



Development Report: Simple Church—an Adventist House Church

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1) The House Church approach

- In developed countries, interest has risen rapidly in a House Church or Home Church approach to ministry and evangelism
 - In the USA, approximately six million people attend a church of this kind (Barna research)
 - In many quarters, interest in conventional church settings is decreasing, while interest in Home Churches is on the rise
- **Challenging questions . . .**
 - When Jesus dreamed about the Christian church He was establishing, would our churches as they are right now have been a highlight of His dreams?
 - If all our church buildings were destroyed or had to be given up, would our churches cruise on with even greater strength?
 - If our paid ministry force had to be disbanded because of cost or other factors, would a number of our churches cease to function?
 - What percentage of our time and resources go into church maintenance and operations—as opposed to outreach, service and evangelism?
 - If we made it a requirement that as of right now, all who have been church members for two years or more *must* be involved in active discipleship and ministry in order to continue in church, what percentage would show up next weekend?
 - House Church is a response to these kinds of spiritual challenges
- **There are a number of ways to realise a House Church ministry; this report describes one of them** that is distinctive in its target and approach, and that is gaining increasing interest in the Seventh-day Adventist context

2) Simple Church

- The House Church movement in Christian circles in general is often referred to as “Simple Church”
- The SDA Church is utilising this generic name of Simple Church

- In the USA, Adventist Simple Church is led by Pastor Milton Adams—
SimpleChurchAtHome.com (for church people); SimpleChurchInfo.com (for inquiring people from the community)
- Endorsed by the North American Division
- Approach acknowledged with the Excellence in DMin Research Award from the SDA Theological Seminary (for Milton’s DMin research)
- Centred in Orlando, Florida (Milton Adams, miltonadams@adamsonline.org)
- Growing interest expressed from Canada, Europe, and the South Pacific—a proposal is being readied by SPD for a model aligned and connected with Adventist SimpleChurch in the USA
- Operating in Ohio—a two-year trial period with full expectation of continuing (Monte Sahlin, montessahlin@gmail.com)
- Commenced in the South England Conference (UK)—a one-year trial period from 06/10 (Aris Vonzalidis, AVonzalidis@secadventist.org.uk)
- “Church planting movements are based on (1) prayer, (2) planters from within the harvest, (3) ‘people of peace’, (4) obedient faith in spite of suffering, (5) multiplying churches without money for buildings or staff. Luke 10. Church is being taken back by the people! Five hundred years ago the Bible was taken back—and now it is church! Believers are cultivating multiplying networks of simple church in homes, cafés, restaurants, gardens, etc.”—Peter Roenfeldt, Adventist authority on church planting

3) A distinctive New Testament model

- The table below is duplicated in the HAC general report

A DISTINCTIVE HOUSE CHURCH MODEL	
Character	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A lay-led, missional congregation in a home setting—informal, personal, intimate, relationally based, interactive, vibrant—not unlike the practice of “cottage meetings” in early Adventist history - An “un-church” or “simple church”—uncomplicated, basic, personal; a “backyard missionary movement” - Collectively regarded as an active congregation (company) in its own right—distinctive from a Branch Sabbath School or a small group ministry - Like “Frontier Missions”, a Conference-sponsored entity with accountabilities, guidance and support
Size	About 10–35 typically attending, but may go higher in some settings
Distinctions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meets solely in private homes - Led by committed Seventh-day Adventist lay members, rather than clergy - One-third to one-half of attendees are new or potential members - No church buildings, mortgages, building maintenance, or administration burden—so most funds and the majority of time are focused on community service and witness - Truly community-based: “We meet you where you are” rather than “You come to us, where we are”
Reason	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Leaders and participants feel called to reflect this particular New Testament model to reach people in secular society—see Matthew 18:18–20; Mark 14:3; John 14:23; Acts 1:12–14; 2:46, 47; 12:11, 12; Romans 16:3–5; 1 Corinthians 16:19; Colossians 4:15; Philemon 1, 2 - “Simple Church is similar to Adventist Frontier Missions, but for western cultures who were Christian at one time and have now turned secular” (Milton Adams)

