

MISSION  
TO NORTH  
AMERICA

Presbyterian Church in America

**Dear Friends:**

We are in the midst of a new era in Gospel ministry. Today, our population in North America is more diverse than ever before. A wide range of ethnic people groups are coming to live among us, presenting substantial opportunities for reaching the multitudes for Christ without leaving home. But with this ongoing cultural shift come significant challenges. These challenges call us to adjust our outreach to meet the vast needs of our communities.

This issue of *Multiply* provides an update on the ministries of Mission to North America (MNA). Our task is to serve in leadership as the churches and presbyteries of the PCA minister to the communities to which God has called them, reaching out with the Gospel in Word and deed. Church planting remains the core ministry, and MNA is committed to a renewal and creativity in outreach that is required to reach a constantly changing population.

Your dedicated support and fervent prayers are vital to the success of these ministries. Please prayerfully consider how the Lord might call you to participate with MNA as we *strive side by side for the faith of the Gospel* (Phil 1:27). Also, pray for all who join with us in these efforts that we will labor together for God's praise and in Christ's name.

In Christ,



Jim Bland, MNA Coordinator



# Multiply

*Profiling God's Great Work in North America*

## MNA: Working Together to Transform North America

***Mission to North America's (MNA) vision – that is, the vision that we covet for the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) – is that God, by His grace and for His own glory, and through the cooperative prayers and efforts of the PCA churches and presbyteries, will ignite a powerful church planting and vitalization movement – a movement that impacts all of North America with the Gospel of Christ and transforms the heart and face of the denomination.*** We long to see transformation in North America through people being saved, lives changed, and disciples made in the name of Jesus Christ.

As part of this vision, we hope that the PCA will look significantly different in 10 years – becoming a denomination that is:

- ***More diverse, with many churches planted and many people coming to Christ from among the various cultural, ethnic, and socio-economic groups of North America.***
- ***A stronger presence in the city centers of North America – no longer so exclusively a suburban and rural denomination; the strategic importance of cities is defined by their being centers of influence, crossroads of society, and places of cultural, ethnic, and socio-economic diversity.***
- ***Geographically more widespread, with a significant presence throughout all regions of the United States and Canada.***
- ***Composed of a greater number of churches that have been planted and are growing as a result of effective evangelism, and that the ministries of these churches reflect stronger mercy and community engagement, truly becoming salt and light.***
- ***Characterized by greater vitality in all PCA churches – with many churches that have declined or slowed in growth revitalized and recognized as “houses of prayer for all the nations” (Mark 11:17).***

Jesus Christ commissioned his followers to “make disciples of all nations” (Matt. 28:19); in keeping with that commission, MNA's calling is to serve PCA churches and presbyteries as they trust God for a growing advancement of the Gospel among all the people groups (nations) throughout North America.

## Ministries of MNA



**Church Planting** Led by Ted Powers, MNA Church Planting provides resources for churches, church planting networks, and presbyteries to create a strong Gospel presence in the centers of influence throughout North America. To do this, MNA offers these services: recruiting and assessing those gifted and called to planting; training them before and after moving to the field; working with presbyteries to place church planters in strategic sites; assisting in developing financial support; and mobilizing the PCA for prayer in this work. MNA also offers ongoing support for church planters through providing on-site coaching and mentoring to the church planter and his family.

MNA provides services to enrich the ministry of established PCA churches – with the goal of developing more vital churches alive with the presence of the Lord. The goal of MNA's Revitalization and Evangelism ministry is to assist and sustain biblically healthy churches by providing intensive training and coaching for church planters, as well as to nurture the needs of existing churches. For more information, contact Ted Powers at 630-910-0765 or [tpowers@pcanet.org](mailto:tpowers@pcanet.org).



**Korean Ministries** Since the 1970s, about two million Koreans have come to the US. Korean Ministries Coordinator Henry Koh seeks to encourage first and second generation Korean Americans to reach out with the Gospel to fellow Korean Americans, the rest of multi ethnic America, and the world. Contact Henry at [hkoh@pcanet.org](mailto:hkoh@pcanet.org) or 678-825-1221.

