



New Church Planting Takes Root with Missiongathering

To take root, our new church movement relies on the nurturing of people like you . . . and church planters like Rev. Rich McCullen.

He was working with teenagers at a parachurch organization, when he noticed that bringing students to a traditional church was challenging because they felt judged for not having a religious background. So, Rev. Rich started a student service, that eventually became a Disciples church, called **Missiongathering**, thanks to the support of the Pacific Southwest Region.

After nesting with an established congregation, Missiongathering **San Diego** opened its own space in 2006. . . and has thrived ever since.

So has Missiongathering **Charlotte**, whose planting plans were interrupted by a recession, but which finally opened in January 2016.

And, so have three more new Missiongathering churches just in the last three years: **Issaquah**, **Thornton** and **Pasadena**.

Church planters like Rev. Rich remain committed to answering God's call . . . to serve their neighbors, spread the gospel, and make more Disciples every day.

Would **you** like to answer God's call? To support the new church movement in our Region, and across our Church through **New Church Ministry**, please give to the 2019 Pentecost Offering, June 2 and 9.

