

# NATIONAL OUTREACH

VISION TEAM LANE REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2023

## LANE OVERVIEW

We have an invitation and a responsibility as Christ followers to participate actively in the Great Commission. Jesus said in Acts 1:8, “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Because of this, United City is passionate about planting churches that impact their communities near and far, sharing the gospel and supporting new churches across North America, where more than 36% of the people do not have a relationship with Jesus Christ (Pew Research).

## LANE HIGHLIGHTS

Through growing partnerships and support, United City has experienced a palpable measure of camaraderie and momentum being built with over a dozen churches, pastors, and leaders across the United States.



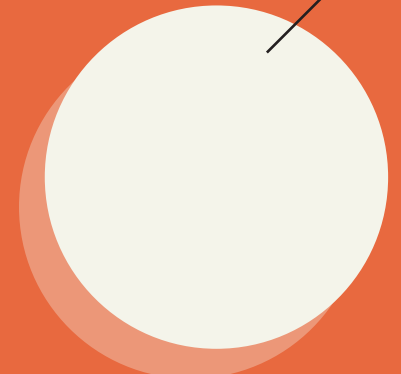
# UC

**VISION GAP**  
**\$3,600,000**

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**\$3,600,000**

**FUNDED**  
**\$0**

**0%**



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In 2022, we gave \$331,000 to missions from UC's annual budget:

- Cooperative Program/UBA - \$199,000 (60%)
- Church Plants - \$81,750 (25%)
  - Redemption City Church, Fort Worth, TX (\$8,250)
  - Trinity River Church, Fort Worth, TX (new - \$10,000)
  - Favor City Church (new - \$10,000)
  - Royal City Church, Los Angeles, CA (new - \$10,000)
  - Connection Church, Longmont, CO (\$8,250)
  - Mt. Zion Church of God (new - \$10,000)
  - Iglesia Bautista Comunidad de Gracia Patillas (new - \$10,000)
  - Iglesia Bautista Raham Aibonito (new - \$10,000)
  - Walk Church, Las Vegas, NV (new - \$15,000)
- Local/global mission partners - \$50,200 (15%)



## NEW VISION PROJECTS

### PRIORITY 1

### 10 CHURCH PLANTS

We would like to plant ten churches from United City. This would mean recruiting church planters who would serve for a year at UC prior to launching the new church. United City would then support each church for 3 years at \$100,000 per year once the church has launched

**ESTIMATED COST**

**\$3,000,000**

### NATIONAL MISSIONS SCHOLARSHIPS

When Jesus commanded us to go into the world and share the Gospel, he was quick to include instructions to go into our own backyard as well. At United City, we believe in the impact of sharing the Gospel, both nationally and internationally. National mission trips are primarily to help with existing church plants and provide members an opportunity to impact other communities outside our own.

National Missions scholarships supplement the gap for those who would otherwise be unable to serve on mission due to financial restraints, providing additional funding needed to empower those committed to spreading Christ's Word to areas in need, including various church plants across the country.

All funding will be contingent upon available funds for the calendar year that is designated for the scholarship.

<b>ESTIMATED COST</b>	<b>\$50,000/YEAR</b>
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## **PRIORITY 2**

### **CHURCH PLANTER RETREAT**

Church planting is hard. Every year, about 4,000 churches are planted in the U.S. And every year, about 3,700 churches close. At United City, we don't want to simply send financial support to our church plants. We want to share our resources, training, support, and ongoing relationships.

We believe the best way to facilitate this is by welcoming church planters into our own staff family during our annual staff retreats, where ministers and their spouses are poured into strategically and relationally. Staff retreat is where 'iron sharpens iron' - opportunities to share in knowledge and resources are priceless for a pastor with limited resources or experience. This would include covering their travel, room, food, and activity expenses. It also provides United City an opportunity to learn about and share in the church planters needs, giving United City even greater opportunities to serve our church plant partners.

<b>ESTIMATED COST</b>	<b>\$50,000/YEAR</b>
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### **ESTABLISH CHURCH PLANTER NETWORK**

The call to make disciples is answered most effectively through gospel-centered churches. Planting a church is a challenging task. We want to support church planters and their families with effective tools, lasting relationships, and wisdom and guidance as they navigate a church plant that will grow, thrive, and glorify God. Ultimately, we want to see them become a church that goes on to plant more churches.

Developed over the next 3 years as part of our efforts to continually resource and support our church planters, this network would include but not be limited to: leadership intensives, additional training, conferences, retreats, guidance – all the things church planters need to grow and thrive.

<b>ESTIMATED COST</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>
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