

Newsletter



● **UNITING, COMMITTING, & EDIFYING OUR DISTRICT**



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Welcome to our District Newsletter! Dive into stories, updates, and inspiration from our District. Let's unite, commit, and edify together!

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From Bishop's Desk

Praise the Lord, members of South Texas District. It is with great joy and anticipation that I extend my warmest welcome to the inaugural edition of STXD Newsletter: "Uniting, Committing, and Edifying Our District" to fulfill the Mission. As we embark on this journey of communication and connection, let us remember the importance of staying united in faith and purpose. This newsletter serves as a beacon of light, illuminating the latest news, events, and reflections within our District Community.



Together, let us embrace the opportunity to share in each other's stories, successes, and challenges as we continue to grow in our faith journey. Through the pages of this newsletter, we embark on a journey of connection, sharing the latest news, events, and insights that shape our District's vibrant tapestry. It serves as a conduit for strengthening bonds,

nurturing faith, and empowering each other to live out our shared values.

As we delve into the stories and updates within these pages, may we be reminded of our collective mission to unite in purpose, commit to our beliefs, and edify one another in love. Let us embrace this opportunity to uplift and inspire each other as we continue to journey together in

faith and fellowship.

Thank you for your continued dedication to our district and for your participation in this exciting new endeavor.

With blessings and anticipation,

Rogelio Anzaldua Jr.
Bishop
South Texas District



Strengthening Bonds of Faith

In the South Texas District, our core values of unity, commitment, and edification serve as guiding principles that shape our collective journey of faith. As we come together as a community, we are reminded of the importance of nurturing these values to foster a strong and vibrant District. As we reflect

on our Theme of "Join, Commit, Build: Fulfill the Mission," let us renew our commitment to these values and embrace our role as ambassadors of Christ in our community. Together, let us continue to build a District where love reigns supreme, faith abounds, and the gospel is proclaimed to all.

Uniting in Purpose:

Committing to Our Beliefs:

Edifying One Another in Love:



At the heart of our District is a shared sense of purpose—to spread the message of love, compassion, and salvation. Through unity, we stand stronger together, bound by a common faith and a commitment to serve our Lord and Savior. Whether in times of celebration or moments of challenge, our unity remains unwavering, serving as a beacon of hope and inspiration for all who are touched by our ministry.



Commitment is the cornerstone of our faith journey. It is a dedication to upholding the teachings of Christ and living out our beliefs in our daily lives. As members of the Apostolic Assembly, we are called to commit ourselves wholeheartedly to the work of the Lord, seeking to honor Him in all that we do. This commitment extends beyond mere words—it is reflected in our actions, our relationships, and our service to others.



Edification is the process of building up and encouraging one another in the faith. Within our District, we are committed to creating an environment where each member feels valued, supported, and empowered to grow spiritually. Through acts of kindness, words of encouragement, and a spirit of love, we strive to edify one another, strengthening the bonds of fellowship and deepening our connection to God.



Federations 2023-2027

Within our District, we are blessed to have vibrant federations dedicated to fostering fellowship, growth, and service within specific segments of our community. Whether you're a man, a woman, or a youth, there's a place for you to connect, grow, and contribute to our shared mission.

01 Men's Auxiliary

President: Victor Treviño
Secretary: Nestor de la Cruz
Treasurer: Omar Serna

02 Women's Auxiliary

President: Ruth Martinez
Secretary: Karina Anzaldua
Treasurer: Reyna Saucedo

03 Messengers of Peace

President: Felipe Guizar
Secretary: Abram Vela Jr.
Treasurer: Merari Balladares



Men's Federation

Our Men's Federation is a brotherhood of faith, where men gather to support, encourage, and uplift one another in their spiritual journey. Through fellowship, prayer, and service projects, we strive to become better husbands, fathers, and leaders in our homes, churches, and communities.

Women's Federation

The Women's Federation is a sisterhood of faith, where women come together to share, learn, and grow in their relationship with the Lord and with each other. Through Bible studies, retreats, and outreach initiatives, we seek to empower and equip women to live out their God-given purpose with grace and strength.

