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Seattle Samoan church celebrates 45 years

**In honor of 45th anniversary,
congregation raised funds
to pay off loan on parsonage**

September 24 was the 45th anniversary of the Samoan Congregational Christian Church Seattle II in Burien. Kelekolio Koloi and his wife Dawn have served in ministry there since 2013.

For the church's anniversary, they prepared nearly eight months to raise money to pay off the loan the church had taken out in 2006 to pay \$300,000 for the parsonage.

There was \$32,750 remaining.

The church had members of its 17 families take 75 papers with 75 blocks, selling each for \$10 and raising \$56,250 with that approach.

On Sept. 24, they had a raffle with 10 prizes worth \$1,000, a total of \$10,000 from the \$56,250.

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Samoan Congregational Christian Church of Seattle II members celebrate 45th.

Photo courtesy of Dawn Koloi

Courtney Stange-Tregear is Acting Conference Minister

As acting conference minister Courtney Stange-Tregear leaves behind the title of minister for church vitality, she maintains her commitment to relationship building and storytelling as key components of the style of ministry and leadership the PNC needs.

Shortly after she returned from a three-month sabbatical, which she devoted to being present with and deepening relationships with her family, the PNC Board of Directors decided on Sept. 12 to call her as acting conference minister.

"I plan to work to increase communication, such as rolling out a series of stories about who the Board members are," she said.

Another way she has carried out that

**Board of Director
begins search for
new managing director
at N-Sid-Sen**

commitment is that, for the past three years and even before COVID, she held a weekly online office hour from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Wednesdays, except when she is traveling.

Courtney said that an early action was to establish a search committee to fill Mark Boyd's role as managing director at N-Sid-Sen. Mark will be moving to Pilgrim Firs as the new managing director beginning Dec. 1.

The Search Committee is working hard at finding a replacement for Mark at N-Sid-Sen, which may include a short-term position, before a longer-term candidate can be found. Please contact Leah Atkinson Bilinski with nominations or for more information.

She added that the conference leadership committees are meeting, but all need more people.

"The Church Development Committee is doing some exciting work around congregations seeking to affiliate with the PNC," Courtney said. "Approximately six Samoan and Marshallese congregations have begun the process. It's exciting to work where the Church is growing and thriving. This avenue of

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