



Resurrect Church Movement is a group of missionaries equipping the North American church. We provide the temporary, skilled labor your church needs to effectively alleviate poverty and provide access to the gospel.

Resurrect Church Movement evaluates the spiritual and physical needs of your region and builds a custom plan that empowers your church to meet those needs. We then implement that plan, and leave when the basics are in place—that will usually take six months.

Each plan includes starting a house church network, initiating community development programs, creating an ongoing mentorship program for believers, and establishing effective missions overseas.

If this all sounds familiar, it's because none of this is new. This is precisely the kind of ministry the Apostle Paul and his colleagues Barnabas, John Mark, Timothy, Titus, Priscilla, and Aquila had. It is our goal to see the early church movement happen again today. This is why our model is based on the same principles and ideas that started the church.

Let's resurrect the church together by the power of Jesus.

## What We Do

Resurrect Church Movement equips your church by initiating, holistic transformation. This means spiritual and physical transformation in your region. This includes starting:

- A House Church Network
- Community Development Programs
- Ongoing Mentorship for Believers
- Effective Overseas Missions

But we don't plan to stay in your community: Our goal is to empower you. We stay in your region until things reach sustainability, which will take about six months and then we move onto the next region God has called us to. We will then continue to consult with you from afar and periodically visit as needs arise.

Many of the Resurrect Church Movement missionaries will also provide full worship services for your communities while there, which will include preaching and music. In this regard another fitting metaphor for what we do is itinerant church revitalization. It is absolutely critical to create opportunities for people to be inspired by the Holy Spirit and thus for your church to turn a corner towards living more fully for Jesus. We help make these opportunities happen—a new voice and special services can go a long way in people living their beliefs and acting on the words you as a pastor have already been preaching.

## Creating House Church Networks

Resurrect Church Movement provides more access to the gospel in your region by leveraging the power of small groups of believers. The early church started with house churches, and house churches have proven to be very effective in impoverished overseas communities—we plan to make this model popular in the U.S.

Your church already has believers ready to do the work of God's Kingdom. They just need tangible ways to be effective. Resurrect Church Movement will tackle this problem by working with your church to start a house church network.

The house church network expands the idea of small groups into small worshipping communities, who share a meal, study Scripture, sing praise songs, and pray. These groups reach out to friends and neighbors, inviting them to learn about Jesus in this setting.

The house church network is created via mentorship and the empowerment of current and future leaders. Eventually, the network will also require the appointment of a pastor per five to seven of these house churches. These pastors will mentor leaders, speak at house churches, and shepherd the communities—Resurrect Church Movement will help make this happen too, when the time comes. Future house church pastors will be paid by denominational funding, your church community, and the groups themselves—which will include 50 to 70 people per region, which equates to about 10 people per group.

## Creating Community Development Programs

Resurrect Church Movement exclusively focuses on impoverished, developing communities. Poverty alleviation has always been a core part of the gospel—it's inseparable from the work of the gospel. Resurrect Church Movement will help your church effectively and sustainably alleviate poverty in your region. To do so, we will work with you to establish community developmental programs.

The specific types of community development programs depend entirely on the needs of your region. The community development programs could involve creating a microloan program, a sustainable food pantry, a family support center, a recovery program, or initiating low-cost business skills and personal finance training. Either way the programs will be centered on biblical ethics, be sustainable, glorify Jesus, and empower the impoverished.

## Initiating Ongoing Mentorship in Your Church

Jesus has called us to make disciples, not just believers. And we cannot address the darkness in our communities without overcoming the darkness in ourselves. Resurrect Church Movement creates ongoing mentorship programs in churches, so that believers can cut ties with darkness and be equipped for ministry.

Resurrect Church Movement begins the ongoing mentorship program with a series of sermons, seminars, prayer sessions, and one-on-one discussions. This will ultimately build into a custom and ongoing one-on-one and group mentorship program that will involve Christian accountability, transparency, and growth.

