

# Spread the LOVE



Strengthen the Church Offering

## About Strengthen the Church

**Y**our gift to Strengthen the Church builds the UCC's future now by funding The Stillspeaking Ministry, new and renewing churches, youth and young adult ministries, and lay and pastoral leadership formation – especially among women and people of color.

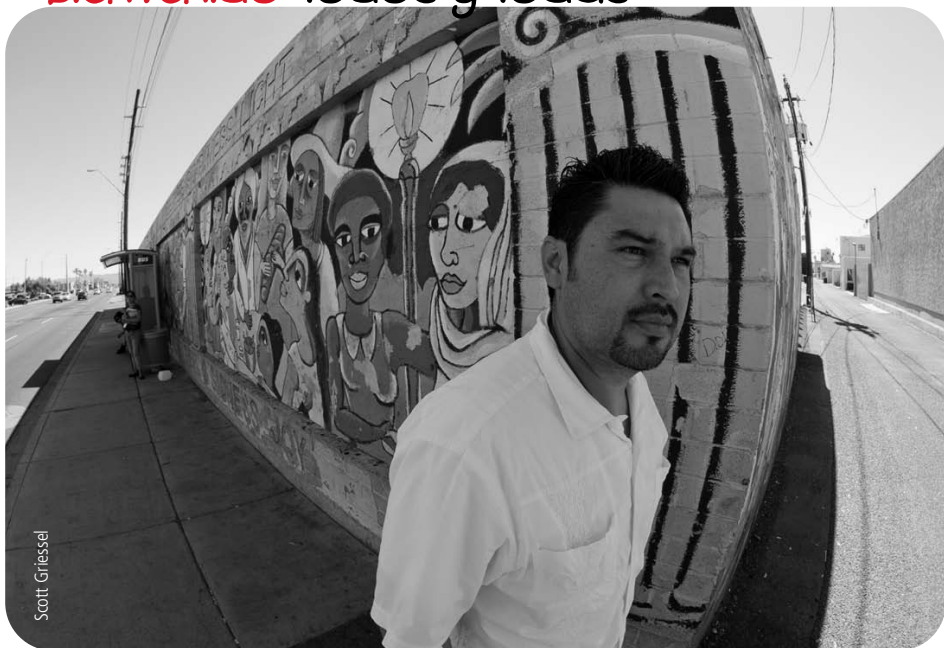
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**T**he God is Stillspeaking Ministry spreads the message of God's extravagant welcome, reaching out especially to those who have felt there is no room for them within Christianity and the church – the excluded and alienated, the spiritually homeless, the questioning. In the last three years, Stillspeaking reached an estimated 25 million people through national, regional and local advertising including registering over 3,000 Stillspeaking Voices committed to the growth of the message and membership of the United Church of Christ.

**Your offerings are directed to your church's Conference, Local Church Ministries, and The Stillspeaking Ministry for these church development, leader development and Stillspeaking purposes.**

Your generosity today ensures our vibrancy tomorrow.  
**God is Still Speaking,**

# “Bienvenido Todos y Todas”



Scott Griessel

**L**ook into the face of church planter Luis Gonzalez and you'll see intensity. Phoenix Comunidad Cristiana Ministerios (TOX Ministries) founding Pastor feels urgency for reaching people. A Pentecostal youth minister for 14 years in Mexico, he now leads this multi-age, bilingual congregation, a ministry of the Church of the Beatitudes in Phoenix, with services in English and Spanish. He has embraced the diversity of the United Church of Christ and a vision for a new way to do church.

**B**rendan Mahoney, Moderator of the Southwest Conference, who regularly attends services with his partner Gordon Street, has seen the church growing spiritually and in attendance and outreach by multiplication through cell groups. Homes host cell groups for prayer, Bible study and leadership education. Reminiscent of the house churches of the first generation of Christians, cell groups are welcoming, nurturing and forming new disciples. Strengthen the Church grants provide leadership for new congregations like TOX Ministries where Pastor Gonzalez asserts, “We are just working to be the love and life of Jesus.”

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