

## Gateway City Implementation Plan

Definition: **Gateway City** this is an urban area with a growing population and hyper diversity in ethnic and/or affinity groups. A term “one location all nations” reflects this understanding. A Gateway city may also be a location in which our partners in ministry have determined as an entry point into the larger region where hyper diversity is present.

**Hyper diverse Cities:** 1. at least 9.5 percent of the populations foreign born 2. No one country of origin accounts for 25% or more of the immigration stock and 3. Immigrants come from most regions of the world.

Steps in implementation of a Gateway City Vision.

1. **Research** is done to determine where the gateway cities are using demographics and also including Anabaptist/ Mennonite Church demographics
2. **Dialogue** with mission leaders, church leaders, and missionaries within the identified broader area. A series of questions including: (after hearing who they are and their ministry and identifying who HNI is). Feet on the ground!
  - a. Should we consider coming to this area for movements to Jesus?
  - b. If yes where?
  - c. How?
  - d. What advice would you give to us?
  - e. Are there others we should be meeting with?
  - f. What factors should we be aware of if we do ministry here?
  - g. What are the entry gates to this people, region, and city?
  - h. Who are the marginalized people here?
  - i. What are the demographics of this city?
  - j. What is family life here?
  - k. What is /are the religion(s) here?
  - l. I believe most people are looking for \_\_\_\_\_?
  - m. Etc.

This dialogue with different groups should be conducted by a minimum of a team of three and no greater than five. This allows for good listening and discernment. This original team should consist of; one who will coach this movement from formation through implementation; prophetic gifts, possible gender and nationality blend (in the case of gateway national partners)

3...**Intercession team** be sent to the designated area(s) for intercession and listening prayer. Further dialogue may take place for more clarity.

4. **Calling** forth laborers to be involved in, learning and application of church planting in designated area. They maybe involved in the earlier steps as available
5. **Deploy** church planters throughout region finding housing, jobs, etc. person of peace
6. **Implement simple church planting steps in culturally appropriate steps**

