



The Society of St. Patrick and St. Aidan Partners, together, in Church Planting

Greetings in the Peace and Love of Jesus Christ!

We're glad your browsing through this material as you consider partnering with The Society of St. Patrick and St. Aidan in Church Planting. As you probably already know, starting new churches is the most proven way of reaching and making new disciples for Jesus.

As our name indicates, we have two unique aspects in our culture and values for planting new churches:

- We are influenced by the ethos of the ancient Celtic Church in our culture, strategies, and values. The Celtic Church was Incarnational, Missional, Sacramental, and Experientially Spiritual.
- We are a missional Society: The Society of St. Patrick and St. Aidan. Patrick was an apostle to Ireland and St. Aidan was an apostle to North Umbria (Northeast England).

On the following slides we will briefly discuss our Celtic Christian ethos and how we are organized as a missional Society. Then we will introduce you to our Abbey Church Model of Church Planting.



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Celtic Christian Ethos of Church Planting

We are a province/society of The Mystical Body of Christ- The Incarnational Church.

- Like the Celtic Church we understand ourselves to be the Body of Christ. Therefore, rather than merely proclaim the Gospel, we endeavor to embody the Gospel as the presence, ministry, and spirituality of Jesus.
- Incarnational Ministry- As the Body of Christ, we seek to embody all of the ministry of Jesus that is described in the Gospels and the book of Acts- through the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Missional- Jesus went out to the towns. We no longer live in a culture that merely needs to remind people of their Christian heritage and call them to simple repentance. We are now missionaries to the people of our culture. We must be on a constant journey to bring the timeless truth and transforming power of the Gospel to the people. We can no longer rely solely on professional clergy, but we must engender Spirit filled community as all of God's people journey together to do the works of Jesus.



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Celtic Christian Ethos of Church Planting Continued

- Re-opening Ancient Christian Spiritual Wells- The people of Post Christian culture often look to the past to find a sense of being in the present. Often, there is a profound respect for ancient spiritual practices. We seek to open the ancient wells of the Holy Spirit's work in the Church, and use the best spiritual practices of the Body of Christ throughout the centuries.
- Experiential Spirituality- Many of the people of post Christian culture will never be "compelled" to come to the "Great Banquet" merely through persuasive arguments, or felt need programs. Many must have their hearts touched before their minds accede to the lordship of Jesus Christ. We seek to flow in the power of the Holy Spirit; while utilizing Christian spiritual practices to help touch hearts and minds with the saving and transforming power of God's love.



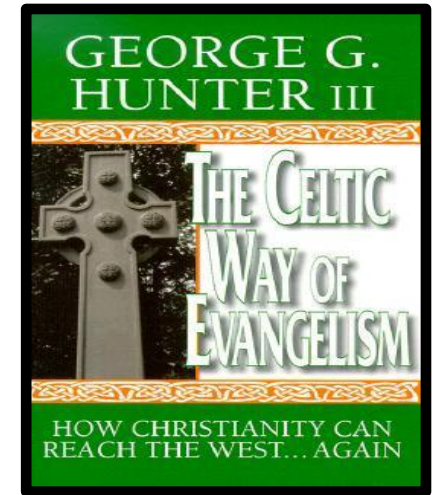
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The Abbey on The Isle of Iona

Iona was the missional center of Saint Columba's activities to reach the Picts of Scotland- 563 AD. In 635 AD Saint Aidan would be sent to found the Abbey on Lindisfarne Island and begin the mission to the Anglo Saxons of North Umbria.

Celtic Abbey's were more than Churches. They were centers of healing, hospitality, learning, and mission activity.