A DISTINCTIVE HOUSE CHURCH MODEL	
Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To employ the power of small-group relationships to reach a target population not usually reached by established churches; spawning new Simple Church units as each group realises a typical attendance of around 20 - Adventist volunteers as front-line missionaries, reaching people for Christ in secular communities
Challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Take a decided step into a new and different manner of “church”, sacrificing the security of a large group for the intimacy and vulnerability of a fledgling small group - A step out into a specific missionary endeavour; not a simple addition to regular church
Methodology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Luke 10 provides a stunning description of Christ’s methodology for making disciples, and serves as a model for Simple Church - “Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, ‘Follow Me.’ - “There is need of coming close to the people by personal effort. If less time were given to sermonising, and more time were spent in personal ministry, greater results would be seen. The poor are to be relieved, the sick cared for, the sorrowing and the bereaved comforted, the ignorant instructed, the inexperienced counselled. We are to weep with those that weep, and rejoice with those that rejoice. Accompanied by the power of persuasion, the power of prayer, the power of the love of God, this work will not, cannot, be without fruit.” <i>Ministry of Healing</i>, 143, 144.
Trap 1	False motivation—a Simple Church group established <i>as an expression</i> by people disgruntled with regular Adventist church and organisation, or for the purpose of promoting an individual brand of theology or a particular “hobby horse” or point of view
Trap 2	Misplaced target—a Simple Church group established to appeal to current Adventist members, or to Christians from other backgrounds
Trap 3	Misplaced purpose—a Simple Church group established primarily as a feeder or recruitment tool for an existing Adventist congregation (Simple Church may sometimes be a feeder, but the primary purpose is to establish more and more Simple Church units as a pathway of evangelism and overall church growth)
Trap 4	Poor attitude—a Simple Church group established as an act of free-spirited independence from the umbrella community of faith; or as a personal point of superiority or pride (New Testament simple churches were closely associated with the apostles, accountable to them, and respectful of their role)
Key ingredients	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Teaching, Fellowship, Breaking of bread, Prayer (Acts 2:42) - The Gospel, the Word, the Holy Spirit, Prayer, and Community (Five Keys to Spiritual Health) - “B-E-L-L”: Blessing, Eating, Listening, Learning (John White)
Sponsorship	By the local Conference (no direct funding necessary—Simple Church is self-funding)

4) Simple Church in NNZC

- NNZC Executive Committee has given approval, and pledged support
 - Conditioned upon closely working with NNZC Administration, and clearly defining how the ministry relates to the sisterhood of churches
- Executive on 17 November 2009:
 - a. Established Simple Church as a recognised congregation in NNZC, with company status
 - b. Specified that the NNZC President or his designee serve as “Pastor” of this congregation for purposes of oversight

- c. Confirmed understanding that each group within Simple Church will have its local serving elder
- d. Asked Pr Milton Adams (Simple Church USA) to provide training, coaching and mentoring until such time as a local member practically demonstrates a calling to this ministry
- e. Expressed support for Graham Ure as the co-ordinator for establishing Simple Church in Auckland
- Ed Gallagher on 20 November 2009 affirmed with Milton Adams his role as a partner, guide and advisor (training, coaching, mentoring) with NNZC
 - NNZC is in a *partnership agreement* with Simple Church / Milton Adams
 - Seen as a one-year commitment to be reassessed Feb–Mar 2011
- Graham Ure serves as the direct lay leader and co-ordinator for Simple Church in NNZC, while Ed Gallagher serves as the pastoral “Guide” (Conference representative)
 - Simple Church in NNZC is a component of *Healthy Adventist Churches*, and operates within that framework
 - Wayne Krause, Director of the Church Planting Centre for the South Pacific Division, is the point person for Simple Church in our field of the world
- Graham Ure and Ed Gallagher visited with Milton Adams for three days in April 2010
 - Extremely profitable time that reinforced the value of the relationship
 - Recommending a long-term partnership
- Milton Adams is scheduled for a visit in SPD, Feb 2011
 - In NNZC Feb 22–24
- Benefits of the partnership with Simple Church–USA:
 - 1) Expertise
 - 2) Biblical-theological base
 - 3) SDA integration and support
 - 4) Resources
 - 5) Built-in screening
 - 6) Training
 - 7) Accountability process—financial, personal
 - 8) On-line reporting process
 - 9) Partnership in, and support for, a growing, multi-national “frontier mission”
- The built-in screening benefit is critical—the effort could easily be sabotaged by well-meaning folk driven by egocentrism or unhealthy fundamentalism
 - “Simple Church is not to be a forum for disgruntled or anti-administration Adventists; it is not a place where strong-minded members can gain power; the only leader at Simple Church is the Holy Spirit” (G. Ure)
- NNZC Administration has agreed to the tithe allocation as part of the partnership agreement with Simple Church–USA (08 February 2010)
 - \$750 per month (medium-sized Conference allocation covering all sites); or 2 per cent of tithe from Simple Church units—whichever is the greater amount
 - One-year commitment, with re-evaluation Feb–Mar 2011
 - Checks to Simple Church; sent to Lori Yates, Simple Church treasurer for NAD, audited by the Florida Conference. Funds currently placed in the World Vision Fund used for developing the global network.
- Domain names secured by Graham:

