



PROJECT DETROIT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

*Motor City...
Motown...*

Detroit impacts the rest of the country in many ways:

- **Automotive**
Ford, GM,
Daimler-Chrysler
- **Sports**
Lions, Tigers,
Pistons,
Red Wings
- **Music**
Rock, Jazz, Rap,
Opera, Motown
- **Movies**
[filmed in or based
on the city]:
Upside of Anger,
8 Mile,
Out of Sight,
Beverly Hills Cop

5.5 Million People in the Detroit Metro Area and Not One PCA Church...Until Now

- ❑ *Detroit is the largest metro area in the United States without a PCA presence!*
- ❑ *It's the 8th largest metro area in the country.*
- ❑ *There are more than one million people from more than 100 ethnic and nationality groups.*
- ❑ *The town of Dearborn on the southwestern side of the city has 500,000 Muslims, the largest concentration in the U.S. outside of the Middle East.*
- ❑ *It's the largest metro area on any international border in the world (Southern Ontario, Canada is across the Detroit River).*

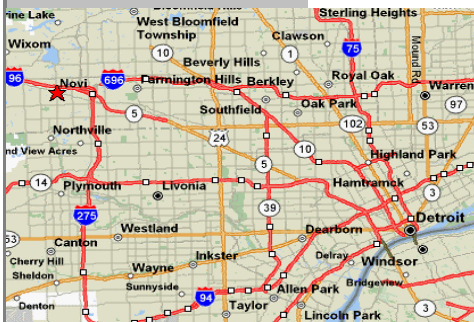
The Beginning of a Church Planting Movement

*By the grace of God and to his glory alone, we will seek to start a **CHURCH-PLANTING MOVEMENT** that will reach every part and people group of the Detroit Metro Area through the exponential starting of 100's of churches.*

It All Begins in the Town of Novi...

The most strategic place to start the first church is in the town of Novi on the west/northwestern side of the Detroit Metro Area:

- *It's the direction the metro area is growing.*
- *It's in a very strategic, accessible location.*
- *There is already a sizeable population base of 50,000.*
- *There is massive new construction with subdivisions selling out as fast as they can be built. New schools are being built to accommodate the growth.*
- *There is incredible business and commercial growth.*



*With the first church in Novi, we will seek to plant a **perimeter of churches** in an arc around the city that will be able to generate the resources to plant and sustain the more difficult, long-term plants in the city itself.*

***The first church in
the Detroit Metro
Area will be:***

**GRACEPOINTE
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

***“Glorifying God &
Enjoying Him
Forever!”***



GracePointe: What Will We Do?

Our purpose is to glorify and enjoy God through fulfilling the Great Commission and the Great Commandments in Novi, the Detroit Metro Area, and to the ends of the earth.

[Matt 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-16; Luke 24:46-47; Acts 1:8; Rom 1:16-17]

GracePointe: What Is Our Goal?

Our vision is to see thousands of lives changed by the gospel both through the ministry of GracePointe and through our assertively leading a church planting movement in the Detroit Metro Area.

[Acts 1:8]

GracePointe: What Is Our Message?

We were created to glorify and enjoy God forever, but with the fall, sin entered into the world. It is only on the basis of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ that we can be brought into a right relationship with God and realize our ultimate purpose. We cannot produce nor achieve this in ourselves, and we don't deserve it. We can only receive God's wonderful gift of grace, a grace that not only saves us but that also enables us to live completely transformed lives in preparation for an eternity of glorifying and enjoying him.

[Genesis 1-3; John 1:1-18; Romans 5-8; Revelation 4-5]

The Church Planter and His Family

Brian and Stacy Sleeth have been married for 15 years and have three children: Brianna (6), Benjamin (4), and Shepherd (born July 6, 2005). Brian is an approved church planter with the PCA (1995) and graduate of Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, Mississippi (1996). He has been a part of two church plants from day one, one as an intern and the other as the planter.

He has been serving at the church he planted for the past 9½ years where he has also served on the Mission to North America Committee of Potomac Presbytery, the Potomac Planters Network, and helped to form the Southern Maryland Church Planting Network.

He is currently working on his Doctor of Ministry dissertation through Covenant Theological Seminary on the topic of small churches planting churches. He hopes to graduate in 2006.

God has called Brian and Stacy to plant once again, and he has been quickly moving in their lives since the beginning of last summer to lead them in August to Novi, Michigan. Great Lakes Presbytery has called Brian to be an Evangelist who will plant the church there.

