



# CHURCH PLANTING IN THE DIOCESE IN EUROPE

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## SLIDE 2: INTRODUCTION

- Purpose: Explain church planting models in the Church of England.
- Models are tools, not fixed formulas.
- Aim: Flourish existing communities & create new ones.
- No single-solution approach; models should be adaptable.

# SLIDE 3: KEY CHURCH PLANTING MODELS

- 1. Revitalization of Existing Chaplaincy Churches** – Strengthening an existing congregation by resourcing it with financial and human support.
- 2. Bishop's Mission Orders (BMO)** – Establishing a new congregation with a specific mission focus.
- 3. Chaplaincy Church Planting** – Creating a new congregation within an existing chaplaincy to reach new demographics.
- 4. Missional Communities** – Small groups engaging in community-focused outreach and worship.
- 5. Other Models:**
  - 1. Parachute Drop/Mission Station Model* – Starting a church from scratch in a new location.
  - 2. Daughter Congregation* – An existing church provides resources to establish a new congregation



# SLIDE 4: CHURCH PLANTING FUNDING

- **Strategic Development Fund (SDF)** – Large-scale funding for diocesan church growth projects (now concluded).
- **Strategic Mission and Ministry Investment (SMMI)** – Successor to SDF, supports ministry sustainability & evangelism.
- **Diocesan Funding & Grants** – Local diocesan schemes to match central funding and support grassroots initiatives.
- **Key Considerations:** Funding applications must be well-structured, strategic, and aligned with church growth goals.

# SLIDE 5: STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS

- **Vision & Mission:** Church planting is about making disciples, not just creating congregations.
- **Local Adaptation:** Context matters – cultural, legal, and geographic factors must be considered.
- **Leadership:** Strong clergy and lay leadership are essential.
- **Measurable Growth:** Define discipleship clearly; map potential growth areas.
- **Funding Strategy:** Proposals should be clear on financial sustainability and diocesan investment.



## SLIDE 6: CONCLUSION

- Church planting is about renewal and mission.
- Diocese in Europe has unique challenges and opportunities.
- Strong leadership, strategic funding, and community involvement are key.
- Collaboration and innovation are essential for success.
- **Final Thought:** *“See, I am doing a new thing!” (Isaiah 43:19)*