



If you look into the face of church planter Luis Gonzalez, you'll see intensity. Phoenix Comunidad Cristiana Ministerios (TOX Ministries) founding Pastor feels urgency for reaching people. A Pentecostal youth minister for 14 years in Mexico, he now leads this multi-age, bilingual congregation, a ministry of the Church of the Beatitudes in Phoenix, with services in English and Spanish. He has embraced the diversity of the United Church of Christ and a vision for a new way to do church.

Brendan Mahoney, Moderator of the Southwest Conference, who regularly attends services with his partner Gordon Street, has seen the church growing spiritually and in attendance and outreach by multiplication through cell groups. Homes host cell groups for prayer, Bible study and leadership education. Reminiscent of the house churches of the first generation of Christians, cell groups are welcoming, nurturing and forming new disciples.

Strengthen the Church grants provide leadership for new congregations like TOX Ministries where Pastor Gonzalez asserts, "We are just working to be the love and life of Jesus."