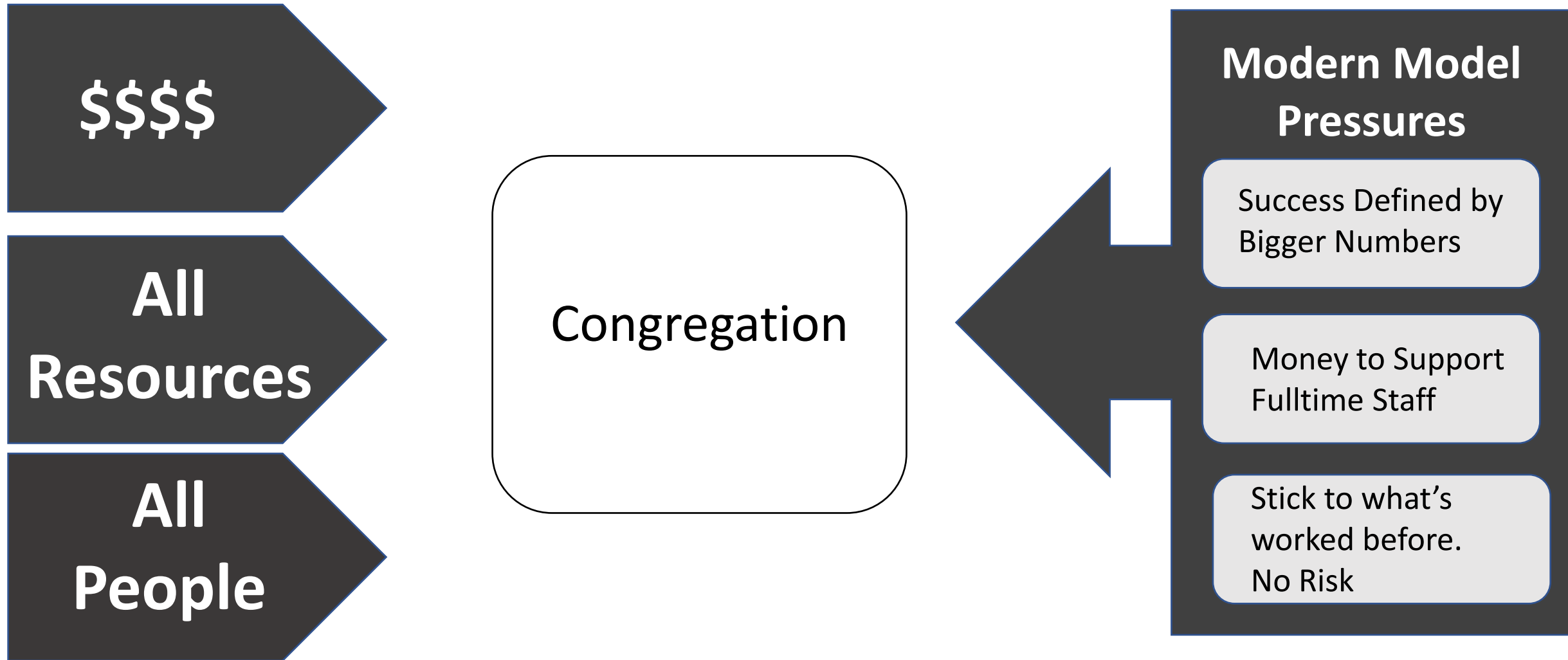
The Celtic way of evangelism was to, not only preach the Gospel in words, but to embody the Gospel as the Celtic monks and priests lived, ministered, and worked in the midst of pagan cultures.

You can learn more about the "Celtic Way of Evangelism" from George Hunter's classic, and ground breaking, book "The Celtic Way of Evangelism".



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The Modern Church Planting Paradigm





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An Example of The Diocese's Abbey Church Planting Model

Faithfulness,
as opposed to
size

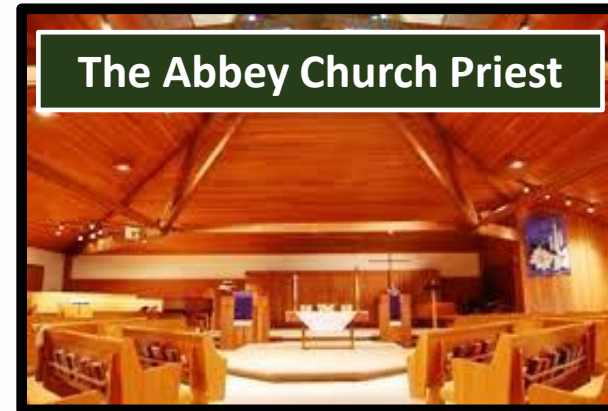
More Easily
Replicable

Multiple
Expressions



Gathering 15 miles
West from the Abbey
Church

Gathering 10 miles
East from the Abbey
Church



Gathering 33 miles away
from the Abbey Church.
Plans to eventually become
it's own Abbey Church

