

FROM THE GROUND UP

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Cultivate new churches for Christ.

“What a huge harvest, Jesus said to his disciples. How few workers! On your knees and pray for harvest hands!”

— Matthew 9:38

FROM *THE MESSAGE*, EUGENE PETERSON

Rooted in faith for over 50 years, United Methodists in the Houston area have tilled the dormant fields of our community and sowed the seed of Jesus Christ. Nourished by a bountiful harvest, we call upon all United Methodists in the Texas Annual Conference to pray for plenty and help gather the grain of faith as we break ground to build 100 new churches in 10 years.

Labor in the light of the Son.

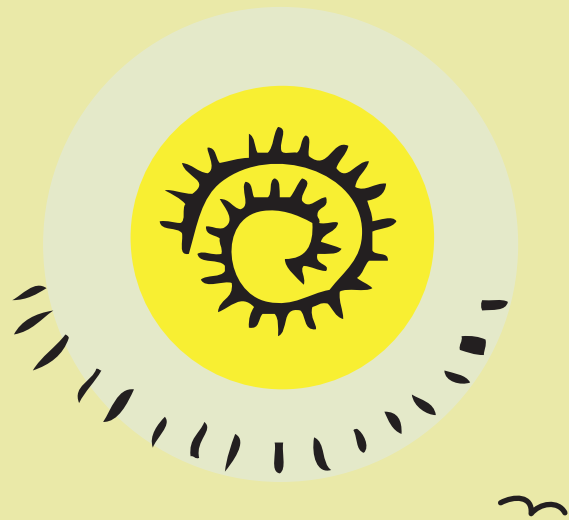
New churches are needed in every district of the Texas Annual Conference to spread God's Word among fresh furrows. “**From the Ground Up**” is a ministry of United Methodists to construct new churches and create thriving congregations among all ethnic groups to meet this burgeoning need.

When you become a shareholder, your investment enables the good news of the Gospel to rain on those who have endured a spiritual drought, yielding future generations and fruits of faith in Jesus Christ.



Plant the Seed.

For \$100, you can purchase one share that will foster new churches from the ground up. Your "share" can also be divided into two \$50 installments over the course of the year. Funds generated from these shares will be invested in training and coaching new church leaders, providing salary support for new church pastors and beginning ministry in these new locations. Each pastor of a new congregation will also attend the New Church Leadership Institute, a year-long educational experience to provide the skills these pastors need to build healthy, growing churches.



Seedlings emerge.

Your shares at work:

- 60%** - New Church start-ups
- 30%** - Transformation of existing churches
- 10%** - District revitalization projects

100% - Growth

For established congregations, the Texas Annual Conference is nurturing a major transformation to ensure each church thrives and flourishes by improving ministries, furthering their impact on the community and providing outreach programs. Over 200 existing churches will receive training, support and their own unique ministry plans.



Faith grows in God's glory.



New Church In Action



Transformation In Progress



Foster the fruits of Faith.

1 Share = \$100

In support of the Center for Congregational Excellence Program, I (We) intend to participate as indicated below. This is in thanks to God for all His many blessings.

_____ "From the Ground Up" shares = \$ _____

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NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

TELEPHONE(____) _____

LOCAL CHURCH _____

DISTRICT TO RECEIVE CREDIT _____


SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

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Thank you for your support. 



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