

APPENDIX I-1

Update from the Administrative Commission for Nueva Esperanza Presbyterian Church April 2019

In June of 2018 Nueva Esperanza began a year-long contractual relationship with Reverend Pablo Rivera through the 1001 Worshiping Communities of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Since Pastor Pablo's first weekend visit, in July 2018, a leadership team was selected and an action plan for growth was discussed. In February of 2019, Pablo visited again and the action plan was finalized.

The church family, through the direction of the leadership team, has been reenergized and is working diligently to complete the items on the action plan. Pastor Pablo has visited in February, March and April. During his visits he conducts worship with communion and meets with the leadership team to keep them focused on their goals.

The leadership team has completed or begun the following: purchased a church phone and a new church sign, began new member classes, welcomed three new members with six more in new member classes, baptized one new member with a possible three new baptisms in June, and conducted a stewardship campaign. Also, the number of church attendees is steadily increasing.

Pastor Pablo continues to be in contact with the leadership team through emails, phone calls and teleconferencing. He sends a monthly report to the moderator of the AC or calls as needed. He is a great blessing to this church family.

Before the next presbytery meeting, with the help of Reverend Rivera, a decision will need to be made as to whether NEPC will apply to transition to becoming a 1001 Worshiping Community.

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Moderator of the Administrative Commission