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SOUTH CONFERENCE				
Calvary Lutheran, Chicago Rev. Ross Carmichael	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ South Shore, 87th St. to south of 95th St. ➤ Cicero west to Kedzie east. Mexican immigrants, some people of Puerto Rican descent, many Spanish/bilingual businesses along 63rd and Pulaski. ➤ 51st and Winchester (Love Faith, and Hope) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ English classes ➤ Childcare for the children of students ➤ VBS ➤ Requests for worship in Spanish from people in the community. ➤ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Health care clinic ➤ Envisioning a partnership w/Iglesia Santa Cruz bridging cultural gaps in schools ➤ Helping by facilitating partnership and demonstrating Latino leadership 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Offer perspective on experience already ongoing. ➤ Multicultural assemblies ➤ Continued support for current efforts and growing relationships ➤ Spanish for English speaking lay people
Calvary Lutheran, 112 th Spaulding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Very lithe 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ N/A

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WEST CONFERENCE				
Lutheran Church of the Master Carol Stream Rev. Curt Gerald	➤ 16.4% Latino (total pop. 411, 860; 7 mi radius) Precept ➤	➤ Indirectly through the food pantry (DuPage County)	➤	➤ LCM could be a shared ministry
New Hope/Nueva Esperanza North Aurora Rev. Stephanie Quick	➤ Minimal Latino presence in North aurora, and large presence in Aurora	➤ Congregation is ½ Latino ➤ Spanish band ➤ Bilingual materials ➤ Spanish worship services and celebrations ➤ ½ of leadership team is Latino ➤ Youth group is largely Hispanic	➤ Change location and move to Aurora ➤ Second pastor , male Hispanic	➤ Finances. Bigger congregations and synod could help partner w/Hispanic congs. ➤ Augsburg Fortress-Bilingual Sunday and VBS resources
St. Mark’s Lutheran, Aurora Rev. Al Berg	➤ 35 % Latino population	➤ Serving mix-married couples ➤ Child care program is effective to outreach Hispanics ➤ ESL and tutoring programs	➤ Bilingual Hispanic staff person ➤ Encourage strategy development with and by pastors	➤ Bring parish leaders into ➤ Intensify outreach and ministries to Hispanics
St. Paul Lutheran, Wheaton Rev. Melody Eastman	➤ Low residential ➤ Commute to Wheaton for employment – Hospital ➤ Restaurant industry, County convalescent center	➤ Spanish-language computer literacy classes (ELL), GED, financial management ➤ Use some Spanish language in worship (worship resources)	➤ Unsure, cong has African people ➤ Cong would like to continue and grow diversity	➤ Partnering with congregations in areas w/high residential population, perhaps invitation to GLBT
St. Paul Lutheran, Wheaton Rev. Mark Williamson	➤ Lower than average Latino population residing in immediate area but heavily present in workforce	➤ Spanish-language computer literacy classes (ELL), GED, financial management ➤ Use some Spanish language in worship (worship resources)	➤ Increased face-to-face contact ➤ Relationship ➤ Testimony from tutors and students	➤ Advocacy for immigration reform would provide strong witness that Lutheran church is in solidarity w/Latino newcomers

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NEAR WEST CONFERENCE				
Living Christ Lutheran, Hanover Park Rev. Jennie Swanson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ It depends on the neighborhood ➤ 2 miles from church 80% Latino ➤ Around church ~30% ➤ Latinos live in small pockets, apt. complexes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Shared space w/Salvation Army cong. ➤ The cong does a lot for Latino community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The cong is already engaged, better ESL teachers ➤ The congregations has not the gifts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Pr. Does not know
Ascension Lutheran Church Riverside, IL Rev. Roger Timm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Minimal presence ➤ Substantial in Berwyn and North Riverside ➤ Growing in Brookfield 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The cong has not been reaching out to Latinos in the their community ➤ The cong has been trying to partner with Zion Cristo Rey ➤ Latinos attend the annual rummage sale. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The cong needs help to become more aware of the Latino presence around ➤ They need help to develop an out reach strategy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The cong has some history of support of Zion Cristo Rey ➤ Help with language awareness
Lord Life Lutheran Darien, IL Rev. Todd Napoli	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Very Low, primarily Indian and Pakistani, Lithuanians, Eastern-European; vast majority Caucasians 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Partner with Latino ministries/communities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Partnership support ➤ Provide specific opportunities for engagement, such as starting Posadas, joint community service projects
Oak Park or Berwyn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 	
Prince of Peace Lutheran Addison, IL Rev. J.T. Miller	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Growing presence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Share space with a Spanish speaking congregation ➤ The cong has ESL trained/certified members ➤ Infrequent join events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Uncertain 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Uncertain
Gethsemane Lutheran Cicero, IL Rev. Diane Johnson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mainly Mexican ➤ It was ~90% Latino, but it slightly drop as African-American move into the area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Iglesia San Jose shares the building 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ It will be nice to have an idea of what is going on- until now have been “excluded”

