

Admissions of New Congregations Committee

On August 19th, 2020 our committee met with seven members of the Hispanic community in Worcester who are seeking Mission status in the Diocese of Western Mass. These seven faithful people representing the community currently sharing space with ST. Mark's Worcester, led by FR. Jose' Reyes are clearly God filled people wishing to serve God through the community.

These folks clearly have a grass roots plan. They have no plans of grandiose, they have plans of simplicity, which seems to be just what Jesus teaches us. They plan to offer hospitality to the Hispanic community and others through worship, food, culture, tutoring, music, sports. They also wish to be part of the wider church community, knowing there is strength in numbers. They too want to continue to learn more about the Episcopal Church, and pass that on to others. They clearly understand and support "The Episcopal Church Welcomes you". They also realize that this process is a "work in progress", and a first for many, understanding things may change along the way.

We therefore recommend this ministry be granted Mission status within our Diocese.

Respectfully submitted;

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