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*CELEBRATING 5 YEARS*

2016 - 2017 REGIONAL REPORT

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“ OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS, WITH THE SPIRIT’S HELP, WE’VE CULTIVATED A CULTURE IN THE REGION THAT **ENCOURAGES TRANSPARENCY AND HONESTY** IN US AS LEADERS. ”

Dear Pastors and Leaders,

Wow! We are celebrating the past five years together as the Midwest North Region in our Vineyard Family. I have to say, this journey of serving with you as a Regional Leader continues to be one of the greatest privileges of my life and ministry. I love partnering with you to create and multiply communities that shine brightly and express the love of God in the cities where we live. I often thank God for you and the work that you do in your local churches and beyond.

The Regional Team made up of Area Leaders and Specialists in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Chicagoland exists to serve and care for you. The Role of Regional Leaders and Area Leaders is one of caring for local Vineyard pastors, bringing you together to connect with one another relationally, and communicating to you the vision of our wider Vineyard family and movement well so you are connected to our larger Vineyard Family. I am incredibly grateful for these men and women, and love the opportunity to serve alongside of them!

Over the past five years, with the Spirit’s help, we’ve cultivated a culture in the region that encourages transparency and honesty in us as leaders. We’ve also grown in having relationships that are real and authentic. We’re learning more and more that when we walk into a room of leaders or pastors, we don’t have to compare ourselves to one another or compare success in church or ministry life. We are learning not be afraid of hard conversations or to ask for help when needed. We can be leaders who trust one another and help each other grow.

We’ve also pressed into personal transformation, personal soul care, living a reflective life that produces real authentic encounters with God so that we would be pastors and leaders who lead out of our authentic self, like Christ himself would lead.

We are learning how to stay true to God’s mission:

- To win as many as possible to Christ.
- To teach people how to do all the things that Jesus did.
- To raise up leaders and reproduce ourselves 100’s of times so everybody really does get to play and leaders are being released to carry on the mission.
- To be radically welcoming, loving and including everyone, no matter who they are or where they are from so that we are made up of people from every tribe, tongue, and nation.

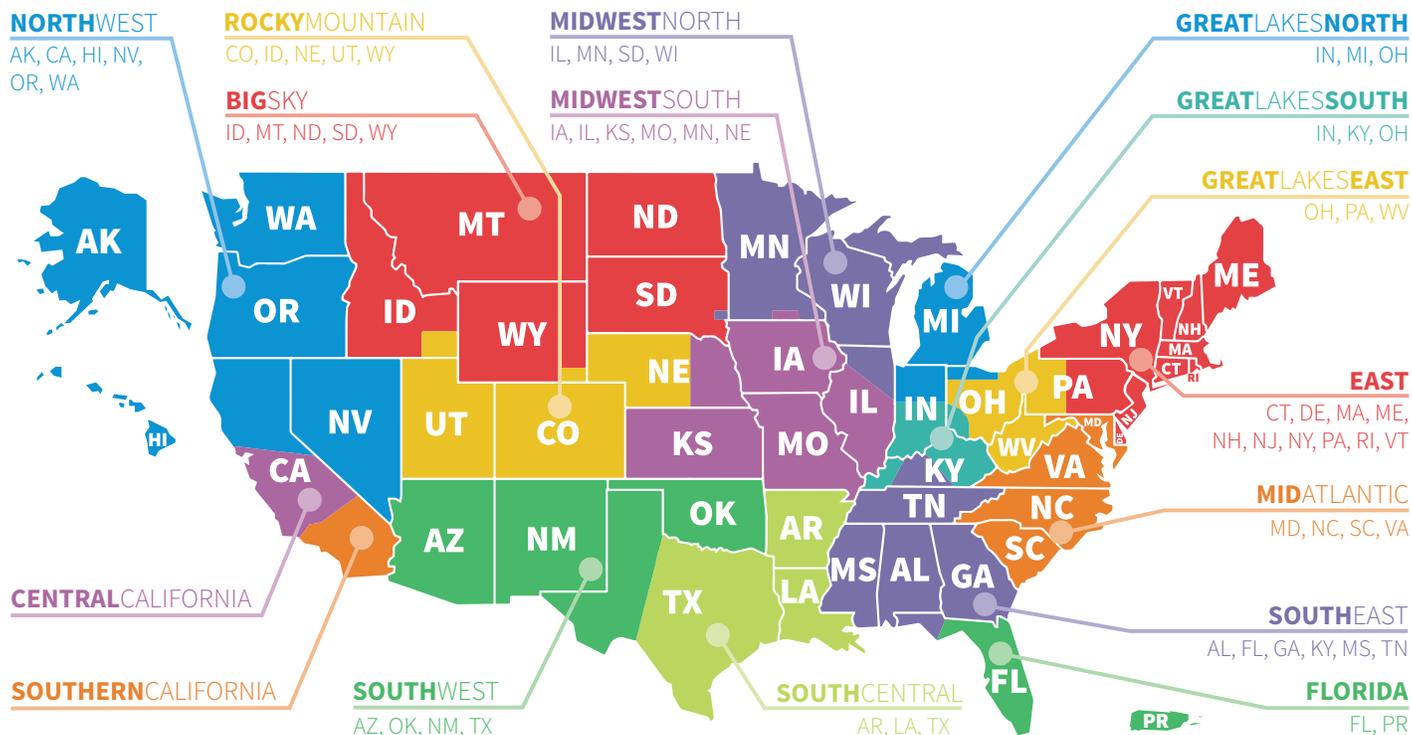
We do that by remembering **EDLD**...it reminds us to keep ourselves focused on Evangelism, Discipleship, Leadership Development, and Diversity. And when we’ve done all that...we go do it again!

