

Sunergeo, "Working Together", is the church-planting branch of the Northern California Baptist Conference, a district of the Baptist General Conference.

The Mission of Sunergeo is . . .

To Catalyze a Spirit directed and empowered movement to plant healthy, reproducing churches, that partner with other churches to extend God's Kingdom.

The Holy Spirit: empowers us to live our new life in Christ and carry out His mission to make disciples.

A Movement: is characterized by interdependence and cooperation. Working together we can accomplish a mission that is greater than we could achieve alone.

Healthy, Reproducing Churches: are internally healthy, outwardly focused, and work cooperatively to reproduce disciples, leaders and churches.

Partner with other Churches: we can leverage our diverse gifting, and collective experience to be more effective in mission through partnership.

To extend God's Kingdom: rather than our own kingdom, by working together to reproduce disciples, leaders and churches.

Statement of Belief

1. The Word of God

We believe that the Bible is the Word of God, fully inspired and without error in the original manuscripts, written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and that it has supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.

2. The Trinity

We believe that there is one living and true God, eternally existing in three persons, that these are equal in every divine perfection, and that they execute

distinct but harmonious offices in the work of creation, providence and redemption.

3. God the Father

We believe in God, the Father, an infinite, personal spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power and love. We believe that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of each person, that He hears and answers prayer, and that He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ.

4. Jesus Christ

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit. We believe in His virgin birth, sinless life, miracles and teachings. We believe in His substitutionary atoning death, bodily resurrection, ascension into heaven, perpetual intercession for His people, and personal visible return to earth.

5. The Holy Spirit

We believe in the Holy Spirit who came forth from the Father and Son to convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment, and to regenerate, sanctify, and empower all who believe in Jesus Christ. We believe that the Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Christ, and that He is an abiding helper, teacher and guide.

6. Regeneration

We believe that all people are sinners by nature and by choice and are, therefore, under condemnation. We believe that those who repent of their sins and trust in Jesus Christ as Savior are regenerated by the Holy Spirit.

7. The Church

We believe in the universal church, a living spiritual body of which Christ is the head and all regenerated persons are members. We believe in the local church, consisting of a company of believers in Jesus Christ, baptized on a credible profession of faith, and associated for worship, work and fellowship. We believe that God has laid upon the members of the local church the primary task of giving the gospel of Jesus Christ to a lost world.

8. Christian Conduct

We believe that Christians should live for the glory of God and the well-being of others; that their conduct should be blameless before the world; that they should be faithful stewards of their possessions; and that they should seek to realize for themselves and others the full stature of maturity in Christ.

9. The Ordinances

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ has committed two ordinances to the local church: baptism and the Lord's Supper. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water into the name of the triune God. We believe that the Lord's Supper was instituted by Christ for commemoration of His death. We believe that these two ordinances should be observed and administered until the return of the Lord Jesus Christ.

10. Religious Liberty

We believe that every human being has direct relations with God, and is responsible to God alone in all matters of faith; that each church is independent and must be free from interference by any ecclesiastical or political authority; that therefore Church and State must be kept separate as having different functions, each fulfilling its duties free from dictation or patronage of the other.

11. Church Cooperation

We believe that local churches can best promote the cause of Jesus Christ by cooperating with one another in a denominational organization. Such an organization, whether it is the Conference or a district conference, exists and functions by the will of the churches. Cooperation in a conference is voluntary and may be terminated at any time. Churches may likewise cooperate with interdenominational fellowships on a voluntary independent basis.

12. The Last Things

We believe in the personal and visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ to earth and the establishment of His kingdom. We believe in the resurrection of the body, the final judgment, the eternal felicity of the righteous, and the endless suffering of the wicked.

7 Strategies for Church Planting

The following strategies have been adopted by the BGC (Baptist General Conference) and TeAmerica for planting churches. We seek to turn our seven strategies into reproducible systems that will enable our regional district movements to mobilize and multiply more churches.

1. Spiritual Dynamic

We lean on spiritual empowerment for our growth. Scripture and prayer are built into all we do.

2. Recruitment

We seek leaders who are interested in mobilizing and multiplying reproducing churches locally and participating in regional and global movements.

3. Assessment

We objectively determine a leader's call, giftedness, character and preparation for ministry.

4. Training

We arrange training events that equip leaders with up-to-date information and current strategies for effective ministries.

5. Coaching

We ensure that every planter has a trained coach and every interested pastor an experienced mentor. Both seek to help leaders succeed through sharing spiritual guidance, emotional support and skill development.

6. Funding

We seek to develop funding strategies that will fuel our growing movement and assist each leader with his personal support.

7. Resourcing

We provide state-of-the-art resources to assist leaders to make a kingdom impact in their communities.