- simplechurch.org.nz (primary address); simplechurchathome.org.nz and simplechurchathome.co.nz (linked addresses)

5) Current report

- A team in Auckland has completed Phase Two training in Simple Church, and is leading the first Simple Church unit
 - Graham Ure, Ailsa Ure, Elise Ure, Robert Fish, Joy Fish
 - This group is looking for an additional couple to join the leadership team, so they can be trained and ready for a second Simple Church unit hoped for by the end of 2010
- The first Simple Church met 6 March 2010 in the home of Graham and Ailsa Ure, Waitakere area of West Auckland
 - Five Adventists present, and three un-churched friends
- A consistent attendance of 12–18 is currently realised, with all but the core Adventist leadership being un-churched people from the community, some of whom describe themselves as atheists
 - From one “atheist” attendee: “I feel peace for the first time in my life, even though I don’t really believe in the concept of spirituality!”
 - From an “atheist” couple: “If you want to have this meeting in our home, you’re welcome”
 - From an unchurched attendee: “Can we invite our friends to this?”
- Commencement time 10:30 am; people leave around 2–2:30 pm after a fellowship meal
- The focus is on meeting the people where they are, and letting the Spirit set the agenda
 - Rather than coming in with a set programme, the leaders respond to the actual presenting needs and interests of participants
 - *Ministry of Healing* p143 adopted as the primary methodology:
Christ’s method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, “Follow Me.”
 - The general theme is *principles of life*—how to face life with wisdom and courage
- Scripture is introduced as a natural flow in discussion—e.g. “The Bible has something quite specific to say about that; let’s check it out”
- Prayer has a presence
 - “Can we pray for you and your needs during the week?”
 - Currently just one meaningful prayer surrounding the meal time—tying the discussion in with the fellowship
- Participants are aware of the Adventist connection
 - Participants express how impressed they are by the willingness of the leaders to leave their long-standing relationship with their previous church family to undertake this new venture (“We know how much your regular church attendance meant to you”)
- Leadership development and planning:
 - Leaders meet for half an hour prior (at 10 am) for prayer
 - Leaders meet for one hour afterward for evaluation and further planning
 - Leaders are greatly appreciating the opportunity, and the development it is bringing to their own experience with God
- Leaders find it easy to invite people; invitees give a positive response