Resurrect Church Movement works with your church to evaluate the spiritual needs of your region and the spiritual gifts and offices present in your own church community. This then leads to each participating member joining a mentorship group and entering into an accountability partnership with another believer of the same gender. Ideally, this will result in each church member having both an accountability partner and a mentor. The elders and deacons in your church will likely each lead a mentoring group and also have a one-on-one mentor.

## Establishing Effective Overseas Missions

From the very beginning of Paul's ministry, he worked to help the impoverished across the world—we see his offering for the Jerusalem church surface several times in his letters. We cannot have authentic local ministry without a desire to help our impoverished brothers and sisters across the world. Resurrect Church Movement helps your church establish effective overseas missions.

The establishment of effective missions overseas involves an awareness campaign locally in your community, which will include classes on what effective missions look like, the issues facing the impoverished globally, and the necessity of fair trade.

If your church would like to expand their international reach, Jesus' Economy will partner with you to facilitate this effort. Jesus' Economy ensures every dollar goes exactly where your church designates, so our interim missionaries do not personally benefit from your involvement with Jesus' Economy. If your church gives \$100 to church planting in the developing world via Jesus' Economy, every last dollar of your \$100 is spent on church planting in the developing world.

Our CEO can also help facilitate international speakers visiting your community, so that they can share directly about what's happening in the developing countries and inspire your community to live fully for Jesus.

## Timeline

We realize that change doesn't happen overnight—and that six months may seem like a fast timeline. We also know that the work of the gospel is an ongoing, day-to-day effort. The full effect of Resurrect Church Movement will probably take three to five years to

see, but within six months, you can make the necessary shifts and have the right foundation in place. It is for this reason that we will also be available to support you, even after our time with you in-person has ended.

## Who We Are

Resurrect Church Movement is a division of [Jesus' Economy](#), a 501(c)(3), non-profit charitable organization dedicated to creating jobs and churches in developing communities. Resurrect Church Movement missionaries are theologians and community developers who partner with your church's leaders to initiate holistic transformation in your region. A council of senior-level church leaders advises this group of missionaries and the missionaries report to the [Board of Directors](#) of Jesus' Economy.

## Resident Missionaries

- [John D. Barry](#) (CEO, Jesus' Economy)
  - [Kalene Barry](#) (Chief Projects Officer, Jesus' Economy)
- (We're just getting started; over time, we will add more missionaries.)

## Council Members

- [Nathan R. Byrd](#), Pastor of The Worship Center NYC
  - [Mike VanderKwaak](#), Executive Pastor of New Life Church in Abbotsford BC
  - [Ray David Glenn](#), Rector of St. George's Anglican Church in Burlington ON
- (More council members will be added—there will be at least five senior-level church leaders.)

## Resurrect Church Movement is Available on a Contract Basis

Resurrect Church Movement is contracted by your church, for a set period of time and set cost. Our custom plans and curriculum are based off of a set of core content that our CEO makes available to your church as part of contracting Resurrect Church Movement. With each community we visit, we hone and refine this core content—and develop new content as it's needed.

## How This Works Fiscally

You as a pastor or elder board contract Resurrect Church Movement. Together, we decide on a total cost of a Resurrect Church Movement missionary being with your church for about six months. You then pay this cost to Jesus' Economy each month, as a contract service that we provide to your church.

We do our best to keep costs to a minimum. Cost is calculated based on the estimated living costs of the Resurrect Church Movement missionary and their family for six months, their moving expenses (which are minimal), plus 10%. The additional 10% is divided as 5% going towards Resurrect Church Movement's ongoing operations, 2.5% going towards the general fund for Resurrect Church Movement missionaries—to supply for additional travel for Resurrect Church Movement missionaries and their time in-between projects—and 2.5% going towards supplies and unforeseen expenses.

Rather than calculate and include housing charges, your church provides a room or other housing alternative for the Resurrect Church Movement missionaries to live in while they are in your region. Your church paying for the housing significantly reduces your church's costs, as you may already have a parish house or there may be a congregation member who is willing to donate the use of a house, apartment, or room for six months.

