

How closely does your ministry site approximate your geographic roots?

1-----2-----3
not much somewhat quite a bit

How close are you to other supportive churches who really want you to succeed?

1-----2-----3
not close at all somewhat very close

How much vocational ministry success have you personally experienced?

1-----2-----3
none so far a little a lot

Scoring

Now total your score, and compare it to the general guidelines below.

8-15 HIGH RISK: As a qualified church planter you will seriously need to consider whether this is the right time and/or the right place to church plant. Prayerfully discuss this with district personnel who may be able to point you to less risky opportunities or help you to re-engineer your time line.

16-23 MODERATE RISK: As a qualified church planter, you need to realize that this will be a challenging experience. Bring this decision before the Lord and others experienced in church planting. If God's calling seems clear, proceed with conviction and wisdom. If there is strong uncertainty, district personnel may be able to point you to less risky opportunities or help you to re-engineer your time line. Remember: some risk is normal. The Great Commission does not call us to avoid challenging situations!

24-32 LOW RISK: As a qualified church planter, the environmental issues here seem to point toward a positive church planting experience. There will still be challenges, of course. You must prayerfully consider God's leading in this venture. If he so leads, you will likely find success.

My numerical score_____

My risk category_____

Other thought and/or action steps: