



# The Oasis

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*What do you see? Say something, Do something!*

*This was the title for the sermon by Rev. Dr. Ricardo Franco on Sunday July 10<sup>th</sup> at our church. After his sermon many of us continued to talk about the importance of doing and shared about what we have been doing recently that has been different in our lives. I continue to think about the doing part as a response to what we see and say, particularly in the life and ministry of our congregation.*

*I can say that our church is a community/a family of faithful leaders committed to justice and renewal. A family of faith facing more change than we ever expected in light of the current political situation in this country and a global pandemic that continues to impact our daily lives. As a church we became stronger and resilient moving from a local to an international congregation managing well as we faced so much cultural and social difference in the last few years. As we prepare for our 200-anniversary celebration, one must say that this church has served this community in many different ways and through several generations. We are now called for this particular time in history as agents of change and*

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*transformation. This is a Kairos moment. Our new ministry with seminary students at the parsonage makes a world of a difference for 5-8 international seminary students preparing for ministry!*

*What is there to do for First Community UMC? It will help us to affirm/edit our mission statement as part of our current circumstances. Probably we also need to strengthen our infrastructure by reviewing our management and financial processes so we can keep up with new generations used to a digital world. We can also consider becoming part of the new ministry effort in the Boston area. A cooperative parish of 6 United Methodist congregations that will be collaborating in their ministry efforts is being organized with a vision for revival and renewal. Our Book of discipline tells us the following about Cooperative Parish:*

*“Local churches, with the guidance of Holy Spirit, may enhance their witness to one another and to the world by showing forth the love of Jesus Christ through forms of mutual cooperation.” (BOD 206).*

*Are we ready to do something new? Can I suggest we consider joining the Boston area Cooperative parish? This can be our next step in our own journey of faith.*

*Rev. Dr. Cristian De La Rosa*

My experience in Casa Raices Latinas

My name is Luis Ortega Caldas, I'm from Peru and I'm a member of the Methodist Church in my country. I am a musician in my church as the director of Carlos Wesley choir, which is a historical ministry in the Methodist Church of Peru. Nowadays I'm supporting the music ministry of First Community UMC in Medford, Massachusetts. It is a nice experience to know new friends of different countries as Sandra Barrios (Mexico), Claudia Alvarez (Colombia), Uchenna Awa (Nigeria), and also have the nice opportunity to know Rev. Paulo LLanco and Rev. Nataly Romero, who are pastors in the Methodist Church of Peru doing a Masters degree at Boston University School of Theology. I am very happy to know everyone.

These weeks that I have been working in the music for Sunday Worship at church, I really appreciate the consideration of Pastora Rev. Cristian De la Rosa (Mexico) and Pastora Rev. Rossana Panizo (Peru) for this immersion opportunity. I have learned about the beautiful areas around Casa Raices Latinas, particularly a natural reserve near the church. I visited The Mystic River, it was an amazing experience. I was able to get into a kayak, it was wonderful. I was also able to participate in the Birthday celebration for Felix – a great experience where we played Loteria. It was very funny. I won a book!

I will apply for a Master of Divinity, with emphasis on music, at Boston University School of Theology because I would like to serve in the Methodist Church as I answer my call. I'm very happy for this opportunity and I will work very hard in this process.

I would like to thank God for this experience at First Community UMC. It reaffirms my call from God to serve within the church

# SUMMER HAPPENINGS

## Children's Sunday

Claudia Alvarez and Ricardo Franco attempting to break the pinata in a great celebration



Felix celebrated his birthday!

Rev. Charlene Zuill from BU made it super special!!



Sandra Barrios in Peru - Class with Dr. De La Rosa.

They were here!



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