



## Process for Membership in the Gwinnett Metro Baptist Network

Church: \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_

### Process

	Action	Complete
<b>1</b>	<p>The prospective pastor will meet with the Executive Director of the Gwinnett Baptist Network to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Discuss desire to affiliate and come into membership.</li> <li>b. Discuss qualifications for affiliating with the Network.</li> <li>c. Discuss the process and expectations.</li> <li>d. Receive an application and other appropriate documents.</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Transferring from another Association?</b> <i>At this point the Executive Director of the GMBN will contact the Director of your Association to discuss the request and desire for transfer. You will be contacted regarding next step #2 following that communication.</i></p>	
<b>2</b>	An application should be submitted to the Executive Director which formally initiates the process.	
3	At the discretion of the Executive Director, the prospective pastor may be asked to meet with teams or leaders from the Gwinnett Network to further vet and verify a consensus relationship to move forward in the process.	
4	The church will be submitted to the Administrative Team or Executive Team for approval to be brought into a <b>Watch Care</b> relationship.	
5	The Gwinnett Network will request SBC and GBMB ID numbers for the church if not already established. <i>(This gives the church 501C3 status if needed).</i>	
	<p><b>Are you a “church plant?”</b> <i>You will need to be “incorporated” as a church before becoming a full member. Begin that process now.</i></p>	
<b>6</b>	The pastor will engage in a minimum of twelve (12) hours of selected Network activities under the direction of the Executive Director including participation in Quarterly Watch Care Meetings (held in afternoon and evening hours with advance notice). <i>Non-participation and/or lack of progress can result in removal from Watch Care status.</i>	
	<p><b>Are you a “church plant?”</b> <i>You will need to grow your average worship attendance to fifteen (15) or more to move to step #7. We want to help!</i></p>	
<b>7</b>	The church will be submitted by the Executive Director to the Administrative Leadership Team (or Full Board) as a candidate for <b>Membership</b> within twelve months of the receipt of application, having completed twelve (12) hours of engagement, meeting <u>all</u> qualifications, and having established giving to the Network. Churches that do not acquire Membership status and are not progressing within twelve months may be asked to re-apply.	
	<p><b>Are you a “church plant?”</b> <i>Please be aware that additional expectations are required in order to be eligible for church planter funding.</i></p>	