Leaning on Christ,

**Brenda Gatlin**

Midwest North Regional Leader

# VINEYARD USA AND ITS REGIONS



The Vineyard's National Executive Team appoints Regional Leaders to provide pastoral care for each local church Pastor within the Vineyard Association of Churches in the United States. The Midwest North Region is one of 16 regions in the larger Vineyard movement and family. It consists of both local established churches and new church plants, stretching across Wisconsin, Minnesota, and the Chicago area of Illinois, totaling 54 communities of faith. The Vineyard USA is a wonderful family of local churches committed to reaching people with God's love and carrying on the ministry of Jesus.



Brenda Gatlin is the Midwest North Regional Leader. She and her husband, Michael, are also the Senior Pastors of the Duluth Vineyard Church in Duluth, Minnesota. She is passionate about caring for pastors and helping them navigate ministry and life situations in a way that allows each local church to be a right reflection of who God is. Brenda and her Regional Leadership Team are committed to regularly praying for the churches that they are serving on a regular basis, good communication, and casting vision to keep our churches in one accord and connected to the national Vineyard movement. The Regional Team is made up of 7 Area Leaders who care for and meet with between 7-12 local church pastors and leaders, clustered throughout the region in close geographical proximity of each other.

# WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE ARE DOING



**The Midwest North Region supports 51 congregations and 3 multi-sites for a total of 54 congregations.**

Each year Vineyard USA asks all the churches in the Association of Vineyard churches to participate in an annual census to help us see who we are as a movement, and how we are doing in specific areas like reaching the lost for Christ, baptisms, multiplying churches, etc. This information is vital in helping us know where to focus and how to lean into certain areas as we move forward in the upcoming year.

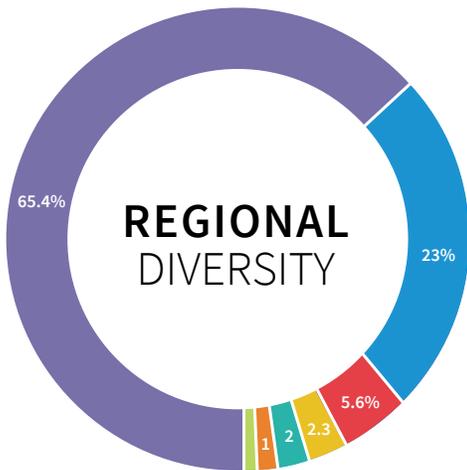
**In January, we had 47 of our churches respond for a 97.9% completion rate of the census!**

This is so fantastic and we are incredibly blessed by every single one of you who took the time to participate. At the National Leaders meeting in March, regions are recognized for having the most participation. Our team would love to have 100% participation this coming March.

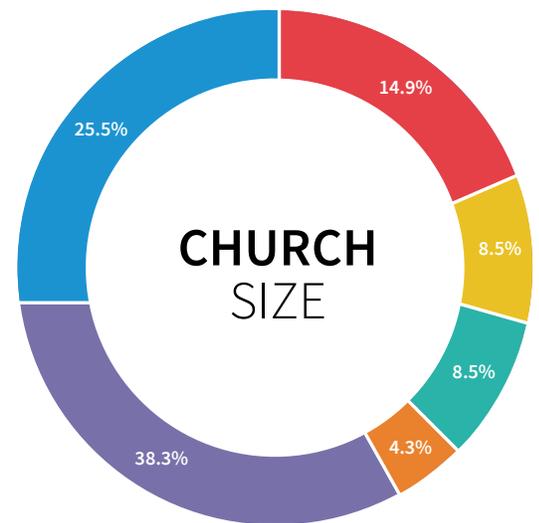
Here are some interesting demographics from the census, for our region:

## ETHNIC DIVERSITY

In the Midwest North Region here is our ethnic diversity:



