

M4 Training for Church Planters

As a basic framework for the teaching in this Pre-Forum, we will use the M4 CP training that has been developed in Scandinavia in the past 5 years. M4 is derived from the great commandment, with the understanding that all followers of Christ can take part in church planting. M4 is a module-based training that can be taught over a year or two. The content is built around the following principles:

Module I MASTER: “All power is given unto me”

Module II MISSION: “Go ye therefore...”

Module III MULTIPLICATION: “Make disciples...”

Module IV MOVEMENT: “Unto the end of the world. “

Øivind Augland (Norway) is a pastor and church planter in the Evangelical Lutheran Free Church of Norway. He is a leader of the DAWN network and is involved in the training and networking of church planters in Scandinavia and the Baltic. He also developed the “M4” training for church planting. He is founder and owner of Xpand Norway and Persolog Norway. Øivind’s call in life is to get multiple generations—especially young people—leaders, churches, denominations, and nations side-by-side to increase the expanding of the Kingdom (Nehemiah 3:1). Øivind is married to Linda, and they have four children.

Richard Hultmar (Sweden) is a church planter from Luleå, Sweden. He is an ordained pastor with InterAct. After leading evangelism and church planting teams for the organization “Team i Norr” to the Murmansk Region of Russia in the 1990s, he moved to Luleå and started Korskyrkan 2001, a church he is still pastoring. Between 2007 and 2009 he oversaw church planting for InterAct Sweden. Since 2007 Richard has led the Swedish Church Planting Network, a network joining many evangelical denominations in Sweden in order to see new churches planted across the country. Richard is now working to establish the M4 church planting training program in Sweden. He also coaches church planters in the north of Sweden and is working in partnership with local churches and missionaries to plant house churches on the campus of Luleå Technical University.

MASTER: Introduction to M4 training model for church planters

Speaker: Øivind Augland

Subject: The first part of the great commission is “**All power is given unto me**”. The church starts with Jesus, the one with all power in heaven and on earth. We will continue to reflect on the video teaching that participants have listened to as a preparation for this Pre-forum Seminar. “Master” teaches about some of the most important elements in the first phase of church planting.

I. God who sends - The Master

A. God’s initiative

B. God of power sends with power

C. God's dream

II. God who calls – The church planter

A. Calling

B. Accountability

C. Commitment

MUTIPLICATION

Speaker: Øivind Augland

Subject: “**Make disciples of all nations**”. Your growth in a church plant depends on the core group of disciples committed to the vision. If you do not win people and start discipleship from the start, the church will stop growing. Our commandment is to make disciples – and disciples form communities and in the communities leaders are raised up. Great church-planting witnesses life-change and healthy growth in their smallest unit: small groups or triads. Therefore; all involved in church planting need to reflect and work through how to live out the biblical life of a disciple and create a culture of discipleship.

I. How do I live life as a disciple?

II. The sign of change and growth in the Kingdom of God

III. Discipleship and community

IV. Discipleship culture

MOVEMENT + Summary

Speaker: Øivind Augland

Subject: **“And Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age”** Jesus is actively involved with passion and wants to fulfil his plan: to build His Church. He wants to see his kingdom expanding in this world, his plan of salvation being fulfilled. He wants to build his house in all people groups. He has started a movement with one aim: to see *“the earth filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the water covers the sea”* (Habakkuk 2:14). To see this happen we need to understand the principle of multiplying churches; how movements start and grow; and how you as leader can build a sustainable life for the long run. *”Keep watch over yourselves, and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers”* (Acts 20:28).

I. Understanding multiplication:

II. Movement

- a. Vision
- b. Structure
- c. Culture

III. The importance of leaders

- a. *"Keep watch over yourselves..."*