

## I. GEOGRAPHIC MAPPING OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

### **OBJECTIVE:**

The geographic mapping of the congregation helps the church leadership visualize how regionally dispersed and/or concentrated the congregation might be, and with it think about the *challenges* and *opportunities* the regional diversity and/or concentration brings to this particular congregation.

### **RATIONALE:**

- Our churches, in most cases, have distanced themselves from the traditional concept of parish – a church that pastorally serves a specific geographic region and considers all the people residing in that region –regardless of their religious or non-religious affiliation a person under its spiritual care-.
- There are many factors that have influenced and accelerated this change, mainly the easy access to individual transportation. In the past, people usually walked to church or drove very short distances. Because of it, churches were heavily invested in the local community and represented the demographics of the locality.
- In this context, systems of communication among members have become more sophisticated, and the demands on clergy have increased.
- With all the benefits of being able to draw people from larger distance, congregations find themselves competing with our present social culture for human resources, material resources, and time.
- The long term effect of neighborhood disconnection is that people have less time to attend “transformational” programs. Meaning, the solid Christian formation of the congregation’s membership and the consolidation of community relations.
- This exercise is not designed to reject one format of being church in favor of the other; the purpose is to develop a sense of understanding of the congregational composition capturing both the challenges and the opportunities that these two alternatives bring to the congregation. The ultimate purpose here is to find balance and be creative in the way we do church, the manner we present ourselves to the larger community, the services we offer to our congregants and the community, the appropriate use of our facilities, etc.

### **RESOURCES NEEDED AND STEPS TO BE TAKEN:**

- The congregation’s membership register including names and addresses
- Either a big map of the whole region or a computer that can provide access to the internet.
- If the task group decides to use the paper map, then it will also need pins, markers or other materials that could be use to identify the location where each registered congregation member reside.

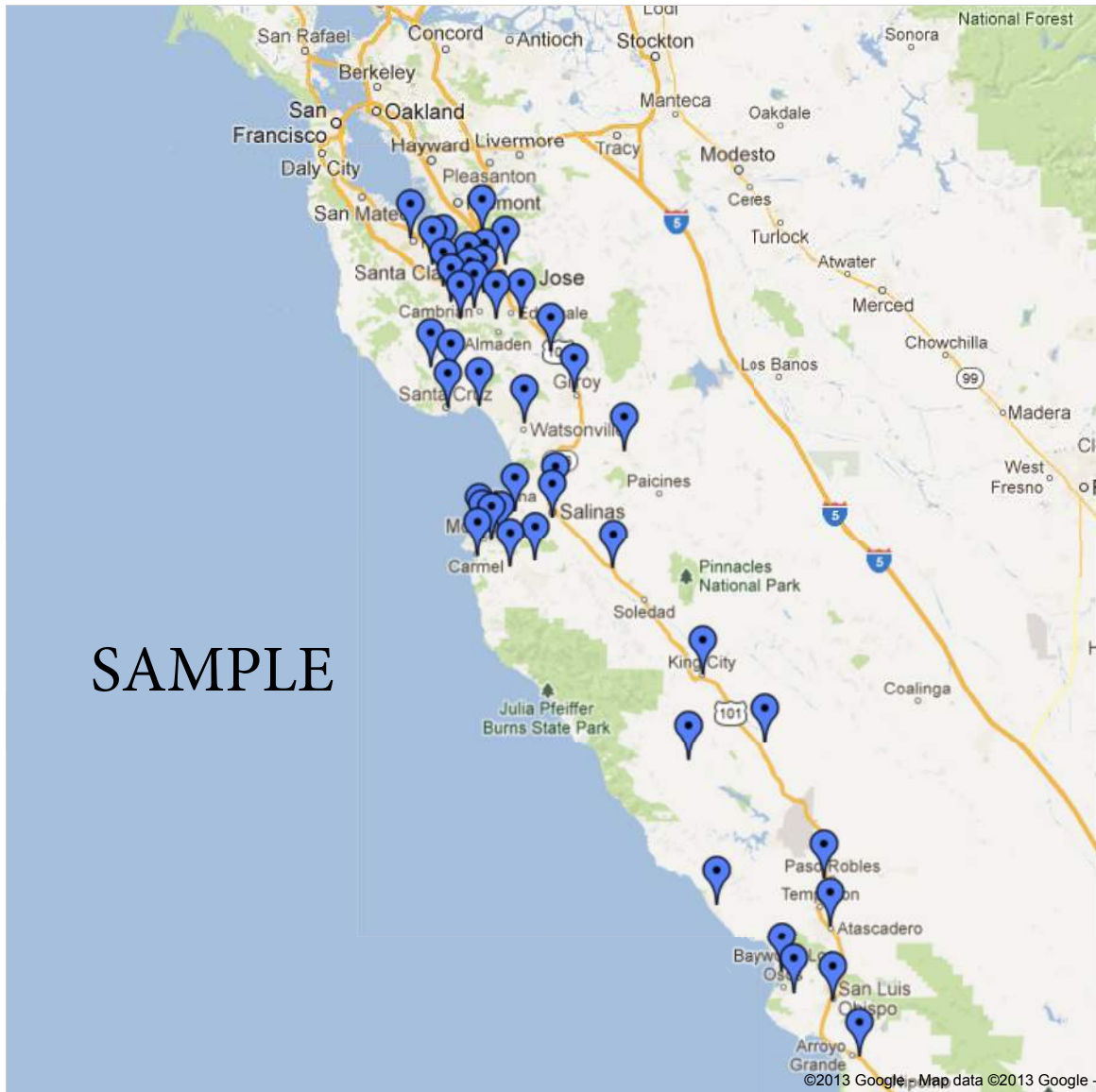
- If using the computer, then the team should access a web based service –i.e. Google Maps, Bing Maps ...- and start finding the location where each registered congregation member lives and mark that with a pin. Remember to save your work each time new members are added to the map.

#### **ADDITIONAL DIRECTIONS:**

- Once the geographic mapping of church membership is done, divide the map in a four parts quadrant using the cardinal points as reference –North, South, East and West-.
- Segment the map in circles of about one mile from the church.
- Start noticing if pockets of congregation members live in a close proximity inside of those segments/quadrants, and begin counting the number of households in those areas.


#### **DEBRIEFING THE GEOGRAPHIC MAP**






















- The geographic mapping of church membership will be a very useful tool to understand some characteristics of the congregation, for instance:
  - Are we a commuting congregation? To what extent? Or, are we a neighborhood based congregation?
  - How do these two variants affect community formation in our church?
  - What kind of programs or week activities organized at church may not be well attended because of commuting time and distance?
  - How many local community activities are held in our facilities, but we do not connect with them as church leaders because of commuting problems?
  - How does distance from the church affects the mission of your church, and what kind of potentials can you identify in reaching out so far out into other residential zones?
  - How does the size and extent of the congregation affect the performance of your clergy and other church staff?
- The map will be very useful when all of the four working group come together to present their initial findings.





















### EDEC Map

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-  St. Joshep's & Holy Child  
355 Dixon Rd. Milpitas, CA 95035
-  St. Philip's, Deacon and Evangelist  
5038 Hyland Ave, San Jose, CA 95127-2212
-  St. Francis  
1205 Pine Ave, San Jose, CA 95125-3459
-  St. Mark's Santa Clara  
1957 Pruneridge Ave, Santa Clara, CA 95050-6515

-  St. Thomas  
231 Sunset Ave, Sunnyvale, CA 94086-5969
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Founded: 1894
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