

Tokyo Multicultural Church

EFC church planting partnership



Help
launch a
church in
Tokyo!

A NEW CHURCH PLANTING PROJECT coming to the east side of Tokyo in the fall of 2011

Imagine a church in Tokyo consisting of...

- multiple multicultural and language-specific departments including Japanese, English, Chinese (Mandarin and/or Cantonese), Tagalog, and Portuguese;
- each department worshipping and ministering in its own language with its own pastoral and/or lay leadership;
- all departments served by one all-church leadership team;
- and all departments and leaders united as one church in Jesus Christ in order to display the rich variety of God's wisdom.

This is the church planting project known as **Tokyo Multicultural Church (TMCC)**.

TMCC church planters

Dale and Ann Little will lead the launching of TMCC in the fall of 2011. But the primary partner church of TMCC is the English

Department of Musashino Chapel Center (MCC) in Tokyo (an EFC), which will provide encouragement, insight, and strategic development through the Church Planting Planning Committee that links MCC with TMCC.

Multiple languages

Each department of TMCC will select its own language for worship, events, and leadership within that department. But for all-church meetings the common language will be English, with interpretation to/from Japanese as necessary.

TMCC will be launched with at least Japanese and English departments.

Leadership structure

TMCC will be congregational. It will have two levels of boards: a single all-church board and the multiple departmental boards.

The denominational connections for each of the departments will be decided in discussion with the all-church leadership team.

All pastoral and lay leaders will need to sign three agreements: statement of faith; leadership philosophy; and non-charismatic worship styles.

Activities

Each department will have its own worship services. The worship style will reflect the cultural character of that department. But all the worship services of TMCC will include singing, prayer, teaching time in the Word, and monthly communion.

In addition to worship, TMCC will have programs for instruction, fellowship, and evangelistic outreach in Tokyo and Asia.

PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES for EFC churches in North America

For the first few years of this church planting project—until TMCC has a core group of members and attenders—partner churches in North America will do a fair bit of the heavy lifting. Partner churches may link to TMCC directly or through a church-to-church partnership with MCC, the primary partner church for TMCC in Tokyo.

Partner church ministries

TMCC is seeking partner churches that will send financially supported short term missionaries for the following kinds of ministries:

- Distribution of evangelistic and church literature for one week (pre-Christmas and pre-Easter).
- Evangelistic English conversation class teaching for two weeks to three months (fall, winter, or spring).
- Interim cross-cultural pastorate for three months with a focus on teaching and preaching (fall, winter, or spring), using English or a language of one of the departments of TMCC such as Mandarin or Cantonese.
- Cross-cultural church planting internships for seminary students, lasting a minimum of three months.



Commitment of partner churches

Prayer updates will be posted monthly on www.tokyochurch.org. Partner churches will commit to praying regularly for TMCC.

A TMCC partner church makes a monthly commitment of \$110 over four years, from 2011-2015. These funds will be used for church ministry and facility expenses, and will not be applied to the support of Dale and Ann Little. Short term missionaries serving at TMCC are to come from partner churches.

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Donations for TMCC should be routed to the “TMCC Partnership” fund of the EFCCM (special project number 2-2302). Donors can give directly at efccm.ca or by mail (Box 850 Langley Stn. LCD 1, Langley, BC V3A 8S6 Canada).