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Zion Lutheran Elgin, IL Rev. David Daubert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 50-60% ➤ 80% in the elementary school across the church 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Sept party for the neighborhood, several Latinos came ➤ Thursday at Zion, night kids group, includes Zion kids and Latino kids from the neighborhood ➤ Tutoring at the school (afterschool program) ➤ Started 1:1 ESL tutoring with adults through Literacy connection ➤ Latinos have asked about worship in Spanish 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Spanish speaking person could help with Thurs nights, worship, visit neighbors in the neighborhood with them ➤ Financial resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mutual conversation will be needed
Our Saviour's Lutheran Arlington Heights, IL Rev. Dan Hoeger	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ther is larger Latino population in Prospect Heights (East) and in Wheeling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Having meetings to learn and support each other 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Could the Latino congregations, start missions in the Anglo churches
St. Mark Lutheran Mt. prospect, IL Rev. Linnea Wilson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Growing population on south side of town ➤ Increasing community services for Latino at the local public library ➤ Increasing Spanish speaking community services offices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Pr. Has raised the possibility of their mid-week church school having a Spanish class; VBS, a Spanish class, also (hired counselor) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ It will help the congregation to have a bridge to link the communities(authentic, not artificial) ➤ Direct specific knowledge the group to be served ➤ Financial 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Workshops on what Spanish worship is, what the important stepping stones are ➤ Changing attitudes

<p>All Saints Lutheran Palatine, IL</p> <p>Rev. Seth Moland-Kovash</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 14% of the population (~9500) are Latinos 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Partnership with palatine Opportunity center which serves the largest concentration of Latino population in Palatine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Public transportation, language/cultural training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Cultural/liturgical education ➤ Language education
<p>Bethlehem Lutheran Elgin, IL</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 40 % of the population is Latino 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Partnership with Sa Esteban Martir for two years ➤ Pr. Cabello offers Spanish speaking worship and Christian education on Saturdays ➤ The congs have celebrated join services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Spanish language instruction fro pastors and teachers ➤ Assist San Esteban with their Child development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Bethlehem can work with other congregation who are considering a Latino strategy
<p>Prince of Peace Shamburg, IL</p> <p>Rev. Peter Hellstedt</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Latinos in Shamburg, Hoffman Estates, Streamwood, but not as many as some other areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ No direct invitations ➤ Social ministry benefits Latinos ➤ Most recently a mobile food pantry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Not sure. Pastor is new in the congregation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Prince of Peace would like to reach out into the community. The cong is open to work with the strategy.

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CENTRAL CONFERENCE				
Iglesia de la Trinidad	➤	➤	➤	➤
St. Luke Lutheran	➤	➤	➤	➤
United in Faith Lutheran	➤	➤	➤	➤
Northwood Park Lutheran	➤	➤	➤	
First Lutheran	➤	➤	➤	➤
Wicker park Lutheran	➤	➤	➤	➤

None of the congregational leaders turned in their survey.

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St. Andrew Mundelein, IL Rev. Mark Selbo	➤ ~25 - 30 %	➤ Periodically host the Mexican consulate, several hundred people are served	➤ Synod sponsored workshops on Latino ministry that they could bring lay leaders	➤
Trinity United Lutheran Waukegan, IL Rev. Richard Grudt	➤ 40% + in the community	➤ Work cooperatively with Sagrado Corazon by sharing the facility and resources; working on developing means to support them further	➤ Trinity United could offer leadership training for Sagrado Corazon ➤ How do they work together without their “Anglo”	➤
Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit Lincolnshire, IL Rev. Doug Meyer	➤ 4% in the nearby area (17% in the county) ➤ School system is 5% in high school	➤ Most of congregational contacts take them out of the immediate neighborhood	➤ A full-time pastor in Waukegan	➤ Clearer strategies for engagement with 3 rd generation who are most likely to settle in their community

