**DFW Diaspora Strategy Worksheet**

With over 200 unreached people groups who have moved to DFW (“diaspora”), there are dozens of ways your church can contribute to the Great Commission without leaving home or travelling overseas. The following worksheet can help your church form strategies to respond to this great opportunity. ***Review this list and choose 3-5 that best fit your situation:***

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| **Opportunities for Response** | **Doing now** | **Next 12 months** | **Later >1 yr** | **No plans** |
| 1. Volunteer at an outreach event hosted by another ministry |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Volunteer for ESL with another ministry |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Volunteer with an international student ministry |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Partner with a refugee ministry Partner with a refugee ministry |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Partner with a ministry doing children’s ministry |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Partner with a ministry serving immigrant women |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Partner with an advocacy ministry |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Partner with a health or wellness organization that serve diaspora |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Partner to evangelize, make disciples or plant indigenous churches |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Partner with a ministry providing coaching or internships for diaspora |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Volunteer with church planters to prayer-walk |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Train the incarcerated for diaspora ministry while in prison |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Get coaching to identify diaspora groups near the church |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Adopt an unreached people group for prayer |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Get training to befriend and share the gospel with immigrants |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Receive basic training about world missions |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Get training to understand other religions |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Host ESL at your church |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Get training to plant a diaspora church yourself |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Provide admin, research or tech support for mission agencies |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Host gatherings for missionaries to fellowship |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Help missionaries with support raising expertise |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Host an outreach event in your community |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Receive training to welcome formerly incarcerated into your church |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Provide Bibles, curriculum, or volunteers to immigrant churches |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Provide facilities or equipment to immigrant churches |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Help various immigrant groups connect with each other |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Start Bible and ministry training for immigrant leaders |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Put money in the budget for diaspora ministry |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Collect furniture and household items for diaspora families |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Host a speaker to talk about local diaspora outreach |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Find and patronize a locally owned diaspora restaurant or business |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Offer classes or like finances or exercise for diaspora |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Start businesses to hire diaspora or the formerly incarcerated |  |  |  |  |

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**What is “Diaspora?”**

*“And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, 27 that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us.” Acts 17:26-27*

Diaspora is a term from the Bible and missions that refers to people who have moved from their place of origin. There are 350 million people who have moved or are in the process of moving away from their historic location, which is more than the population of the U.S. These immigrants, refugees, professionals, and international students represent 360 unreached people groups who need to hear the gospel, creating an unprecedented opportunity for the Church in America. In many ways, God is bringing the mission field to us!

The DFW Diaspora Coalition is an organic network of over 50 churches, parachurches, and missions agencies offering holistic ministry, evangelism, discipleship, church planting, and church leadership development for DFW’s diaspora people groups until such time that there are no remaining unengaged-unreached people groups on the earth. If we can reach them while they are here, they can make disciples of friends and family back home using digital technology.

We have identified four categories for involvement to reach DFW’s upgs:

* Engaging Diaspora Neighbors
* Supporting Diaspora Workers
* Exploring Diaspora Mission
* Strengthening Diaspora Churches