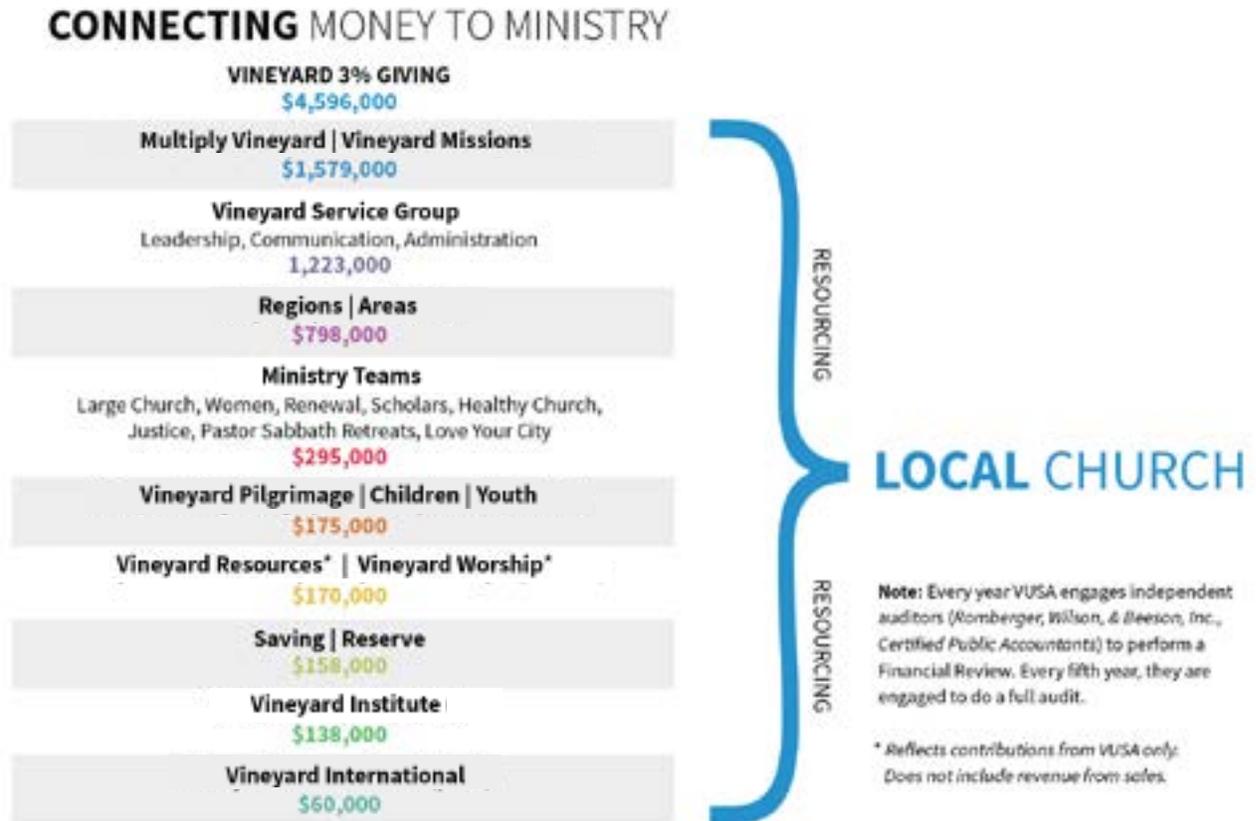
- OTHER
- NATIVE AMERICAN
- ASIAN
- MULTI-ETHNIC
- AFRICAN AMERICAN/BLACK
- HISPANIC
- WHITE



- >50
- 50-100
- 101-200
- 201-400
- 401-1000
- >1000

<b>1091</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>8986</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>93</b>
Confirmed and reported salvations. (+ 2.44% from previous year)	Individuals baptized. (+13.16% from previous year)	Attendance in the last 12 months. 70% adults, 10% youth and 20% kids. (+ 3.6% from previous year)	Leaders serving in the past 12 months.	Median church size. (+13.41% from previous year)

# 2017 FINANCIAL UPDATE FROM VINEYARD USA



\*Information sourced from the "Vineyard USA Annual Report 2016-2017".



**As a National movement, by the end of July, we are \$196,000 ahead of budget.**

This is a combination of increased participation in 3% contributions from our churches and expense management. Our National Leadership Team values careful evaluation of how budgets are being used to accomplish the mission we are called to. Ministries are not only being coached and advised, but audited to insure that your giving is handled as an offering to God to extend the gospel and expand the kingdom.

