

# Supporting startup congregations

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I learned in seminary that a church is a place where we proclaim the word and administer the sacraments. I'm now learning there's another criterion: financial sustainability.

When does a new immigrant fellowship or a young church development become a "church"? It's not when hundreds of people worship together, hearing the word and partaking in the sacraments. It's when those people can support a budget. ([Read more here.](#))