

## 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
- 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 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

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
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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: Lucy Allen  
Conference: Central San Joaquin Valley

## 4. Christ Lahu Ministry (Visalia) - Strategic Ministries

Leader: Pastor Samee Singkeovilay  
Conference: Central San Joaquin Valley

*All new starts are Synodically Authorized Worshiping Communities or SAWC.*

*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.*

## 5. Christ Multicultural Community Ministry (San Jose)

Leader: Pastor Jared Oluoch  
Conference El Camino Real

## 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: Pr. Alex Gonzalez  
Conference: Central San Joaquin

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

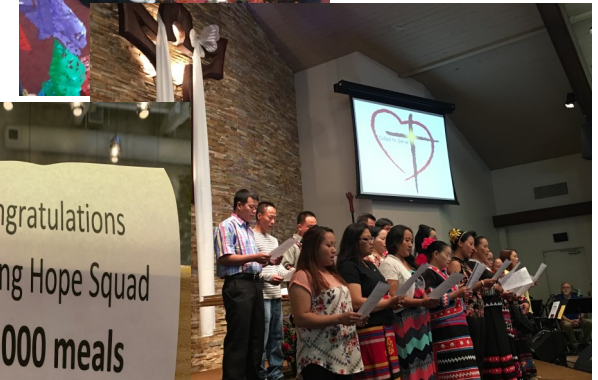
Leader: Mr. Charbel Zgheib  
Conference: Capitol Valley

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

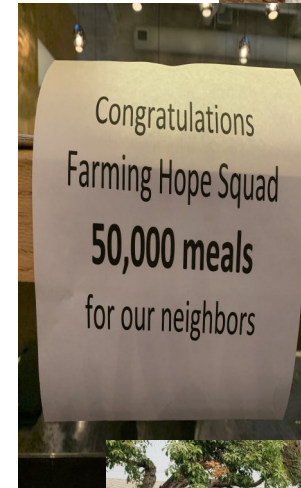
Lay leader: Ms. Janet Katari  
Conference: San Francisco Peninsula



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.

