

Determine Your Parenting Method

<i>Method</i>	<i>Evaluation</i>	<i>Feasibility</i>	
		<i>Low</i>	<i>High</i>
Pioneering — Commissioning a church planting team from the parent church.		1	2 3 4 5
Branching — Hiving off a core group from the parent church.		1	2 3 4 5
Partnering — Cooperating with one or more congregations to start a new church.		1	2 3 4 5
Supporting — Provide finances and resources and prayer support for a new church, with primary leadership and direction coming from another source.		1	2 3 4 5
Restarting — When declining or dysfunctional churches completely change leadership and restart at the same site.		1	2 3 4 5
Unplanned parenthood — When God allows two churches to survive and grow out of a church split.		1	2 3 4 5
Death with dignity — When declining churches close and release their assets in new church development.		1	2 3 4 5

1. Which methods are most suited to the parent church vision and resources?
2. Which methods are most suited to your ministry focus group?
3. Which methods are most compatible with the church planter?
4. What method or combination of methods will you implement to parent a new church?