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Redeemer Lutheran Church Oak Forest, IL Rev. Janet Witenmyer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Large number > Community has changes in the last 17 years ➤ Many Latino apartment dwellers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The cong is not reaching out intentionally ➤ Several years ago the pastor was approached by a Latino minister 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ It will help to send a Latino person to assist and to talk to people and to work on finding out what can be offered 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The congregation would be open to any suggestions as to how to reach out to the Latino population
Trinity Lutheran Oak Lawn, IL Rev. Michael Borcharding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Minimal population but gradually increasing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Not reaching intentionally ➤ Preschool could be an opening ➤ No getting inquiries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ It will help to have a preschool volunteer who speaks Spanish. It would help to open up to the Latino community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Open to explore with the synod the possibilities. ➤ The Latino strategy can help to raise awareness
Lutheran Church of the Resurrection Oak Forest, IL Rev. Tony Dusso	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Population is mostly white/Anglo, but Latino pop is growing ➤ Schools ➤ Cong has receive Latino members 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ No different strategy from the general outreach 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Continue to provide resources/events/programs that are helpful to the uniqueness of the Latinos (language/background) ➤ Not sure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A synodical strategy that is grounded and focuses on mission and discipleship
Bethany Lutheran Lemont, IL Rev. John Lang	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Perhaps 50? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Food pantry ➤ No other inquiries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤
Savior Divine Lutheran Palos Heights, IL Rev. Mary Paushky	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Not sure of presence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Asked to celebrate a wedding and a Quinceañera 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ It will help knowing their location more precisely 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤
Our Savior Lutheran Burbank, IL Rev. Stefan Munker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Some presence ➤ More in surrounding communities ➤ More Polish 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Cong has a mixed marriage ➤ Few people have inquire but language barrier made connecting difficult 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The cong has started to prepare some worship resources in Spanish ➤ Use Spanish brochures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Latino strategy can help by providing outreach/teaching resources ➤ training about serving Latinos

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NORTHEAST CONFERENCE				
St. Luke Lutheran, park Ridge Rev. Kristi Weber	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Park Ridge, low ➤ Niles and DesPlaines, higher 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ No current intentional outreach ➤ No a noticeable number of Latinos calling or walking in with inquiries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ An intentional shared outreach strategy with neighboring congregations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ St. Luke can be one at the table of strategy development, but it is more interested in learning than observation or experience to share ➤ Latino ministries would support St. Luke's in their efforts to serve/reflect 6th the wider community of the Park Ridge/Niles/Des Plaines area. ➤ St. Luke is still at a theoretical rather than a practical engagement with the community
Holy Trinity, Glenview Rev. Robin Brown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Not really visible ➤ Korean ➤ Possible 10 – 20 % 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Pr. is new in the area. ➤ Cong is not reaching out, and people are not inquiring. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ It will help the congregation: visibility, understanding of need, how to start, what to do. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The congregation could be a sister congregation
St. Philip Lutheran, Glenview Rev. Eric Dawson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Relevant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Serving currently: kitchen 2x/mo 30-50% Latinos; Cloths closet 3x/week, 50% Latinos; food pantry, 3x/wk, 25% Latinos 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Need a bilingual presence at the ministries to engage/invite. ➤ Cong could easily move to a Sat evening 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ St. Philip is poised and ready to move towards a Latino ministry ➤ The Latino strategy can support by providing someone to work the scene and hopefully produce good fruit
Ebenezer Lutheran, Chicago Rev. Carla Thompson-Powell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Latino population in Andersonville is quite invisible and not organized. There is an obvious presence when looking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Tutoring program used to be mostly Latino, now approx. 30%. ➤ Latino soccer groups (not 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Getting connected beyond providing services & renting space ➤ Spanish classes (suggestions?) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Edgewater Congregations Together (Ebenezer, Immanuel, Unity, St. Elias). ➤ If there was a decision to launch

	at the elementary school next door to the church.	church members) rent the gym(landlord relationship) ➤ Some tutoring kids come to the VBS or volunteer opportunities.	➤ Promote immigration issues for education and advocacy.	some kind of Latino ministry in Edgewater, that would be the obvious place to start.
Immanuel Lutheran, Chicago Rev. Monte Johnson	➤ Large Latino population in the Edgewater & Rogers Park neighborhoods.	➤ After-school programs , approx 40% Latinos; VBS very diverse; ESL for parents of the tutoring program ➤ Sometimes families of the programs attend worship.	➤ It will help addressing language barriers ➤ To listen to the community requires trust and language/cultural proficiency.	➤ Want to develop ministries at the congregation ➤ Interest in phonetic Spanish liturgy project.
Unity Ev. Lutheran, Chicago Rev. Fred Kinsey	➤ Edgewater community in 2009 20.64%	➤ The cong welcomes all people ➤ No inquiries from Latinos for services. ➤ There is a vital Latino Baptist church 2 blocks from the congregation.	➤ A cultural sensitivity training would help	➤ Tell what Latinos look for from church