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In the pages that follow, we invite you to explore twelve dynamic new racial ethnic and new immigrant communities of faith. As you may know, new immigrant ministries are the fastest-growing communities of faith in the Presbyterian Church (USA) of the 10,657 PC(USA) congregations, more than 12% are racial ethnic congregations. And, if we include other communities of faith, almost 15% of Presbyterian communities of faith are racial ethnic.

There are many new communities of faith in the PC(USA) that gather regularly for prayer and worship, who are not counted in the Stated Clerk's annual statistics or by Research Services of the PC(USA) because they have not developed into chartered congregations. These pages include congregations, Bible study groups, fellowships and new church developments.

In Racial Ethnic & Women's Ministries/PW we collaborate with congregations, churches and mid-councils, assisting in the effort to become diverse and cross cultural, and, by doing so, "some have entertained angels without knowing it." (Hebrews 13:2)



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One

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 Trinity Presbytery

New Faith is an innovative, Christ-centered New Church Development (NCD). The organizers envisioned having 100 people in attendance at the first worship service, a total of 160 attended that day and attendance has remained strong. Under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Alice Ridgill, New Faith has implemented 15 ministry teams for discipleship, Christian education, spiritual formation and marketing; celebrated 17 baptisms; conducted 7 evangelism and outreach projects, and engaged in local and global missions.

Mission projects have included adopting 4 local schools, conducting 2 food drives, providing school supplies to children in the community and supporting the building of Presbyterian churches in Kenya.

New Faith is a vibrant and growing NCD. It's commitment to reaching unchurched people has resulted in an average worship attendance of 125. This exceeds the church's 2011 goal of 120.

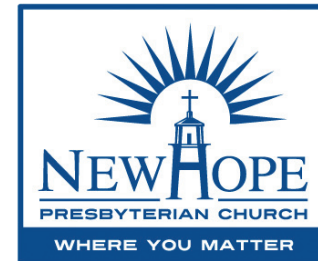
New Faith attributes their success to their aggressive marketing strategies, culturally relevant ministry, and Christ-centered worship.



Two

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Blessed with a core of talented musicians, New Hope Presbyterian Church is quickly becoming known as a worship center that attracts world-class performers. Professionally trained musicians use their gifts and talents to glorify God every week.

Many of the musicians also present an annual benefit concert to raise funds for music programming in local public schools where arts education has been eliminated. The concert, Hope Alive!, has featured Hollywood actor Keith David, percussionist Pancho Sanchez



and Grammy Award winning gospel artist Oleta Adams. The concert has proven to be an effective outreach ministry for New Hope, connecting the church to local school and government officials in the neighborhood.

In addition, during the past summer the church sponsored its second Youth Leadership Academy, where youth from the church and the community were led in lessons of spiritual disciplines, etiquette, career exploration and music.

New Hope member Alisia Kirkwood writes, the church is “a joyous, musically dynamic, spirit-led community of Christ-centered people—a place where my family is nurtured.”



Three



Camino de Vida Worshipping Community

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Santa Fe Presbytery



Camino de Vida is a New Church Development of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The ministry started in 2010 as the first Hispanic/Latino-a ecumenical project of Santa Fe Presbytery. The Rev. Guillermo Yela founded the ministry and serves as Camino de Vida’s pastor. In just two years, membership has grown to more than 125.

This NCD offers energetic, blended worship services, which have attracted many Hispanic/Latino-a residents from the Albuquerque area. The church offers computer classes, English as a Second Language classes and a monthly food pantry. In 2011, the church gave away 45,000 pounds of food to approximately 950 families. Camino de Vida’s annual Christmas celebration attracts a crowd of about 300 and includes distribution of 160 toys to children in the community.

Four



EL BUEN PASTOR
LATINO COMMUNITY SERVICES

El Buen Pastor Presbyterian Church

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Salem Presbytery

In 1999, Salem Presbytery formed a steering committee to establish a mission to serve the rapidly growing population of Latino immigrants in its area. In 2001, Alfredo Miranda and his wife Rosa González accepted the presbytery's invitation to relocate from Mexico to begin a ministry of outreach to Spanish-speaking families in the Winston-Salem area. Sharing space with the English-speaking congregation then housed at Old Town Presbyterian Church in northwest Winston-Salem, they began by offering recreational activities for children in the neighborhood.

