Virginia Baptists have always been pioneers. Because of our adventurous spirits and willingness to explore new territory, others outside the Commonwealth are often drawn to us and want to partner with us.

V3 (Vision, Voice, Viral) is a national church planting movement of the Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV). One of their goals is to plant a church in every state in the US.

Recently, JR Woodward, director, was searching for a sponsor church for a new plant in Honolulu, Hawaii. He called Jay Lawson, V3 board member and pastor of Warrenton Baptist Church, to ask if his church might consider the opportunity. Lawson told him that ironically, he and his wife were heading to Hawaii the very next day to celebrate their 40th anniversary!

“Now we’re a Baptist church, so things don’t always move so quickly,” explained Lawson. He made no promises, but he and his wife did meet with Kevin Sweeney, church planter for Imagine Church in Honolulu, while they were there on vacation. They quickly felt a bond with Sweeney and the young church, so
Lawson described the situation to his church upon his return and recommended that they take action.

In an unusually quick fashion, the members of Warrenton Baptist embraced the opportunity to sponsor Imagine Church and voted soon after to make the relationship official. Chuck Wilkers, deacon at Warrenton, is optimistic about the venture: “It’s such an exciting thing that we can be a part of a church that’s 6,000 miles away.”

For more information about how you and your church can be involved with V3, contact:

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