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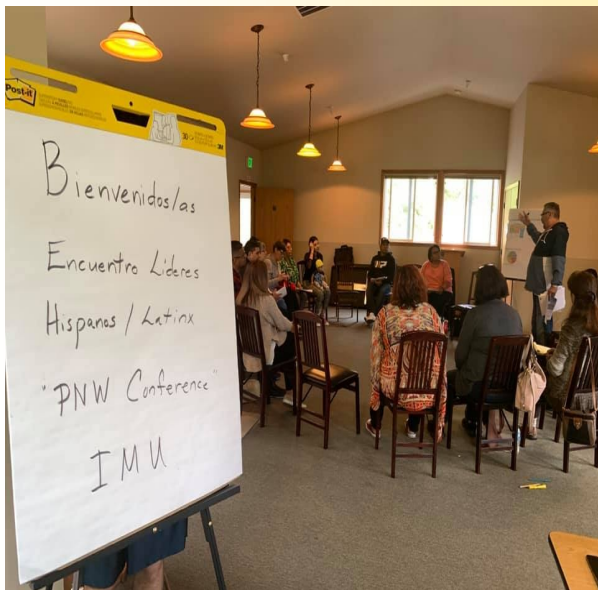
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Our first “Encuentro”

By Cruz Edwin Santos

On September 20-21, 2019 the Hispanic/Latinx Ministry gathered at Camp Burton on Vashon Island. We had 25 Leaders from our Hispanic/Latinx Churches and Community Ministries. We had an awesome time sharing stories about our ministries, our hopes, our worries and our vision. The group worked around these questions during these two days: 1. When we think of our Annual Conference, our local churches and the state of Washington, who are our neighbors,

brothers, sisters, colleagues? 2. How can our work at the Conference level facilitate the process of making disciples for the transformation of the world in our local churches? 3. From your perspective, what should be the 3 priorities of our Annual Conference for Hispanic/Latinx Ministries in the next 4 years? 4. How can the Annual Conference and General Agencies from our United Methodist Church collaborate with the development of Hispanic/Latinx Ministries?



Meet our Ministries...

By Georgina Pacheco

In the transition between summer and spring, there is a great noticeable difference. Summer has hot weather, with the beautiful sun coming out almost daily in Everett, Washington. It is wonderful to see new members come to La Palabra Viviente UMC congregation. I lead in worship every Sunday morning at 10:00 am. It's exciting to see lively couples with their children joining in worship, singing beautiful hymns in Spanish. Newcomers keep filling up the seats in our congregation.

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Upcoming Events

Dec. 22, 7pm Okanogan UMC Hispanic Latinx Celebration for more Inf. 209.684.5805

Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 6pm Sunnyside UMC, Free Guitar and Discipleship Classes For more Infor. 509.837.4818



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Meet our Ministries... Cont.

We can feel the difference when Autumn comes, it being a season with cold weather and less sun.

Just last week I received a call from the Pastor of Palabra Viviente that another of our members was taken by ICE. He was picked up on his way to work. This is not unusual to happen. We have lost many members throughout the years because they have been detained by ICE either in their workplace, home, or on their way to work. Many of the congregants that have been taken by ICE have been good, honest, and hardworking people.

David was detained on his way to work. He is the head of the household of his wife and 5 children, the oldest being 14. This spring David and his family find themselves in a desperate situation. Last Sunday I was able to see his wife after this incident and her eyes seem tired from crying, because of the uncertainty of her family's future.

The pastor has been there to support her and her children. This is just one out of thousands or millions of cases of families that go through a similar scenario every day. Also, many Hispanic congregations lose their members because of this.

The immigration system is broken, and in the midst of the cracks many families are separated. Young kids are mentally and emotionally damaged when it comes to their family's separation. We hope for a better future, that in the election of 2020 we are able to see a glimpse of hope for millions of families that are undocumented. Join with us in prayer, that a door will open for all these families who are also part of our society, and congregations.

Our first Encuentro Cont.

This was a great moment to hear and learned from the the Hispanic/Latinx Leaders of the Pacific Northwest Conference and to be together in prayer and fellowship. We created a temporary Conference Hispanic/Latinx Ministry Team until we have the opportunity to submit names to be elected during our next Annual Conference.

This team will help my office to get connected with our Vision and Mission and will assist in coordinating events for our communities.

I want to give thanks to Rev. Lyda for her commitment and dedication during this time of transition.

Let's continue united in prayers during this difficult time of persecution and division for our beloved Immigrant Community. Glory to God!



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