



August 2019

Pastor <Pastor Nickname> <Pastor Last Name
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Dear <Pastor Nickname>,

*Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord.
See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth,
being patient about it until it receives the early and the late rains. James 5:7*

Greetings in Christ! It's difficult to be patient, after all our hard work, to see what God brings forth. We have been blessed to see God bless our endeavors. MNA is called to serve the PCA as a catalyst for the extension of Christ's kingdom throughout North America. We give praise to God – and our thanks to you – that we finished 2018 with our General Fund covered and even a small surplus. Developing sufficient income for the General Fund, most of which is provided through PCA church giving in response to the Askings, continues to be of highest importance, because it supports and undergirds all MNA does in the field.

Over the years, MNA has moved steadily toward a resourcing and training role as churches and presbyteries assume a growing ownership and have achieved growing skills in developing local and regional ecosystems in church planting. Church planting flourishes best when a church planting ecosystem is in place at the local or regional level in these seven phases:

- Developing and recruiting church planters (**Develop and Recruit**)
- Assessing church planter candidates and their spouses (**Assess**)
- Training and assisting church planters in their fundraising (**Fundraise**)
- Seeking God's guidance in placing the church planter (**Placement**)
- Providing church planter training (**Train**)
- Supporting the church planter through coaching and mentoring (**Coach and Mentor**)
- Celebration and renewal, reflecting on God's great work thus far and looking to him for greater works in the future (**Celebrate and Renew**)

2018 saw God's blessing as the PCA sent 50 church planters to the field, continuing the average of one church planter being placed on the field each week in the United States and Canada. Although this is a good number for a denomination the size of the PCA, we trust God for even more, as we move toward an even greater focus on developing church planting ecosystems. As one of the core services that MNA provides, we will continue to conduct MNA Church Planter

Assessment Centers in 2020 and beyond. Even as we continue to provide that service, we plan to multiply our assessments into regional and local expressions.

In addition, we will continue to provide greater platforms and opportunities for growth in church renewal resourcing. We also continue to see great progress in services provided by MNA Missional Partnerships, which include Engaging Disability, Metanoia Prison Ministries, MNA Disaster Response, MNA Chaplain Ministries, and The PCA Unity Fund. We will keep in touch as we continue to develop church renewal resources, partnerships and strategies. For a full list of MNA's Church Planting services and Missional Partnerships, please visit our website at www.pcamna.org.

Will you commit to pray with us in a greater way toward these ends? Will you also commit to something very practical and tangible – greater financial support for MNA? The Ministry Ask for MNA is \$26 per member per year in 2020, the same as in 2019. Will you please prayerfully challenge your church leadership to give a 2019 year-end special contribution to MNA; as well as increase your 2020 support for MNA?

I would count it a privilege to meet with your church officers to discuss this further if that would be helpful, and several of our staff are available also. **If you want to talk further about any of our ministries, you may contact me: 865-237-8178 or phahn@pcanet.org;**

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Thank you for standing with us in the advancement of Christ's kingdom through the advancement of the gospel throughout the United States and Canada.

Warmly in Christ,



Paul Hahn
MNA Coordinator

