



Plan of activities for 2012

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For your information this is the Hispanic Ministry plan of activities for this year.

PV mission statement says *“As brothers and sisters in Christ, we are called to invite people to know Christ, to build a community of faith, and to serve all in love to the glory of God.”*

Consequently, as PV Hispanic Ministry our main goal is to make Christ known in our Hispanic/Latino community, to make disciples to be able to teach, evangelize, share, serve and witness our Christian faith.

In order to fulfill these goals, this is the action plan for the 2012, upon which I ask God’s blessings and your prayers.

1) Praising God (Worship): In order to provide the community with opportunities to worship God in Spanish we plan to offer:

A) Services in Spanish at 9.30 using the “Liturgia y Canto” (ELCA book of worship) B) Sermons for children on Sundays c) Latino oriented music played by Dale and Becky Clowers. C) Communion the first Sunday of the month.

2) In order to help church members to grow in faith and spiritual commitment (Discipleship) we plan to have:

A) 3 Spiritual Retreats for adults February 25th, July 21st and December 1st. B) 2 retreats only for women one on April 21st other one on August 18th and one retreat only for men on September 15th. C) Women Circle “Marta” meetings the third Saturday of the month

3) Teaching (Christian Education.) In order to grow in God’s biblical understanding we plan to:

A) Offer Bible classes Tuesday in Austin at 7 PM and at the Church on Wednesday 7 PM. ***The Christian Education theme this year is “Discipleship, Your New Life in Christ,” based in the same title book written by Peruvian Pastor Humberto Lay.*** B) Offer Sunday school for all ages. After the children’s sermon, kids are sent to Sunday school in English.

4) Evangelism (Outreach) In order to invite the community to come to Church on Sunday and grow numerically we plan to:

A) Organize 4 evangelistic special Services called “Invite a Friend Sunday,” on February 12th, May 13th, June 17th and October 14th. B) Have 3 Posadas (Jesus and Mary looking for a place to stay reenactment) to celebrate Christmas, in different homes, December 7th, 14th and 21st.

5) Sharing (fellowship). In order to have fellowship with our Anglo brothers and sisters we plan to:

A) Write a monthly Echoes article, B) Participate in the Church annual Fair, C) Participate in the annual PV Women retreat, Prayer Vigil, the Iron Men Breakfast group, Men’s Banquet, Community Thanksgiving Service, and RR National Day of Prayer, D) Join specifically Rally and Christmas Day services in English and look for any other opportunity to praise God as one community in two languages. E) ***Celebrate “Mission Day” (new project).***

6) In order to share our faith with the surrounding community we plan to:

A) Attend once a month the Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Human Rights meetings B) Attend meetings with other Lutheran Pastors doing Hispanic Ministry in Austin and/or Round Rock. C) Keep offering AA meetings on Monday D) ***Start soon an AA chapter in Spanish (new project)***

7) Global Mission. In order to witness our Christian faith in foreign lands I plan to:

A) Be again part of PV Mission trip to El Salvador June 9-15. B) Keep serving as the link between PV and the Salvadoran Lutheran Church, our Partner in Ministry. C) Keep raising funds to help Salvadoran poor kids to go to school.

As a personal matter, I plan to run again 2 half marathons in 2012 to raise funds for the project “Sending Children to School” in El Salvador. It is indeed a challenge to implement and fulfill this extensive agenda considering the 20 hours a week call, but how to say no to a God that “according to his great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead” 1 Peter 1:3. Amen