Youth's Federation

Our Youth federation is a dynamic community where young people are encouraged to explore their faith, develop their talents, and build lifelong friendships. Through youth camps, conferences, and service projects, we provide opportunities for our youth to grow spiritually, socially, and personally, as they navigate the challenges of adolescence and prepare to become leaders of tomorrow.



Pastors' Retreat 2023

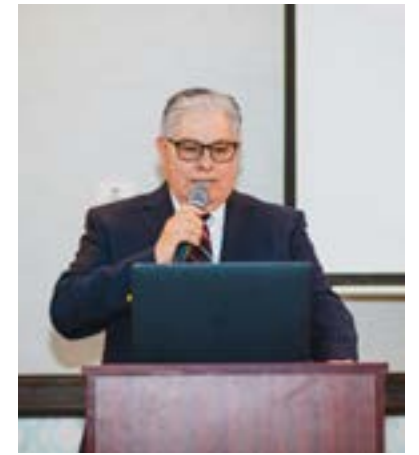
Recharge

Our recent Pastors' Retreat was a time of deep reflection, spiritual renewal, and meaningful fellowship for our District's clergy. Held at SPI on December 8-10, 2023, Pastors from across our District gathered to recharge, refocus, and reconnect with their calling.

Throughout the Retreat, attendees had the opportunity to engage in uplifting worship, heartfelt prayer, and insightful teaching sessions led by seasoned speakers and ministers. The retreat provided a sacred space for Pastors to share experiences,

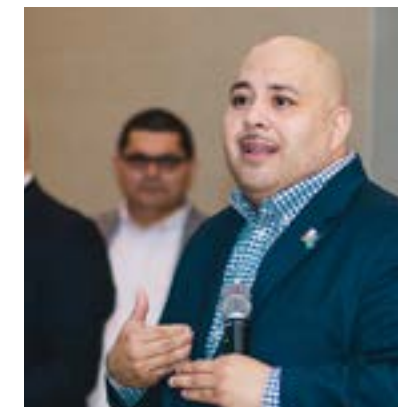
challenges, and victories with one another, fostering a sense of camaraderie and support within our Pastoral Community.

As Pastors returned to their congregations, they brought with them renewed energy, fresh perspectives, and a strengthened commitment to serving their flocks with excellence and love. We are grateful for the invaluable time spent together and look forward to the continued blessings that will flow from this enriching experience.



Bishop Francisco Quezada

- ✓ Recharge your gratitude, your passion, your spiritual strength, your freedom, your faith
- ✓ Determined to win souls, to grow
- ✓ Determined and committed to the vision



Elder Carlos Orona





Embracing Hope South Texas Ministry

Embracing Hope Ministries is a beacon of light and love within our District, dedicated to ministering to cancer patients, survivors, and caregivers. We understand the unique challenges and burdens that come with a cancer diagnosis, and we are here to offer spiritual encouragement, practical support, and community resources to help you navigate this journey.

Our ministry is equipped with the capacity to provide resources and education about the disease, empowering you with knowledge and tools to make informed decisions about your care. But beyond the physical aspects of cancer, we also recognize the importance of ministering to the "Heart and Soul." That's why we

offer spiritual and emotional encouragement to uplift and strengthen your innermost being during this challenging time.

Whether you need someone to listen, a shoulder to lean on, or guidance in accessing community resources, Embracing Hope Ministries is here for you. We believe that through faith, support, and love, we can walk alongside you on your cancer journey, offering hope and healing every step of the way.

Join us as we Embrace Hope together, finding strength and solace in the midst of life's trials.

Director's Welcome: Finding Hope and Support in Our Journey Together

Praise the Lord,

It is with great joy and humility that I extend a warm welcome to you on behalf of Embracing Hope Ministries. As the director of this ministry, I am honored to walk alongside you on your journey as a cancer patient, survivor, or caregiver.

At Embracing Hope Ministries, we understand the myriad of emotions and challenges that come with a cancer diagnosis. It is our heartfelt desire to come alongside you during this time, offering not only practical support and resources but also spiritual encouragement and companionship.

Whether you're seeking guidance, a listening ear, or simply a safe space to share your heart, our doors are always open to you. We are here to provide a beacon of hope in the midst of uncertainty, a source

of strength when you feel weary, and a community of support when you feel alone.

Together, let us Embrace Hope, faith, and love as we journey through this season of life. May you find comfort and solace in the knowledge that you are not alone, and that there is a community of caring individuals standing with you every step of the way.

