



—"A Network for Multiplying Churches"

The mission of COR 3:6 Network is to partner with other **Christian**, **evangelical**, **gospel-centered**, and **missional** church planters to plant new churches and revitalize dying churches locally, nationally, and globally, for the sake of Jesus Christ, through the unity and power of the Holy Spirit, and to the glory of God the Father.

**Christian**. Our faith is centered around the person and work of Jesus Christ, and we are in agreement with the Apostles and Nicene Creeds.

**Evangelical.** We are in agreement with the doctrinal statement of the National Association of Evangelicals:

- We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God.
- We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.
- We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful people, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.
- We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.
- We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.
- We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Gospel-Centered**. We believe that the good news, or gospel, of Jesus Christ is the essential message that has been entrusted to the church to proclaim to the world. The gospel not only affects what we say, but also what we do. Therefore, we believe the good news of what God has done in Jesus Christ is at the center of all that the church says and does.

**Missional**. We believe that God is on a mission to restore people back to Himself, and has invited us to be a part of His mission in the world. We believe the mission is summarized in Matthew 28:18—20, "Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." Inherent in this statement is the idea of multiplication. We believe that this network's role in the mission is to make disciples through planting new churches that are multiplying churches, and revitalizing dying churches that will become multiplying churches.



### **DOCTRINE**

- I. We believe in one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- II. We believe the Bible to be the inspired Word of God, the sufficient and complete revelation of God's will and plan for salvation, and authoritative on all matters of faith and Christian living.
- III. We believe in the full deity and full humanity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood on the cross, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His coming personal return in power and glory.
- IV. We believe God originally created humanity, male and female, in the image of God and free from sin. We further believe that since the fall all persons are sinners by nature and choice and, therefore, spiritually dead.
- V. We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful people, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.
- VI. We believe that the Church is the spiritual body of Christ, of which Christ is the head and is composed of all persons who, through saving faith in Jesus Christ, have been regenerated by the Holy Spirit. We also believe in the interdependence of local churches and the mutual submission of Christians to each other in love.
- VII. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the saved and lost, the eternal existence of all people in either heaven or hell, in divine judgments, rewards, and punishments.
- VIII. We believe it is the duty and privilege of every follower of Christ and of every church of the Lord Jesus Christ to endeavor to make disciples of all nations.



# **CORe Values**

These are the essential values that God has laid on our hearts, that have been integral in the foundation of this network, and that we look for in those we will partner with.

- For the Glory of God. Everything that we do, we do in the name of Jesus Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to the glory of the Father.
- **Absolute Reliance on God.** It is only through the power and work of the Holy Spirit that anything we do on this earth is beneficial for the kingdom of God. We can keep ourselves busy planting new churches and reviving dying churches, but the fruitfulness of our ministry is directly dependent on God to produce that fruit.
- **Pray Continually**. Prayer is a powerful privilege for Christians. Because we rely on God to work in and through us, we therefore believe that continually seeking God in prayer is essential to the Christian life, and to the task to which He has called us.
- Living with Humble Confidence. God calls, empowers, and equips His children to work with confidence for the sake of the gospel. At the same time, we are humbled by the utter glory, holiness, and majesty of our God. In His grace, God invites and enables us to play a part in His work in the world, providing the basis for this humble confidence.
- Steadfast Faith. Our hope is in Christ, so that even in the difficulties of life, no matter how violent, our faith in Him remains strong and steadfast. The hope we have will not put us to shame, therefore we seek a persevering faith through the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.
- Radically Committed to Our Calling. We sense God calling us to pursue this role in His mission of planting and revitalizing churches. Our commitment to this calling ignites our work and maintains our course.
- Courageous Leadership. In church planting and revitalizing, leadership is absolutely crucial. God may call anyone He desires to this task, regardless of human standards. Nevertheless, whomever God calls, it is essential that he approach this task with an entrepreneurial and courageous spirit.
- **Unity in the Body.** We seek unity among the body of Christ as we pursue our specific calling from God. We are united, as brothers and sisters in Christ, on mission to proclaim His gospel and make disciples of all nations.
- **Encourage Always.** God uses the ministry of encouragement to propel His people to do the work to which He has called us to on this earth. We seek to always embolden, empower, and impart courage to each other to passionately pursue the call of God, so that the gospel may be proclaimed even to the end of the earth.
- **Kingdom Minded.** The mission to which we have been called is grounded in the gospel of Jesus Christ, and is a small part of the whole mission of God in the world. Therefore, we must release the grip of selfish-ambition, and graciously ask God to utilize us however He so desires. This forces us to think in terms of His kingdom, rather than our own, or any other, kingdom.



## **PARTNERSHIP COVENANT**

## **COR 3:6 Network Leaders Commit to:**

- Modeling Growth
  - We commit to modeling in our lives all that we ask of those in our network,
  - o So that we continue to grow and learn, and encourage others to do so as well.
- Providing Direction
  - We commit to providing clear direction to those involved in the network,
  - o So that there is clarity on where we are going and why.
- Promoting Relationships
  - We commit to providing/promoting opportunities for relational connectedness,
  - So that everyone in the network finds encouragement through relationships.
- Caring Engagement
  - We commit to interested and encouraging engagement with all in our network,
  - o So that every church knows they are not running the race alone.
- Consistent Performance
  - We commit to consistent success in planting churches that spread the gospel,
  - So that we know we are enabling churches to thrive in their cities.
- Passionate Involvement
  - We commit to doing whatever it takes to help churches in our network flourish,
  - So that the gospel is spread and people are redeemed for the sake of Jesus Christ.

## **COR 3:6 Partner Church Planters and their Churches Commit to:**

- Theological Agreement
  - We agree with the theology of the COR 3:6 Network, as outlined in the COR Document.
- Network Participation
  - We commit to being actively involved in the network as needs and opportunities arise.
  - We commit to two-way communication with network leaders, which includes:
    - Teaching and learning from each other
    - Staying current on network activity; keeping network informed about our church.
- Financial Investment:
  - We commit to giving:
    - 5% of all receipts of church to church planting efforts (at each church's discretion)
    - Prayerful consideration of 1% of receipts of church to COR 3:6 Network<sup>1</sup>
- Seeking Unity:
  - We commit to seeking unity: 1) In our own church family, 2) In the COR 3:6 Network, and 3) In our relationships with other believers in our cities, countries, and world.
- Multiplication through Church Planting
  - We commit to being actively involved in church planting efforts to spread the gospel.

Planter Signed Name	Date	COR 3:6 Leader Signed Name	Date

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This may be included in or in addition to the 5% at each church's discretion. Not expected in year 1 of plant.