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Report for 2021 annual IMC assembly

It's no secret that 2020 has been a difficult year for everyone. Several of the IMC Hispanic churches face very difficult challenges. Some churches had to look at alternative ways of meeting and others decided to meet through virtual platforms. This past year has been the most difficult in my work as associate conference minister. I heard different accounts of people being infected, churches not meeting their financial obligations, and dealing with the looting from the George Floyd incident.

Most of my work revolved around these issues. I'll outline my work from this past year:

1. When the pandemic first hit, I communicated with each pastor regarding their plan in holding service virtually. I connected some free online platforms that they could use.
2. Checking up with pastors on a weekly basis I notice a trend. Pastors reported back that a good portion of their congregants were losing their jobs. Some had more challenges because they are undocumented, they could not file for unemployment benefits or depend on stimulus money. I connect with several non for profit and connect them with a few churches. Although it was temporary help, I believe it bought some sort of relief.
3. I help pastors apply for the covid relief fund. Contacted each IMC Hispanic pastor to apply.
4. Met with pastors individually to make sure they were doing well during this time.
5. Translated significant number of documents to communicate IMC correspondence.
6. Connected other IMC churches to food pantries and churches with food pantries.
7. Connected and translates in Joe Leichty meeting.
8. Push for Raul Urcino ordination. Translated for the interview.
9. Two Hispanic pastor began participating in the pastor peer meeting.
10. Found and install Sergio Canon as pastor for Iglesia Evangelica Hispana
11. Participated in different services via zoom and did sermons or bible studies.
12. Some of the churches were in looting area during the George Floyd protest. Helped churches with a dialogue regarding race and injustice. We were all grateful that no church was affected.