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**T**he cultural landscape of North America is changing. The United States and Canada continue to see major immigration, with many settling in smaller towns as well as big cities. Young adults are eager to experience urban life, moving into the city centers, pushing lower income, mostly minority groups, into the suburbs. Values and lifestyles are changing, bringing the greatest diversity ever experienced in North America in the faith, values, world view, and standards of moral life.

Where is the PCA in all of this, with many now living in communities that are very different from what they were even a few years ago? God has placed before the PCA a call to gospel renewal as a way of life among our members, congregations and presbyteries. A renewal of the heart will result in bold steps forward in loving the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, and loving our neighbors as ourselves.

As we seek to live faithfully as Christ's followers, opportunities to express the mercies of Christ through missional partnerships, along with opportunities to speak the gospel arise in abundance, especially through church planting. In this issue of *Multiply*, we present a summary of some of the core commitments we trust

God's Spirit to instill in us as we seek his renewal of our minds and hearts.

**CENTRALITY OF THE GOSPEL** The gospel is good news for those who believe, as well as those yet to believe, in the person and work of Jesus, who came to seek and save the lost.

**CALL TO EVANGELISM** Celebrating the gospel involves sharing it. To know Christ is to make him known. We share joyfully what we treasure deeply.

**POWER OF PRAYER** Jesus calls us to abide in him, that we may bear much good fruit. We abide in Christ through prayer, pursuing his way, his life and his mission, rather than our own.

**UNITY & DIVERSITY OF THE CHURCH** We are one body in Christ, made up of many different members, with differing spiritual gifts, experiences, and backgrounds for ministry.

**MULTIPLICATION OF MINISTRY** We pray and work for multiplication of ministry and gospel fruitfulness through leaders being identified, trained, mentored, and coached.

**ENERGY FROM CLARITY** Clarity brings energy. As we gain clarity in our vision and values, we seek avenues for ministry, all in submission to Scripture, praying for a Spirit-filled energy for the work ahead to flow from this clarity.



*Cristo Rey Presbyterian Church, Dallas TX.*

## CHURCH PLANTING

MNA Church Planting services provide resources to help launch new PCA mission churches. Reproduction through church planting is way of life for the vibrant church. Church planting is a normal part of congregational life as we celebrate the gospel and pray for the fruitfulness of our worship, community and missional engagement. Saints growing in the likeness and beauty of Christ, new converts coming to Jesus, surrounding communities becoming more just and beautiful places, and new congregations birthed should all be the expected fruits of ordinary, healthy church life. For at least 15 years, the PCA has placed an average of more than 50 church planters on the field each year in the United States and Canada, a rate of one per week.

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- Church Planting Coordinator & Midwest Church Planting Ministry Coordinator Ted Powers is instrumental in recruiting, assessing, training and placing new planters on the field. Church Planter Development Director Jim Hatch, Church Planter Recruiting Director Alan Foster, along with Doug Swagerty serving in the Southwest, assist in these church planter services.



*LAMP faculty with new graduates.*

- Many men called to ministry are not able to attend traditional seminary for a variety of reasons. Leadership and Ministry Preparation (LAMP), led by Brian Kelso, provides an alternate path to ordination while candidates remain active in their home communities and churches.
- Church planting puts increased pressure on the church planting family, particularly the church planter's wife. Parakaleo Church Planting Spouses Ministry, led by Shari Thomas, offers support networks, training, and coaching.
- We ask Jesus to give us greater gospel diversity, especially in the leadership of

God's people into ministry. The PCA Unity Fund provides tuition funds for minority candidates for gospel ministry and for other church staff positions. Learn more about The Unity Fund at [pcamna.org/unity-fund/](http://pcamna.org/unity-fund/). Scott Bridges serves as The PCA Unity Fund Development Coordinator.

- Only about one percent of PCA ministers are African American. The goal of African American Ministries, led by Wy Plummer, is to bring in many more and to facilitate their work in planting a steadily



*Worship service at MNA event.*

increasing number of multiethnic PCA churches.

- The United States has the second largest Hispanic population of any nation in the world, and Hispanics are now the largest minority. Hispanic American Ministries, led by Hernando Saenz, seeks to see new churches planted, new leaders developed, and existing churches equipped for thriving ministry.

- Haitian American Ministries, led by Dony St. Germain, provides church planter and leadership development among the Haitian people who have immigrated to the United States and Canada.

- MNA Korean American Leadership Initiative (KALI) serves PCA Second Generation Korean Americans in leader-



*Grace Toronto Church, Toronto, Ontario. Photo courtesy of Leemarc Lao.*

ship development, church planting and missional partnerships. KALI is led by Alex Jun, Chair; Owen Lee; and Mike Park. MNA is in the process of finalizing MNA Staff leadership for MNA ministries among First Generation Korean Americans.

