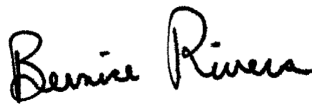


New Church Ministry Team Regional Board Report – November 7, 2020

We present here highlights of our recent work since the June, 2020 Regional Board meeting.

- **New Church Pastor in Keizer Attends Leadership Academy** – a new congregation presently nesting with Keizer Christian Church, attended the Disciples New Church Leadership Academy via Zoom on September 29-October 1, 2020
- **New Churches Innovating in the Pandemic** – Focusing upon doing ministry by whatever means are possible, new church congregations are innovating in reaching out with the Gospel:
 - Pastors Leticia and Gustavo Orajel of Principe de Paz are broadcasting via radio,
 - Iglesia Nueva Vida under the leadership of Pastor Carlos Bernier, and Pastor Jorge Lopez with Iglesia Jehova Nisi, still streaming online worship reaching in their ministry as far as Mexico, Guatemala, and El Salvador.
- **New Church Leadership Cooperative Gathering** – Bernice and David attended the New Church Leadership Cooperative gathering on October 27. This hour-long online meeting hosted by Terrell McTyer, Minister of New Church Strategies for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), hosts this hour-long meeting every 3 weeks with regional New Church from all across the United States. Plans, strategies, and ideas are shared, networking relationships are built, and New Church work is bathed in prayer.
- **New Church Team Meeting** – The New Church Team met via Zoom on October 27, including Bonnie Vance, Doug Wirt, Bernice Rivera, and David Eggleston. After a chance to catch up on recent events in one another's lives, we shared recent updates from the New Church Leadership Cooperative gathering. We began discussing strategies for adding to our team membership. We are planning to meet again in early December to begin doing a broad assessment of our overall approach to New Church Ministry in our region going into 2021.

Sincerely,



Bernice Rivera, Co-Chair



David Eggleston, Co-Chair

The New Church Ministry Team (NCMT) of The Christian Church in Oregon and SW Idaho act as stewards of new congregational ministries within the regions. We aim to be informed stewards of that ministry, prayerfully supporting new and affiliating congregations, supporting and equipping clergy and congregations in education, training, and prayer, and fostering life-giving connections between and among recognized and new congregations.