Welcome to Embracing Hope Ministries. We are here for you, today and always.

With warm regards,

Karina Anzaldúa,
Director, Embracing Hope Ministry



Isaiah 41:10

"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Dear Church Leaders,

As we continue to build and strengthen our community within the South Texas District, I am excited to invite each Church to actively participate in our District Newsletter by sharing their important updates, inspiring stories, and upcoming events with our entire District Family of Embracing Hope.

We value the unique contributions and experiences of each Church within our District, and we believe that by coming together, we can create a vibrant and thriving community. That's why I encourage you to share your church's events, pictures, and other news items for inclusion in the newsletter.

Whether it's a special event, a community outreach initiative, a testimony of God's faithfulness, or simply a snapshot of life within your congregation, we want to hear from you! Your contributions not only help to keep our District informed and connected but also inspire and encourage others in their own faith journey.

Please feel free to send your submissions to Sister Melgoza [pilarmelgoza@yahoo.com], and our newsletter team will work diligently to feature them in upcoming editions. Let's seize this opportunity to celebrate the wonderful work God is doing in and through our Churches, and let's continue to build unity and fellowship within our District.

Thank you for your partnership and participation in this important endeavor.

Holistic Approach

- 01** Spiritual Support: Offering prayer, Scripture, and pastoral care for cancer patients, survivors, and caregivers.
- 02** Community Connections: Connecting individuals with support groups, counseling services, and practical assistance.
- 03** Education Focus: Raising awareness about cancer and providing educational resources.
- 04** Holistic Care: Addressing emotional, mental, and spiritual needs with compassion and understanding.

The Strategy of Jesus

Why the Strategy of Jesus?

The Strategy of Jesus Committee is proposing a simplified version of the Strategy of Jesus vision to assist local churches in overcoming obstacles in implementing the program. They recognized that the original eight gears were challenging for many pastors, especially those with small congregations and bi-vocational pastors. To address this, they've simplified the program



into three stages of implementation, focusing on essential components. The first stage includes Cell Groups, the Evangelistic Cycle, and Discipleship level one. The second stage adds The Leaders Meeting, the Spiritual Strategy, and Excellence in Ministries. The final stage includes Spiritual Retreats and Church Planting, completing the Strategy of Jesus framework.

EVANGELISTIC CYCLE

FIVE WEEKS OF PRAYER, FASTING AND EVANGELISM TO BRING 10 PEOPLE TO FRIEND'S DAY IN THE CELL GROUP

BRING
Go find these friends and bring them to the Cell Group's Friendship Day

INVITE
Give them an invitation to the Friendship Day and ask them to RSVP

VISIT
Visit the friends in order to pray for them and minister the Word of God to them

CONTACT
Call each friend and understand

IDENTIFY
Write the name of ten friends on a

FIVEFOLD ACTIVITIES OF A CELL GROUP

- 1 Worship
- 2 Discipleship
- 3 Ministry
- 4 Fellowship
- 5 Evangelism

The Mission of Our Church

The body of Christ, the Church, (1st Corinthians 12:27), has the inescapable task of going into all the world and making disciples. The church's main business is to become a discipling body for the Kingdom of God.



1 Corinthians 3:6-8

"I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor." (NKJV).

- Evangelistic Cycle**
 First, the cycle begins with each member of the congregation or New Work praying, fasting, and attempting to evangelize ten souls each. This part of the New Birth Cycle ends with Friends Day, either in a home or at the church.
- Life Groups**
 Second, the church members then works so that the souls who attended the Friends Day connect to a cell group.
- Discipleship School Level 1**
 After the cell group meetings, attendees are urged to join discipleship classes, usually at the church. If the new birth class is within a cell group, it's on a different day. The goal is for participants to surrender to Christ, get baptized, and receive mentoring until they become soul winners.

We are thrilled to announce the launch of "The Strategy of Jesus" evangelism program within our District. Inspired by the teachings and methods of our Lord and Savior, this program is designed to equip and empower believers to share the message of hope and salvation with boldness and compassion.