- The Network of Portuguese Speaking Churches, led by Renato Bernardes, facilitates ministry development and church planting among immigrants to North America from the Portuguese language nations.

- Jeb Bland provides new leadership to Native American & First Nations Ministries. The hundreds of Native reservations in the





*Mary Granberry, right, of Sacred Road Ministries, with Tsenibah Piel on the Yakama Reservation.*

US and Canada, along with concentrations of Native populations in many cities, call us to numerous opportunities for gospel ministry.

- Poverty is an undeniable problem in North America, particularly in urban centers. People in crisis need the gospel but also face circumstances of tangible need or difficulty. Urban & Mercy Ministries, led by Randy Nabors, serves PCA churches and presbyteries by encouraging mercy ministries.

## MISSIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

The meta-questions of our time seem not to be so much “What is true?” or “What is authentic?” but rather “What works?” and “What makes a difference in our world?” MNA missional partnerships become crucial in this sort of cultural moment. MNA seeks to come alongside the church in answering these questions:

**Where is the church when there is great physical and spiritual need after a disaster?** MNA Disaster Response, led by Arklie Hooten, responded to the 2017 hurricanes by coordinating and delivering relief supplies and equipment, flood buckets, and more to survivors. MNA also organizes responses to many disasters that have local or regional impact.

**Where is the church for the alien and stranger among us?** English as a Second Language (ESL) Ministry, led by Nancy Booher, provides resources to start ESL schools, an excellent means of reaching new immigrants with the gospel. Refugee and Immigrant Ministry, led by Pat



*Sharing the gospel with refugee youth.*

Hatch, assists churches serving immigrants in North America.

**Where is the church for those serving in our military, in hospitals and other service delivery institutions?** PCA Chaplains bring the light of Christ not just to our service men and women, but also into hospitals, correctional facilities, hospice ministries, retirement communities, police and fire stations, and businesses. Jim Carter leads Chaplain Ministries.

**Where is the church for those in prison and their families?** Metanoia Prison Ministries, led by Mark Casson, offers churches the opportunity to develop a discipleship and outreach ministry for prisoners in their own communities.

**Where is the church for those with disabilities and their families?** Engaging Disability, led by Ashley Belknap, encourages and trains churches to come alongside families touched by disability, making sure they are fully integrated into the life of the church.

**How is the church ministering among those who serve in our centers of government?** Ministry to State, led by Chuck Garriott, offers Bible studies and other forms of gospel outreach to those who work in government.

**How I can use my gifts, skills and experiences to make a difference?** Through MNA SecondCarer, led by Gary Ogrosky, adult volunteers have the opportunity to help PCA church planters and other ministries by using their skills and gifts. MNA ShortTerm Missions, led by Arklie Hooten, provides opportunities to volunteer for short periods of time at churches and ministry sites.

**How is the PCA working to protect and provide for children?** Bethany Christian Services is endorsed by the PCA to provide support for children and families through foster care, adoption, counseling, and refugee services.

## ALL OF THESE MINISTRIES ARE AVAILABLE TO SERVE GOD'S PEOPLE IN THE PCA:

- Please call on our staff. They can provide many resources to build or renew ministry in your church and community.
- All of these ministries are supported by the gifts of God's people, giving as individuals and churches.
- If you have questions about MNA's ministries or vision, contact MNA Associate Coordinator Fred Marsh at [fmarsh@pcanet.org](mailto:fmarsh@pcanet.org); or Stephen Lutz, MNA Church Relations Director, at [slutz@pcanet.org](mailto:slutz@pcanet.org) or 828.242.1440.

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## From the Coordinator

"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit." -**John 20:21–22**



I love summer! Don't you? I relish all that summer brings: a slower pace that allows for much-needed rest; gatherings to reconnect with family and friends; time away to revisit favorite places, or see some new ones; and space to reflect and reset for the seasons ahead. Inside this summer issue of MNA *Multiply*, you get a feel for how Mission to North America is resetting, revisioning for new seasons

ahead, as we seek to promote the progress of the gospel alongside PCA churches, presbyteries and networks across the United States and Canada.

You will, as always, find church planting front and center. You will read of familiar missional partnerships, like Disaster Response and Chaplain Ministries, and maybe some you are not as familiar

with, like Engaging Disabilities, ESL, and Immigrant and Refugee Ministries. You will learn of our new initiatives to pursue church renewal. And all of this mission flows from the gospel of Jesus. It is his gospel by which we live and his mission in which we share.

Jesus came, died, rose again, ascended on high, and has poured out his Spirit on us—just as he did for the first disciples on Easter night—to give us his peace and to send us into his mission. His mission goes forward in and through us. Amazing! At MNA, we own this privilege of sharing in the mission of Jesus, living and proclaiming his gospel in word and deed, with sheer joy and great focus. Let's journey together, with joy and purpose, as he sends us out, led and empowered by the Spirit. Amen.

Paul Hahn  
MNA Coordinator