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2020 Church Venture Northwest Directors' Report

On behalf of the entire Church Venture Northwest, I want to thank you for your continued partnership with us, as together, we strive to accomplish our new vision of helping every church take bold next steps to strengthen, revitalize and plant new churches in the Pacific Northwest. While 2020 forced us to face unprecedented challenges that resulted in several extremely difficult decisions, let me share some of the things that we can thank God for accomplishing through us this past year:

- Conducted a Fall Tour and visited all 21 associations.
- Received and distributed over \$100,000 for those churches affected by the Oregon fires.
- Launched three new Pastoral Learning Communities in Portland, Seattle, and La Grande.
- Began monthly Covenant Community Chats to assist pastors and church leaders in ministry.
- Resourced pastors and churches with retirement (Guidestone) and loans (NW Baptist Foundation).
- Provided numerous peacemaking, mediation, and reconciliation resources, coaching sessions, workshops, and interventions (Both in English and Spanish).
- Delivered five Church Health Assessments and trained three pastoral search teams.
- Placed three experienced pastors in positions through Interim Pastoral Ministries (IPM).
- Graduated 10 men in our 2020 Convergence Cohort.
- Hosted ethnic pastor gatherings, engaging 24 pastors in-person or online.
- Provided resources for Academia Biblica – a program of Theological Education Extension (TEE).
- Hired Shaun Garman as our Church Planting Director to help create a Church Planting Strategic Plan to plant more churches in the Pacific Northwest.
- Celebrated two church plants that launched in 2020.
- Facilitated training for three churches using our Relational Elders Training materials.
- Provided adapted camp programs at Camp Tadmor, including Sons of Thunder, Growth Getaway, Summer Day Camps, virtual Women's Camp and virtual Men's Roundup.
- Hosted Mission Workdays at Camp Tadmor, where 150 servants over 24 days served in various ways, including pressure washing, painting, building projects, cleaning projects, trail creations, and more.

While we are still living through the effects of a pandemic and several other tragedies that came in 2020, we are confident that God is still working in and through CVNW. We ask that you continue partnering with us in prayer, financial contributions, and participation in various events this year. On the back of this report you will find our 2021 Annual Budget. Your church will be asked to vote to approve this budget presented by our Trustees at your associations' Annual Business Meeting. Thank you again for being an active part of the Covenant Community of Church Venture Northwest. May the Lord direct our steps in the new year!

Grace and peace,

James Gleason
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