



*how will we*  
**PAY FOR THIS?**

FUNDING NEW WORSHIPING COMMUNITIES



*welcome to*  
**THE CONVERSATION**  
who is in the room today?

Who paid for all this?

## TENTMAKING

Acts 18:3

## INDIVIDUALS

Philemon,  
Lydia

## PARTNERS

Phil. 4:15-15

2 Corinthians 8-9

## HOSPITALITY

Acts 21:4



# 1001 BY THE NUMBERS

**800**



## NWCS LAUNCHED

75% are still actively engaged in ministry.  
Almost every presbytery in the PC(USA) has started at least ONE NWC since 2012.

**\$16,000,000**



## GRANTS AWARDED

Through the generosity of Presbyterians over the decades, the PC(USA) has invested in the future of the church through training and funding.

**80+**



## NEW CONGREGATIONS

70% of NWCs anticipating organizing as a congregation. Others will operate as missions, non-profits, & social enterprises.



# GRANT FUNDING



**SEED GRANTS**  
**\$10,000**



**INVESTMENT GRANTS**  
**\$30,000**



**GROWTH GRANT**  
**\$30,000**

*Health*  
**INSURANCE**

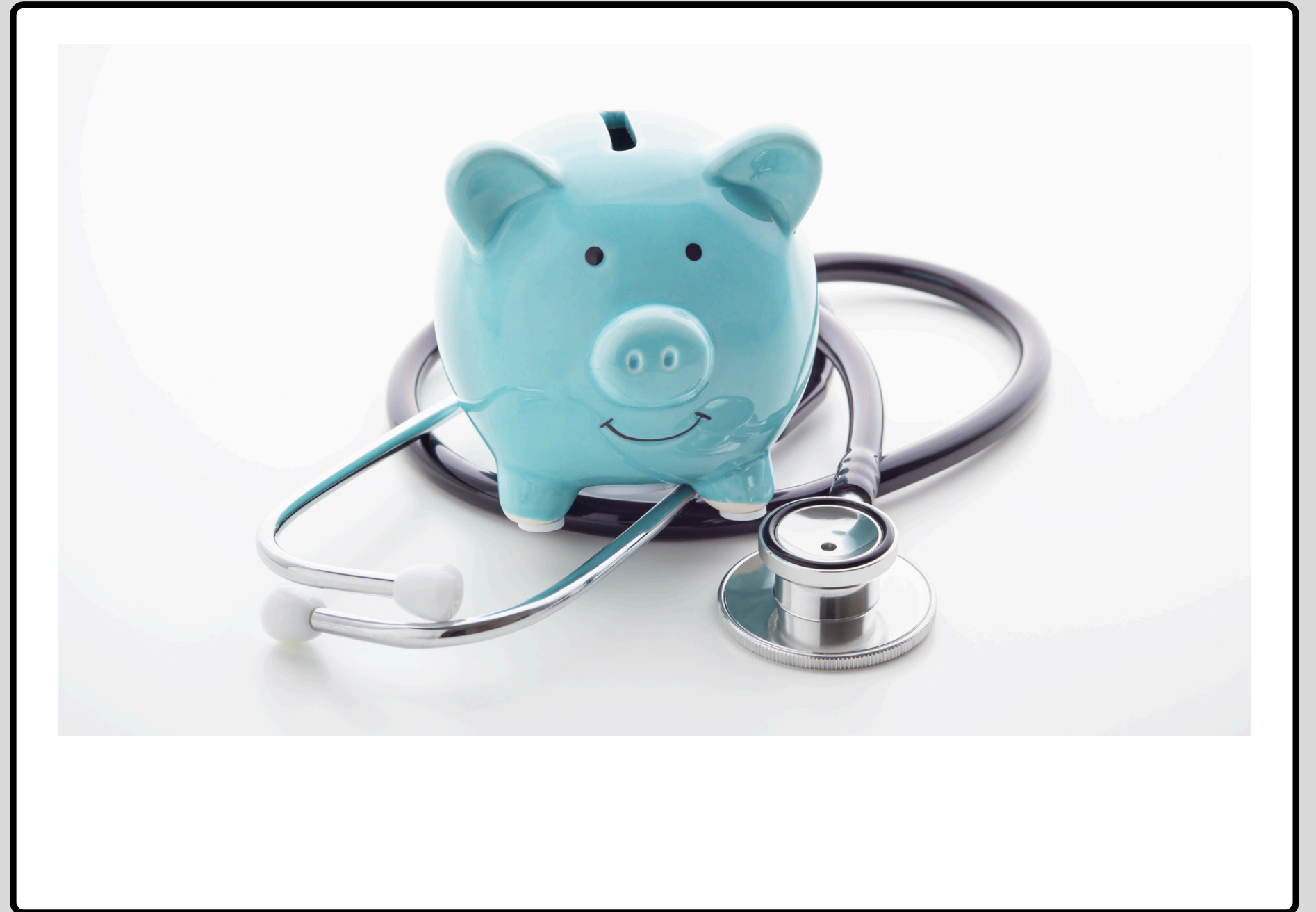
**Board of Pensions Evangelist Grant**

3 years full coverage

2 additional years of sunseting  
coverage

**1001 Health Insurance Grant**

\$1500/year for up to 3 years



# WHY THIS MATTERS

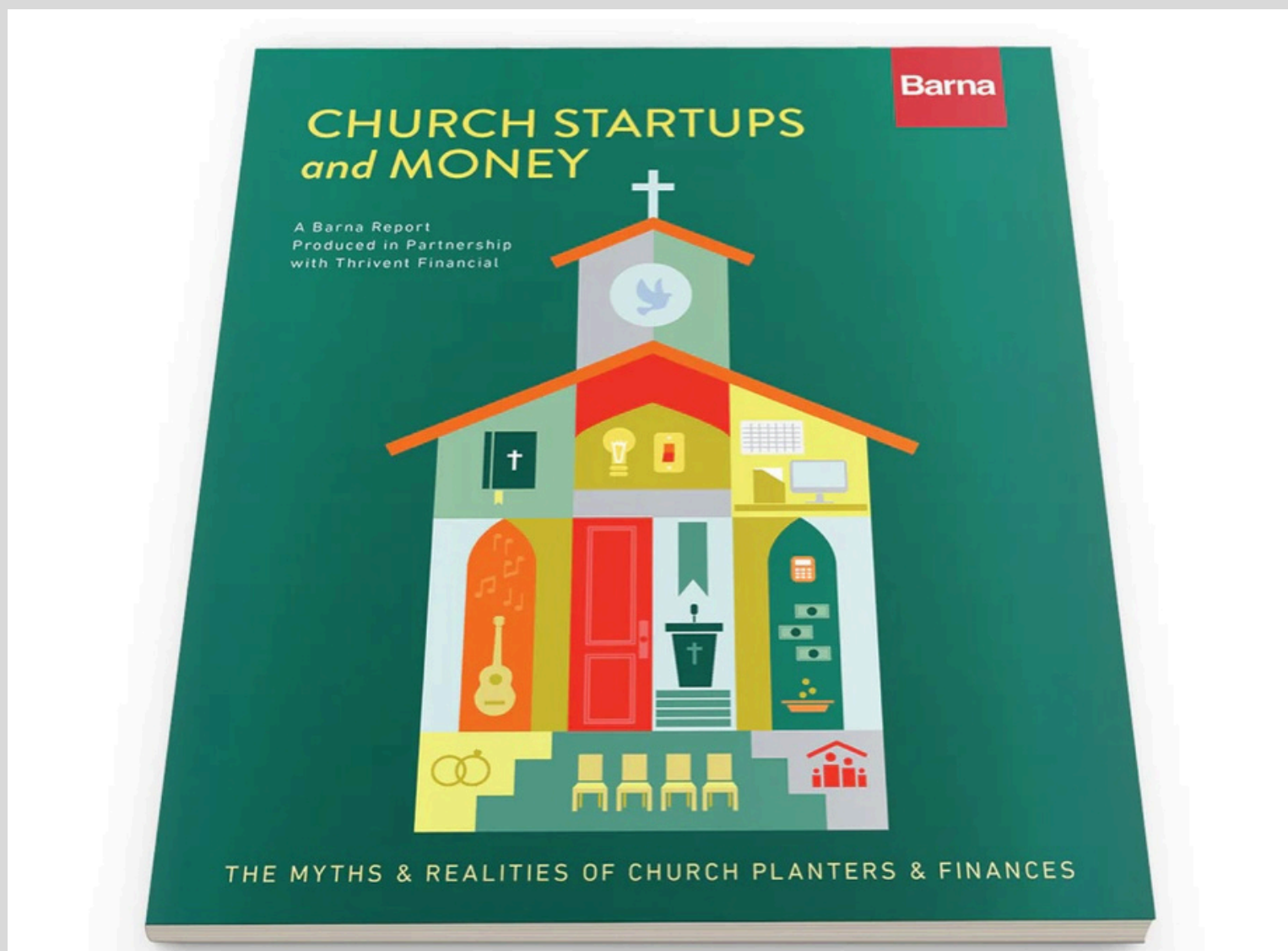
3/4 of church planters say finances are one of the top 2 or 3 things they are concerned about

The typical church planter spends about 21% of her time on finances

