

Overview of starting a **PREACHING POINT**

Official Definition of a Preaching Point (taken from 2023 UPCI Manual under Policies)

PREACHING POINTS

Preaching Point Definition: A preaching point is a regular service or meeting:

- Distinct from the mother church as to location or language.
- Designed to reach people who are currently unchurched.
- The regular service or meeting is seen as a first step toward possibly starting a daughter work or church. The definition of a preaching point does not include a church having a service in a prison, nursing home, jail, on a college campus or in any other institutional setting.

Establishing a Preaching Point

With approval of a District North American Missions Executive Committee, an existing church can establish a preaching point in any city or town that does not have a United Pentecostal Church.

In the event there is a United Pentecostal Church in the town or city where the preaching point is being considered, the approval of the District Board is required.

The existence of a preaching point in a town/city does not preclude another church from applying to start another preaching point or daughter church. It also does not preclude someone applying to start a self-governing church in that town/city.

Starting a Preaching Point as current policy dictates

1. Receive written permission to start a “new work” from the district board (per 2023 UPCI Manual article VII section 7 paragraph C)
2. Fill out the attached UPCI New Preaching Point form
3. Meet the NH/VT District NAM executive committee. The executive committee is comprised of the district NAM director, the sectional Presbyter, and will be chaired by the District Superintendent. If approved your form will be signed by the District Superintendent and sent to headquarters.

Reminder

1. A Preaching Point is not intended as a long term ministry. It serves as a step towards starting a daughter work or a self governing church.
2. If the Preaching Point becomes inactive and is not holding a regular service or meeting you must request a copy of the UPCI Preaching Point No Longer in Existence form from the district NAM director. The form must then be completed and sent to headquarters.