**Hispanic American Ministries** Addressing the needs of the largest and fastest growing minority group in North America, Hispanic American Ministries Coordinator Tim McKeown focuses on planting PCA churches and nurturing ministries in Hispanic American communities. This includes educating Hispanic leaders through new and nontraditional approaches and establishing a network of churches committed to supporting these efforts. Contact Tim at 678-825-1225 or [tmckeown@pcanet.org](mailto:tmckeown@pcanet.org).



**Church Planter Development** While it is only the power of God's Spirit that builds a church, from the human point of view, church planters are the fuel that drives a church planting enterprise. Church Planter Development Director Jim Hatch works to identify and nurture men interested in church planting – exploring their sense of calling and exposing them to healthy biblical church planting principles and congregations. Contact Jim at 314-308-4226 or [jhatch@pcanet.org](mailto:jhatch@pcanet.org).

**MNA ShortTerm** MNA ShortTerm facilitates the development and implementation of short term ministry opportunities within North America. The purpose is to match churches who can send volunteer teams with mission churches and ministries who need the services, including help with community outreach, Vacation Bible School, construction, and sports ministry. To learn more about this ministry, contact MNA ShortTerm Director Arklie Hooten at 678-294-3011 or [ahooten@pcanet.org](mailto:ahooten@pcanet.org).

**African American Ministries** African American Ministries Coordinator Wy Plummer concentrates on facilitating an indigenous reformed movement in the African American community through the development of African American and multicultural churches. Wy also helps prepare African Americans for leadership roles within the PCA. Contact Wy at 205-478-7722 or [wplummer@pcanet.org](mailto:wplummer@pcanet.org).



*“Many of our existing churches need help, but they don't know where to turn. And there are many churches that can provide direct support and are anxious to do so, but they don't know who needs it. MNA ShortTerm is designed to make those connections – enriching the Body of Christ from within.”*

Arklie Hooten,  
MNA ShortTerm Director





## Network of Portuguese Speaking Churches



In recent years, many Brazilians have moved to the US, leading to the formation of the Network of Portuguese Speaking Churches in the PCA. Network Coordinator Renato Bernardes is raising awareness of this people group, nurturing Brazilian/Portuguese language churches, and equipping indigenous leaders to spread the Gospel. Contact Renato at 973-444-3314 or [rbernardes@pcanet.org](mailto:rbernardes@pcanet.org).

**Church Planting Wives Ministry** The health of a church planter's family directly affects the health of the church. The church planter's wife is the one who most often "ministers to the minister." Yet, she often goes unsupported. Parakaleo, *Coming Alongside Church Planting Wives*, is MNA's new ministry to address this need by caring for and coaching the church planting spouse. Contact Shari Thomas at 404-783-3333 or [sthamas@pcanet.org](mailto:sthamas@pcanet.org), or Tami Resch at 614-337-8250 or [tresch@pcanet.org](mailto:tresch@pcanet.org).



**Haitian Ministries** Leaving behind one of the poorest countries in the world, many Haitians who move to North America are searching for a better life. Dony St. Germain leads MNA's Haitian Ministries, supporting Haitians in North America and Haiti by improving education, providing medical and economic assistance, and introducing many to the saving love of Christ. To find out more, contact Dony at 305-891-8966 or [dstgermain@pcanet.org](mailto:dstgermain@pcanet.org).

**Urban and Mercy Ministries** Urban and Mercy Ministries focuses on church planting in the inner cities. As the composition of our cities continues to diversify, the importance of Gospel ministry only increases. Each city has its own unique needs and areas of outreach for the PCA. To find out more, contact Randy Nabors at 423-629-1421 or [rnabors@pcanet.org](mailto:rnabors@pcanet.org).

**Leadership and Ministry Preparation (LAMP)** Led by Brian Kelso, LAMP was developed to help facilitate the change of the face and heart of the PCA to more fully accomplish our passion for the Great Commission in the rapidly changing demographic environment of North America. LAMP offers effective training for future ministers in the PCA from a broad range of economic and ethnic backgrounds. For more information, contact Brian at 954-434-4500 or [bkello@pcanet.org](mailto:bkello@pcanet.org).



