

Fall 2022

SACCP Philly Marks World Communion Sunday after 2 year Hiatus



Our World Communion Sunday theme was: *Unity in God's Diversity*

At the Tower of Babel, God mitigated the effects of sin while creating a diverse table of nations (Genesis 12). Although God created diversity, his purpose for the human race wasn't just diversity— it was unity in diversity.

In a powerful display of what could be (and one day will be!), God the Father sent God the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost to share God the Son's message of reconciliation. There is a day coming— described in the Book of Revelation— when every tribe and language and people and nation will gather around the throne of God in the unity of worship of the Lamb (Rev. 5:9).

Our service on October 2 was a foretaste of that great day when all will be again as it was meant to be. Six of our congregations, representing many ethnicities and languages, celebrated our unity through an observance of the Lord's Supper.

On that glorious day, there will still be diversity— but there will be unified focus on the Lamb who has, by his shed blood, brought us back together again.

Praise the Lord! Thank you for your support as we demonstrate to both the church AND the world that God is at work and will one day make all things new again!



The Good News in Swahili: Members of the SACCP Philly Swahili Choir sing at the start of our World Communion Sunday worship service this past October.



Youth Will Be Served: It is a new day at SACCP Philly as we begin our new 1 church, 2 congregation format. Our revised English language service seeks to reach younger neighbors by sharing the better story of hope and redemption through Jesus. Pictured here are (from left to right) Jonah, Bobbie, Hailey, and December.

Congregation Splits into 2 new congregations— Swahili & English

When is a church split a good thing? When it happens at SACCP Philly for the purpose of reaching more people and raising up new leadership.

This past October 9th we made a big change by going to a 1 church, 2 congregation Sunday worship service format. Newly installed Pastor Solomon Sikasabwa has taken the reigns of Swahili language (African) 6th congregation. Pastor David Grainge is pastoring the English language 7th (original) congregation. Andy Owens, our worship leader, leads a combined, cross-cultural worship time between the two services.

This new service format will allow both congregations to focus on their congregation's needs and preferences. Pastor Solomon continues to reach out to the greater Swahili language speaking population of Philadelphia. The English language congregation is focusing on the diverse, second and third immigration/refugee population of South Philly whose heart language is English.

It's a team effort as the SACCP Philly Leadership Team is working to hold up the arms of our two pastors. Please pray with us as we ask God for more workers to come alongside us in the harvest field. Pray, too, that new people would come, hear the Good Shepherd's voice, and follow him

Thank you for your prayers and support.