

The Vine Institute Annual Report FY 2014

We are excited to share with you this news of what God has been doing through The Vine Institute to equip Christian leaders and connect God's diverse people in order to strengthen churches in Utah.

None of this would be possible without partners like you! Thank you for your support and prayers. Your generosity makes equipping leaders and cultivating a healthy, intercultural Body of Christ happen.

The heart of our work is equipping church leaders. We believe that healthy and effective leaders are critical for the church to be healthy and effective, and that healthy, effective churches bring Kingdom transformation in the communities where they live and serve. So *The Vine* invests in leaders—existing, emerging, and potential leaders. To do this we connect (get to know the people involved and facilitate strong working relationships by hosting a monthly Multicultural Ministry Leaders luncheons, etc.), equip (provide teaching, training, tools and resources for effective ministry by offering Certificate in Christian Leadership courses, etc.), and celebrate (facilitate and host multicultural worship like the annual *Global Day of Prayer* service, etc.). Staff and programs equip leaders in the classroom and in the field, one-on-one and in groups, through informal relationships and formal partnerships. By God's grace, we equip leaders directly and, when we do it well, indirectly as leaders then equip other leaders, the impact of effective leaders multiplying in all kinds of good ways.

This Annual Report gives some of the highlights of *The Vine Institute's* work in FY 2014, including a brief overview of our finances. Your investment in the mission enables us to continue investing in leaders and the health of churches in Utah. Thank you for your partnership in ministry!

The Vine Events and Services

Certificate in Christian Leadership courses
Global Day of Prayer service
Worship without Borders events
Directory of Ethnic Christian Fellowships in Utah
Multicultural Leaders luncheons
English language learning Bible studies

The Vine Staff

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THANK YOU!

We are grateful for the financial and in-kind support we received this year from individuals and families, churches and organizations. Your generosity makes equipping leaders and supporting churches possible!

The Adventure-Draper

First Fruits Fund

Bethel Christian Reformed Church

First Methodist Church

Calvary Baptist Church

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Community Christian

Reformed Church

Holy Life Pentecostal Church

Christ for the Nations Church

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

The Church at Liberty Park

Japanese Christian Church

Classis Yellowstone

Christian Reformed Church

K2 the Church

Comunidad Cristiana

Miracle Rock

International Ministries

Discovery Christian Community

Missio Dei

Evangelical Free Church

of Salt Lake City

New Jerusalem Samoan

Christian Church

The Fellowship-Sandy

New Pilgrim Baptist Church

First Baptist Church

Sandy Ridge Community Church

First Christian Reformed Church

Vietnamese Evangelical Church

Thanks to Classis Yellowstone, First Fruits Fund, and those who matched their gifts, this year God provided a 47.8% revenue increase—just in time for a 71.6% registration increase from all last year in only the first term of this year!

Healthy, effective leaders serving healthy, effective churches bringing Kingdom transformation to communities where they live and serve.

- Who: existing, emerging & potential leaders
- What: cultivating a healthy, intercultural Body of Christ in Utah
- How: by connecting, educating and celebrating God's diverse people

Examples of the Vine's work in 2014:

- Equipped leaders from 12 ethnic groups and 18 churches in Christian Leadership training, including 14 courses: Pastoral Care; Christian Stewardship; Old Testament Survey; New Testament Survey; Teaching the Christian Faith; God's Plan for Family and Community Relationships; Dynamics of Ministry in Utah; Capstone Project.
- Graduated four (4) students in May:
 - one left for Vietnam two days later for three months of ministry in his homeland
 - two are now co-pastors of a Tongan church
 - the other is helping train lay ministry leaders in a large church in the area
- Convened a committee from diverse cultural backgrounds to plan and host a *Global Day of Prayer* service for 600 worshipers from 30 cultural, ethnic and Christian traditions to pray with one voice in many languages for God's transformation in our lives, communities, and nations
- Facilitated five (5) congregations in finding places to worship—including a group of Burmese refugee Christians to also incorporate as Kachin Trinity Church

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The *US State Department* and the *Utah Refugee Services Office* announced that in 2014 many refugees will begin arriving in Utah from the largest refugee camp in the world located in the Democratic Republic of Congo. We began praying that God would raise up some Christians already resettled here from that region of Africa (Burundi, Congo, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda) to welcome and help these newcomers in the name of Jesus. As we shared our concern, God planted it in the heart of one of our Congolese students. Andre Muhimuzi prepared action plans to fulfill the requirements of two courses – “Christian Stewardship” & “Teaching the Christian Faith”—which God has used to birth an English language learning Bible study for refugees in the church he attends. Refugees from east-central Africa are learning English, reading the Bible, discovering God's grace in Jesus, and growing into a fellowship which will be ready to serve new refugees!

2014 increases in ministry:

- increase in participants in celebration and worship events from 800 to 900
- increase in number of registered students from 72 to 89
- increase in courses offered from 11 to 14
- increase in ethnic/cultural groups involved from 31 to 39

Financial Statement

Year ending June 30, 2014

Expenses = \$86,896.90

Program Services	\$72,083.45
General & Administration	\$12,086.27
Development	\$2,727.18

Income = \$101,055.68

Individuals	\$56,543.95
Churches & Organizations	\$33,179.97
Other	\$12,231.76