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Dear Friends,

God is doing amazing things throughout the Midwest Conference! From baptizing new disciples to birthing new churches, from raising up called and gifted female pastors to intentional conversations around race—Midwest Conference churches are truly transforming the lives and communities around them!

We continue to develop and shape resources around our 10-year vision to reach 8000 more disciples through 140 churches, with greater ethnic diversity and increased female leadership so that we may more fully reflect the kingdom of God as we continue to lean into the work to which he has called us. In 2019, seven churches entered into church planting agreements. Five of these churches are serving ethnic or multi-ethnic populations, and four of these churches are being led or co-led by female pastors. We held three Exploring Call retreats for female leaders, with one of those geared towards students. We recently completed our third MWC Sankofa Journey with representation from eight of our MWC churches, and we are offering our first Journey to Mosaic experience in February 2020. Camps and youth retreats are creating space for young people to know Jesus. Soon, you will hear about a cohort that will help develop pastors by providing a North Park Seminary education right here in the Midwest. Churches working together in the Midwest Conference continue to impact the lives of the lost and hurting in their own communities. We are grateful for your ministry!



*Ruben Vega of Casa de Oracion Cov, Wayne, NE, and Cath Kaminski of Beacon Cov, Lincoln, NE, came under agreement in 2019.*

A kingdom movement of this magnitude is only possible when God's people come together to bear the workload. Thank you for your ongoing encouragement, faithfulness in prayer, and generous partnership as we take each step towards fulfilling our 10-year vision. I am grateful for your persistence in seeing our shared ministry extend into new spaces each year.

I invite you to join us for the Annual Ministry Celebration to be held at Christ Community Covenant Church in Arvada, CO, on April 24-25, 2020, where we will focus on the work being done to make and deepen disciples in our midst. I look forward to an incredible celebration of the work God is doing in our conference churches!

As your congregation gathers for its own Annual Meeting, I pray that it will be a celebration of all that God is doing within your local context. Thank you for the privilege of serving alongside you in ministry. We pray for you and give thanks to God for the impact you are making throughout the region.

To God be the glory!

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**8000** **30/15%**  
**DISCIPLES** **FEMALE LEADERSHIP**  
**140 CHURCHES** **25% ETHNIC/**  
**MULTI-ETHNIC**

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*Churches working together to transform lives and communities by starting new churches, strengthening existing churches, and developing missional leaders.*