



North Way Christian Community Multi-Site Frequently Asked Questions

Why is North Way choosing to launch multi-sites?

North Way wants to leverage our church's strengths and maximize our potential to impact local communities around the region. We have been blessed to see substantial growth at the Oakland Campus which now offers four weekend services and in our Worship Café (venue) community at the Wexford Campus. We believe in the fulfillment of the vision to launch five campuses in five years! Launching multi-sites helps to develop an intentional, region-wide strategy that is unique to each community while minimizing expenses. North Way's new sites will not be separate churches but multiple locations of North Way Christian Community. We will operate as one church with one senior pastor, one group of Elders, one staff and the same message each week. One Church. Multiple Locations. All Generations.

What is the difference between a multi-site church and a church plant?

A church plant is usually a small delegation of people who leave a church to develop a brand new church. While the sending church may help financially, typically a church plant is a completely new church with its own elders and budget. Multisite campuses are extensions of the original church, not a new entity; one church meeting in multiple locations.

What are the advantages of launching multi-site campuses?

Statistics show that people prefer to attend a church within a 15 minute drive of their home. When people are required to drive more than 15-20 minutes to church, it becomes a challenge to attend services regularly, volunteer and experience deeper involvement in their church community.

Are others areas or towns being considered for future campuses?

We have chosen Sewickley Valley as the location for our next campus. Oakland and Sewickley Valley are both 20 – 25 minutes away from Wexford and have a significant number of members and attendees living nearby. The surrounding communities will also be significantly affected by the church in that one location (for example, Shadyside residents are attracted to the Oakland campus). Other locations will be launched following the same criteria of ownership and commitment by a core of dedicated members. We anticipate that we will launch more campuses in 2011 and 2012. Those locations will be chosen based on the same criteria we used to select the current locations.