

## HARVEST SASKATCHEWAN TEAM

### MINISTRY PROPOSAL

(Approved by Council Of Boards January 18, 2008)

A. The name of the board shall be “**Harvest Saskatchewan Team**”

B. Mission statement “**Helping Shape Missional Churches For The Harvest In Saskatchewan**”

KEY words that clarify our mission statement in a nutshell:

**HELPING:** *The word “helping” refers to our three fold effort with Saskatchewan MB Churches. We choose this word in order to distinguish ourselves and the work we do from the work that we believe the church is called to do. The church **makes disciples, trains leaders and plants churches**. The HST wants to “help” churches do that. And so we see our role as helping by **inspiring, empowering, and supporting** Sask. MB Churches.*

**SHAPE:** *Shape includes the verbs; transition, mature and form.*

*We believe that some Sask MB Churches are in an inward focused survival mode, and will need to make a “transition” to be missional.*

*We believe others will be in their infancy stages and will need help “maturing”.*

*And we believe that others will be well on their way and will continue to need help “forming” to missional values in the midst of other methodologies of church.*

*“Shaping” essentially takes into consideration that our Sask MB churches will be in different places and yet will all require assistance in continuing and staying a missional course.*

**MISSIONAL CHURCHES:** *Jesus gave four directives that outline the missional mandate of the church.*

*They challenge his followers with the call to be on a mission, and they serve as the instructional manual for missional ministry. Each time Jesus gave a sending command, it was spoken to a group of his disciples. These same commands are still in effect for the church today, his current disciples.*

- We are sent
- to all kinds of people
- with a message
- Empowered by the Spirit

*Being missional is not about us! It is about Jesus saying “As the Father has sent me, I am sending you” to “go and make disciples of all different kinds of people” with a message of “repentance and forgiveness of sin” as a people who have “received the Holy Spirit” We are missionaries, our churches are intended to be God’s missionary church.”*

*(John 20:19-21; Matthew 28:18-20; Luke 24:46-48; Acts 1:6-8)*

*The phrase “missional churches” should help us in three ways:*

*First, it is not just the newest adjective to distinguish our programs but a new way of restoring the original “mission of Christ” within the very fabric of our hearts and minds; sending is rooted as much in who we are as what we do.*

*Second, we are to understand that our Sask MB churches are not completely void of this distinguishing mark. We are all growing and are at different places in our journey to be the church that Jesus called us to be.*

*Third, we are sent into our communities locally and globally.*

*And so when we declare that we are “shaping” our churches to be “missional”, we are saying that we will help churches on their journey as we are all moving in this direction.”*

**THE HARVEST:** *Jesus clearly pictured the huge harvest of people who are in great need of the Gospel and have no idea where to go to find help. We need people who can come alongside them, understand their culture and lead them to Jesus in a discipleship relationship. The harvest of people distanced from Jesus and the church is great. We are calling ourselves to pray and to do whatever it takes to understand our culture, to see the breakthrough Jesus is saying is waiting to happen here in Saskatchewan, and to form new expressions of the church.*

C. **Common values** to guide our direction

1. Guided by a Missional Church DNA
2. Engage a Multiplying mindset
3. Encourage churches to take initiative in extending the church's reach
4. Church planting is based on making and sending disciples.
5. The direction shall be kept simple and applicable in rural and urban, large and small churches
6. Our job is to assist the churches, not do it for them *"You can do it we can help"*
7. There must be freedom within the framework for a variety of applications

D. **KEY AREAS of focus**

1. We are here to help Saskatchewan MB churches...
  - Make missional disciples
  - Raise missional leaders
  - Shape and create missional churches and initiatives

E. **Strategy**

1. We will do three things to help our churches accomplish the above missional objectives

Inspire:

- By focused visits/seminars to/from best practice situations and churches
- By awareness & availability of best practice materials & processes
- By regional inspirational and informational retreat packages structured in "PODS"
- By celebration events and contexts
- By encouraging a "Love Saskatchewan" Day (week, month)

Empower:

- By regional training retreat packages structured in "PODS" (there are a number of peas in a pod)
  - i.e. Focusing leaders, focusing churches
- By regional training at centers for basic and advanced leadership training
  - i.e. One of these could be in a missional church plant context
- By "Baton passing" residential learning contexts

