

Columbia Union Conference
2016 Homeland Missions Projects
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Conference	Project	Description	Project Director
ALLEGHENY EAST	Miracle City Church Afterschool Program	This is an after-school program and parent program established to meet the needs of the community surrounding Miracle City church in Baltimore, Md.	Minnie McNeil
	Adventist Mobile Kitchen Ministry	This project seeks to purchase a second Adventist Mobile Kitchen to help address the food desert crisis and the increase of hunger in the city of Philadelphia.	Minnie McNeil
ALLEGHENY WEST	Southeast ROCKS	This program seeks to meet the felt needs of the community in Ward, Ohio, by providing an array of services such as and not limited to: meals and food giveaways, educational opportunities, career training and apprenticeships and mentoring.	Jerome M. Hurst
	2nd and 3rd Generation Multicultural Church	This church plant's goal is to help bridge the cultural transition for Hispanic young adults in Cleveland, Ohio, that are leaving their parents' churches and are struggling to integrate into English-speaking churches.	Sergio Romero
	Driven	This is a church plant for young adults on the campus of Ohio State University.	Sergio Romero
	Multicultural Church Plant	This is a multicultural church plant in Lorain, Ohio, where youth and young adults meet in a welcoming and safe environment.	Sergio Romero
	Hope for the Refugees	This project seeks to establish a church for the refugees in Columbus, Ohio. Plans are to offer English classes, open an after school program for children and a food bank to meet their immediate needs.	Sergio Romero
	Namaste	This church plant's focus is to reach the 7,000 people from India living in Cincinnati, Ohio. Plans are to hold a Hindu festival, offer English language classes, open an after school program for elementary school kids, hold small group Bible studies at a local Indian restaurant, and run an annual three-week evangelistic crusade.	Sergio Romero
	Multicultural Impact of Pentecost	This project in Columbus, Ohio, seeks to establish a model of evangelism that attracts people from all ethnicities and languages to worship together under the same roof. Plans are to hold an evangelistic crusade where a preacher will present the message in English and it will be simultaneously translated into each person's native language. The target languages are: English, Spanish, Portuguese, Amharic, Swahili, Creole and French.	Sergio Romero
	Supporting Tutors, Engaging Pupils (STEP)	This project's goal is to implement the STEP program to help build the reading and language skills in K-3 students of the Charles Elliott Elementary School in Cleveland, Ohio, who are reading below grade level, but do not require specialized intervention.	Jerome M. Hurst

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CHESAPEAKE	Connection Community Church	2016 is C3's "Year of Compassion." This church, located in Laurel, Md., has planned a variety of activities to serve and minister to the needs of the community. Plans are to hold a community BBQ, Health fair, banquet, winter clothing giveaway, and other creative activities throughout the year.	Gary Gibbs
	Baltimore Central Spanish Church Plant	This church plant's goal is to continue reaching the Hispanic community in downtown Baltimore, Md.	Gary Gibbs
	East Howard County Church Plant	This project seeks to plant a church in Jessup, Md., to draw interest from the communities in southern ElkrIDGE, northeast Columbia, Odenton, Ft. Meade and Jessup.	Gary Gibbs
	Newark/Bear Church Plant	This project's goal is to plant a church in Newark, Del., or one of its suburbs. Plans are to develop small group ministries, cause-related outreach, Bible studies and hold an evangelistic series.	Gary Gibbs
MOUNTAIN VIEW	Lewisburg Spanish Church Plant	This project seeks to establish a Hispanic presence in the Lewisburg, W. Va., area by planting a Hispanic church in which to invite the community to.	Larry Boggess
	Moorefield Spanish Church Plant	The main objective is to plant a church and evangelize the large Hispanic community in Moorefield, W. Va.	Larry Boggess
	New Martinsville Church Plant	This project's goal is to grow the small house church that is currently meeting into a church plant in New Martinsville, W. Va.	Larry Boggess
	"Will Go" Peruvian Student Missionaries from Peruvian Adventist University	This is a mission driven initiative to grow five Hispanic churches within the Mountain View Conference (MVC). MVC will host a group of Theology students from Peru for 12 months to reach Hispanics residing in the West Virginia cities of Lewisburg, Moorefield, Charleston, Morgantown and Huntington. Plans are to organize 2 churches at the end of 2016 and 3 more in 2017.	Larry Boggess
NEW JERSEY	Into the Night Ministries	This project seeks to minister to the felt needs of the impoverished residents of Trenton, N.J. It is a partnership between the Princeton Church, Princeton University and the NJ Conference Community Service Center. Food and clothing will be distributed, and weekly computer classes, resume editing and interview conduct will be offered to help the residents become self-sufficient through employment.	Mike Gill
	Clifton Spanish Church Plant	This project seeks to establish a church to reach 1 st and 2 nd generation Hispanics in Clifton, N.J.	Mike Gill
	Freehold Spanish Church Plant	This project's goal is to plant a church to reach the Hispanic community in the Freehold Township area of N.J.	Mike Gill
	Linden Spanish Church Plant	This small group has plans to establish a church plant for 1 st and 2 nd generation Hispanics residing in the community of Linden, N.J.	Mike Gill
	North Plainfield Hispanic Church Plant	This project seeks to establish a Hispanic church in the area of North Plainfield, N.J. Current plans are in place to give Bible studies, develop compassion ministries and have an evangelistic reaping meeting this year.	Mike Gill
	Bound Brook Church Plant	This project's goal is to grow the Mission Caleb group that is currently meeting in Bound Brook, N.J., into a church. Plans	Mike Gill