They are excited about this new work, and they want you to be a vital part of what God is doing in the Detroit Metro Area!

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How You Can Be a Part of What God Is Doing!

TIMELINE:

Raise support by end of 2005. During this time, launch website and develop list of 500+ contacts. Seek out first church planting apprentice.

Move to Novi early 2006; receive training, follow up on contacts, begin networking.

Start Bible studies, outreach events, leadership development, and proactively staff beginning spring 2006.

Formal worship services begin no later than Easter 2007.

Supporting “Project Detroit” with Your Prayers

This is a *massive* project on a grand scale, and the only way it is going to happen is by God’s grace, wisdom, and strength. He has already been answering very big, specific prayers very quickly and abundantly.

Being a part of this prayer network will bring tremendous blessing to your own spiritual walk and to your church. You will have the privilege of being a part of the founding of a strategic church planting movement!

You will be amazed to see bold prayers answered quickly in very exciting ways. Those on our prayer network will receive e-mail updates and can follow our work on the web.

We hope to establish a very broad prayer network across the country with hundreds, if not thousands, of people praying for us weekly. Even if you can’t give financially, we need your prayers!

Supporting “Project Detroit” with Your Contacts/Referrals

This is what is known as a “scratch start,” which means that there is no core group in Novi. Therefore, we are in great need of contacts and referrals. Perhaps you know someone in the Detroit Metro Area.

Our goal is to develop a list of at least 500 contacts before we move so that we can begin following up with them right when we move to the area. Part of how we will do this also includes launching a website while still raising support.

Please e-mail us at harvestbrian@chesapeake.net or call us at 410-610-7513 if you have any family, friends, or acquaintances in the area.

Supporting “Project Detroit” Financially

Since this work is on a *large scale* in a *major metro area*, it is going to require *significant* financial support. Given the nature of this work, we are working with a four-year budget. So, we are trusting in the Lord for the following:

WE NEED TO RAISE \$350,000

AND

We are asking *churches* and *individuals* to make a **FOUR-YEAR COMMITMENT.**

Kid's Club

Each month, Brianna, Benjamin, and Shepherd will send out their own newsletter to the kids who join the Club. They will share what it's like to be a missionary as they make friends, share the gospel, and see God's church grow.

If your child or youth would like to financially support "Project Detroit," we suggest the following monthly donations:

\$5.00	\$15.00
\$10.00	\$20.00

They could do chores to earn the money. This is a great way to teach and involve them in missions!

Send donations to:

Project Detroit: Novi
Mission to North America
1700 North Brown Road,
Suite 101
Lawrenceville, GA
30043-8143

Contact:

Rev. Brian Sleeth
410-610-7513
harvestbrian@chesapeake.net

Help us to make **Project Detroit** a reality. The following is a working plan for how the Lord may provide for his work:

- \$50,000 from Great Lakes Presbytery
(10,000 per year with an extended five-year commitment).
- \$50,000 from churches within Great Lakes Presbytery
(5 churches @ \$2,500 per year for 4 years).
- \$50,000 from churches across the PCA
(5 churches @ \$2,500 per year for 4 years).
- \$100,000 from churches in the Midwest
(2 churches @ \$7,500 per year for 4 years;
4 churches @ \$10,000 a year for 4 years).
- \$100,000 from churches/individuals from personal network
*There are a number of ways this could be provided for:
(2 churches @ \$7,500 per year for 4 years;
\$10,000 from individual donors for 4 years) *or*
3 churches @ \$5,000 per year for 4 years;
\$10,000 from individual donors for 4 years).

This is a picture of how God could provide the necessary financial resources, but God can provide exceedingly and abundantly through key churches and individuals who give far above the suggested amounts given above.

*If you are not able to give in 2006, please consider beginning your commitment in 2007. MNA will be able to advance the money to this work as long as you certify your commitment in writing.

Some Suggested Monthly Donations for Individual Donors:

\$25.00	\$100.00	\$250.00
\$50.00	\$125.00	\$500.00
\$75.00	\$150.00	\$1000.00

***All donations are tax-deductible.** You will receive a year-end giving statement each year.

Some Suggested One-Time Donations For Individual Donors Who Are Able to Give a Great Amount:

\$5,000	\$20,000	\$50,000
\$10,000	\$25,000	\$75,000
\$15,000	\$30,000	<i>Or even higher</i>

**We can also receive other types of gifts, such as stocks and land. Contact Brian to find out how this can be arranged.*

Please consider supporting this vital work!