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# 2022

## Vision Report Update

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A man with a beard and glasses, wearing a suit and tie, is speaking at a podium. He has his hands raised in a gesture of emphasis. The background is a solid brown color.

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*May our God allow us to be  
in the **CENTER** of his great  
**REDEMPITIVE** work taking  
place in our world.*

# VISION UPDATE

G. K. Chesterton wrote, **“Gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder.”**

As I think of you and all the other faithful and generous partners of Converge MSC (MidAmerica | Southeast | Caribbean), My heart is filled with “happiness doubled by wonder”.

As I rejoice in the miraculous work God has done in the hearts of our pastors, church planters and church members to make Converge MSC what it is today, I am filled with wonderous gratitude. The Apostle Paul’s letters are filled with an intense gratitude. I can imagine him upon hearing the good report of the churches he worked with saying to himself, **“Only God, only God could have done this! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!”**

On behalf of our board of overseers, our highly committed staff, and the 50-plus church-planting missionaries serving throughout the region, I say, Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Your belief in us and your generous financial support reminds us we are not alone as we serve pastors, church planters and churches in the great mission of Jesus.

I hope this update Vision Report will touch your hearts and produce a happiness doubled by wonder.

God Bless



**Gary Rohrmayer**  
President  
Converge MidAmerica | Southeast | Caribbean



**201 churches**

HAVE JOINED SINCE 2010



**654 churches**

ACROSS 15 STATES  
AND 28 COUNTRIES



**3,547**

COMPASSION CHILDREN  
SERVED THROUGH  
CONVERGE CHURCHES



**123 planters**

DEPLOYED CHURCH PLANTERS,  
2010-JAN 2023: 123  
DEPLOYED CHURCH PLANTERS,  
SEPT 2021-JAN 2023: 14

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# AMERICAN OVERGE THE BERS AMERICAN



**69% of churches**  
ARE OF COLOR OR ETHNIC



**2000+ hours**  
OF COACHING &  
CONSULTING PASTORS



**2,338 churches**  
PLANTED IN  
INDIA & NEPAL



**10 language groups**  
BEING REACHED

## CONVERGE MIDAMERICA | SOUTHEAST | CARIBBEAN STAFF

# We're here to serve you.



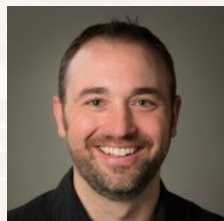
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Gary has a unique focus in mobilizing and mentoring leaders into the harvest field. He specializes in equipping leaders in areas of spiritual formation, church multiplication and church health.



**Bryan Moak**, Vice President of Church Strengthening | 847.655.7467  
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Bryan is here to help strengthen your church through pastoral coaching, a Prayer First Campaign, church assessments, a capital campaign or a pastoral search. He desires to see churches and their pastors thrive!



**Danny Parmelee**, Vice President of Church Planting | 847.655.6847  
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Having planted a church himself, Danny desires to see the Gospel go forth as new churches are birthed across our district. If you are interested in sending out a planter or planting yourself, please reach out to Danny.



**Ernie Cabrera**, Vice President of Church Partnerships | 224.585.0565  
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Ernie desires to build relationships and expand Converge's partnerships throughout the Midwest, Southeast and Caribbean, so please contact him if you have a neighbor church interested in joining Converge.



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**Contact Melissa about:**  
Applying to be a Converge Church Planter, Church Planting Assessments



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**Contact Wanda about:** Minister's Assistance Program/Counseling, Special Events, Strategic Partners, General Questions



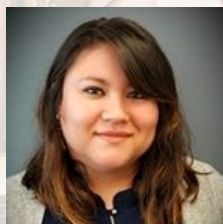
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**Contact Mary about:** Ministry Wives newsletter, one-on-one wives care and pastors' wives mentoring program



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**Contact Eileen about:** Church Loans, Church Payroll Services, Church Finance 101



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**Contact Yahaira about:** Donor receivables, Partner Fund, Updating churches info

## Church Planting

*Danny Parmelee, VP of Church Planting*

Since we last gathered at Connect 2022, we've continued to experience growth in church planting within our districts. An additional 14 church planters have joined our ranks in the past 14 months, starting new churches in Missouri, Illinois, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee and Indiana. We've also celebrated the grand opening of 13 of our church plants who have gathered for weekly worship services. Our planters are meeting in movie theaters, school auditoriums, community centers, coffee shops, church basements, and newly renovated sanctuaries. Our church plants have seen hundreds of people make faith commitments to Christ for the first time or rededicate their lives to Christ and lots have been baptized! We've also seen challenges in the life and work of our church planters, and had the opportunity to come alongside them and provide support, guidance, training and mentoring to our pastors. We couldn't provide this kind of support to our church planters or see this kind of growth in our church planting numbers without your continued generosity to our church movement. Thank you for being a part of Converge and for being a part of a movement that gives sacrificially so that these new works can reach their communities for Christ.

## Church Strengthening

*Bryan Moak, VP of Church Strengthening*

God continues to move as we seek to strengthen churches in our region. This last fall (2022), we saw 140 guys meet together in three locations for an event we called "All Together". It was a wonderful time to connect, share what God is doing and launch our new coaching system. 27 pastors said yes to wanting coaching! What a wonderful way to achieve our dream that "no one leads alone". In the last year we have seen 7 new pastors placed, and we are currently helping another 9 churches find pastors. It continues to be one of the most important things we do in Church Strengthening. Natural Church Development, Church Unique and other assessment tools continue to help guide our churches into healthier places. We are excited to share some of their stories in the months ahead of renewed Gospel work in their communities. I could go on and on, but I want to simply close by saying thank you to Andrew Ford, Gary Ricci and Kendal Anderson. These three men work tirelessly with me to care for, encourage and strengthen our churches as they continue to serve their own local churches. We are blessed to have them, and we can't wait to see what God does next!

## Church Partnerships

*Ernie Cabrera, VP of Church Partnerships*

God has been moving and growing our churches since our last Connect Conference in 2021. Our ethnic and cultural churches continue to grow and our churches are inviting other churches to join our movement. We have had 102 churches affiliate since our last report. The largest expansion happened in Haiti, where we now have 260 churches. We currently have well over 100 more churches in the process of joining us. They are joining us in almost every part of our region in MidAmerica, Southeast and the Caribbean. Our team is doing their best to keep up with all of the requests to come and visit these new interested churches. We are utilizing technology to better communicate and help us to develop relationships. The coming year's big expansion is happening in Mexico, Cuba and the Dominican Republic. We have also seen the success of The Timothy Initiative's training in Haiti and the Dominican Republic where we have seen 2157 salvations and 87 micro churches being planted. Vision Trips for church leaders are expanding throughout the Greater Caribbean, from Mexico to St. Croix. We also have mission trips for 2023 scheduled in the Bahamas, Cuba, and the Dominican Republic.

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