

1 **REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON ETHNIC MINISTRIES**

2 *Did you know that your Church's apportionment giving is making a difference in ethnic church*
3 *ministries and providing help in reaching out to new ethnic communities?....*

- 4 • TACOMA FIRST KOREAN is bringing the Gospel in a new way, adding staff to reach out to English-
5 speaking Koreans (1.5 and 2nd Generation) and English-speaking spouses of Korean immigrants.
- 6 • PROJECT TRANSFORMATION, a summer literacy project serving low income children, a high
7 percentage of whom are children of color, found its first PNW home in the Vancouver District.
- 8 • CREATE COMMONS, a new church ministry project in the Tacoma District, has developed a program
9 designed to appeal to un-churched or de-churched younger people, many of whom are people of color.
- 10 • Provided emergency funds to fix a leaking roof at LA PALABRA VIVIENTE in Everett, and transitional
11 salary support for the spiritual leader of the SOUTH ASIAN FELLOWSHIP AT SHORELINE UMC
12 as it closed its doors.
- 13 • MOSES LAKE's outreach to the Hispanic/Latinx community; BELLEVUE ALDERSGATE outreach to
14 Asian immigrants; FALL CITY outreach to Hispanic/Latinx community; GOD'S NEW
15 GENERATION in Pasco, launching a second ministry among Hispanic/Latinx population; and
16 VALLEY AND MOUNTAIN FELLOWSHIP in its outreach to multi-cultural young families.

17 *These funds are comprised of....*

18 NEW LIFE GRANTS, *for Vital and Growing Ethnic and Linguistic Faith Communities* allows the
19 Commission to respond to the current needs in the conference, target its funding to the priorities of the
20 conference for renewal of existing racial/ethnic faith communities, and expands or contracts its funding
21 annually to better use accumulated reserves on an annual basis.

22 BEYOND THE DOORS, *Mission Field Engagement* provides a three-year grant for faith communities to
23 employ a worker to coordinate outreach programs or do outreach work that invites racial/ethnic (persons of
24 color) and linguistic communities (first language other than English) into relationship with the United
25 Methodist Church locally. Beyond the Doors focuses on the mission field of the established faith
26 community and supports the faith community in ministry beyond its doors. All ministries of the PNW
27 Conference are eligible to apply.

28 *In addition, your apportioned giving supports Leadership Development of ethnic leaders, lay and clergy,*
29 *emerging and mature, for the mission of the church, to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the*
30 *Transformation of the World.*

- 31 • Out of Conference Travel •

32 *for ethnic specific gatherings and professional development activities that take place outside of the*
33 *conference*

- 34 • Ethnic Youth Camp Scholarships •

35 *which this year allowed 29 ethnic young people to attend age-level camps*

- 36 • Ethnic/Inter-Ethnic Clergy Gatherings •

- 37 • Convo/Conference Youth Retreat Scholarships •

38 *which this year enabled 30 ethnic young people to attend Convocation*

- 39 • Christmas Institute •

40 *where Filipino, Filipino-American, Filipino-Canadian young adults lead a 5-day retreat for junior and*
41 *senior high youth*

- 42 • Cultural Competency •

43 *providing funds each year to support intercultural communication for all ordained and appointed clergy*
44 *and lay development*

1 • Hispanic Ministries in the Seven Rivers District •
2 *supporting GBGM missionary who coordinates Hispanic/Latino*
3 *Ministries half time in the Seven Rivers District and half time in*
4 *the annual conference*

5 • General Conference •
6 *the commission budgeted funds to insure that racial/ethnic lay and clergy from PNW could experience*
7 *General Conference*

8 • Caucus Support •
9 *which enables ethnic leadership gatherings for support, training and advocacy*

10 ***In this Conference year 2017-2018, a new round of funding will begin, and new ministries reaching***
11 ***new communities in creative and inspiring ways, will be happening all around our Annual***
12 ***Conference.....***

- 13 • At FOWLER UMC, a three year, Beyond the Doors grant will provide staff support to develop and
14 outreach to the diverse (speaking Swahili, Arabic, Bantu and English!) and growing youth and young
15 adult population both within and outside the Church, through the creation of a organized *Youth Ministry*
16 *program*.
- 17 • At NEW HARVEST FELLOWSHIP UMC in Toppenish, a New Life grant will provide financial
18 resources for *The Harvest Your City Project* - which will support three annual events in the community,
19 introducing Jesus Christ to 1st - 4th Generation Hispanic/Latino, Native, Anglo and African America
20 communities; New Harvest was also
21 awarded a three year, Beyond the Doors grant that will allow them to financially support Issac Espinoza,
22 a member of their Church with gifts for community ministry, who will administrate and coordinate The
23 Harvest Your City Project.
- 24 • BREMERTON UMC was awarded a grant to support the vision of Rev. Marta Schellberg and her
25 congregation, expressed through *The Bilingual Intergenerational Worship Inclusivity Project*. This
26 project will bring together and bridge the European American, Asian/South Pacific Islander, and African
27 American cultures of the folks both within and outside their Church, in the creation of an open, inclusive
28 and expansive worship experience that will reflect the various cultural aspects of their multi-cultural
29 faith community.
- 30 • A grant awarded to CENTRO PALABRA VIVIENTE UMC will allow Pastor Jose Pacheco and the
31 members of his congregation to reach out and serve Hispanic/Latino persons in and around the three
32 local elementary schools in the Mukilteo and Everett regions, by sponsoring two large community
33 events for 1st - 5th graders and their families: one would be in the Fall, preparing the children as they head
34 back to school, and the other would be around Christmas time - both of which would include games,
35 activities, distribution of food supplies, providing meals, handing out Bibles, offering prayers and
36 allowing folks to ask their spiritual questions.
- 37 • FIRST UMC OF CANADA, will reach out to the growing Filipino immigrant community in Squamish,
38 British Columbia, Canada, through a grant which will allow Rev. Bing Canlas and his congregation to
39 continue and support a Saturday Fellowship and Worship, specifically designed to support and
40 encourage those new to Canada who are seeking to incorporate their culture, with the culture of their
41 new home, with the ultimate goal of introducing these persons to a Jesus Christ through their fellowship
42 and activities.

43 Ethnic ministries and communities are being reached and enlivened in bold and exciting ways because of your
44 Church's faithful apportionment giving! And while this might appear that our work serves *only ethnic churches*
45 *and ministries*, what we know and believe is that our Annual Conference and its churches are ***all*** ethnic
46 ministries, as we each have ethnic constituents already represented in our churches, and each of us have ethnic
47 communities around us whom we can bless, and that can be a blessing to our churches, if we are truly ready to
48 open our doors to the diverse expressions of culture and faith that they can offer to us! Our Commission and the
49 ethnic leadership and ministries of our Annual Conference are ready to offer our advice and support for the

1 projects and opportunities that you can dream of - that will enable our United Methodist Church in the Pacific
2 Northwest Annual Conference to experience a Pentecost moment of inspiration, that will bring forth new
3 expressions of a Spirit-filled, dynamic Acts 2 faith community!

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5 Please keep these programs, ministries and communities in your prayers, that the resources of our Annual
6 Conference and the power of the Holy Spirit, will water the creative seeds of ministry visions planted by God
7 through these faithful church ministries and leaders, and that vital fruit would be borne, and new life and faith
8 would be nurtured, giving God glory and establishing more fully each day the Reign of God in the world. May
9 it be so!

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