At its core, "The Strategy of Jesus" seeks to emulate the strategies employed by Jesus Himself during His earthly ministry. From His intentional relationships with people of all backgrounds to His powerful demonstrations of love and grace, Jesus exemplified a holistic approach to evangelism that transformed lives and communities.

Through "The Strategy of Jesus," we aim to:

Build Relationships: Following Jesus' example of intentional and authen-

tic relationships, we seek to engage with individuals in our communities, building bridges of trust and understanding.

Share the Gospel: Equipped with a clear understanding of the gospel message and guided by the Holy Spirit, we boldly proclaim the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ, inviting others to experience His love and forgiveness.

Demonstrate Love in Action: Just as Jesus demonstrated His love through acts of compassion and service, we strive to tangibly express God's love to those in need, meeting both spiritual and practical needs.

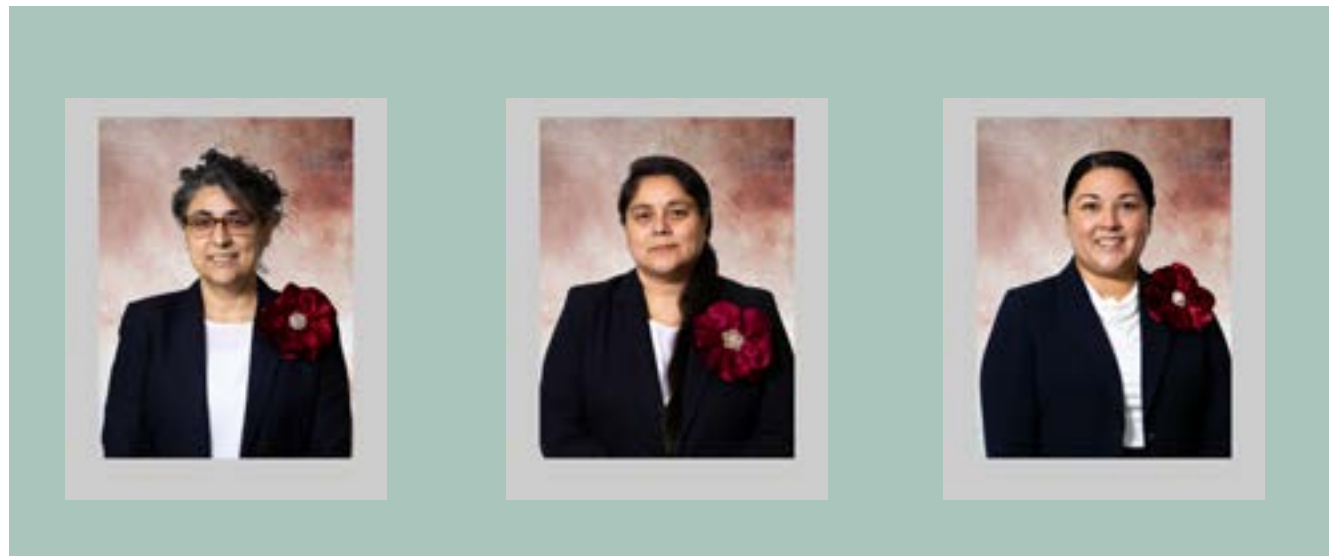
Empower Discipleship: Through intentional discipleship and mentorship, we empower new believers to grow in their faith and become active participants in fulfilling the Great Commission.



We believe that by following:
 the strategy laid out by Jesus Himself, we can make a lasting impact on our communities and fulfill our calling to be ambassadors of Christ in a world in need of His love and salvation.



Join us:
 as we embark on this journey of evangelism, sharing the hope and joy found in Jesus Christ with all who will listen.