At our National Leaders Meeting in March, **our region was honored and recognized for not having any churches on the "No Giving" report by the end of the 2016.** Currently, at the end of our 3rd quarter for 3% giving to the Vineyard USA, the National Office shows that out of all 54 congregations in our Region, there are only 4 churches on the "No Giving" report in 2017. Our Area Leaders will be working with those churches to see how we can help them participate in giving 3% before the end of 2017.

**"We are so grateful to those of you who make 3% giving a priority and demonstrate that you are part of the larger Vineyard family by healthy giving and participation.**

- Brenda Gatlin



# STORIES OF HOPE

God moved in our Common Ground Youth Conference and Project Timothy! Teens were delivered from demons and renewed in their love for Jesus. One Pastor said, “often our kids will get touched at the Common Ground Conference and then ‘cool off in the fall’ but this fall our teens are still on fire for the Lord!” Also, our area had several great events this past year including a powerful retreat with Vineyard pastor Bruce Latshaw speaking on Building a House of Prayer. We were also super blessed by Ross Nelson and Michael Houle coming to challenge us with Triads/Church Planting/Greater Community. The Thrive Vineyard also hosted a great brunch with Alan Scott challenging us to offer healing in the streets. And we are certainly grateful (getting a huge upgrade) in our area leadership with Dave and Anita Frederick agreeing to lead our area beginning in 2018! Thank you Lord!

**- Tom & Jill Severson**  
Vineyard Church of Elgin, Elgin, IL

Things are Good and Beautiful. We are celebrating our launch of a new mobile food pantry and people sharing stories around tables all throughout Carlton County.

**- Kris and Nikki Sauter**  
Cloquet Vineyard Church, Cloquet, MN

Vineyards in the Northland Area are celebrating lots of new growth in many different ways; Cloquet launched a new mobile food pantry, Iron Range moved into new building, tripled the # of small groups, giving and attendance are up, Westside is seeing growth in children/youth, Detroit Lakes is celebrating unprecedented growth in giving and attendance.

**- Casey La Core**  
Duluth Vineyard Church, Duluth, MN  
Area Leader for Northern Minnesota

This last year our focus has been the youth and children of Westside Vineyard. We invested a lot of time and money last summer, structuring both, our staff and facility, to accommodate offering more age specific teachings. Since then our children and youth ministries have seen a ton of growth. We are blessing so many children while teaching them the love of Jesus at a level suitable for them. With this mission in mind, we had to lean on our church members to step up and we can say, with so much appreciation, that over 60% of our church serves every month at Westside in some capacity. We feel incredibly blessed and look forward to what God has next for us.

**- Chad and Aubrey Amborn**  
Westside Vineyard Church, Duluth, MN

In Wisconsin we've been seeing God do all sorts of growing, stretching, and deepening work in the Vineyards. A couple of our churches have navigated a season of transition, and come through strong on the other side. We've had several people trained as Spiritual Directors and begin to use that tool with church members. The northern Wisconsin Vineyards are actively working together as a triad to raise up leaders and plant new churches. We're seeing growing youth ministries, a passion for prayer, and a commitment to mission. God's at work!

**- Pat and Lisa Mulcahy**  
Vineyard Community Church, Grafton, WI  
Area Leaders for Wisconsin

We just broke ground on an expansion to make space for our growing community. God has been so faithful and so good to us.

**- Pete Benedict**  
River Heights Vineyard Church, Inver Grove Heights, MN



# STORIES OF HOPE

We've never had a year like we've had in 2017! Successful senior leadership transition, growing attendance, and giving at both of our campuses mark our highlights this past year. And we are getting to serve God and our communities with the best team on the planet..it's all been so incredibly humbling and exciting. We've been so grateful for the grace God has poured out on our church family in a season that could have been very challenging.

**- Troy Eastman**

Lakes Area Vineyard, Detroit Lakes, MN

Our recently released album, "We Are Ready" is an answer to prayer. For years I've longed to hear an expression of Vineyard worship that spoke the soulful language of our African American brothers and sister. I was not only excited for its release, but I was pleased to see how well it was received both in and outside of the Vineyard. We're currently working on the second release which we think will be ready in time for our next diversity conference, Better Together, in 2018.

**- Geno Olson**

The South Suburban Vineyard, Flossmoor, IL  
Area Leader for Chicagoland area

In Minnesota we now have 4 newer La Viña churches and in Chicago areas we have 10 church plants and established La Viña's. We are excited to add our first Spanish speaking Area Leaders, Miguel and Rocia Aviles, to serve our Spanish speaking pastors in Minnesota. There are also 6 new La Viña church plants in the pipeline to be released soon. Our region has 4 Hispanic certified coaches and also host a regional La Viña conference each year. Look for our La Viña Multiplica boot camp dates coming in 2018!

