

# **Church Plant Commissioning**

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# The Universal Church

*“all who have been justified by God’s grace  
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Source: EFCA Statement of Faith, Article 7

# The Local Church

*a physical, tangible expression of  
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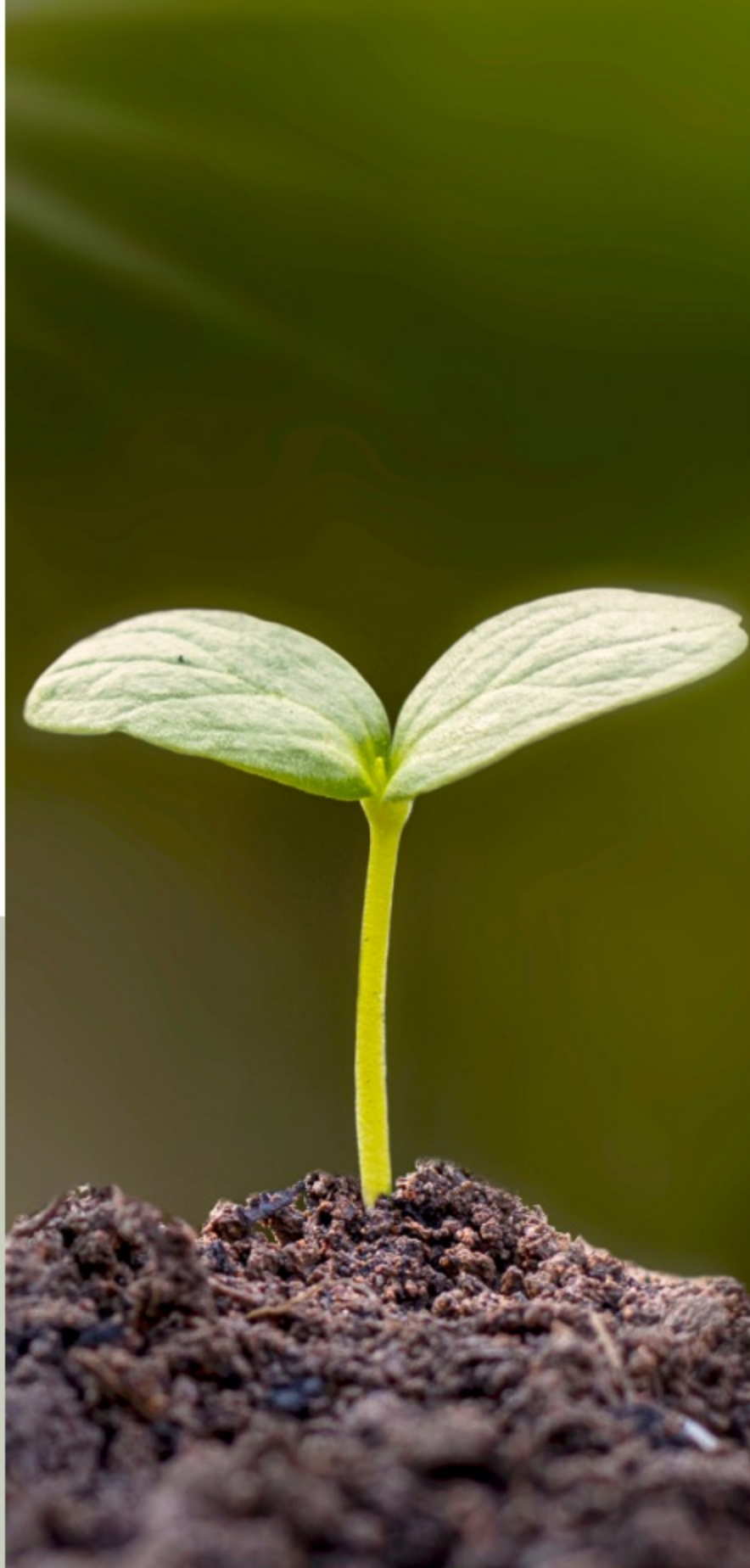
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**What about the  
next 44 years?**



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# Prayer of Commissioning

Our Lord and our God, we come before you as a congregation, recognizing that You have called us to be a local church, built on the only true foundation, Jesus Christ our Cornerstone. Your Word is our authority, Your Spirit is our strength, and Your Gospel is our mission and the source of our identity.

# Prayer of Commissioning

Lord God, we have heard Your call to make disciples who make disciples, and to invest our lives to share the Gospel of Jesus with the nations, until the day of Your return. You have called us to seek Your kingdom first, that the glory of Jesus would be known in all the world.

# Prayer of Commissioning

Today, we the people of Fellowship Church declare our spiritual unity with Faith and Life Church. We set them apart as holy to the Lord, and although we feel the loss of their regular presence here, we take this step in faith to further Your kingdom. We commission Faith and Life Church, and send them with our blessing in the name of the LORD. We pray for their witness, their faithfulness, and their mission, that they would exist from this day forward for the glory of Jesus.

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We pray for all those who will come to faith through the witness of this church, that they would find abundant life in Jesus, and a church family in which to thrive. We pray that You would bless them, protect them, and keep them faithful to You until the day of Christ's return.

We bless them; we love them; we celebrate them; all in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