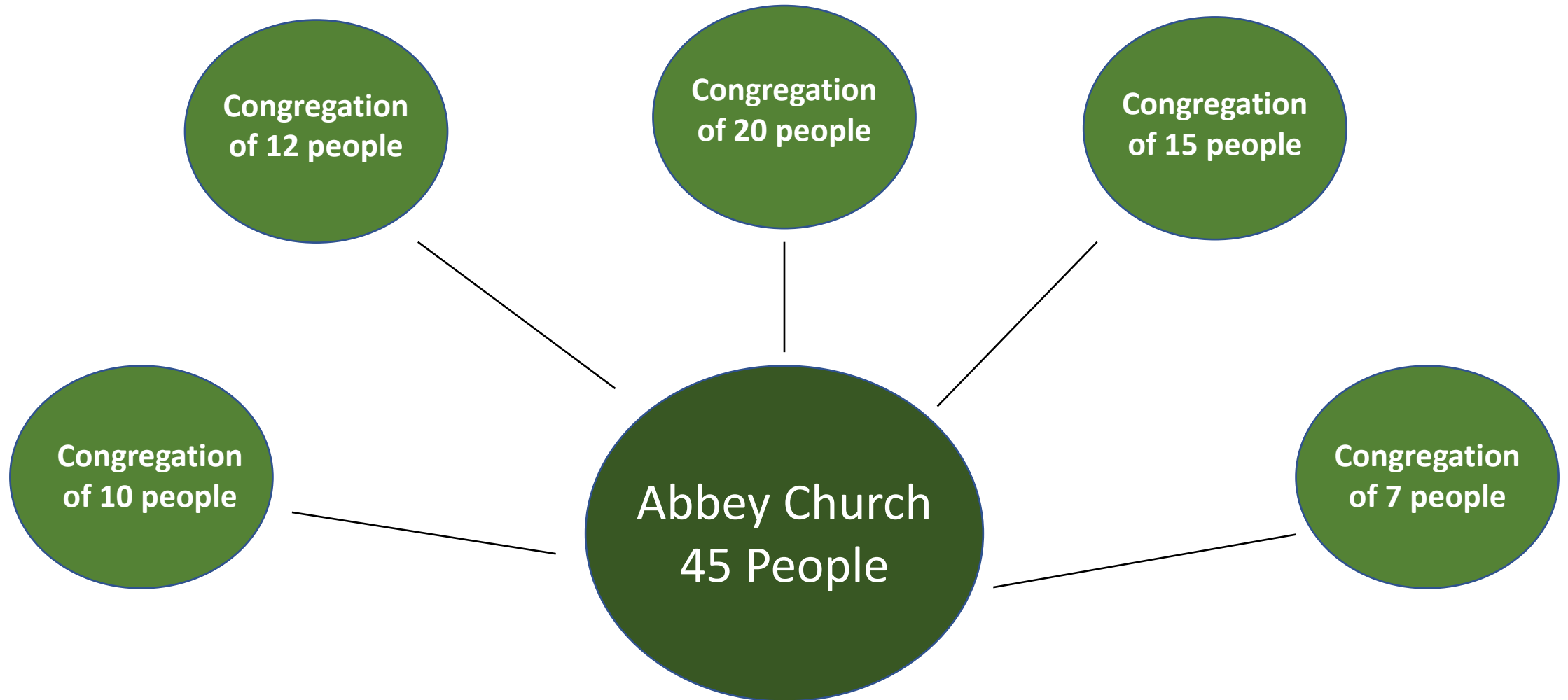
Gathering 17 miles
North from the Abbey
Church





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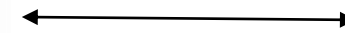
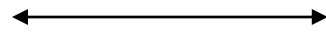
Size is Not as Important as Mission



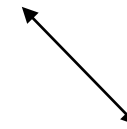


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Mission and Ministry Flows In and Out of the Abbey Church to The Congregations



Congregations





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Regional Bishop and Ministry Team in a Regional or Overseas Area





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**We'd Love to Hear From You! Please Contact Us to Explore the Possibility of
Partnering Together in Indigenous Church Planting**



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