

In Mission

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12:2

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CNH Missions and LINC Bay Area - How does this work?

The question is often asked of me as I share the news of God's mission in action around the CNH: "Is *(this specific ministry)* LINC or CNH at work? More often than not, the answer is, "yes," meaning that both have influence and play a part. We consider LINC to be the CNH District's first *go to partner* for new ministries and leadership education in the Bay Area. In most ministries, new and existing, we each bring



Rev. Greg Klotz

specific expertise to bear, assisting in the effort. CNH District leadership, including its Board of Directors, believe so strongly in this partnership that they issued the call to the first LINC Executive Director (Aaron Putnam), and seconded him to LINC Bay Area. Some significant areas of partnership are the expansion of Addis Kidan and its leadership; the replant of Good Shepherd English speaking worship group; collaborating to bring Dr. Greg Klotz to the CNH as pastor and LINC

Bay Area Bible Institute leader; creative

funding model for the Oromo language plant; and SOYL. In the article on page 2, LINC Bay Area City Director, Aaron Putnam, explains the nature of our partnership. – *Pastor Mike Lange*



School of Young Leaders (SOYL)



A day of celebration for LINC and CNH Missions (recognition of vicarage placement of Muluneh Taye at Addis Kidan).

l-r : Dr. Tesfai Tesema, Vicar Muluneh Taye, Mike Lange, Aaron Putnam, and Temesgen Dabsu (Oromo church planter)

CNH District and LINC Bay Area - A Partnership in Gospel Mission



For the past couple of years, I have had the privilege to share with many individuals and congregations across our district about the vision and work of God through LINC Bay Area. A question I often hear goes something like this. *“Is LINC Bay Area part of the CNH District?”* Good question. My best answer would be “no” and “yes!” I’ll do my best to explain.

First, the “no” part. LINC Bay Area is not legally part of the CNH District but is a Registered Service Organization (RSO) of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS).

This means we are a not-for-profit organization that is independent of the LCMS but whose operations foster the mission and ministry of the church.

Now, the “yes” part. Even though we are a separate legal organization, LINC Bay Area considers itself a partner with the individuals and congregations of the CNH District because:

- 1. LINC Bay Area was formed through the efforts of the CNH District**
- 2. LINC Bay Area receives funding each year from the CNH District**
- 3. LINC and the District share the values of Indigenous Leadership, Ethnic Diversity, and Courageous Mission**
- 4. LINC and the District share mutual accountability and encouragement in the Gospel**
- 5. LINC collaborates with the CNH District in the development of Bay Area leaders and new ministries**

The Bay Area is a unique place that attracts people from all over the globe. What starts here often ripples out to shape the rest of the world--the good and the beautiful and also the evil and the ugly. Unfortunately, many of our churches live isolated from each other. This greatly diminishes our witness and service in our communities in the name of our good and beautiful God.

At LINC Bay Area, we love our communities and the people who live here. We believe working with others leads to greater and lasting impact...and that includes you...the members and congregations of the CNH District! In Christ, we are better together! – *Pastor Aaron Putnam*

More to pray for...

1. The inspiration of the Holy Spirit and ongoing Gospel grounding for now full-time Executive Director, Pastor Aaron Putnam, as he embarks on the steep learning curve towards directing LINC Bay Area.
2. For sufficient provision for the work that the CNH District’s Mission Agency and LINC Bay Area do together.
3. Praise to God for the LINC “City Team” and Pastor Tom Zelt who have persevered and provided direction and support for the launching of LINC Bay Area.

If you would like to be a mission prayer partner for your congregation or are interested in Direct Missionary Support for one of our eligible missionaries, please contact Pastor Mike Lange, mike@cnh-lcms.org or his assistant, Glenna Sanlis, glenna@cnh-lcms.org.