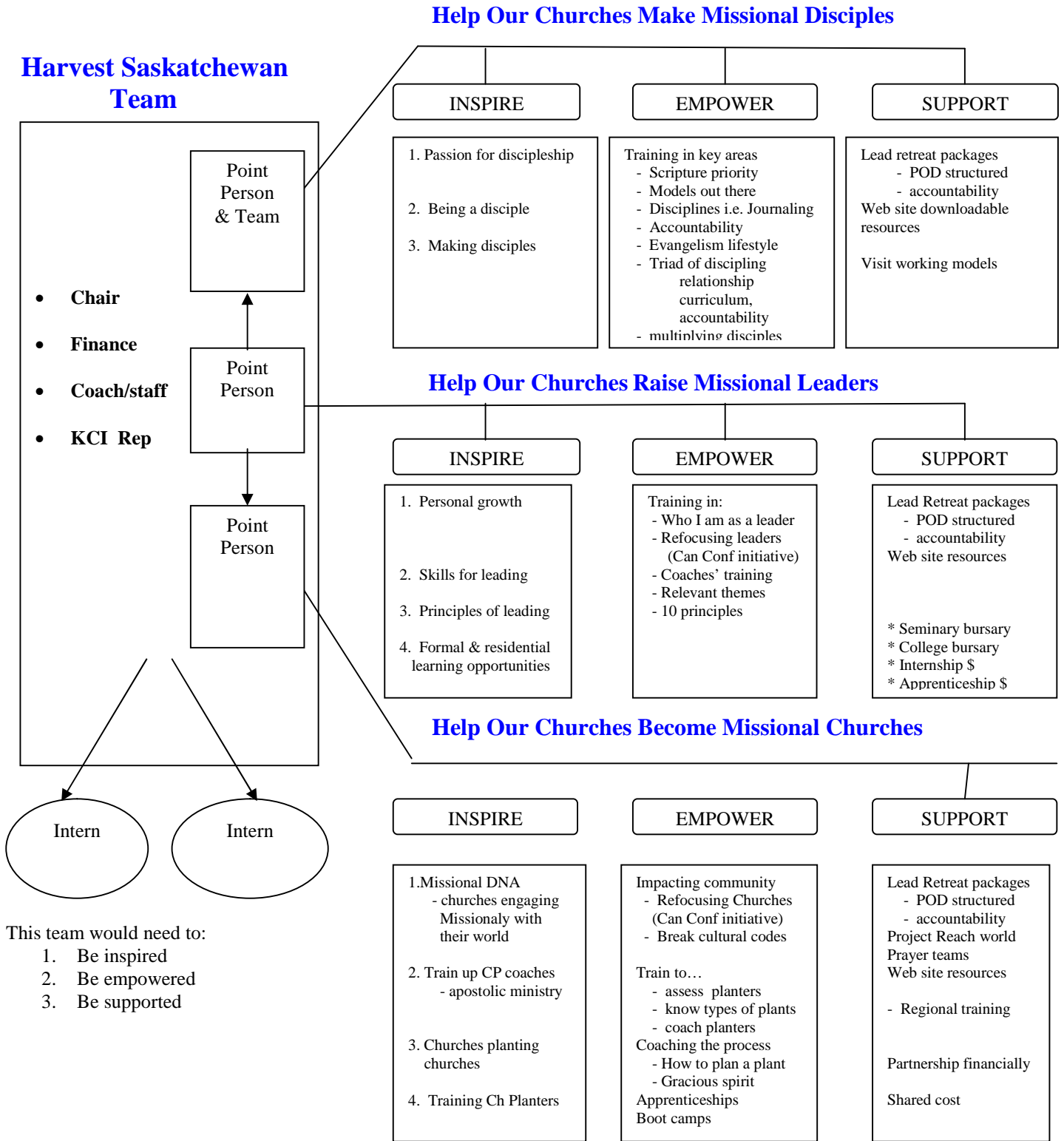
Support:

- By Inter church prayer trips
- By providing resources & dialogue
  - WEB SITE
  - Resource materials
- By financial partnerships

2. Church friendly promotional/presentation tool

- Possibly a "process" wheel with window outlining the process

3. Overview of ministry focus and team structure



E. **Where do we start? Some ideas – Needs more thought...**

Area	Phase I ( 2008)	Phase II (2009 – 2010)	Phase 03 (2011 – 2012)
<b>Inspirational visits/congress</b> - HST leaders - Church leaders	2 per year 2 per year	4 per year 4 per year	4 per year 8 per year
<b>Regional training</b> - Inspirational and info retreat packages - Training retreat packages	1 pod per year 2 training pods per year i.e. focusing Leaders i.e. coaching	1 pod per year 4 – 6 training pods per year	1 pod per year 4 – 6 training pods per year
<b>Formal &amp; residential learning opportunities</b> - Seminary bursaries - College bursary - Internships - Apprenticeships - Self learning tools - books, video etc	8 1 2 internships per year 2 units per year	8 1 2 in church 1 in church plant 1 in church 1 in church plant 2 units per year	8 1 2 in church 2 in church plant 2 in church 2 in church plant 2 units per year
<b>Missional initiatives</b> - Project reach your world	10 projects	15 projects	20 projects
<b>Church plants (initiatives)</b> - CP coaching center - training - boot camps - apprenticeships - Church plants (initiatives)		1 center (1 apprentice / year) 2 per year 1 initiative per year	1 center (2 apprentices / year) 2 per year 1-2 initiatives per year
<b>Prayer trips</b>	1 trip	2 per year	2 per year
Staff	Volunteer	25 – 50 %	50% - ?