6) Simple Church Q&A

SIMPLE CHURCH QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS	
1. DISTINCTIVENESS. What's the difference between a Church Plant or a Home Church, and Simple Church?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Church Plant</i> usually refers to a new church started by a Conference or an existing congregation, with the idea that the new group would grow into a full-fledged church along normal lines; whereas Simple Church is a home-based church designed to multiply into other home-based churches - <i>Home Church</i> (or <i>House Church</i>) usually refers to a regular congregation that is small and informal, and meets in a home; whereas Simple Church is a “frontier mission” targeted to reach secular people, and shaped distinctively to reach that target - <i>Simple Church</i> is not to be confused with the idea of “simplifying church”, as described in a book called <i>Simple Church</i>, by Rainer and Geiger
2. ENVIRONMENT. What makes for a good physical environment for a Simple Church group?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reasonable parking options - An adequate meeting room - Pleasing atmosphere in general - Attention to safety for children and adults - Awareness and communication of any access limitations - The continually invited presence of God's Spirit
3. TIMES. What times do Simple Church groups meet?	<p>Groups sponsored by the Seventh-day Adventist Church have their primary meeting during Sabbath hours, while using opportunities for additional gatherings and ministry at other times—see Luke 4:16; Acts 1:14; 2:46, 47; 3:1; 5:42; 16:5, 13; 17:2; 18:4; 20:7</p>
4. WHY? Why do we need more churches when we can't fill up and support those we have?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “The answer might be found in the question” (Milton Adams) - NCD (Natural Church Development) scores: SDA church average in 2007 was 48, with a range of 39–55 across the eight categories; Simple Church average in 2009 was 91, with a range of 75–99—an amazing outcome
5. IDENTITY. How can Simple Church members best describe their Adventist identity?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “We're sponsored by the Seventh-day Adventist Church” - Sponsorship means approval, support and guidance with accountabilities - A “frontier-type” presence for Christ in communities, led by committed Seventh-day Adventists; designed for people from a non-religious background, or from a religious background other than Christian
6. SPONSORSHIP. Why is Simple Church sponsored directly by the Conference rather than by a regular congregation?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A regular congregation can certainly initiate regular House (Home) Churches; however initiating a Simple Church as described in this report might prove quite challenging because of the specific paradigm of targeting for a secular outreach - The Simple Church Adventist network is carefully researched and formed to provide the right kind of support, guidance, training, and accountabilities that are important for Simple Church to succeed
7. COMMITMENT. Can leaders be involved both at a regular church and with a Simple Church unit?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It's a question of <i>energy</i>, <i>time</i>, and <i>focus</i>—although Simple Church leaders are typically surprised at how stress-free and pleasant it is to facilitate a Simple Church unit - A Simple Church meeting and its accompanying socialisation usually proves to be about a five-hour experience; and it's best to have that experience on a Saturday—usually the most suitable day for guests and hosts; and it establishes a habit of Sabbath meeting - A regular congregation can still have a valuable connection, if it's desired and appropriate: Pray for and bless those who embark on a Simple Church journey; as invited, join in a commissioning/appointing for Simple Church leaders (led by existing Simple Church leaders or by Conference representatives); invite occasional reports to the church from Simple Church leaders; respond to invitations for informal/social connections or community involvement as might be indicated by Simple Church leaders

SIMPLE CHURCH QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS	
8. CONNECTEDNESS. How do Simple Church groups avoid isolation from the Adventist community?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Same way as regular Adventist churches—joining Conference or regional events, enjoying Adventist media, supporting Adventist education, participating in events with other congregations - Recommended: Members of regular churches who feel God’s call to become Simple Church leaders sound out their current congregation to see if there’s a willingness to bless the new ministry, to pray for the “missionaries”; and to maintain a described level of contact, fellowship and spiritual support
9. COMMUNITY. What can Simple Church groups do to establish community with each other?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Organise their own camp meetings - Get together at various times for social ministry - Have a simple emailed newsletter - Meet together sometimes for joint planning and combined prayer and praise (consider “the whole church coming together”, 1 Corinthians 11:18; 14:23) - Utilise a joint website to share Bible teaching, reports and encouragement
10. ACCOUNTABILITY. With so many groups potentially bubbling up by individual initiative, how does accountability work?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Initial “CORE-4” Simple Church leaders are a group of three to five committed Adventists who have gone through careful screening and training; and who are “commissioned” or “appointed” (Titus 1:5) for Simple Church ministry (in regular church circles this is recognised as “ordination” as local elders; in Simple Church, simpler terminology is appropriate, though the <i>function</i> is eldership) - Simple Church leaders can be “de-commissioned” if circumstances indicate this should take place - While there are no formal church boards or business meetings in Simple Church, Adventist members who choose to become part of Simple Church voluntarily make an <i>annual</i> written commitment to a “Shared Ministry Vision” that describes the parameters, purposes and expectations involved in a Simple Church group—including a commitment to pursue opportunities to mentor people in long-term Bible studies - Like regular church congregations, accountability is built in to each group—with local leaders and a designated treasurer/membership person; and with clear commitments for communication, collective participation, financial stewardship, core beliefs, and shared values - Like many innovative enterprises, Simple Church operates with “simultaneous loose-tight qualities”—a handful of necessary parameters and guidelines, but otherwise having freedom to seek and follow the Spirit in mission
11. PREACHING. Is preaching still part of House Church?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Teaching</i> is a part (Acts 2:42), and Biblical preaching is one way of good teaching—while at the same time, the style and approach must be adapted to the home setting; and to the distinctive audience - The beauty of house churches is that while they do have a strong teaching element, they are participant focused, rather than leader focused—see 1 Corinthians 14:26, where Paul instructed each worshipper to come prepared to share a song, a lesson, a story, a prayer, or an insight
12. CHILDREN. How can Simple Church groups cater for children?	<p>As with any other congregation or any other ministry area, by following the Spirit’s guidance—recognising that in the Simple Church setting, children may well be incorporated into the informal home setting rather than automatically separated</p>

