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**FOR INFORMATION**

**REPORT FROM 1001 NEW WORSHIPING COMMUNITIES**

Conference: In August almost 300 people attended a conference in St. Pete Beach, Florida, that has been described as “inspiring” and “life-changing.” With presenters such as Rhashell Hunter, Elizabeth Conde-Frazier, Danny Murphy, and Rodger Nishioka, the leadership team showed diversity and vision. Click [here](#) to view a video that brought tears to the eyes of the participants. (Link: <http://www.onethousandone.org/#!video-playlist/ctm5>)

New Communities: When the Mission Development Resource Committee met in August, it approved 24 Seed Grants and 12 Investment Grants, bringing to 302 the number of new worshiping communities currently active in our database. Since the launch of the 1001 initiative, 335 new communities have started. The communities removed from the list have developed into different kinds of ministry, failed to thrive, or separated from the PC(USA).

Interns: Twenty-one people are serving with the 1001 initiative in 2015 as a summer intern, a program year intern, or a full year resident. Click [here](#) to learn more about our interns. (Link: <http://www.onethousandone.org/#!2015-interns/c1d5m>)

Coaches: Seventy-three people have been trained as 1001 coaches. Ten new coaches will be trained in September.

Assessments: Discerning Missional Leadership assessments were offered in Seattle (May) and Pittsburgh (Sept.-Oct.), and another event is coming up soon in Atlanta (Oct.) All events were filled to capacity, and we are attempting to add an additional event before the end of the year.

Staff Changes: Sherry Britton, always a key part of the 1001 ministry, has shifted her responsibilities and is now almost full time with the 1001 initiative as Program Assistant. A search has been authorized for a new regional associate to work with the West Coast presbyteries.

**THE NUMBERS:**

302 new worshiping communities as of 9/23/15  
115 presbyteries with at least one new worshiping community  
64% of participants in NWCs are under age 40  
53% are racial ethnic  
55% of leaders are ordained teaching elders

Statistics from Research Services 10 year longitudinal study:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0Bzgch04BtNAjU2RuRWM4N3hfalE/view>