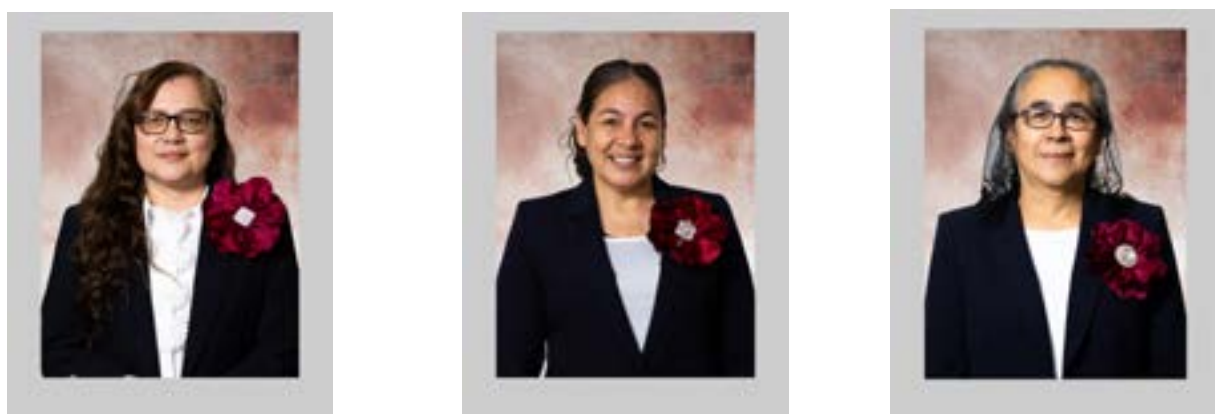
Honoring Our Pastors' Wife

A Ministry of Support and Encouragement

We are excited to shine a spotlight on the invaluable contributions of our pastors' wives through our dedicated Pastors' Wives Ministry. This Ministry is a reflection of our deep appreciation for the vital role they play in the life of our Church Community and their unwavering support of their spouses in ministry.

The Pastors' Wives Ministry is a place where these remarkable women can find support, encouragement, and fellowship as they navigate the joys and challenges of serving alongside their husbands in ministry. Through this ministry, we seek to honor and uplift our Pastors' Wives, recognizing the sacrifices they make and the love they pour into our Church Family.

We invite all Pastors' Wives to join us in this ministry of support and encouragement. Together, let us honor and uplift these incredible women who serve alongside their husbands with dedication, grace, and love.



Exploring Our Sectors

In this section of our Newsletter, we have the privilege of highlighting the vibrant activities and Ministries within our three Sectors. Each Sector plays a unique and important role in fulfilling our Mission as a Church Community, and we are excited to share the inspiring work being done in each area.

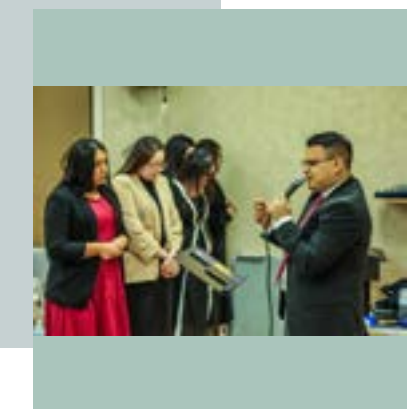
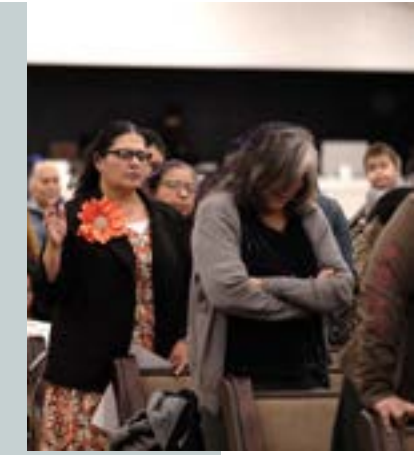
We invite you to explore the ministries and activities within each Sector and consider how you can get involved or support their work. Together, let us continue to advance God's Kingdom and make a difference in the lives of those around us through our collective efforts.

Do you have a story to share or an event to highlight from your Ministry within your Sector? We invite you to submit your contributions for inclusion in our Newsletter. Wheth-

er it's a testimonial of God's faithfulness, a report on recent activities, or an upcoming event announcement, we want to hear from you! Your submissions help us showcase the impactful work being done within our Sector and inspire others to get involved.

Please send your submissions by [deadlines](#).

Thank you for your participation and for your dedication to advancing God's kingdom within our District.



The Pastor's Corner

Pastors' Corner: Words of Wisdom & Encouragement

Welcome to the Pastors' Corner, a space dedicated to sharing insights, reflections, and messages of inspiration from our Church's Leadership.

As we journey together in faith, we are reminded of the words of Psalm 23:1-3: "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul." In these uncertain times, let us find comfort and strength in the knowledge that our God is a faithful shepherd who guides and sustains us through every season of life.

