also includes reflective recommendations based upon the writer's personal experiences while pioneering.