

Upcoming

February 26 IS CHURCH-PLANTING SUNDAY

In The Alliance, we believe that church planting is the most effective means of winning people to Christ, discipling them to maturity, and unleashing them into fruitful service for His Kingdom. In fact, the 20,000 churches planted by the C&MA throughout the world have resulted in a global Alliance family of more than 6 million Christ followers and counting—in our generation alone!

Since your church is a part of this family, we want to invite you and your congregation to join the celebration on February 26. The [Alliance Church-Planting Web](#) site has some great print and video resources to help your people discover

- Why planting churches is so important
- How The Alliance started as a church plant
- How your church is already involved in planting
- How our Acts 1:8 values are being lived out through planting
- Where the church plants in your district are taking place
- How to interact with and pray for a church planter during your worship service
- 10 Ways to Help a Church Plant/Planter
- What a Greenhouse church is and how your church can become one



We appreciate anything you can do to lead this celebration within your congregation. Please remind members that the church they're sitting in was planted by other devoted believers with a God-birthed vision to see more people experience intimacy with Christ.



CHURCH THANK YOU STATEMENTS

District churches will be receiving from our National Office a personalized “thank you” mailing expressing gratitude for your support of Alliance ministries in 2016. Included in this mailing will be a bulletin insert master (with a personalized financial report of your church’s 2016 contributions to the global ministries of The Alliance) for duplication and distribution to the

congregation. A digital version of this bulletin insert and a full-color “e-mailable” version of the thank-you message can be forwarded to your congregants. Please utilize these tools to extend thanks to your church for what the U.S. Alliance family did together in 2016!

CHURCH ANNUAL REPORT AND GIRL SCOUT COOKIES

Yes, it is that time of the year again for cookies and reports. Like the Girl Scouts showing up at your door every February selling those amazing Thin Mints, it’s the time of the year to complete your church annual report (maybe while munching on a cookie or two). The information provided through the annual report is of great benefit to the District and the National Office as well as individual churches, summarizing ministry to our congregations, communities and to the world. Instructions for 2016 annual reports were emailed to each church by the National Office. The deadline for completion is **February 22**. Thanks for taking the time to complete this report.

