

National Urban Ministry Association

Proposed Structure Nonprofit 501c(3)

At this point, the structure is proposed to be modeled after Mission Resource Network and other organizations. A nonprofit 501c(3) will be formed that has members who are part of the association. A board of directors will be recruited from leaders serving in urban ministry. The board of directors along with an advisory board consisting of leaders in urban ministry would provide leadership for the planning and organizing of the National Urban Ministry Conference. It is proposed that there would be a national staff. The initial staff might consist of a national executive director and secretary who serves as volunteers until the organization is funded. Once the organization is fully funded, these positions could become paid positions and additional staff would be added as needed to provide the services needed to provide resources to urban ministries at a high level.

Vision

An association of incarnational urban ministries and individuals networked together to fulfill the Great Commission through the church.

Mission

To provide resources, support, research, collaboration, and a voice for the poor, through a network of urban ministries and urban churches.

Core Values

- Isaiah 61:1-11
- Luke 4:16-21

Programs

- Leadership Development
 - Identify and Recruit emerging leaders
 - Identify local, state, and regional leaders
 - Develop strategies to develop leaders intentionally at the city, state, regional, and national levels.
 - Training
 - Coaching
 - Apprenticeships
 - Internships
- Resources

- Provide resources to church plants, urban churches, partner churches and ministries
- Fund Development (address dwindling resources)
 - Fundraising
 - National Level
 - Grass Roots
 - Partner Churches
 - Organizations
 - Businesses
 - Individuals
 - National Online Giving
 - Grant Writing
- Facilities
- Staffing
- Ministry Development (501c(3))
- **Collaboration**
 - Form strategic partnerships with other ministries, churches, and organizations
 - Networking
 - Establish a National database of urban ministries, workers, programs, etc.
 - Adapting ministry models and programs from other urban ministries
- **Sponsor an annual National Urban Ministry Conference**
 - Organize and Host an annual National Urban Ministry Conference.
 - Serve a similar function as the Mission Resource Network puts on the Global Missions Conference
 - Select a date for the NUMC
 - Focus of conference
 - Education and Renewal
 - Education –
 - Workers
 - Partner churches, leaders, staff, volunteers, ministries, etc.
 - Renewal for workers
 - Events – specific to those working in urban ministry
 - Retreats

- Counseling
 - Training
 - Coaching
- **Education of Partners (ongoing)**
 - Provide Education and Renewal for urban workers and those wishing to become involved in urban work. Provide formal opportunities for training through cooperative learning centers. Not based on a particular site, but based on delivering consistent high quality content where ministries are.
 - Partner churches
 - Eldershops
 - Church Leaders and staff
 - Potential workers
 - Volunteers
 - Collaborate with universities, to provide tracks for urban ministry
 - Collaborate with universities to provide internships and apprenticeship
 - National Urban Ministry Apprenticeship and Internships
 - Provide consistency in program
 - Coaches/Mentor Training
 - Increase enrollment in universities for around the country
 - Collaborate with universities to develop a potential Masters in Urban Ministry and Community Development
 - Collaboration with affiliated urban ministries throughout the country
- **Research to Keep with Changes in Urban Ministry**
 - New ways to do urban ministry
 - Church planting etc
 - Ministry to the poor
- **National Urban Asset Map**
 - What is available in urban ministries around the country?
 - Who is doing what?
 - Urban Ministry Staffing
 - How many fulltime urban workers?
 - Part-time?
 - Interns?
 - Apprentices?
 - Volunteers?

- What colleges and universities offer programs in urban ministry?
- Partnership opportunities (those shovel ready and in development)
- Identify urban ministries looking for partners to accomplish plan
- Identify resources available in the local communities
- Develop a national collaborative hub
- Community development
- **Develop National Sponsorships**
 - Universities
 - Large Nonprofits
 - Other ministries
 - Churches
 - Businesses
 - Individuals

The Great Commission calls for urban ministries to have a heart for the city. We need your help and others around the country to achieve this "Mission in America." Leaders like you and other emerging leaders could help urban ministry have a powerful impact in changing our cities and transforming lives. By the power of God, through His Spirit, partnership and collaboration this mission will be accomplished.