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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. Supported Iglesia Rio de Dios on staff transitions due to pastor Noelia Garcia relocating to California.

Men's retreat for Hispanic Men in August 14, 2021-

Over 67 Hispanic men from six congregations: Peniel Ministries, Iglesia Nueva Vida, Jehova Nisi, Rio de Dios, Ministerio Bethasada and Murray Hills Christian Church) attended Men's retreat. It was held at Iglesia Nueva Vida. and Rev. Dr. David Alicea was the keynote speaker. The theme was "Retos de la Espiritualidad"

Diploma of Ministry Studied

3 Disciples students have completed the third term of the first year.

Obra Hispana –

Started to coordinate, with Hispanic congregations, local arrangements for the support of **National Hispanic Board meeting. The meeting will take place on the December 9th-11th in Portland, Oregon.** Mark your calendar and stay tuned for our next announcements.

- As moderator of Northwest Convention, I attended several online meetings during this time in order to respond to the needs of the Hispanic congregations. Helped coordinate a support relieve help for pastors in our region. As a chair of personnel committee working with Rev. Lori Tapia and her sabbatical and staff sick leave primarily.
- Promote Obra Contigo weekly program on Friday, Monthly Prayer Group for pastor on first Monday.

Anti -Racism

- Living Justice Anti-Racist Practicum 2021–
Started in October, this practicum is meeting every Wednesday via Zoom. It is supported by Disciples Divinity House and led by Rev. Yvonne Gilmore and Rev. Sandhya Rani Jha. It is being held in three cycles; autumn, winter and spring. Expecting to finish in May. Stay tune you will hear from this initiative soon.
- Attended weekly meeting group Anti-Racism Educators Collaborator Group... We are meeting every Thursday.
- Attended Regional Anti-Racism meeting
- **Special Offering-**
The regional Anti-Racism Pro-Reconciliation team has created a brief video to view in worship or online which I participated in.
Helped promote Special Reconciliation Offering by visiting: preach, stewardship moment, newsletter.

New Church Ministry- see more information in New Church Ministry report

- [Water the Plants prayer initiative - New Church Ministry](#) . We are currently recruiting persons from our region to join in Water the Plants. The goal is having at least one person per each of our New

Churches in the region praying for them. We still need three more people. Participated in Water the Plants summit on October 30, 2021

New Church leadership Gathering- Still attend the New Church Leadership gathering twice a month.

Commissioned Ministry - I had supported Commission on Ministry by attended monthly meeting.

Attended National event- Disciples Virtual Gatherings on August 7.

Attended Iglesia Nueva Vida 13th Aniversaries on August 8.

Women Retreat-Attended women retreat gathering on Zoom on Oct. 9 . Leading small group conversations.

Other regular meetings attended **FEDICE** meeting. Attended Puerto Rico **Pilgrimage** program and soon **FEDICE Ecuador Pilgrimage**.

Global Ministry Board

Served in the Global Ministries Search Committee for new President of Division of Overseas Ministries, Calling Rev. Marcus Cable as a New President. He is currently serving as executive for Africa area.

What are some of the things the Hispanic churches are doing?

- Iglesia Nueva Vida and Iglesia Jehova Nisi are doing on site worship
- Iglesia Jehovah Nisi, Rio de Dios and Peniel Ministries have done a similar outreach via streamline worship.
- Principe de Paz in Portland have been reaching out by radio broadcast
- Rio de Dios are renewing a coaching program with New Church Ministry

Upcoming Events

- National Hispanic Board Meeting in Dec.9-11
- Retreat for couple marriage in Feb.