

# WCPA Newsletter Spring, 2018

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# Thank You

#### **Transition and Western Focus**

Recently, The Alliance leadership asked Elena and me to move to Colorado to lead church planting across the country from our national office. Though we are honored by the request, we do not believe this is what God would have us do. Therefore, I'm stepping out of my national role on March 31 but will continue to lead in the West (WCPA) and contribute to the national Greenhouse initiative in partnership with our other Regional Coordinators. In addition to leading WCPA, Elena and I are also looking at additional coaching possibilities for church planters, team as well as regional and national leaders. We're also exploring the possibility of launching a new expression of a church here in our community. Please keep us in your prayers as we explore these opportunities and more.

## Western Region Synergy

In January, the leadership teams of four regional geographical districts gathered in Sacramento for Fresh Start church revitalization training and sharing of best practices in each district. This was the first gathering of this kind for the region and it demonstrates increased partnership and sharing of resources. Five of our western districts will participate in our *Greenhouse Environments* and *Preparing to Plant* Training in March, the most districts represented at our trainings to date! We're encouraged to see the Western Region move forward.

# **Church Planting Sunday 2018**

The Alliance celebrated *Church Planting Sunday* all over the country on February 25. We had excellent cooperation and synergy between our national, regional, district, and local teams. The Alliance Communications team did a great job with resources and we were able to provide videos and inserts in at least four languages! Anchor Church, in Tacoma, WA held a preview service on CP Sunday, with over 300 in attendance! Churches across the country celebrated church planting with enthusiasm.



### **Greenhouse Training in Multiple Languages**

"Greenhouse" is a metaphor to describe churches and environments that train up and send out planters and leaders. We've been conducting *Greenhouse Training* in the West and now throughout the country. In February, I traveled to Orlando, Florida to present *Greenhouse Training* to our Southeastern



District. Dr. Reginald Screen (right) and I presented in English, while Rev. Carlos Velez (left) presented in Spanish. At the end of the training, we all answered questions to the 50 leaders

gathered. Carlos is currently working with some of our

Western Region Districts in order to present *Greenhouse Training* to the West, in Spanish.

The Southeastern District took our Greenhouse Manual and combined it with their own discipleship pathways and created one manual (see images to the left). This was a creative and powerful approach that instills greater ownership.

We're thrilled to see the training move forward in multiple languages. To date, we have trained more than 300 leaders in our full training and many more in our 1 hour seminars.

#### **RECENT TRAINING AND GATHERINGS**

Nov 6-9	Assessment Center - Portland, OR
Nov 11-17	InterChange - Colorado Springs, CO
Nov 30	WCPA Coach Training
Dec 14	WCPA Coach Training
Jan 24-25	Peacemaking Coach Training
Feb 16-19	Greenhouse Training, Daytona Beach, FL
Feb 25	Church Planting Sunday 2018, nationwide

#### **UPCOMING TRAINING AND GATHERINGS**

Mar 5-7	National Regional Coordinators, Colorado Spring, CO
Mar 12	Alliance NW SDI Orientation
Mar 19	Greenhouse Training, Temecula, CA
Mar 20-22	Preparing to Plant Training, Temecula, CA
Mar 30-Apr 2	South Pacific District Conference, Riverside, CA
May 14-17	Church Planter Assessment Center, Canby, OR
Ongoing	Planter Coaching, WCPA and National Team gatherings

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