



The River Church will become **Antioch Community Church**.

Why is this change happening?

Unity. CFCF (The River's sending church) was planted by Antioch Ministries International ("AMI") and AMI continues to be foundational to how we operate. We seek to be more unified with both our Antioch International Movement of Churches and the churches planted through Community of Faith International ("CFI") (CFCF, The River, The Harbor).

This decision clarifies our purpose and strengthens our connection to AMI. CFCF was the first domestic team to be sent out by AMI, and in the years since, more than twenty different congregations have started around the US using the Antioch name. We want to affirm our belonging in this greater community of churches, while also affirming that the picture of Antioch that we see in Acts 11 and 13 is part of our DNA as a movement of churches.

What does this change mean? What does it not mean?

- We will have a new name, but our identity as a local body of believers will not change. Things like signs, programs, T-shirts and the website will reflect the new name, but the heart of our mission and purpose remains the same.
- Part of the Antioch movement includes sacrificial authority, and the larger movement will not exert more control over us than they have in the past.
- Your tithe will continue to go to the local church.
- We will continue to tackle local social issues according to the Word of God and in a context appropriate to our community.

Is there an effective "as of date"?

Yes, the official changeover will happen March 17, 2017. There is no special significance to this date.

Will CFCF and The Harbor be changing their names?

Each local congregation was given the authority to change their name as they wish. Their elder boards and our overseers have been in conversations and will share updates with each congregation as able. CFCF will also be changing its name.

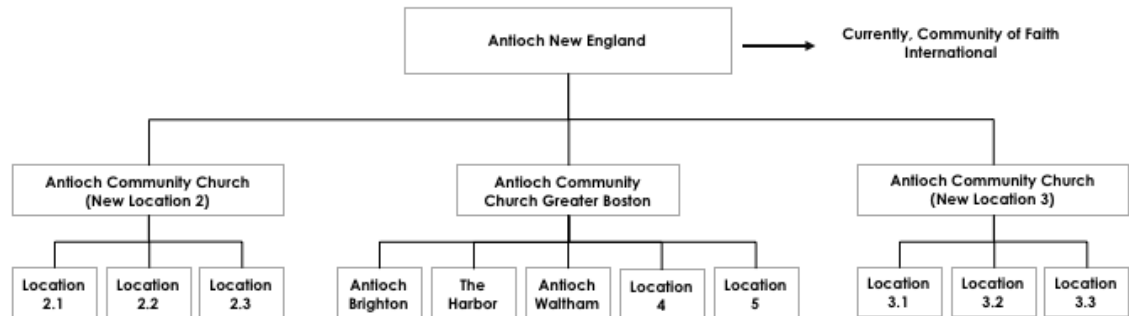
Are there other structural changes happening at this time?

A few updates have already been shared regarding Antioch New England (currently CFI) and Antioch Community Church of Greater Boston. Here is a summary and a diagram to help show the new structure:

- **Antioch Ministries International** is a non-profit, church-planting organization that launches and supports church-planting movements all over the world.
- **Antioch New England (currently CFI)** is a regional arm of AMI.
- **Antioch Community Church** is a church in the Greater Boston area with multiple congregations.



- **Antioch Community Church of Waltham (formerly The River)** is the local congregation in Waltham of ACC. This may also be referred to as “**Antioch Waltham.**”



Is there someone I can talk to for more information or to process this news?

Please reach out to any of the staff or Advisors for more information and processing.