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13. BAPTISMS. How are baptisms handled in Simple Church?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - With great joy!—using the outdoors, a swimming pool, a regular church baptismal tank, or any other suitable water source (see John 3:23; Acts 8:36) - The Adventist leader of a Simple Church group—a designated local elder by NNZC recognition—may perform baptisms in accordance with general SDA provision, and with understanding from the Conference representative for Simple Church - Experience confirms that the Holy Spirit has a wonderful way of arranging the timing on baptisms, so that new believers have a suitable understanding of the journey on which they are embarking, and know that they are becoming part of a larger body of Seventh-day Adventist Christians - Because of its small and intimate environment, Simple Church actually presents an even stronger context for continued teaching and discipleship, than is normally realised in regular church—the primary goal is not baptism or membership, but <i>discipleship</i> - Discipleship instruction normally takes place one-on-one or in special groups outside the usual time of meeting for Simple Church (Simple Church website resources such as KidZone and Come Alive are valuable)
14. LEADERSHIP. Can anyone join or lead an Adventist Simple Church?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No!—but many could be quickly trained and approved to do so - “CORE4” principle—each Simple Church unit is ideally led by three to five committed Seventh-day Adventist members; this provides identity, balance, accountability - A baptised Adventist can join a Simple Church group only if in training, or ready to start training as a frontier leader - The Simple Church network provides screening and approval for the leadership of a Simple Church unit - Once baptised, a Simple Church member is encouraged to start thinking about and preparing to lead a new group when the time is right—or the person may choose to transfer to a regular church or a home-style church, as desired
15. DOWNSIDES. Are there some risks and downsides to Simple Church?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All Christian effort involves risk; all churches have to deal with risks - Simple Church can be a bit “messy”, not at all suitable for highly structured people who like to follow set protocols and time-honoured church patterns - Vulnerability—easy to start, easy to die - Not fulfilling for those who prefer a focus on extended preaching or significant programmes; or who prefer worship in a large social setting - Like any small congregation, easy for one or two individuals to assert ungodly influence and seek power and control, whether subtle or direct - Unsettling when key people leave to start a new Simple Church group
16. TITHE. How are finances handled—what happens to tithe and offerings?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No different from regular congregations—tithe and any other specified Conference contributions channelled to the local Conference using the full church finance system online; local giving under local control; all through the usual safeguards of a trusted treasurer and good record keeping - 2 per cent of designated tithes from Simple Church are passed on to the Simple Church network (USA-based), in recognition of the partnership benefits received, and in support of the Adventist Simple Church international mission (or US \$750 per month for our “medium” sized Conference, covering all locations—whichever amount is greater) - A worldwide weekly online reporting system is in further development by Adventist Simple Church; NNZC participates - NNZC maintains systems that provide for record keeping and reporting consistent with provisions of the NZ Charities Commission, under the general church umbrella - Note that it is best if Simple Church participants return their tithes and offerings through the NNZC online giving system, since that will automatically and conveniently keep track (enter the online giving name: Simple Church Network—North New Zealand); otherwise, they can simply provide their details on-site