The above calculation is our transparent way of determining our billable costs. Resurrect Church Movement Missionaries are employees of Jesus' Economy, and are paid an ongoing, standard salary regardless of their particular location. They are also reimbursed for travel, moving, and certain meal expenses from Jesus' Economy, like any employee, and if they are living in a particularly expensive location, their salaries are also raised on a temporary basis. In really basic terms: you contract Resurrect Church Movement for a set amount and we take care of everything else. You're not hiring the missionary; you're contracting Resurrect Church Movement, a division of Jesus' Economy.

## Why North America Needs Resurrect Church Movement

### Burnout and Meeting Ministry Goals

Pastors are often asked to fulfill countless roles within the body of Christ, when they're actually gifted in just select areas (1 Corinthians 11–14). This leads to burnout. Once burnout happens, the church elder board realizes that they need a movement, so that the leaders gifted in the areas that the pastor is not will rise to the occasion. But the pastor simply doesn't have the particular spiritual gifts, skills, or energy to ignite such a movement. The pastor has the vision and goals in mind for their community, but the church needs new, young voices to accomplish these goals. The church also needs temporary, highly skilled labor to take their ministry to the next level. Resurrect Church Movement fixes this problem.

### Engaging 20- to 30-Somethings

The easiest way to ignite a movement in your church is a new, young voice—with the experience necessary to equip new leaders and initiate new, powerful programs. People ages 18 to 35 are notoriously the most disengaged in churches across the U.S. and Canada. Having a temporary missionary in your congregation close to their age will inspire them and prompt them to engage. It is the 20- to 30-somethings that will have the time and energy to make community developmental programs and house church networks successful—churches desperately need this population to be passionate about, and committed to, ministry. Resurrect Church Movement can make that happen.

### Helping You Meet Fundraising Goals

We're experienced in online fundraising for projects and can assist you in not just setting up your community development projects, but explaining them online. In

addition, since Resurrect Church Movement is a division of Jesus' Economy, we can also supply the technology necessary to help you fundraise for your community development programs and be the online portal for donations to those projects.

### Cross-Denominational Movements Change Regions

We don't need to look further than our own regions to see how much denominational lines divide us. Resurrect Church Movement can act as a bridge between denominational groups, providing cross-denominational partnerships. These partnerships will unite people around common goals for the gospel, having the effect of transforming entire regions. Since Resurrect Church Movement is all about serving churches—and since we're not concerned about our brand growing but instead the local church expanding—it's easy for Resurrect Church Movement to be the bridge your region needs. Unity can come from resurrecting churches together. And the result of our unity will be the full power of the gospel reaching our communities.

### Reducing Cost and Long-Term Liability for Churches

The real unique factor Resurrect Church Movement brings is free agency, which allows for churches to initiate transformation in their communities without the long-term (and massive upfront) costs of hiring employees. As a group you contract, our costs are lower and the liability is significantly reduced for a church. It's like hiring an interim, local missionary but with the backing of an entire council of experienced church leaders and a diverse board of directors—and without all the headaches of onboarding a new employee, since this is a contract service.

Your church also gets the experience and expertise of trained and well-published theologians, who also have business and community development experience; this makes initiating both spiritual and economic change easier. This also makes it so that you can jumpstart the entire process of transforming your region—you don't have to train us like you would a new employee.

In addition, Resurrect Church Movement missionaries have no desire to stay long-term in your community, so you can know their entire commitment is to empowering you.

### Other Resurrect Church Movement Services

Resurrect Church Movement also offers churches assistance in these areas:

- Interim pastoring and speaking
- Temporary help with worship services from a professional worship director
- Holding special worship services
- Classes and seminars on major topics, such as alleviating poverty the way Jesus would: sustainably and effectively
- Bible study courses, from 101 to college-level, taught by the editor of Faithlife Study Bible
- Spiritual gifts evaluation seminars for your church leadership
- Assistance on developing your church's leadership, budget, and strategy
- Consulting on community development, house churches, measuring and getting results, and the overall effectiveness of your ministry

## Contact

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