May we take refuge in His presence, finding rest for our weary souls and peace for our troubled hearts. And may we trust in His unfailing love, knowing that He is with us, leading us on paths of righteousness for His name's sake



Upcoming Events

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NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICE | MEMBERSHIP IN ACTION
 SOUTH DISTRICT | MEMBERSHIP IN ACTION

SOUTHWEST REGION	PHOENIX, AZ	JANUARY 12-13
FLORIDA	TAMPA, FL	JANUARY 26-27
DESERT	LAS VEGAS, NV	FEBRUARY 9-10
NORTHEAST CA	MODESTO, CA	FEBRUARY 23-24
MIDWEST	CHICAGO, IL	MARCH 8-9
TEXAS	DALLAS, TX	MARCH 14-16
SOUTHERN CA	SOUTH BAY, CA	MARCH 29-30
EAST COAST	MARYLAND/VIRGINIA	APRIL 12-13
NORTHWEST	COLUMBIA, VA	APRIL 26-27

MINSTRELS
south texas chapter

THE LAUNCH Official orientation to go over all the details and expectations of your new journey.

ONLINE WRKSHIP Week 1 starts ONLINE. Are you ready?

IN-PERSON WRKSHIP Week 2 kick-starts IN-PERSON. This is where it gets interesting!

GO ON TO REGISTER

YOUTH SUMMIT
UNITED
MARCH 7-9

THURSDAY
7PM

SECTOR SERVICE MARCH 7

SECTOR I
SECTOR II
SECTOR III

COASTAL BI

FRIDAY
7:30

GENERAL SERVICE MARCH 8

SEBASTIAN

\$10 ENTRANCE FEE BOTH DAYS

SATURDAY
11 AM

GENERAL SPLIT CONF

YOUNG WOMEN UNITED
YOUNG MEN UNITED

GENERAL SERVICE

SEMANA DE CONSAGRACIÓN
29 de febrero - 2 de marzo

DÍAS 2 Y 3
VIERNES, MARZO 1
A LAS 7:00 PM

DÍA 1
JUEVES, 29 DE FEBRERO
A LAS 7:00 PM

SÁBADO
2 DE MARZO
A LAS 4:00 PM

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PASTOR JONATHAN CRUZ

LADIES CAMP 2024
CAMPAMENTO FEMENIL
JEREMIAS 1:5

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SPI CONVENTION CENTER
APRIL 25-27

REGISTRATION \$80.00
MARCH 22ND PRE-REGISTRATION (DEPOSIT) \$45.00
MARCH 23RD LATE REGISTRATION \$100.00

SPEAKER - GRADORA
FIRST LADY MARTHA RÍEZ DE VALERO
COLOMBIAN MISSIONARY

SPEAKER - GRADORA
HONORARY FIRST LADY ROSE E. PERA
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National Dorcas Conferences

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Chicago, IL / June 27-29
Westin Hotel

Palm Springs, CA / August 29-31
Renaissance Esmeralda Resort & Spa

REGISTRATION OPENS
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STRATEGY OF JESUS REGIONAL SEMINARS 2024

Charlotte, North Carolina - February 20-21
Pastor Jonathan Cruz

Baltimore, Maryland - March 1-2
Pastor Jonathan Cruz

Phoenix, Arizona - March 15-16
Pastor Jimmy Morales

Chicago, Illinois - April 1-2
Pastor Jonathan Cruz

Los Angeles, California - April 26-27
Pastor Jimmy Morales

Valencia, Washington - May 1-2
Pastor Jimmy Morales

San Antonio, Texas - May 11-12
Pastor Jimmy Morales

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BUILD THE CHURCH: MISSION HOLY SPIRIT

Welcome:

Welcome to the inaugural edition of our District Newsletter! In this issue, as we celebrate the arrival of spring and let us celebrate the promise of new beginnings. Join us as we reflect on the theme of renewal and share inspiring stories of hope and transformation within our District.

Call for Submissions:

Do you have a story, event, or photo you'd like to share in our next Newsletter Edition? We welcome submissions from churches, ministries, and individuals across our District. Send your contributions to: admin@temploelsiloe.org by end of February, end of May, end of August, and end of November.

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