

Pathways Christian Church

Why Pathways Christian Church

Church planting is the experiential embodiment of the Great Commission. Planting churches is biblical, practical, and rewarding.

In the greater Cincinnati region there is a clear disparity in the number of viable churches in comparison to the need. While this alone is enough cause for a deep sense of sorrow, even more disheartening is the fact that there are only a few churches like Pathways that intentionally envision themselves as a RACIALLY DIVERSE church. This Plan serves to identify and guide the detailed actions required to achieve the vision, mission and purpose of Pathways. This basic plan is intended to be flexible and adaptable as God leads us, and is not intended to be a fixed, document.

Our Identity

We are a Racially Diverse, Real Community of Christ followers, Radically Serving our world. We exist to help others **Connect with God**, **Connect with one another** and **Connect with the world**.

Values & Purpose

Our most basic purpose and strategy is to help people **CONNECT** in 3 Value areas:

- **Connect with God**, **Connect with Each Other**, **Connect with the World**.

CONNECT WITH GOD – WEEKEND SERVICES

We will create an environment where non-Christians & Christians alike can fully **CONNECT WITH GOD** & hear what He has to say about how to live life to the fullest. Our weekend services will be planned & prepared with Christians & non-Christians in mind. Our music is today's music. Our messages are **Christ centered**, relevant & applicable to everyday life @ work, @ home & in relationships.

CONNECT WITH ONE ANOTHER – LIFE GROUPS

Our C3 Life Groups are connecting points; a place without labels so we can grow spiritually, connect with God, and authentically **CONNECT WITH ONE ANOTHER**. We explore the 'weekend message' digging deeper giving people the opportunity to discuss openly what they've learned, where they're struggling & what we can be praying about.

CONNECT WITH THE WORLD – We will "BE THE CHURCH" and SERVE IN OUR COMMUNITY & CITY

We create environments and clear away obstacles for people to serve those in the city in both safe & risky settings. We encourage investing in relationships with people; inviting our friends to service initiative, a Real Community C3 Life Group or a weekend celebration gathering.

Major Distinctives

There are two Major Distinctives that are an intricate part of our DNA

- (1) **RACIAL DIVERSITY** – Conventional wisdom teaches that you can gather as either a black church or a white church. Our wisdom says that if we share the same culture, live in the same community and have the same values, we can serve, worship, and be in community around a common faith. We are committed to being the church in a community where people of one culture but multiple races can rally around the purposes of the one true God through his son Jesus Christ. **One culture, many races, one community.**
- (2) **RADICAL SERVICE** – At Pathways, our Community Service Projects are another major part of our DNA. Serving is biblical and resonates with our Post Modern population. We will teach and meet less so that we can serve and be involved more in our city, not just attend more church meetings. We partner with non-profit organizations like Whiz Kids in our community that have like-minded vision. We teach & meet less so that we can serve & be involved more in our city, not just other church meetings. Once every 6 to 8 weeks we will have a “BE THE CHURCH” service gathering.

We will intentionally take the church to the people rather than expect them to come to the building.

The Genius of the “And”: While launching a new church in West Chester, we will be intentional about launching Missional Faith Communities in other parts of the city.

Gods’ wisdom defies conventional wisdom which teaches that you can launch either a black church or a white church, an Attractional Church or a Missional church. We will partner with God and watch Him build His Church.

Summary

- A. Pathways Christian Church is an Independent Christian Church that targets a racially diverse mix of individuals that share a common culture in West Chester. We will regularly challenge this group to move beyond West Chester to plant Missional Communities and to serve in BIG WAYS in under-resourced parts of the city. **Pathways is a place that people “go from, not just come to”.**
- B. People will be drawn to Pathways through:
 - one-on-one relationships
 - our “Be the Church” targeted community service and outreach events
 - our Missional Movement Launches,
 - a targeted marketing strategy.
- C. Our Racially Diverse Value will be fueled by intentionally demonstrating diversity in high visibility roles and functions. There will be diversity demonstrated on the teaching/preaching team. Diversity will be showcased in our worship team by utilizing a racially diverse group of musicians and singers and using a variety of music styles to express worship to God. We will intentionally encourage diversity in our Outreach teams, C3 Life Groups and Community Service initiatives.

Financial Partnership

Become a Financial Partner:

I am convinced that Pathways is a God venture. I am also convinced that God is at work in leaders like you who are gifted with sowing financial resources into His vision for starting and sustaining healthy churches.

Will you say yes to what God is doing through Pathways and become a financial partner?

All Donations Are Tax Deductible

Checks are to be made out to: **Pathways Christian Church**

Mail Checks to our Accountant:

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