What Is the Difference Between Direct and Facilitative Church Planting?



DIRECT

FACILITATIVE





Single planter pastor is the focus



Mentor or mentoring team collaborate from the start



Type of Church



Planter pastor and core group defines vision and typically plants the type of church they want to attend

Many types of churches can be planted, including ones that the mentor would not normally attend

Reach





Must wait to begin a new plant once the current is mature and self-sustaining



Can effectively work with multiple churches at the same time across denominational, economic, ethnic, and social lines



Association



A planting pastor is the up-front leader and often stays on as pastor of the church

A planting mentor often stays in the background; the congregation may or may not know of their effect



Designated Outcomes



Often a planting pastor has an obligation to reproduce a denominational or sending church model

The planting mentor is free to work with several planters and diverse models

Role



Primary and irreplaceable.
Churches cannot be started and maintained without the church planting pastor



Secondary, but vital. The planting mentor resources, equips, and trains so that the work of national planters is effective and long-lasting



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