

**ITEM D.200  
FOR INFORMATION**

**1001 New Worshiping Communities Update**

March 2014

Total number of New Worshiping Communities to date	209
Registered on website	143
Number of presbyteries with at least one NWC	96
Seed grants	88
Investment grants	7
Health insurance grants	17
New Church Development Grants	38

Some recent highlights:

Sixteen new communities registered in February, our most productive month to date

- The next Center for New Church Innovation will open in Atlanta, Georgia under the leadership of Sara Hayden
- New discernment guide: *Starting New Worshiping Communities*
- Recent presbytery visits to Northern New England, Baltimore, South Alabama, West Jersey, Peace River, Minnesota Valleys
- Over 40 coaches trained in San Clemente in January
- Completed program evaluation in March

What people are saying about the movement (from program evaluation survey)

- I'm blessed to be a part of such a movement.
- I think it's AWESOME!
- Best new initiative from the PC(USA) in a very long time!!
- Keep it up. This is the future.
- This kind of risk taking is necessary!

Challenges ahead (informed by the program evaluation):

- Recruiting and training new leaders
- Sustaining fragile new communities
- Equipping presbyteries and congregations to be the primary supporters of new worshiping communities
- Preparing and connecting coaches
- Continuing to communicate the vision
- Providing resources and training