**- Homero and Claudia Garcia**

Comunidad Cristiana La Viña, Mundelein, IL  
Area Leaders in Chicagoland area

Small groups have moved from just one group in January, 2017 to three so far in October, with a fourth to begin in November. We have been incredibly blessed to acquire a building which has given the Iron Range Vineyard greater capacity to facilitate ministries. We now have a home! Our Vineyard Kids have great space, we have an actual nursery, and our balcony level media station offers room for extra equipment and storage which we really needed. Our church building came fully furnished with thousands of dollars worth of sound equipment too! God is good!

**- Don and Bonnie Guttormson**

Iron Range Vineyard Church, Eveleth, MN

Servants from all over the region offered over 400 individual soul care appointments -including spiritual direction, massage, healing prayer, prophecy, coaching, and more - to our pastors and leaders as we gathered this past year to encourage and care for one another.

**- Brenda Gatlin**

Duluth Vineyard Church, Duluth, MN

Our area has planted several La Viña's in a very short amount of time! We now have one in Burnsville, and more recently, in St. Paul, Inver Grove Heights, and have another one in the works for Minneapolis. What God is doing to reach Hispanic people in our area is amazing! If you have an existing church facility, we have a model for opening your doors to a La Viña and support their efforts to reach Spanish speaking people. Our local church, currently hosts the largest single site food shelf in the state of MN which has also been a way for us to open our doors to Spanish speaking people and invite them to our La Viña.

**- Greg Perkinson**

South Metro Vineyard Church, Burnsville, MN  
Area Leader in Minneapolis, MN



# WE ARE MULTIPLYING



**Together, throughout the nation, we are working to plant 750 new Vineyard churches by 2023.** We believe that every local church can learn to multiply — multiply disciples, multiple leaders and yes, even multiply churches. We are working to invite pastors and leaders into partnerships where together we can implement a clear multiplication strategy, which includes embracing a larger Kingdom vision for your community, becoming more evangelistically effective, intentional disciple making, strategic leadership development, and a thorough preparation of our church planters. Overall, here’s how we are doing as a movement:

<b>25%</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>35</b>
Of Vineyard USA churches are committed to planting.	New church planters are in training from 74 Vineyard churches.	Vineyard Churches have people involved with Multiply Vineyard.	Coaches are working with church planters across the movement.

## CHURCHES PLANTED IN THE MIDWEST NORTH REGION OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS:

- > Daniel Mercado, La Viña–Gurnee, Gurnee, IL  
Sent by La Viña Laguna Niguel - San Clemente, CA
- > Samuel Quintana, La Viña Iglesias Familiar–St Charles, IL  
Sent by Comunidad Cristiana La Viña - Mundelein, IL
- > Víctor Castillo, La Viña de Crystal Lake–Crystal Lake, IL  
Sent by Comunidad Cristiana La Viña - Mundelein, IL
- > Miguel Gonzalez, Centro Cristiano Emanuel–Mankato, MN  
Sent by Two Rivers Vineyard–Mankato, MN
- > Miguel Aviles, Comunidad Christian La Viña–Burnsville, MN  
Sent by Comunidad Cristiana La Viña–Mundelein, IL
- > Eduardo Hernandez, Iglesias Cristiana La Viña Waukegan-Waukegan- IL  
Sent by Comunidad Cristiana La Viña - Mundelein, IL
- > Samuel & Victoria Cordero, Vineyard Church of Evanston–La Viña Campus–Evanston, IL  
Sent by Vineyard Church of Evanston, Evanston, IL
- > Dave and Rebecca Anderson, Vineyard Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI  
Sent by Columbus Vineyard Church–Columbus, OH
- > Vince Brackett & Kyle Hanawalt, Brown Line Vineyard-Chicago, IL  
Sent by Vineyard Church of Evanston, Evanston, IL
- > Kris & Niki Sauter, Cloquet Vineyard Church-Cloquet, MN  
Sent by Duluth Vineyard Church, Duluth, MN
- > Don and Bonnie Guttormson, Iron Range Vineyard Church-Eveleth, MN  
Sent by Duluth Vineyard Church, Duluth, MN
- > Shari Luebbert, Tapestry Vineyard Church Elko New Market, MN  
Sent by South Metro Vineyard Church, Burnsville, MN
- > Renee Cunningham, Vineyard Church Of Evanston-Neighborhood Campus-Chicago, IL  
Sent by Vineyard Church of Evanston, Evanston, IL

## RESOURCES

### Our Website:

[www.multiplyvineyard.org](http://www.multiplyvineyard.org)

### Potential Church Planters:

[www.multiplyvineyard.org/church-planters](http://www.multiplyvineyard.org/church-planters)

### La Viña:

[www.multiplyvineyard.org/la-vina](http://www.multiplyvineyard.org/la-vina)

### Library Of Resources:

[www.multiplyvineyard.org/library](http://www.multiplyvineyard.org/library)

