

7 Components for a New Start:

1. Area Potential

Demographics, population growth, community readiness

2. Compelling Vision

Clear vision, commitments and partnership between local leaders and synod. Convincing specific target community .

3. Clear Ministry Plan

Clear SMART Goals and measurable outcomes; clean strategy on evangelism, discipleship and community building.

4. Adaptive Leadership

Screened local mission developer, identified lay leadership working with the developer, leadership training plans and implementation strategy.

5. Contextual Model

The model is consistent to the ministry plan, sensitive to the culture/s of target audience and economic realities of the community..

6. Adequate Resources

New Community has support from local mission partners through prayers and resources. Stewardship is established from the beginning of the ministry.

7. Good Support Mechanisms

Developers and local leaders take advantage of trainings available, coaching, supervision from DEM, and other local, synodical and churchwide support.

WAYS TO CONNECT AND SUPPORT

- Pray for each of these new and renewing congregations
- Invite us to Holy Conversations on Vitality in your worship or adult forums
- Promote and Share ACTS for Vitality Transformational Ministry. Discern if you are ready and open to go through the journey with others
- Engage Fearlessly on Evangelism
- Be a part of a Visioning/Working Team/ Mission Partner for a new church plant
- Inquire or participate as a congregation in ACTS for Vitality Cohort
- Ask about Synod Vitality and Stewardship Discipling Team as they support these new and renewing congregations
- Continually prioritize Mission Support as an expression of being church together

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Evangelism and Generosity

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FUTURE 2025 (<https://www.elca.org/future>)

Goal 1: A **thriving church** spreading the gospel and deepening faith for all.

Goal 2: A **church equipping** people for their baptismal vocations in the world and this church.

Goal 3: An **inviting and welcoming church** that reflects and embraces the diversity of our communities and the gifts and opportunities that diversity brings.

Goal 4: A **visible church** deeply committed to working ecumenically and with other people of faith for justice, peace and reconciliation in communities and around the world.

Goal 5: A **well-governed, connected and sustainable church**.

Two Priorities of the ELCA

Leadership

Congregational Vitality

New Starts and Strategic Ministries

1. Miracles of Faith (Oakland)

Leader: Pastor Gregg Brown
Conference: Bridges

2. Farming Hope (San Francisco)

Leader: Mr. Jamie Stark
Conference: San Francisco Peninsula

3. Mision Esperanza Welcoming Ministry (Fresno)

Leader: Ms. Lucy Allen
Conference: Central San Joaquin Valley

4. Christ Lahu Ministry (Visalia) -

Strategic Ministries

Leader: Pastor Samee Singkeovilay
Conference: Central San Joaquin Valley

5. Christ Multicultural Community Ministry (San Jose)

Leader: Pastor Jared Oluoch
Conference: El Camino Real

All new starts are Synodically Authorized Worshipping Community or SAWC.

6. Mision Luterana (Greater Stockton)

Leader: Pastor Nelson Rabell
Conference: Sierra Central Valley

7. Fuente de Gracia (Sanger)

In partnership with Presbytery of San Joaquin

Leader: Pastor. Alex Gonzalez
Conference: Central San Joaquin

8. Afghani and Arab and Middle Eastern Ministry (Sacramento)

Leader: Mr. Charbel Zgheib
Conference: Capitol Valley

9. San Francisco/St. Paulus SAWC Exploration (San Francisco)

Leader: Ms. Janet Katari
Conference: San Francisco Peninsula

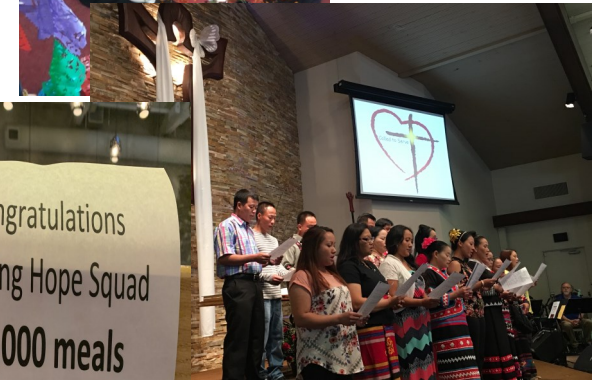
10. New Revelation Community— Richmond

Leader: Pr. Donna Allen
Conference: Bridges

A SAWC Exploration is a short term (generally 3 or 6 months) to study or research the potential and readiness of the community for a new church.



Right: Mision Esperanza commemorating Dias de los Muertos.



Below: Christ Lahu choir singing at their worship service.



Below: Fuente de Gracia and Mision Luterana (bottom) worshipping during pandemic.

