

Church Planting Convictions



City

We are called to a growing, major city for strategic gospel impact



Mercy and Justice

We are called to demonstrate the Gospel for the good of our neighbors



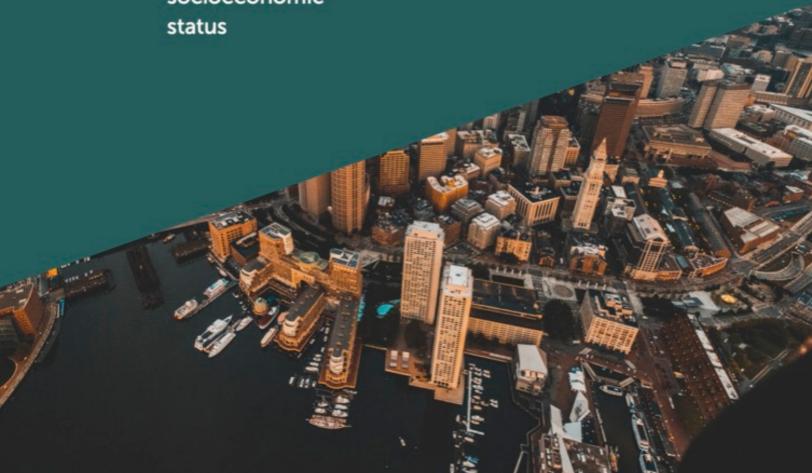
Nations

We are called to reach people from every race, age, and socioeconomic



Hub

We are called to plant churches throughout a geographic area



WHY BOSTON?







Boston is a world leader in medicine, research, finance, education, business, innovation, and more. As an example of growing influence, the 8th largest company in the world, General Electric, recently moved their global headquarters to Boston. When you look at Boston closely, it is clear that it is one of the most strategic cities in the world for a church planting movement to happen.

Tentative Boston Schedule

Friday, May 24th

4:00 PM- Drop Off at BHM Airport 11:00 PM- Arrive in Boston

Saturday, May 25th

8:00 AM- Breakfast and Devotional 10:00-6:00 PM-Tour of City with Church Planter 7:00 PM-Red Sox Game

Sunday, May 26th

7:00 AM- Breakfast 8:00 AM- Leave for Church 9:00 AM- Help Set Up for Service 10:45 AM- Worship 12:00 PM- Lunch in Park with Church Members 1:00 PM Evangelism and Projects

6:00 PM Dinner

Monday, May 27th 7:00 Breakfast

8:00 Leave for Mission Sites with Church Planter 4:00 Prepare for Memorial Day Celebration at High School 5:00 Celebration at High School

Tuesday, May 28th

7:00 Breakfast

8:00 Leave for Mission Sites with Church Planter

6:00 Special Dinner in the City

Wednesday, May 29th

11:20 AM: Depart Boston 3:10 PM- Arrive in BHM





FOREST HILLS/JP

People within walking distance; 328,000 within 3 miles

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Diverse communities converge here



Hub for church planting in the south part of Boston

Forest Hills, a subneighborhood of Jamaica Plain (JP) is a strategic community at the end of the Orange Line train. At Forest Hills, four diverse communities converge to create an eclectic community of young professionals, immigrants, and native Bostonians. Currently, seven new housing communities are being built in Forest Hills, which will bring thousands of new residents to the area in the coming years.

VISION

Every Person Every Culture Experiencing the Gospel

City on a Hill: Forest Hills exists to become a diverse community with Jesus as King for the good of Boston through...

- Weekly worship experiences that are welcoming to the unchurched, biblically faithful, multi-cultural and high quality
- Community Groups throughout JP to share life together and be on mission in their community



VALUES

What shapes us...

Gospel

The truth of who Jesus is changes everything

Community

The church is a family sharing life because of Jesus

Mission

The call to join Jesus in making disciples and displaying the gospel



2018-2019

SUMMER 2018 - Started 2 Year Church Planting Residency

FALL 2019 - Recruited Core Group and began prayer and equip nights

2020-21

SPRING 2020 - Started Vision Night Worship & Community Groups

SPRING-SUMMER 2020 -Invested over \$20k serving neighbors during COVID

FALL 2020 - Launched a weekly, virtual worship service

SPRING 2021 - First members

FALL 2021 - Installed Elders, Started Deacon Track

2022

MARCH - First unrestricted worship service APRIL - Installed Deacons

2023 AND BEYONDGOALS AND MILESTONES:

- Grow weekly worship attendance to 100 and multiply to 6-8 community groups
- Hire a second FT staff member to aid growth
- Identify a CP resident
- Solidify a permanent building location



Steven Castello and his family moved to Boston in Summer 2018 to join City on a Hill's Church Planting Residency. He will be taking on the role of planter/lead pastor of City on a Hill: Forest Hills.

Background

Born: September 7, 1982, Birmingham, AL Married: August 13, 2005 to Amy Castello

Children: Lily (12); Addisyn (10); Karis (9); Amelie (6)

Education

B.A. in Human Development and Family Studies; Samford University M.Div; Birmingham Theological Seminary, Projected 2021

Experience

Pastor/Planter - City on a Hill: Forest Hills, 2020 - Present Church Plant Resident, City on a Hill Church, Brookline, MA 2018-P020 Planter/Pastor, Immanuel Church, Birmingham, AL, 2009-2018 Youth Pastor, Temple Baptist Church, Salida, CO, 2006-2007

Personality Profile

DISC: DI

Strengthsfinder: Competition, Significance, Strategic, Focus, Ideation