**English as a Second Language (ESL) Ministries** Serving PCA churches and presbyteries as we seek to fulfill the Great Commission mandate right in our own backyards, this ministry works with churches to organize ESL programs that will not only help new immigrants overcome language barriers, but also introduce individuals to Christ through Bible studies,

International Sunday School classes, and special events. For more information, contact Nancy at 410-465-0154 or [nboohar@pcanet.org](mailto:nboohar@pcanet.org).



*"The unique and challenging nature of church planting places intensified levels of stress on the church planter and his wife, and thus on their marriage. Without care and coaching, research shows that ministry marriages can suffer and in turn have devastating effects on the church and family."*

Shari Thomas, Church Planting Wives Ministry Director

*"The Lord has sent the world to our doorstep through the cultural diversity of North America's population, and English as a Second Language Ministries is a way to serve all the nations for Him."*

Nancy Booher, ESL Ministries Director

**Chaplain Ministries** Addressing the spiritual needs of soldiers and civilians, PCA Chaplains minister on a rich mission field, sharing the Gospel and leading individuals to Christ. Chaplain Ministries gives chaplains guidance and spiritual counsel, enlists prayer and financial support from PCA congregations, and serves as a liaison to recruit new chaplains. For more information, contact Dave Peterson, Chaplain Ministries Coordinator, at 678-296-3391 or [dpeterson@pcanet.org](mailto:dpeterson@pcanet.org).

Chaplain Ministries Coordinator Dave Peterson, second from left, with associate coordinators, left to right: Gary Hitzfeld, Stan Beach and Beryl Hubbard.



**Mercy Ministries** MNA Mercy Ministries serves to encourage and equip the PCA to become involved with ministries to people who not only need the Gospel but who also face difficult circumstances. This effort provides financial assistance to train minority leaders and coordinates leadership development opportunities among churches who serve communities of need. Contact MNA Associate Coordinator Fred Marsh at 404-307-8266 or [fmarsh@pcanet.org](mailto:fmarsh@pcanet.org).



**Disaster Response** MNA Disaster Response answers God's call to the PCA to provide relief to those affected by a disaster – meeting their immediate needs, helping to rebuild their lives, and sharing the love of Christ. Contact MNA Disaster Response Director Ron Haynes at 636-299-1422 or [rhaynes@pcanet.org](mailto:rhaynes@pcanet.org), or Judy Haynes at 636-299-1424 or [jhaynes@pcanet.org](mailto:jhaynes@pcanet.org).

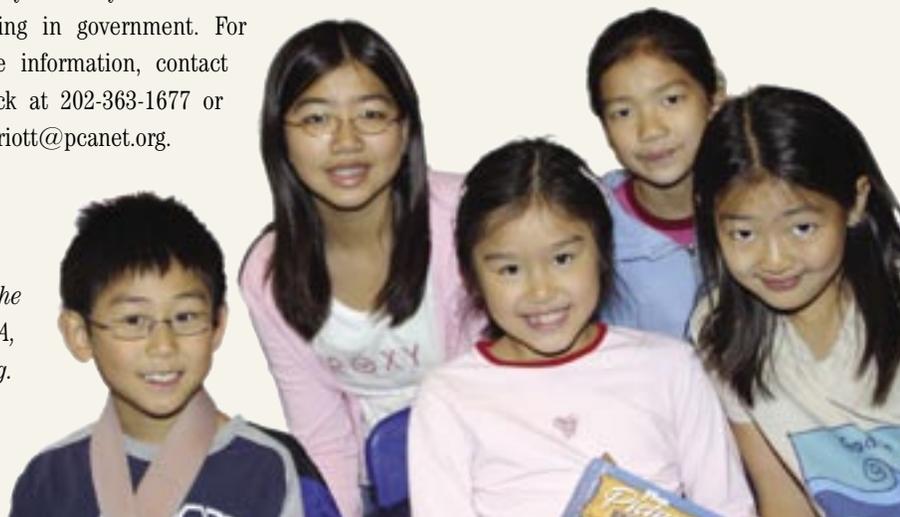


**Capitol Service** MNA Capitol Service seeks to expose those in the government community to the transforming truths of the Gospel. Led by Chuck Garriott, this ministry offers a healthy, non-partisan means of connecting the church with members of government and promotes and facilitates intelligent prayer by the Body of Christ for those



serving in government. For more information, contact Chuck at 202-363-1677 or [cgarriott@pcanet.org](mailto:cgarriott@pcanet.org).