When the European-American congregation was dissolved in 2004, this Hispanic/Latino-a ministry was given full use of the facilities. With the help of volunteers from Presbyterian congregations in the county, an after-school tutoring program was begun for elementary students and English language classes were offered to adults.

Sunday morning worship services were begun at the church in 2004, and in 2006, El Buen Pastor became a New Church Development, with Rev. González as its organizing pastor. The church has become a rapidly-growing Hispanic/Latino-a NCD. The tutoring programs became the foundation of the nonprofit El Buen Pastor Latino Community Services.

The partnership with Presbyterian congregations in the area remains strong, as dozens of volunteers from these churches serve in El Buen Pastor's various programs and share resources.



The community of faith at El Buen Pastor continues to grow, sharing the good news of God through service, patterned on the ministry of Jesus: feeding the hungry, welcoming strangers, ministering to human needs as part of the kingdom of God. El Buen Pastor remains committed to the principle that service and evangelism are essential parts of sharing the good news and making disciples.

Five

Iglesia Fuente de Esperanza

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Iglesia Fuente de Esperanza is the Hispanic ministry of Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church in Houston. The website of Iglesia Fuente



de Esperanza says, “We are reaching out to people who want to join us in the precious adventure of living out the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.” This ministry helps families in need, promotes literacy, encourages love, and respects seniors and ministers to the social, spiritual and economic needs of the community.

Programs include a food pantry, English classes, computer classes and a children’s program that includes Bible study, music, crafts and games. The church works with various schools, community centers and other organizations. Members of Iglesia Fuente de Esperanza believe that its range of spiritual and social programs and a vibrant worship service have been keys to the church’s growth.

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Neema Community Church

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 Heartland Presbytery

Neema Community Church began as a Bible study with six to eight people in the home of Rev. David Nzioka. In 2008 the church was chartered as a new church development with the help of Village Presbyterian Church in Prairie Village, KS, Heartland Presbytery and the office of New Immigrant Congregational Support in Racial Ethnic & Women’s Ministries/PW.

The Neema community has touched the lives of many people, especially those from Kenya. It is the first Swahili-English speaking congregation in the PC(U.S.A.).

Members of the Neema community reach out to the surrounding community through visitations and prayer, reflecting this NCD’s emphasis on compassionate, Christlike care. The Neema community accepts that each person was created by God with unique interests and abilities.



Ghanaian Presbyterian Fellowship of Delaware

Seven

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New Castle Presbytery

The Ghanaian Presbyterian Fellowship of Delaware started in 2007 in a family home in Newark, Del. Beginning with eight members, the fellowship now numbers 60 and is located at Limestone Presbyterian Church. This fellowship is in conversation with New Castle Presbytery about securing a permanent worship space. One of the fellowship's founders, Elder Mawuna Gardesey, is enrolled in the PC(U.S.A.)'s theological education program for new immigrant lay leaders. Upon completion of the program, Gardesey will be a commissioned ruling elder for the fellowship.

Ghanaian Presbyterian Fellowship has an active youth group that is in charge of the music ministry of the church. The fellowship sponsors the Black Star House Academy, an academic enrichment program



for Ghanaian youth in the U.S.A. The fellowship adopted a rural clinic in Ghana as a mission project. Last year, fellowship members donated vaccines. This year they are sending the clinic a centrifuge for lab work.

African Christian United Fellowship

Eight

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The African Christian United Fellowship has recently received a mission grant from the PC(U.S.A.) office of Evangelism and Church Growth to start a new church development. The fellowship envisions being a spiritual home for African immigrants in Pittsburgh and for others who wish to join them in worship.

This fellowship reaches out to African immigrants of various ethnicities and backgrounds. Worship services are interpreted in English, French and African languages.