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		are to continue reaching out to the Hispanics residing in the Bound Brook, Somerset and Manville areas.	
NEW JERSEY	Vineland Youth & Young Adult Generation Program	The aim of this project is to build a youthful, vibrant congregation in Vineland, N.J., by reaching the community and reclaiming former Adventist young adults with ministries of compassion in the city park, concerts, and contemporary worship services.	Raul Rivera
	Woodbridge Project	The main goal of this project is to create name recognition of the Adventist church in Woodbridge, N.J., through service-related activities and ministries of compassion in Woodbridge, where there is no Adventist presence.	Mario Thorp
OHIO	Heart to Heart	This project, located in Cleveland, Ohio, seeks to reach the community by addressing the 3 major needs of the community. Plans are to distribute clothing and food to the homeless and impoverished, partner with other organizations to provide support and tools to victims of violence, human trafficking, and sexual abuse. Health seminars and health fairs are planned throughout the year, in addition to other felt needs assistance.	Peter Simpson
	Clark Fulton Spanish Church Plant	This church plant's goal is to continue actively serving the community in Cleveland, Ohio, by distributing food, clothes and personal care items. In 2015, 515 homes were visited and over 3,000 pamphlets were distributed in the community.	Peter Simpson
	East Side Cleveland Spanish church Plant	This new church plant in Cleveland, Ohio, is growing by leaps and bounds. 127 Bible studies were given in 2015 and 12 new members were baptized into the church. Plans are to continue sharing the message with the surrounding Hispanic community.	Peter Simpson
	New Hispanic Columbus Church Plant	This new church plant in Columbus, Ohio, seeks to establish a church in the 43229 zip code due to the large concentration of Hispanics in that area.	Peter Simpson
	Northern Greater Cincinnati Church Plant	This project seeks to establish a full bilingual (English-Spanish) congregation in the northern part of Cincinnati, Ohio, specifically in the counties of Hamilton and Butler.	Peter Simpson
PENNSYLVANIA	Simplicity Allentown	This project located in Allentown, Pa., is engaged in administering several compassion ministries such as after school homework help, Saturday children's lunch, ESL classes, Free Wednesday meal, clothing and toiletry distribution, exercise classes twice a week, etc. It also seeks to add and expand the Wednesday meal distribution day and start a monthly van ministry.	Dr. Jeff McAuliffe
	Levittown PA Mission	This project seeks to plant a Hispanic church to reach the residents in the community of Levittown, Pa.	Will Peterson
	Scranton PA Mission	The goal of this project is to plant a church to reach the Hispanics living in the city of Scranton, Pa.	Will Peterson
	Grace Outlet SDA Church	The main goal of this church in Reading, Pa., is to engage young adults currently attending and former Adventists into small groups, and involve them in community ministry on a weekly basis.	Dr. Kris Eckenroth

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POTOMAC	New Campus Community Center of Influence	This project in Beltsville, Md., seeks to open a center of influence in the community by embedding community outreach deep in the original DNA of this new church plant. The group plans to hold entry level events, which will be comfortable for people in the community to attend such as: food and clothing distribution, programs for children, free oil changes for single mothers, free inspirational movie night, banquet for homeless women in the community, etc.	Peter Casillas
	Chesapeake Spanish Church Plant	This project seeks to plant a Hispanic church in the city of Chesapeake, Va. Plans are to hold 3 public evangelistic series per year, start 5 small groups/home churches, and hold other outreach events.	Peter Casillas
	English-speaking African Church Plant	Beltsville SDA Church plans to plant an African English-speaking church in Beltsville/College Park, Md. The core group that is currently meeting consists of newly baptized African immigrants. There will be 3-4 yearly evangelistic-reaping events.	Peter Casillas
	Seabrook Muslim Outreach Initiative	This initiative seeks to establish relationships with the leadership of two mosques that house a large Muslim community near the Seabrook SDA church in Seabrook, Md. Plans are to develop symposiums for proper dialogue to take place in which our theological and life-style understandings can be communicated. House-churches will be established with Muslims where scripture and meaningful community can be developed.	Peter Casillas
	Suitland Church Plant	This project seeks to plant a church by engaging the Food Pantry contacts that are currently visiting the Pennsylvania Ave SDA church, but reside in Suitland, Md. These contacts have expressed interest in Bible studies and 50 of the Pennsylvania church members have agreed to be part of the new church plant and will engage these interests.	Peter Casillas