

The Outreach Ministries of FPC, previously called Mission Innovation, are a vital component of our vision to be a church *Here to Serve*. Comprised of Church Planting, Evangelism, Missions, and the Center for Faith, Work, & Innovation, Outreach offers a variety of ways to serve this neighborhood, our city, and around the world. The purpose of this email is to ensure our FPC community is aware of these opportunities and the ongoing activities of the Outreach team.

Staffing Updates

For the last three years, the Outreach team has been led by [Pastor Matt Lee](#). This month, Matt moved into a part-time role at FPC and accepted the position of Director of Residencies at Houston Church Planting Network (HCPN). Matt will continue to support FPC's church planting priorities, including identifying and developing individuals in the Church Plant Residency program and serving on the pastoral staff and preaching team. As a staff member of HCPN, Matt will oversee and lead all the residency programs, supporting approximately 50 planters per year in 3 different residencies. This unique role will allow him to provide First Pres Planters access to the learning culture that comes from day-to-day involvement in the church plant world. [Pastor Emmanuel Paulpeter](#) has taken over as Pastor of Outreach. Having led FPC's Evangelism efforts since 2018, Emmanuel has a heart to bring people to Christ. In his new role, he will continue to drive FPC's evangelism activities as he seeks to support the other ministry leaders within his team.

Ministry Updates



EVANGELISM

Rev. Emmanuel Paulpeter, Pastor of Outreach

Key Initiatives: Alpha, Pre-Evangelism Activities, Seeker-Friendly Bible Studies

At FPC, we understand evangelism to be every way in which followers of Jesus Christ communicate the good news of Christ's death and resurrection to people in need of a Savior. As such, we offer a variety of ways to engage those outside the FPC community and provide judgment-free environments to explore questions of faith. These are great activities to share with a friend.

We are currently hosting two Alpha courses, an evening and a daytime option. The daytime Alpha is a new option designed for easy access by Presbyterian School families and others with morning availability. Our evening Alpha course is held at the Weekley Family YMCA and to date has had a total of 68 people, the highest ever! This number includes 42 Non-Christians or Christian-but-searching participants, with 29 of these coming from our pre-evangelism activities or "invitation spaces". Invitation Spaces include recurring activities like Movie Group, TED Talk Discussion Group, Book Group, and Taco Socials which are designed to offer a space to build trust with people who may be hostile to religious communities.

Want to learn more about Evangelism activities or get involved? Please visit the [Evangelism page](#).



MISSIONS

Mary-Floye Federer, Director of Local & Global Missions

Key Activities: Mission Partnerships, Local and Global Mission Programs

We believe that we are called to go into the world to share the Gospel in our individual circles of influence and as a body in Houston and beyond.

The FPC Missions team strives to provide strategic opportunities locally and globally to both share the Gospel and equip the Body of Christ to share their faith in their daily lives. We offer ongoing mission opportunities updated weekly on our [Upcoming Opportunities](#) page and ways to serve through our [Local](#) and [Global](#) mission partners.

Most recently, FPC was the host site of the Texas Christian Community Development Network's annual conference, **No Need Among You (NNAY)**, held Oct. 4-8. FPC provided 21 volunteers helping with greeting, registration, and logistics. Over 300 individuals from across Texas, representing a variety of backgrounds and organizations, registered to attend. Keynotes and main sessions of NNAY streamed live. FPC also continues to organize teams through **Houston Welcomes Refugees** to help ease the transition of families arriving in Houston. **Feeding Houston's Heros (FHH)**, a ministry born during the COVID pandemic by members of the FPC community, continues to bless our first responders, medical professionals, and local partners serving children. FHH utilizes local businesses to serve this community and has distributed more than 500 meals in Aug-Oct.

To learn more about Missions or get involved, visit [Ways to Serve](#).



CHURCH PLANTING

Rev. Matt Lee, Pastor of Church Planting

Key Activities: Church Plant Residency

As mentioned above, our Church Planting ministry continues its mission to create an environment in which potential church planters become equipped, empowered, and supported as they seek to plant churches that plant churches.

Our most recent residency graduates continue to thrive in their respective ministries:

- [Jericho Road Renewal](#) coordinates monthly volunteer programs at Cullen Middle School, runs three transitional houses, and leads multiple Bible study groups. Jonathan and Taylor Ramsay continue to strengthen their presence in the local community through a shepherding ministry and providing nutritional assistance. They host a monthly prayer walk at Cullen that is open to all. For more information, contact Jonathan via email at jonathan@jerichoroadrenewal.org.
- [Kingdom Story Fellowship](#) (KSF) continues to gather to worship, study, grow, and live a life of faith together. After a summer of gathering as a house church, they are working to identify a new space to relaunch post-Covid. KSF continues to gain momentum through missional programs like Mobile Resource Partnerships, which assists those in need, a world vision team to aid in child sponsorships and clean water projects, and The Artist Abbey, which hosts art programs in the community. To learn more, contact Chris Harrison at chris@akingdomstory.com.
- [Creo Christ](#) is a house-church community group led by Pastor Emmanuel. They engage primarily via Zoom but also meet in person for a seeker-friendly Bible Study and Prayer group. Creo Christ engages with seekers from varied backgrounds, providing a space for them to understand the Gospel and deepen their faith.
- [Seven Mile Road Houston](#) continues to thrive with two Sunday services, house churches meeting across the city, a residency program, and ministries serving the family, the city, and the world. To learn more about Seven Mile Road, click [here](#).



CENTER FOR FAITH, WORK, & INNOVATION

Doug Meikle, Interim Director

Key Activities: Main Street Fellowship, Project Flourish

The Center for Faith, Work, & Innovation (CFWI) exists to form leaders and grow ideas for the good of Houston and the world. The key initiatives of CFWI are both in progress. To learn more about the Center for Faith, Work, and Innovation, please click [here](#).

- **Project Flourish**. All funds to winners of the last round of Project Flourish are now deployed and our largest recipient, [Project One Day](#), is up and running and impacting lives in our city right now! For a complete list of 2020 Project Flourish recipients, click [here](#).
- **Main Street Fellowship (MSF)** is a nine-month program that provides the theological, spiritual, and relational foundation required for meaningful and sustainable integration of faith and work. Last month CFWI started its fifth MSF cycle. The 2021/22 Fellows are in their first semester, which is all about building a Christian worldview, and are currently making their way through a series of great books and reflections on how the Christian worldview can bring purpose to life and work.

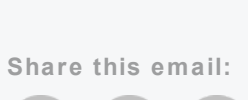
Here to Serve with FPC

We are grateful for all of the ways God is using the FPC community to reach those in our neighborhoods, across our city, and in places around the world. We invite you to prayerfully consider where God might be calling you to join. Outreach opportunities can be found weekly in the [eWeekly Ministry Update email](#), the [Upcoming Opportunities](#) page, or [FPC Events Calendar](#). You are also welcome to contact any of the ministry teams above.

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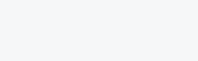
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