

CHURCH-IN-A-DAY

HOME MISSIONS DIVISION

UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH INTERNATIONAL

In September of 1997 the Home Missions Division presented the National Church-In-A-Day program to the United Pentecostal Church.

The goals of the Church-In-A-Day program are threefold: (1) to design a program which will assist small churches and districts with their church building needs, (2) to select viable locations within districts where the Church-In-A-Day program will best fit, (3) to give special consideration to Home Missions Districts and Emerging Districts (though the program is available to all districts).

The Church-In-A-Day program is based on a very successful church building program initiated in 1990 by the Arkansas District. The Home Missions Executive Board studied several similar programs before choosing the Arkansas District Church Building plan as the official model for the National Church-In-A-Day program.

It is our desire to see many churches built throughout the United States and Canada. The building layout chosen is both practical and workable. The building is functional with exterior dimensions of 32' by 80', and an interior layout containing a sanctuary which will seat approximately 100, three adequate classrooms, rest rooms, pastor's study, baptistery and changing room.

Obviously the cost factor for each building will vary due to location, codes, weather, and availability of materials. The slab and rough-in plumbing costs are approximately \$7,500. Property cost, utilities, curbing, etc. are the responsibility of the local church.

The Home Missions Division will make available allocations up to \$30,000, as funds become available to the Division. All other costs involved will be the responsibility of the local church and/or district.

Purchase of an existing building is considered an acceptable substitute to building a new church from the ground up. If you find a church or other suitable building in your area which could be purchased for about the same money we would encourage you to consider this alternative.

Applicant eligibility is as follows: Congregation must be in Home Missions status or a small congregation less than ten years old. Congregation must have the approval, backing and participation of their District Board, District Home Missions Board, and District Home Missions Director in the project. It is best that the local church own their property (debt free), though this is not a requirement. The congregation must be able to show their need (i.e. financially, numerically, etc.) of a new building that will seat approximately 100.

The District Home Missions Director and the District Board shall be responsible to assist with: lining up qualified tradesmen, raising funds, soliciting participation, ordering and stocking materials, arranging for tools, etc. The Home Missions Regional Director will assist in the area of promoting Church-In-A-Day throughout his region

Church-In-A-Day provides unique opportunities to retired persons (*RV'ers*) who are anxious and willing to participate in a worthwhile endeavor that will assist the Home Missions church. Home Missions will develop and distribute Church-In-A-Day information from time to time among retired persons and *RV'ers* at national and district events, with the intent of soliciting donated assistance for the Church-In-A-Day project.