

**Update from the Administrative Commission
for Nueva Esperanza Presbyterian Church
September 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). In June of 2019 the session voted to extend the contract for a period of six months, through December of 2019. 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 once a month from February to June and again in August. During his visits, he conducts worship with communion and meets with the leadership team to keep them focused on their goals. Members of the AC also attend as their schedules permit.

The leadership team has completed or begun the following: purchased a new church sign, began new member classes, welcomed nine new members with two more in new member classes, baptized one adult and three youth, and conducted a stewardship campaign.

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