

1 **Report**

2 **Board of Global Ministries**

4 The Conference Board of Global Ministries works with missionaries, our Advance Specials, Agencies, Conference
5 staff and aligns with the strategic goals of the Conference.

6 **Advance Specials:** Each Advance Special (Advanced) is assigned to a CBGM member who is its liaison with the
7 Board to make sure that their ministry continues, and visits with the agency where possible. Advance Specials
8 are required to submit a reapplication each year and provide supporting documents. Two Advance Specials have
9 been dropped from last year and one new one has been added. The list can be found in the Board's resolution.

10 Although Conference does not fund Advance Specials directly, they are encouraged to apply directly to churches
11 and the churches are encouraged to support them by sending funds to them through the Conference treasurer.
12 One of the future measures of an Advance's viability will be the support it receives.

13 **Partnerships:** International Partnerships continues to be a gray areas with CBGM.

14 **Mission Fairs:** CBGM held its one Mission Fair on September 19, 2015. No future fairs are planned.

15 **UMVIM:** Kathy Ahmad led a VIM team to Haiti in January and installed over a hundred water filters.

16 **Global Missions, Conference Secretary of (CSGM):** In Greater New Jersey, the position of CSGM is also held by
17 the Chair of the Board of Global Ministries. The CSGM works with the General Board of Global Ministries in
18 accommodating missionaries who will be itinerating in our Conference. During 2015 Brenda and Alex Awad,
19 Jerusalem; Rosangelica Acevedo (Robinson School in Puerto Rico); and Devorah Umipig and Ronald Julian
20 (Japan) itinerated in Greater New Jersey. In the spring of 2016 Sun Lae Kim (Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia) and
21 Katherine Parker (Kathmandu, Nepal) are also visiting.

22 Grace Rapp attended the National CSGM meeting in New York City Nov. 11 – 13 in place of Barbara who was
23 unable to attend. This was a three-day event of worship, workshops, and the opportunity to meet with current
24 CSGM's of the Northeast Jurisdiction. Some highlights: Thomas Kemper, Secretary General, spoke of the move to
25 the new GBGM facility in Atlanta, Georgia with transfer of some staff to be complete by Fall 2016; the 75th
26 Anniversary of UMCOR celebrated with slide show and a birthday cake; reports from Transformation
27 Generation and UMCOR staff; the development of four regional offices which reinforces the slogan of GBGM
28 "From Everywhere to Everywhere."

29 Submitted by Barbara McFarquhar
30 Conference Board of Global Ministries

32 **Report**

33 **National Plan for Hispanic/Latino Ministries Committee**

35 **Vision**

36 *A diverse and inclusive church that is transforming the community and expanding God's Kingdom.*

37 **Mission**

38 *To empower Hispanic/Latino leaders to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*

39 The National Plan for Hispanic/Latino Ministry has been supporting and strengthening Hispanic Leaders in GNJ.
40 It has also trained leaders and created contextualized training resources. We continue developing a strong laity
41 and clergy with resources in their own language and cultural context as part of our mission and vision of creating

Reports to the 2016 Annual Conference

1 Vital Congregations in alignment with the Strategic Plan of the Conference. Our areas of focus are Leadership
2 Development, Spiritual Growth, Social Concerns, Developing New Churches and Small Groups and Youth and
3 Young Adult Ministry.

4 Our Strategic Plan starts by identifying active leaders within our churches and communities of faith, that are
5 committed to learn, work in team with their pastors, other leaders, and with a genuine desire to growth in the
6 Wesleyan theology tradition.

7 Programs that we have developed:

- 8 ▪ The HNP Module I and II trainings were offered in 2015. As a result of this training we have 14 New Lay
9 Missioners of the National Hispanic/Latino Plan in GNJ.
- 10 ▪ We continue supporting The Walk to Emmaus in Spanish which is proving to be a highly effective
11 resource to develop lay leadership and spiritual growth. Pastors are reporting an increased level of
12 participation and commitment to the local church in those that have experienced Emmaus. We're also
13 seeing an increased understanding of the concept of servant-leadership, among Hispanic/Latino laity.
14 This year we had over 40 new pilgrims participate in the Walk to Emmaus Retreat.
- 15 ▪ We supported IGNITE 2015. More than 75 Hispanic youth participated. As a result they are doing Rallies
16 among our churches and engaging and worshipping God in their own way with their gifts and talents. As
17 the result of this effort we are developing a strategy to develop and organize our Youth and Young
18 Adults with more intentionality understanding that they are part of the present and future of the
19 church. They meet and start organizing their Annual Retreat Niños y Jovenes para Cristo for the summer
20 2016 with the support and guidance of Rev. Charles Perez, Rev. Rolando Santiago, Rev. Hector A Burgos,
21 Milagros Soto- Pillot and Jazelis Adorno-Burgos.
- 22 ▪ Our Laity Biblical Academy - (SELAH) provides enhanced/contextualized theological education for lay
23 leaders from a Wesleyan perspective in Spanish . The 2 year program covers topics such as Church
24 History, Systematic Theology, UMC doctrine and polity, Worship/Preaching, Evangelism, and more. This
25 program is making theological education available to lay leaders that otherwise would not be able to
26 have it, do to affordability, immigration status, and/or family/job responsibilities. The academy started
27 in September 2014, with 19 laity students, and its being facilitated by experienced clergy with a strong
28 theological and ministry background in our denomination. We are in the second year program with a
29 total of 22 students.
- 30 ▪ We offer connection among our clergy families. Two annual gatherings to enjoy one another and to play
31 dominoes, games, good food and relax. (summer and winter)
- 32 ▪ We celebrate after the Annual conference the new appointments and ordinations from our Hispanic
33 Clergies. Very proud of our new leaders that have decide to answer their call.
- 34 ▪ We have three New Hispanics Ministries hosted by English/Korean speaking churches. We celebrate
35 their vision and desire to be in ministry with the Hispanic/Latino community.

36 God is working in new and different ways. The Hispanic population keeps rapidly growing and we need a space
37 to worship God and to feel his love in a lot of places in New Jersey. They are so many challenges in the Latino
38 community. We are looking forward for more Hispanic Vital Congregations, for more Pastors willing to serve in
39 different ways, for new churches opening the doors to serve the Hispanics/Latino Communities. God is up to
40 something! We invite all to join us as we seek to expand the reign of God and transform the world in the love of
41 Jesus Christ.

42 *Jazelis Adorno-Burgos, Chair*

43 National Plan Hispanic/Latino Committee, on behalf of the committee

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