

GRANT #10
LINC BAY AREA THEOLOGICAL TRAINING
\$20,000
Zone 2 LINC Bay Area, Hayward, CA



Most of our congregations in the Bay Area are struggling to make their presence felt. A large factor which cannot be ignored is the huge demographic shift that has taken place in many communities in the past decades. The “nations” are no longer “over there somewhere”, they are here. The Bay Area is considered the 2nd most diverse region, of the 150 largest, in the U.S. More than 120 languages are spoken here and 1 of every 3 people is foreign born. The time has come for LCMS to make cross-cultural church planting a priority. To that end, LINC (Lutheran Inter-City Network Coalition) Bay Area, is a strategic network of people, churches and organizations that collaborate in God’s work to restore the people of the area to Christ. Presently, they are partnering to develop training for local indigenous missionary leaders as LCMS pastors, through a Concordia Seminary (St Louis) theological education distance program. This grant will fund scholarships for 5 present indigenous church planters.