

Report to the Grace Brethren Investment Foundation Board: May 16, 2019 Grace Churches Network//Grace Leaders Network – SoCal & Arizona

The **Grace Churches Network** is the "doing business as" (DBA) name of the Grace Brethren Conference of Southern California/Arizona, Inc., the non-profit organization commonly referred to as the Southern California/Arizona District of the Charis Fellowship USA. Our network includes 21 churches from our region and is the 4th largest district in the Charis Fellowship nationwide.

Over the past four years, the Grace Churches Network has been making strides to build (in many cases rebuild) relationships amongst our leaders and churches. We desire to function better as a fellowship rather than independent churches. During these last three years, our leadership organization, which in many parts of the USA is called a "ministerium," was overhauled and renamed the **Grace Leaders Network**. Its goals are to connect leaders to one another, learn more about ministry, and to encourage collaborating together. We desire to transition away from a "full-time pastor" dominated leadership network to an all-church ministry leader network that would offer a breadth of support and encouragement to our local churches.



Exciting Happenings in our Region

Reviving Churches:

Grace Rancho Cucamonga is a two-church partnership to revitalize Grace Norwalk new Pastor, grown by 40 people since installed

New Churches:

Dec. 2017, welcomed Anclados a Cristo – Spanish-speaking church in Orange
2018 AssistCX received large donation to plant in SoCal
2018 Modest donations in Savings Account for Church Planting
Feb. 2019 Jentes' sent from Los Altos Grace to plant in Greater Long Beach
Apr. 2019 James Holt Family working in the El Modena area near Orange
Apr. 2019 New Church Application from Spanish church Pastor Oscar Chavez

Other Happenings:

- Urban Hope LA (housed at Norwalk Grace) – Launched & Tim Lansing full-time
- Spanish-speaking Ministries – churches, events, retreats, & leadership development (with leadership cohort, WGUSA, etc.)

- Encompass Japanese Ministry Team – new leader Julio Marín
- Boyle Heights Outreach Ministry
- On Mission Partners- Ed Trenner & board facilitating evangelism & outreach
- GBIF Grant for Grace Leaders Network Cohorts, Spanish-speaking ordination, leadership development & church planting 😊

List of Churches:

- Beaumont (Cherry Valley), CA – Grace Fellowship Church
- Bellflower, CA – Bellflower Brethren Church
- Canyon Lake, CA – New Hope Community
- Lakewood, CA – Iglesia Cristiana de la Comunidad
- Long Beach, CA – Community Grace Brethren Church
- Long Beach, CA – Long Beach Grace Brethren Church
- Long Beach, CA – Los Altos Grace Church
- Norwalk, CA – Grace Brethren Church
- Orange, CA – Grace Church of Orange
- Orange, CA – Iglesia Cristiana Anclados a Cristo (Anchored to Christ Christian)
- Peoria, AZ – Valley Life Church
- Rancho Cucamonga, CA – Grace Church Rancho
- San Diego, CA – Grace Brethren Church
- Santa Ana, CA – Maranatha Brethren (Spanish-speaking)
- Seal Beach, CA – Grace Community Church
- Simi Valley, CA – Grace Church Simi
- South Pasadena, CA – Grace Brethren Church
- South Pasadena, CA – Comunidad Cristiana Betel
- Whittier, CA – Grace Brethren Church
- Whittier, CA – Community Grace Brethren Church (closing)
- Yucca Valley, CA – Grace Community Church



Network Website: GraceChurchesNetwork.org