

Current Church Planting Opportunities

Submission Date	Mar 3, 2015	
Location of Plant (City)		Kingston, NY
Neighborhood/Community		
Location of Plant (State)		New York
Presbytery		New York State Presbytery
Network Affiliatio	n, if any	

Brief Description (1-2 paragraphs) answering these questions:

Why plant here? Are there interested contacts or are people currently gathered? What resources are available? Type of plant envisioned? (Scratch plant, daughter church, second site, other)

The Kingston satellite church has a core group of about 20 people. The majority of the group originally grew out of a broad-based evangelical church in the area around the year 2000. At that time they felt the need for Reformed worship, and to recognize their covenant children, baptize them, and fully embrace the Westminster Standards. Desiring to be confessional they searched for a church to join themselves to, and found Westminster Presbyterian in Rock Tavern. However, Westminster was too far from Kingston for most of the members, and thus Westminster agreed to help plant this Kingston work and as such they are members of Westminster. Since the group initially launched, there have been some folks who moved out of the area and others joined themselves to the core group. Besides this small work, there are really no solid evangelically reformed churches in the Mid-Hudson Valley between Newburgh and Albany.

The area does have a Dutch Reformed heritage, but again, no evangelically reformed churches exist outside this Kingston work. We firmly believe that with the right church planter, God will greatly bless the Kingston work and cause it to grow substantially. The core group is already in place, a rental is in place, and they meet every Sunday for worship. Our seasoned assistant pastor Mark Diedrich is more than willing to help the church planter in any way he can.

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