

New Church Opportunity Worksheet

District: _____ City: _____ Contact Person: _____ Phone: () _____

Questions	Answers
Describe the geographic area that will be served by this church (cities, population, population trends)	
List the United Methodist Churches that currently serve this area. For each church indicate average weekly worship attendance and attendance trends in the last 5 years.	
How many other Protestant churches serve this area?	
Describe the strongest church in this area – what kinds of ministries do they provide, how are they involved in the community, describe their senior pastor	
What percentage of the area population is “unchurched”?	
Which neighboring United Methodist Churches are committed to sponsor the new church? What commitments have they made: leaders, money, other support?	
Describe the demographics of the area to be served by the new church.	
What is the ethnic mix of this area?	
What unique ministry emphasis might help a new congregation here address specific community needs or opportunities?	
What is your sense of the type of pastor who will be most effective in this area? List the two or three qualities that will be most important.	
What additional factors should be considered?	