### How To Plant A Vineyard:

[www.multiplyvineyard.org/how-to-plant-a-vineyard-church](http://www.multiplyvineyard.org/how-to-plant-a-vineyard-church)

### Training Opportunities:

For more info contact: [justin@multiplyvineyard.org](mailto:justin@multiplyvineyard.org)

# UPCOMING EVENTS

*Mark your calendars, here are a few events that you won't want to miss!*



## BETTER TOGETHER

August 21-23, 2018 @ Vineyard Christian Church, Evanston, IL

Building off of our first Vineyard USA diversity conference (November, 2016), we'll continue to explore what it means for the Vineyard to engage with topics of race, reconciliation, and the multi-ethnic church.



## CAUSECON

April 12-14, 2018 @ Vineyard Church of Overland Park, Kansas City, Kansas

CauseCon is a place for young adults to explore this by connecting with leaders in the Vineyard and engaging in the story of Jesus. Join us in Kansas City! For more info visit:  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/causecon-2018-cause2live4-tickets-34752357236>



## ENGAGING IN THE KINGDOM

Midwest North Regional Women's Conference

Leaders Session: April 27

Main Sessions: April 28-29, 2018 @ Duluth Vineyard Church, Duluth, MN

Join us for our annual regional women's conference. Registration opens January 1, 2018.  
For more info visit: <https://vineyardmidwestnorth.org>



## PROJECT TIMOTHY

June 19-25, 2018 @ Duluth Vineyard Church, Duluth, MN

Project Timothy's goal is to inspire, motivate, train, and release a group of young leaders in the Vineyard! We are looking for Teen leaders (14-17 yrs old) who show leadership potential, and can commit to serving at least 1 year in their youth group, church, or community in a leadership capacity. Also, current youth pastors/adult leaders who are willing serve and have their expenses covered by the region (contact if you are interested).



## COMMON GROUND

Midwest North Regional Youth Event (For the Southeast Areas)

July 24-28, 2018 @ Vineyard Church in Elgin, IL

Common Ground is a 5-day, 4-night event for students entering 7th grade through graduating seniors. Cost is \$150.00 (includes all meals and lodging). Questions? Contact Jason Patrick at [jason@elginvineyard.com](mailto:jason@elginvineyard.com).



## LIMITLESS

Midwest North Regional Youth Event (For the Northwest Areas)

Thurs. Oct 18-Sat., Oct 20, 2018 @ Duluth Vineyard Church, Duluth, MN

It's your turn to discover the Limitless God in your life, see him move in your story, and watch him put all things together for good. Join us for our annual youth conference for students grades 6-12. We will have a weekend where students can worship, experience God, and grow in the depth of their relationship with Him.



## GREEN LAKE PASTORS AND LEADERS RETREAT

Save the date! November 6-8, 2018

We are already confirmed to return to Green Lake Conference Center.  
Next year our gathering will move to Tuesday through Thursday.

## LOOKING FOR MORE INFO ON EVENTS?

Check out our regional website at [vineyardmidwestnorth.org](http://vineyardmidwestnorth.org)

# INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

## vineyardresources®

Vineyard Resources exists to develop and distribute Kingdom-centric resources for Vineyard churches at home and abroad. We are the resourcing arm of Vineyard USA and are dedicated to tracking the pulse of the Vineyard Movement regarding resources both digital and physical. Vineyard Resources supports both the EDLD and Vineyard Pilgrimage initiatives through the collection and development of resources that empower these concepts. We have the privilege of speaking with Vineyard pastors and leaders daily, asking what is needed and helping fulfill their resource requests.

**Our Website:**

[www.vineyardresources.com](http://www.vineyardresources.com)

**Digital Tools (music):**

[digital.vineyardresources.com](http://digital.vineyardresources.com)

**Twitter:**

[www.twitter.com/vineyardstuff](http://www.twitter.com/vineyardstuff)

**Membership:**

[www.vineyarddigitalmembership.com](http://www.vineyarddigitalmembership.com)

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## vineyardworship®

Vineyard Worship exists as an organic extension of the Vineyard Movement of churches. We are, in a phrase, “from the church, for the church.” Our mission is to document, model and impart the heart and activity of worship in the Vineyard by equipping the next generation of worship leaders and helping the local church experience God through music, training, and resourcing.