The members of African Christian United Fellowship view God as a missionary God, who works through the congregation, staff and through financial resources. The fellowship serves with mission agencies, works for racial, social and economic justice, trains disciples and works towards strengthening ecumenical bonds.



Nine

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When the members of Pyung An Presbyterian Church considered moving from Federal Way, Wash., to Auburn, Wash., skeptics expressed strong reservations.

The main concern was that many more Koreans lived in Federal Way and not in

Auburn. In fact, Auburn had no Korean churches, compared with more than 30 Korean churches in Federal Way. Also, attendance at Pyung An had increased in Federal Way, growing from 55 adults and 12 children six years ago to 250 adults and about 100 children and teens two years ago.

But the parishioners discerned a call to move to Auburn, and they trusted their fate to God's grace. Today the congregation is flourishing in Auburn, with approximately 450 adult members and about 170 younger members.

The church's mission is to foster Christian discipleship while simplifying ministries, with a focus on worship and the Word of God.

Ten

First Filipino-American Presbyterian Church of Southern Nevada

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First Filipino-American Presbyterian Church began as a mission outreach of one of the largest Filipino American Presbyterian congregations in the country, Calvary Presbyterian Church of Wilmington, Calif. The ministry began as a Bible study among Filipino families living in Las Vegas, connected to members of Calvary Church.

As the Bible study grew, the need for more space became apparent, and Green Valley Presbyterian Church in nearby Henderson, Nev., opened its doors to the group. The group was recognized as a worshipping fellowship in March 2010 and was adopted as a New Church Development of the Presbytery of Nevada six months later.

This NCD has a passion for evangelism, reflected in its vision to share Christ's teachings and the Christian way of life with all people, with a special focus on Filipino Americans, the largest Asian ethnic group in the Las Vegas area. Under the leadership of Rev. Mariano Ordonez, the congregation has sponsored concerts, a youth sports festival

and Christmas caroling, events that have attracted many Filipino American residents from neighboring communities.

The church features a blended form of worship that incorporates contemporary music with a traditional Reformed worship format.

Thien An Presbyterian Church

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Thien An Presbyterian

Church started with a vision to become a new congregation serving 150,000 people of the Vietnamese community in Southwest Houston. Organizing pastor Viet Ho has a strong passion for evangelism and began the church by walking the neighborhoods and getting to know Vietnamese people in the community.

The church offered computer classes, immigration and citizenship classes, English as a Second Language classes and Bible study.



When the church was chartered in May 2008, the congregation had 88 members and seven ordained elders. All but 12 had been converted to Christianity from Buddhism through the evangelistic efforts of Viet Ho and the church's other leaders.

Since that time, they have taught elders and other leaders to share the gospel, to evangelize and to help meet the needs of the neighboring community. Membership is nearing 150, and the congregation is outgrowing its storefront location. The church is now making plans to start a second campus or outreach in a neighboring area.



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Presbytery of Riverside



Temecula Valley Korean Presbyterian Church began less than a decade ago as a small group of folks gathered to pray. Early on, however,

they combined their prayer with a sense of being called into the world. The church's congregation has grown steadily and believes it is poised for inevitable membership growth.

Two teaching hospitals are planned nearby, and TVKPC is in a unique position to attract many second-generation Korean American health care professionals who are likely to move into the area. TVKPC also has launched an effective ministry by offering Korean-language school on Sunday afternoons. The school has been popular with second-generation Korean American parents who want their children to learn Korean culture and language in order to understand their identity as Korean Americans.

For those who must work on Sundays, the church has started an early morning service, and it offers an English language service for those who have difficulty understanding the Korean language.

TVKPC also offers assistance to those who are homeless, and the church financially supports a home for battered women and serves as an information center concerning health, housing, education and other social services. The church hopes to expand these community services with the increase of English-speaking members who are also health care providers.

TVKPC also supports children and numerous mission workers in Africa, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, India, Mexico and an underground Iranian church. In addition, the church has participated in major international disaster relief efforts in the recent past by working with major support groups such as the Red Cross.

These are some of the dynamic new racial ethnic and new immigrant communities of faith in the Presbyterian Church (USA). To learn more about these and other ministries place contact:

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