To stay up-to-date on the ministry efforts of MNA, visit [www.pca-mna.org](http://www.pca-mna.org).



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Mission to North America (MNA) serves the churches and presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), providing leadership in church planting initiatives, as well as placement and training services for church planters in the US and Canada. In addition, MNA coordinates English as a Second Language (ESL) Ministries, Mercy Ministries, Leadership and Ministry Preparation (LAMP), Revitalization and Evangelism, Capitol Service, Chaplain Ministries, MNA ShortTerm, and Disaster Response for the PCA in North America.

For a list of MNA staff, visit our Web site: [www.pca-mna.org](http://www.pca-mna.org).

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### Upcoming Conferences

Global Church Advancement and MNA are sponsoring a **Church Planting Seminar** at the National Christian Conference Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, July 24-28.

**Pinebrook 2006**, sponsored by the Network of Portuguese Speaking Churches, is scheduled for September 2-4 at Pinebrook Bible Conference and Retreat Center in Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania.

The 2006 **International Women in the Church (WIC) Conference** is September 15-17 in Atlanta, Georgia. For more information, visit [www.pcacep.org](http://www.pcacep.org).

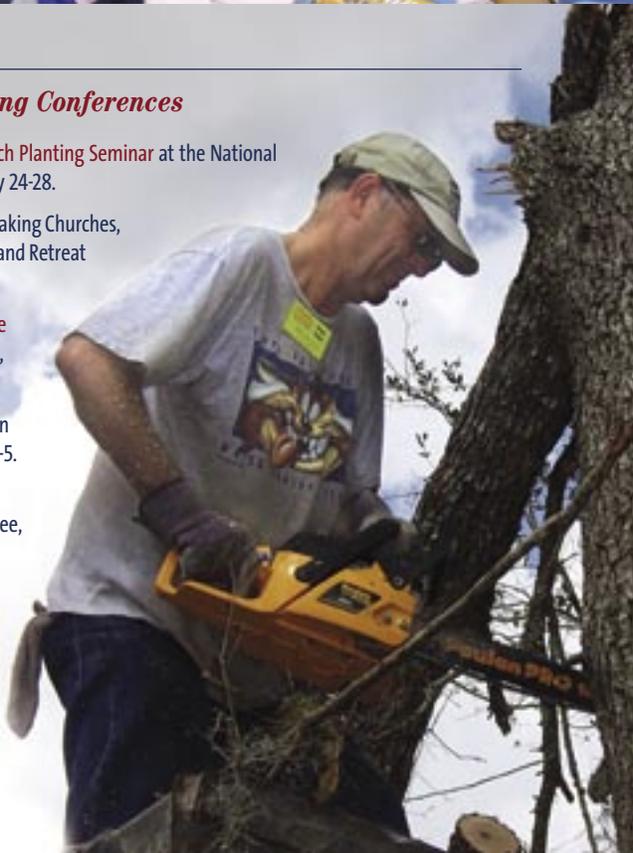
**From Embers to a Flame Conference** at Inland Korean Presbyterian in Pomona, California, is scheduled for October 2-5. Visit [www.emberstoafire.org](http://www.emberstoafire.org) for further details.

On October 19-20, New City Fellowship in Chattanooga, Tennessee, is hosting the **Hispanic American Ministries Convocation**.

Spanish River Church in Boca Raton, Florida, will host the **Evangelism Convocation** on November 6-8.

This year's **MNA ESL Conference** is November 9-11 at Park Cities Presbyterian Church in Dallas, Texas.

For more information about these and other upcoming events, visit [www.pca-mna.org](http://www.pca-mna.org).



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