More than 1/3 say their church startup's income is inadequate (37%) and half report it is "just sufficient." Only 12% say it is "more than sufficient."

1/3 say they have considered leaving their ministry because of finances.

A majority believes finances will play a major role in the survival of their ministry (74%)



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# MID COUNCIL RESOURCES

48% from the proceeds of the sale of property  
38% through endowments  
24% through operating budget.  
23% through donations from individuals.  
12% through “other”.  
10% of presbyteries do not help with funding  
NWCs.

sources:

presbytery data from D.Min thesis research by David Bonnema  
Local source data from Barna

# LOCAL RESOURCES

60% from participant giving  
40–60% from partner congregations  
30% from non-attending donors  
19% from grants  
19% from friends and family of the planter

other sources of revenue:

crowdfunding campaigns

fundraisers

subscriptions/pay for service



# *missional* **TENTMAKING**



a new kind of bivocationality

*Who's paying for all this?*

**TENTMAKING PARTNERS**

**INDIVIDUALS GRANTS**

**ENTREPRENEURSHIP**



*Time to*  
**WONDER**

**WHAT DO OUR FUNDING  
MODELS SAY ABOUT OUR  
ECCLESIOLOGY?**

**WHAT DO OUR FUNDING  
MODELS SAY ABOUT OUR  
MISSIOLOGY?**

**WHERE DO YOU SEE  
SIGNS OF HOPE AND  
SIGNS OF WARNING?**



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*let's work*  
**TOGETHER**