**Our Website:**

[www.vineyardworship.com](http://www.vineyardworship.com)

**Vineyard Songs:**

[www.vineyardsongs.com](http://www.vineyardsongs.com)

**Our YouTube Channel:**

[www.youtube.com/vineyardworship](http://www.youtube.com/vineyardworship)

**Our Worship Leader Network:**

[www.facebook.com/groups/vineyardworshipleaders](http://www.facebook.com/groups/vineyardworshipleaders)

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## vineyardpilgrimage®

Vineyard Pilgrimage exists to see every person, from the youngest child to the seasoned sage, develop a life-long passion for God and for the Vineyard expression. We’re building a strategic pathway for intentional and continuous spiritual development that is rooted in Kingdom of God theology and Vineyard values. The Vineyard Pilgrimage empowers and equips churches to eliminate ministry silos and provides a unified track for development in the areas of leadership and parenting.

**Our Website:**

[www.vineyardusa.org/explore/vineyardpilgrimage](http://www.vineyardusa.org/explore/vineyardpilgrimage)

**Pilgrimage Digital Resources:**

[www.vineyarddigitalmembership.com](http://www.vineyarddigitalmembership.com)

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## vineyardusa®

Our national office goes by the name Vineyard Service Group (VSG) to reflect our mission to provide service to our local churches. VSG exists to serve both the local Vineyard church and the various entities that serve our local churches. Leadership, vision, and representation are provided to and for VUSA through our National Director and his staff. VSG also provides accounting for contributions and disbursements to the various Vineyard entities, and builds and maintains vital statistics via our census. Finally, the VSG team provides a hub of administrative, informative, and pastoral services to the Vineyard Movement.

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# AREA LEADERS AND SPECIALISTS



## LE QUE HEIDKAMP

Area Leader

Le Que Heidkamp is Co-Lead Pastor of Mercy Vineyard Church in Minneapolis, MN, where she and her husband, Jeff, planted in 2004. She has served Vineyard USA in various capacities including leading the Ethnic Diversity Task Force, assisting Multiply Vineyard and Vineyard Missions with intercultural ministry. Le Que loves to learn and teach about racial diversity and reconciliation wherever she goes, and one of her favorite things to do is assist fellow pastors in thinking about organizational and leadership development. She and Jeff have two daughters, and to the astonishment of everyone that knows them, recently adopted a cat.



## HOMERO GARCIA

Area Leader

Homero and Claudia Garcia-Cover are the Lead Pastors of La Viña Comunidad Cristiana in Mundelein, IL. Homero has been serving as an Area Pastor since 2013, serving all of the Spanish speaking La Viña's in the Midwest North Region. Currently they pastor a church of about 600 people and have planted 7 churches by raising up leaders as pastors.



## GREG PERKINSON

Area Leader

Greg Perkinson is one of the Midwest North Region's Area Pastors, serving in the Minneapolis Metro area (8 churches). He and his wife, Sara, have been at South Metro Vineyard for over 10 years. Sara was born and raised in MN and Greg is from Southern Indiana. We served under several lead pastors, went through several transitions, and then unexpectedly were asked to lead the Church. I have been serving in the lead pastor role for 6 years." Sara & Greg have been married 10 years and they have 4 beautiful children, great family & friends, and love their local home church.



## PAT & LISA MULCAHY

Area Leaders

Pat and Lisa Mulcahy are the Lead Pastors of Vineyard Community Church in Grafton, WI. Pat also serves as the Area Pastor for the Southern Wisconsin area, which includes five other Vineyard churches and church plants. The Mulcahys, along with four other adults and about 15 children, planted the Vineyard in Grafton 15 years ago. The last 5 years has brought about the completion of a newly constructed building which has provided many opportunities for Vineyard

Community Church to grow. Today, they pastor a church of 250-300 people, with the invaluable help and support of a truly awesome staff.



## GENO AND SHANNON OLISON

Area Leaders

Geno & Shannon Olison are Midwest North Area Pastors serving in the Chicago land Area, overseeing and serving 9 churches.

They are the planting pastors of the South Suburban Vineyard Church in Flossmoor, IL and have just entered their 5th year of ministry there. They church planted with a team of nine other adults and two babies, packing up homes and leaving jobs to move to the south suburbs of Chicago (30 minutes straight south of the city) in the summer of 2009. The goal was take a multicultural team of leaders and build a multicultural Vineyard church from the ground up. Almost 5 years later, they're blessed to see that vision unfolding before them. Geno & Shannon have 3 boys – Joseph, Elijah, and Joshua. They are excited to see what God will do in their family, their church, and in the Vineyard movement this year!



## CASEY LA CORE

Area Leader

Casey is the Children's ministries pastor/missions pastor and is generally responsible for volunteers at the Duluth Vineyard. She also oversees outreach/integration/evangelism. She has been working at Duluth Vineyard for 6 years in several roles and is a member of the senior leadership team. Casey is a wife (36 years) to a very kind man, mother of 4 fabulous adult children, mother inlaw to 2 lovely ladies and grandmother to 3 awesome children. She has worked in several areas over the years; 10 years in residential mental health and disable adults, 8 years as a home daycare provider, 10 years in volunteer management and civic engagement. She has a degree in Community Enhancement and master's degree in education.



