

Report- Board

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I participated in frequent phone communications with the congregations to direct them to available resources throughout the General Church and/or others congregation in the region / community. Helped them resolve issues they are facing, such as navigating through insurance, finding resources for Domestic Violence and/or for pastoral care in grieving. Supported New Churches with the yearbook report, now call Alex and boundaries training. Also, worked on translating forms into Spanish: Standing Renewal and ALEX.

**New Church Ministry-**

I entered in a time of reflection doing a needs assessment of our overall approach to New Church Ministry in our region and how to synchronize the work with New Church Ministry National to meet the needs of new congregations. We began discussing strategies for adding to our team membership and to reach out /see what the planters needed as training. Doing this we maximized efforts and resource, to become more efficient.

On January 11- 22, 2021, in collaboration with ecumenical partners, I engaged in a collective learning experience with the United Church of Canada on the **Theory of Change and Building a Culture of Innovation**. This workshop on Strategic Planning process for new ministry focused on implementation, performance and evaluation. 40 people from USA and Canada participated, including me from Oregon.

Lead for two weeks the church-wide prayer initiative called **Water the Plants**, an intercessory prayer team of 1000 Disciples. For the month of January, the focus of the prayer was on New Churches from Oregon SW Idaho Region.

[Water the Plants prayer initiative - New Church Ministry](#) see the calendar

The **New Church Summit has been** meeting monthly in eight Tactical Teams to develop goal and strategies. I have participated in four of them: General & Regional Responsibilities, Inclusion & Reconciliation, Funding & Social Entrepreneur, and Training, & Resources.

**Obra Hispana** - On Dec. 11-12 Pastor Carlos Bernier and I attended Obra Hispana Board meeting online. I participated as a chair of personnel committee working with update CPOHM Employee Handbook and staff evaluation primordially.

Other regular meetings attended included Anti-Racism Pro Reconciliation Team, FEDICE and a monthly Commission on Ministry.

### **Upcoming Events**

- On Feb. 12 we will be holding a meeting with all Hispanic pastors and leaders from their congregations to organize the work of the Northwest Convention.
- A new Bible Study every Thursday in February on “From the Crucifixion of Jesus to the Resurrection of Christ” by Dr. Samuel Pagan
- We started planning to hold WE ARE ONE 2021 event for young adult.
- Women Retreat for Hispanic Women in March