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2013 Report

I. Mission:
The Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries’ (CPOHM) mission is threefold: to offer pastoral care to Hispanic ministers and congregations; to advise and counsel the different manifestations of our denomination about Hispanic ministries; and to be an advocate for Hispanic people, congregations and issues.

II. Personnel
The CPOHM currently has two employees: the National Pastor and an Administrative Assistant to assist, manage, communicate, do development, financial, and programs to more than 200 Hispanic churches.

III. Pastoral Commission for Hispanic Ministries Members (2012-14)
The members of the Pastoral Commission for Hispanic Ministries are:

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<td>Juan Dávila</td>
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<td>Xosé Escamilla</td>
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<td>Joel Saucedo</td>
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<td>Servando Perález</td>
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<td>Irma Elizarrarás</td>
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General Board Representatives

Don Dewey
Regional Minister, PSW Region

Theresa Dulyea-Parker
Regional Minister, IL-WI Region

Brenda Etheridge
General Board Representative, Detroit, MI

Laura Jennison Reed
General Board Representative, Chicago

To be elected
Representative of the Hispanic Board of Director – Obra Hispana

Ex-Officio Members

Sharon Watkins
General Minister and President
CCDC in USA and Canada

Huberto Pimentel
National Pastor
for Hispanic Ministries
IV. Theological Education

CPOHM in joined partnership with Brite Divinity has celebrated the following program:

CPOHM co-sponsored the 2012 session of the Brite Institute for Latino/a Ministries, which was held on June 3-8, 2012. Over 60 students participated in this event. One important goal in the Summer Latino/a Program is to better equip lay pastors with theological and practical pastoral studies that will help them comply with the new study requirements for all licensed pastors in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). This is a four day and three hour class module. Students will accumulate in one class a total of 12 hours of continuous studies. The Summer Latino/a Program was structured in 3 courses opportunities in the morning session and 2 courses opportunities in the afternoon session

A. Pastoral Care of Marriage and Family – Rev. Dr. Luis Bernard
B. Introduction to Christian Unity – Dr. Carmelo Álvarez
C. Theological Explorations of the Trinity – Dr. Zaida Maldonado
D. Theologies and Practices of Reconciliation – Dr. Carlos Cardoza
E. Introduction to the Old Testament – Dr. Greg Cuellar

CPOHM in joined partnership with Christian Theological Seminary has celebrated the Summer Theological Program:

This program was held on June 25-29, 2012 with eight students. The following courses were offered:

A. Christian Worship – Dr. Tercio Junker
B. Preaching – Rev. Daniel Feliciano
C. Biblical Knowledge and Interpretation – Dr. Osvaldo D. Vena
D. Disciples History and Polity – Rev. Dr. Huberto Pimentel

CPOHM is committed to grant scholarships for M.Div. seminarians

CPOHM has allocated $4,130 for scholarship support. Each seminarian under the care of a Commission on Ministry is granted +/- $40 per credit hour in an ATS Seminary. There are 8 Hispanic Seminarians studying in Disciples Seminaries and other ATS Seminaries where there is no Disciples Seminary presence. The allocation for 2011 will be 2/3 of 2010 due to the economic impact to our CPOHM.

V. The CPOHM & the Church-at-Large

CPOHM supported the goals and vision of our Church:

1. Pro-Reconciliation: The National Pastor is part of the Reconciliation Commission. We will be in dialogue with the Reconciliation Minister, Rev. April Johnson of the Office of the General Minister and President, to explore the possibility of an event for Hispanics in 2014. CPOHM has designated funds for a Reconciliation activity.
2. New Church: CPOHM supports the growing number of Hispanic new congregations and networking with Hope. We are requesting from HOPE Partnership Ministries a conversation on how to improve and make clear the transition of new Hispanic Churches to the Obra Hispana.
3. Transforming congregations: The different educational ventures of the CPOHM seek to empower and transform our existing congregations, particularly by helping our ministers to be better pastoral leaders.
4. Forming and reforming leadership: CPOHM continues its emphasis on leadership development, as demonstrated by the programs developed in 2012. CPOHM also organizes and resources ministerial retreats, workshops and assemblies for Latino and Latina ministers. Many of these workshops and seminars take place during Hispanic Convention Assemblies and others during pastoral visits from the National Pastor where some Hispanic churches group together for a Saturday Workshop.

VI. Audited Annual Financial Statements

There was no audit for 2012. At our Hispanic Board of Directors meeting, Nancy Pickell, the person who handles the CPOHM finances explained in details the financial challenges and projections for Hispanic Ministries. An unaudited financial statement for the CPOHM is provided.

VII. Conclusion

CPOHM is committed to serving the growing Hispanic Disciples constituency. We are confident the changes in leadership will energize our ministry, enabling the CPOHM to better serve our Church as a whole.
The General Board has reviewed Report No. 1302 from the Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries. The report is submitted to the General Assembly for consideration and discussion. No action is required. (Discussion time 12 minutes)