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17. SUPPORT. What does Simple Church receive back, in view of its tithe contribution?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Specialised support and benefits through the partnership agreement undertaken with Adventist Simple Church (USA) - The same range of general support and services other small congregations typically receive in NNZC - Additional support and resources through the <i>Healthy Adventist Churches</i> initiative - The blessing of equal participation with other Adventist congregations in world-wide Adventist mission
18. OFFERINGS. How are local offerings handled?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Each Simple Church location establishes its own local bank account for the processing of local funds (acts like Petty Cash) - Offerings from a location are forwarded to the Conference and recorded by the Conference as a line item for that location—can be used as that location determines
19. MEMBERSHIP. How is membership kept in Simple Church?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seventh-day Adventist leaders and participants request their names to be transferred to the Simple Church network in NNZC membership records - Each Simple Church unit keeps track of its participating members just like a regular church, interfacing with the existing Conference process - Each Simple Church unit keeps track of its unchurched (non-member) participants, and the Details Coordinator provides reports on status and progress through the Simple Church international network
20. “DISAPPEARING” MEMBERS. Will Simple Church draw members away from regular churches?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Not to any real extent, since Simple Church groups exist to attract primarily new believers - Like Adventist Frontier Missions, the process for Simple Church does not involve general crossover from existing churches - Rather than fearing the loss of a few key people, ask: “Would it please God and make us proud to commission and support these two or three people for a courageous missionary outreach to secular people in our own backyard?”
21. DOCTRINE. What’s the role for doctrine in Simple Church?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Simple Church <i>primary</i> meetings take a “wide-net” or frontier mission approach—courageously teaching the Gospel and attracting people from a secular background toward a journey of Christian faith and learning - Leaders have the tough job of keeping the group fairly well <i>together</i> on the journey, with as few distractions as possible - Specific points of doctrine and biblical understanding are handled in ancillary settings such as personal conversations and Bible studies, where the approach can be tailored to individuals
22. DISRUPTION. What happens if a disruptive person not sympathetic to the Simple Church effort turns up at a Simple Church gathering?	<p>Depends on the circumstances—but tough and “unchristian” as it may sound, that person might be gently yet firmly asked to find fellowship in a more suitable setting (see Matthew 7:15–20; Acts 20:28–31)</p>
23. ISSUES. Are there any safety and legal issues associated with Simple Church?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In NZ, the provisions of ACC cover people invited to a private home - The Conference professional liability insurance policy covers Simple Church units the same as any church or company - Background checks are required for all formally designated leaders, including those asked to regularly supervise children - Use the child safety poster/agreement provided (modified for NZ)

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24. THE LORD'S SUPPER. How can foot-washing and the emblems best be conducted?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommended: A “whole-meal” approach, at a different time from the usual Simple Church gathering, and perhaps at a different home location - After a brief description, invite all to join in if they wish - Make the whole experience extremely natural, simple, and participative

7) Steps for interested people

FIRST STEPS FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN SIMPLE CHURCH MISSION	
1) Pray, pray, pray!	- Simple Church is a movement led by the Spirit, and totally dependent on the Spirit and his working with ordinary individuals
2) Watch the webinar presented by Milton Adams	- Select the webinar at SimpleChurchAtHome.com; can be streamed or downloaded
3) Read more information available on the Simple Church Adventist website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SimpleChurchAtHome.com - Also check out simplechurch.org.nz (for un-churched people; under development)
4) Consider some additional reading	- For example, <i>The Rabbit and the Elephant</i> (Tony and Felicity Dale and George Barna); <i>The Life and Mission of the Local Church</i> (Russell Burrill); <i>Missional House Churches</i> (J. D. Payne); <i>Revolution</i> (George Barna); <i>Tipping Point</i> (Malcolm Gladwell)
5) Contact Graham Ure, Simple Church representative in NZ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Phone 09 818 0090 - Email graham@simplechurch.org.nz - Certainly, feel free to contact Graham earlier in the process if desired

8) Resources

SIMPLE CHURCH RESOURCES	
Graham Ure, 09 818 0090 or graham@simplechurch.org.nz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Available to explain Simple Church and discuss setting up new Simple Church units - Available to come to other places upon request
SimpleChurchAtHome.com / SimpleChurchInfo.com	Milton Adams' websites (1 st one for church people; 2 nd for inquiring people from the community)
simplechurch.org.nz	The New Zealand Simple Church site, designed for un-churched people
Simple Church newsletter	Subscribe via SimpleChurchAtHome.com
Simple Church Face-book blog	Join via SimpleChurchAtHome.com
Natural Church Development / ncd.net.nz; also ncd-australia.org.au	- Handout booklet, <i>Natural Church Development</i>
<i>The Elephant and the Rabbit</i>	- Book by Tony Dale, Felicity Dale, and George Barna; highly recommended (available Amazon.com and other similar sites)
Weekly Online Reporting System (Simple Church)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Accessible via username and password by Phase Two participants, and by designated leaders who oversee Simple Church network development - Developing version will be available worldwide; will have language options, user currency selection, and currency conversion