

“...EMPOWERING PASTORS/LEADERS OF IMMIGRANT CHURCHES REACHING THE WORLD”

NEW ROOTS MINISTRY

RELATIONS AMONG CONGREGATIONS, WITHIN ONE’S ETHNICITY, AND THOSE OF A DIFFERENT ETHNICITY

What are the Church’s greatest desires? One of our greatest desires is to see more people enter a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, right? In other words, we want more people to receive God’s Good News, that He

forgives them for their sins through Jesus, and that they then can have a new life, as well as eternal life.

Fulfilling that desire is largely up to us pastors, and our churches.

That statement that might alarm you, knowing that sometimes we and our churches are obstacles to people meeting Jesus. Still, the fact is, we as churches are the primary ones Jesus calls to “go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in

the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit...” (Matthew 28:19). There are many ways for us to grow in our ability to “make disciples.” In this article, I am focusing on relationships with other churches and how the

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health of those relationships will affect your ability to make disciples—to help people to know Jesus better. Many of your congregations worship within the buildings of other

congregations. Your congregation has unique abilities, worship styles, and culture, and so does the other congregation. The congregations can bless each other, and ultimately enhance each other’s effectiveness. →→

ALL NATIONS WORSHIP GATHERING:

- Sunday, April 2, 2017 @ 6PM
- Asbury United Methodist Church, 2425 S. Western Ave., Sioux Falls

• Features:

Community Youth Choir; a message by John Glasser, city director at Collision; special refreshments provided

Pastors, we would love to have high school youth and young adults of your church in the Community Youth Choir. Please encourage them to consider this.

- **They need to attend 2 practices at Asbury United Methodist Church-- March 25 from 3-5pm & on April 2 from 3-5pm.**

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However, often our worship times are different from each other, to a point where we do not know each other very well, nor bless each other beyond a few practical things.

I have enclosed a DVD with this newsletter; please watch it when you have a few minutes. You can also view it online: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n-IRVGuguRg&t=1s>. (For your information, I have also sent the video to churches which own their facilities, and which have other congregations worshipping there as well.) The video contains an

interview I had with two pastors whose congregations are very different from each other, yet they are partnering together at a level that is working well for both of them, therefore they are ultimately more effective together at sharing the Gospel. Their relationship is not such that one congregation feels inferior to the other.

Maybe your church owns or rents its own building. Still, I ask you—how well are you relating with other churches, both within your ethnicity, and those of a different ethnicity? As a part of the Body of Christ,

are you helping the other parts to function well, for the common good (1 Corinthians 12)? Do other churches function better because of your church, and do they realize you care and pray for them, if you do?

As churches, let's creatively partner together to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ—our main desire, our main goal! Please contact me (605-376-6330, sfnewroots@gmail.com) if you have questions, if you would like to sit down and visit, or if you have suggestions for me which I can share with the whole group.