## MIGUEL AND ROCIO AVILES

Area Leaders

Miguel and Rocio Aviles, are the Area Leaders serving our Spanish speaking Pastors in Minnesota. They are lead pastors of La Viña de Burnsville in Burnsville, Minnesota, and planted the church in the Spring of 2012. Miguel and Rocio are passionate for the lost. They are also serving as Region Representatives for La Viña Multiplica and currently helping to plant another La Viña in St. Paul, Minnesota. They have been married for 24 years and have two wonderful children, Samantha and Miguel.

# AREA LEADERS AND SPECIALISTS



## DAVE AND ANITA FREDERICK

Area Leaders

Dave and Anita have been involved with the Vineyard since the mid-1980's. Since then they have planted churches in Chicago, Oak Park, and now in Wheaton. Both are bi-vocational;

Dave serves the church while also running a business (Leaders Book Summaries), and when Anita is not teaching, developing ministries, or filling in the latest hole, she serves as a missionary with Children's Relief International in areas of deep poverty and oppression. Dave stays more on the home front and loves to teach, coach and develop leaders. They have three wonderful children—Tehillah (27), Jeshua (26) and Shiloah (23). Tehillah and Jeshua married two equally wonderful spouses—Nathan and Olivia whom we love dearly. Their favorite pastime is to spend long hours processing life with their children and dreaming of the next time they will all be together again.



## BRIAN BRINKERT

Specialist: Bi-Vocational Pastoral Care

Brian Brinkert is currently an Associate Pastor at Duluth Vineyard Church in Duluth, MN. He and his wife, Andrea originally helped plant a church in Cedar Rapids and then moved

to Mankato, MN to plant Two Rivers Vineyard Church and pastored there for 13 years. In 2017, Brian and his family joined the staff at Duluth Vineyard where he oversees Small Groups, Weekend Teams, and Men's Ministry. He also is assisting in the Church Planting Residency Program as a trainer and mentor. Brian has a passion for encouraging pastors and church planters. Brian and Andrea have been married since 1995, and love enjoying life with their two teenage daughters.



## JEFF HEIDKAMP

Specialist: Preaching Mentor

Jeff is the co-lead Pastor at Mercy Vineyard in Minneapolis, MN, along with his wife, Le Que. Jeff also serves on the Executive Team for VineyardUSA. He is passionate about helping others learn how

preaching is accurate and sharp, centered around the gospel and the kingdom of God, and is relevant to those we want to reach for Christ. Jeff brings Pastor's in our Region together to learn and practice better preaching.



## JASON AND BETSY PATRICK

Specialist: Youth Pastors Mentor

Jason and his wife Betsy have many years of working with youth and Jason is on staff at Vineyard Church of Elgin in Elgin, IL, where he serves as both Youth Pastor and Community Pastor. He married his high school sweetheart, Betsy, and they have a beautiful family. Seeing teens experience God's love for them and watching that love transform them is one of their greatest joy's. The Patrick's are networking, training, resourcing, and providing care for all Youth Pastors and Leaders through out the region.



## CASEY LA CORE

Specialist: Vineyard Pilgrimage

Casey serves as the Specialist for helping our region understand and integrate the Vineyard Pilgrimage as it is developed more. She has been an Associate Pastor for 6 years in various roles and on

the Senior Leadership Team at Duluth Vineyard. She is also an Area Leader for Northern Minnesota. Vineyard Pilgrimage exists to see every person, from the youngest child to the seasoned sage, develop a lifelong passion for God and for the Vineyard expression. We're building a strategic pathway for intentional and continuous spiritual development that is rooted in Kingdom of God theology and Vineyard values. The Vineyard Pilgrimage empowers and equips churches to eliminate ministry silos and provides a unified track for development in the areas of leadership and parenting.



## ROSS NELSON

Multiply Vineyard Regional Representative

Ross was called to ministry in Jr. High, but didn't actualize the call until he entered into a saving relationship with Jesus at 23. In 1990 the Lord directed them to the Vineyard where they planted a Vineyard church in Elgin, IL.

In 1995, the Nelson's moved to Tomahawk, WI, where they planted the Northwoods Vineyard church. Out of the Northwoods Vineyard Church they've planted three other Vineyard churches and have plans to plant at least three more before 2022. Ross and Mary recently transitioned Northwoods Vineyard Church to their sons, Nate and Tim. Ross is involved in an area Triad, which involves three Vineyard churches cooperating together to plant churches. Out of the Triad they have developed a two year training program for church planters and leadership development of which Ross is the overseer. Ross also serves on the Small Town USA specialist team which targets church plants in rural America and is the Midwest North Regional Representative for Multiply Vineyard.