



2010

# Ohio New Church Resources





# Christian Church in Ohio

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**A covenant network of congregations in mission:**

We are the Body of Christ gifted and called in covenant together as Disciples of Christ to be centers of transformation on the new mission frontier of our own communities

Dear Friends Serving Christ,

I continue to give thanks for the Ohio New Churches in Trimble, Greensrun, Millfield, Taylor's Ridge, Chauncey, Hebron, and Dublin. Oh, these churches were not considered New Churches when I arrived to worship God with them, but at one time a Christian disciple of Christ recognized the need at each of these locations to plant and water a congregation that would make new disciples and nurture disciples in the teachings of Jesus. Because of each of these Churches; my faith has grown; I have been received into a large Christian family; and I know that my inheritance is with Jesus forever more. I believe in the Pentecostal Spirit of New Churches that have been long established and the Pentecostal Spirit of New Churches that are bringing the Gospel of Jesus in new locations to people who have never met Jesus.

The Pentecost Special Offering helps to establish New Churches and is vital to the New Churches in Ohio. Unlike established churches, they do not have long time members or large endowments to carry them through difficult economic times such as this. New Churches need our help while they are busy collecting new people to form a new congregation of Disciples of Christ. The Pentecost Special Offering is a large part of our support for Ohio New Churches.

Your Ohio New Churches include:

1. Tree of Life in Delaware, New Church Planter-Roger Burns-Watson
2. Shawnee-Springs Community Church in Harrison, New Church Planter-Larry Neilson
3. Living Faith Community in Springboro, New Church Planter- Tom Parker
4. Light of the Community in Dayton, New Church Planter- Willie Barnes-Jackson
5. Brighter Day in Mantua, New Church Planter- Jeff Jackson
6. Iglesia Cristianos Unidos in Campbell, New Church Planter- Louis Morales
7. Misiòn Cristiana Emanuel in Mentor, New Church Planter- Delores Febus
8. Misiòn Cristiana Nueva Vida in Cleveland, New Church Planter- Vanessa Rivera
9. Misiòn Cristiana Faro de Luz in Loraine, New Church Planter- Crucita Marrero
10. New Song in Columbus, New Church Planter- Yvonne Gilmore-Essig
11. Iglesia Cristiana Mana in Columbus, New Church Planter- Iluminado Castellano

To help promote the Pentecost New Church offering, I have included a Pentecost Call to Worship written by Rev. Ken Coy, a Pentecost Prayer and Liturgy written by Rev. Steve Brown, and some stories from our Ohio New Churches.

I ask you to consider doing 3 things to help our Ohio New Churches. 1. Please promote the Pentecost Special offering in your church. 2. Pray each week for our New Churches. 3. Organize a trip with your Church members to visit an Ohio New Church near you. You will witness the excitement of The Holy Spirit washing over new Disciples of Christ.

With Christian love,  
Rev. C. Morgan Wickizer  
Chair, New Church Committee  
Pastor of St. Andrew Christian Church

### **Pentecost Call To Worship**

*By Rev. Ken Coy*

*Member of the Ohio Region New Church Committee*

*Regional Elder*

One: Come, O church into a sacred encounter with a Presence that embraces us.

**Many: With a LIGHT which reveals those truths that illumine the promises of our Holy God and gifts us with hope;**

One: With a WIND which cleanses the polluted air of our selfishness and sin and baptizes us in the purity of forgiveness and love;

**Many: With a FIRE which burns away all impurities that impede obedience and kindles in us a mighty flame of faithfulness and service;**

**All: Come, O Church that here together we might be engaged, energized, and empowered to become the Spirit-filled community for all in this time and place.**

### **Pentecost Liturgy**

*By Rev. Steve Brown*

*Member of the Ohio Region New Church Committee*

*Pastor of Hebron Christian Church*

Unison Prayer:

Creating God, we come to you on this Pentecost morning to celebrate the gift of your Holy Spirit to us, your people. You called the first Christians to go out into the world, spreading the message of the Gospel in every language on earth. Today you continue to call us into every corner of our world, finding those in need of your word, calling us to speak in the language of this new generation, and to start new churches where your Word is missing. Help us to support those who are hearing the call to be a church planter, compel us to financially support these endeavors, and to remind us to prayerfully lift up those who are seeking your way. Strengthen us through the power of the Risen Christ, in whose name we humbly pray, Amen.

Litany

L: The Disciples were all gathered together in one place, and suddenly a sound like a rushing wind filled the house. Divided tongues, as of fire, rested on each one of them.

**C: All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages.**

L: Those who heard the Disciples speaking in their own native languages were amazed, knowing that the Disciples were Galileans.

**C: But some believed they were simply drunk with new wine.**

L: Speaking the language of the world can open many new doors for Christians looking to spread God's Word, but will also bring suspicion as to our motives.

**C: On this morning we lift up those who have heard the call to speak the language of the world by becoming new church planters.**

L: Their hard work, their courage, and their dedication to their call from God amazes us and gives us hope that God's Word is still being taken to those who are searching for what is missing in their lives.

**C: May each of us support these new churches and their leaders through prayer, finances, love, care, and encouragement.**

**A: God, bless these ministries, pour your Holy Spirit out upon them, and continue to speak your Word in the languages of your people. Amen.**

## **New Church Stories 2010**

**Iglesia Cristiana Mana is a new Hispanic church in Columbus.** Their pastor, Iluminado (Lumi) Castellano, received a call late one night from a woman in Mexico. The woman's son had been arrested and was being held in the Franklin County jail. She had one friend in Columbus who had suggested that pastor Lumi of Iglesia Cristiana Mana might be able to visit him and encourage him in the way of Jesus Christ. Upon hearing the woman's request, Pastor Lumi planned to apply for a prison visitation identification card the very next day. The Deputy who was processing Pastor Lumi's I.D. card mentioned that there was no Spanish language worship service at the jail. This of course caused Lumi to inquire into what he could do to arrange to lead a Hispanic worship service on Sundays in the jail. The deputy helped make the arrangements and the Franklin County Jail had their first Hispanic Worship service on the first Sunday of Advent. They had 35 men attend that first service! The next week attendance grew, and the following week even more attended. Now, every Sunday morning Pastor Lumi preaches the Gospel of Jesus to between 60 and 80 men. He has received many confession of faith and has even lead some thru the waters of baptism. This is just one of the vital ministries that your new church Iglesia Mana has made possible by the Grace of Jesus Christ. (Written by Rev. Morgan Wickizer, Member of the Ohio Region New Church Committee.)

### **New Song Community Church is moving closer to launching a Sunday worship experience.**

While preparing for their exciting beginning, New Song blesses the Columbus community with its continuing primary presence in worship on Thursdays at 7 p.m. at 1333 Morse Road. The spiritual excitement of New Song's worship has also led the church to temporarily join in worship on Sunday's at 5 p.m. with Karl Road Christian Church.

During the months of February and March, New Song's vibrant ministry, is spreading the Good News through community service and outreach by providing meals at Rebecca's Place, a shelter for battered women on the near eastside of Columbus, and they are ministering at Villa Angela Care Center on Karl Road.

New Song is a church on the move, and Rev. Yvonne Gilmore-Essig, pastor, invites our support and presence with them in the following upcoming events. Please mark your calendars for next Thursday, March 4, 2010, at 7 p.m. for "Instruments of History," at 1333 Morse Road. Columbus Jazz vocalist, Mary McClendon will be featured, and half of the offering received will be sent to relief efforts in Haiti. (Written by Rev. Elaine Fennel, Member of the Ohio Region New Church Committee.)

**Misión Cristiana Nueva Vida is a new church in Cleveland** led by New church planter, Vanessa Rivera. Pastor Rivera's husband worked next to a Hispanic man for several years and many times invited him to come and worship at their newly formed church. On Easter 2009, Mr. Rivera's co-worker came and worshiped with them. He was so impressed by the worship service and the dedication of their pastor, who had stayed by the church when the church had lost their meeting place and struggled for over a year before being able to worship at the Cleveland Christian Home's building on West Boulevard. The next week the co-worker was back in worship with his wife and they joined the church because of the "powerful Spirit that God had poured out on the church." This man and woman are now active Disciples of Christ. Each week they are in worship and volunteer as active leaders in the church. This Easter, The couple celebrated with the church, as her brother made his confession of faith. Misión Cristiana Nueva Vida is making new Disciples for Christ.