

## 1 · Demographic Profile of the Mission Field

### POPULATION

**47,184**

11 census tracts

### 5-YR GROWTH

**14%**

+5,832 people · proj 10%

### HISPANIC

**56%**

15,464 Spanish-speakers (5+)

### BLACK

**4%**

non-Anglo total 61%

### UNDER 18

**23%**

### MEDIAN INCOME

**\$72,515**

population-weighted

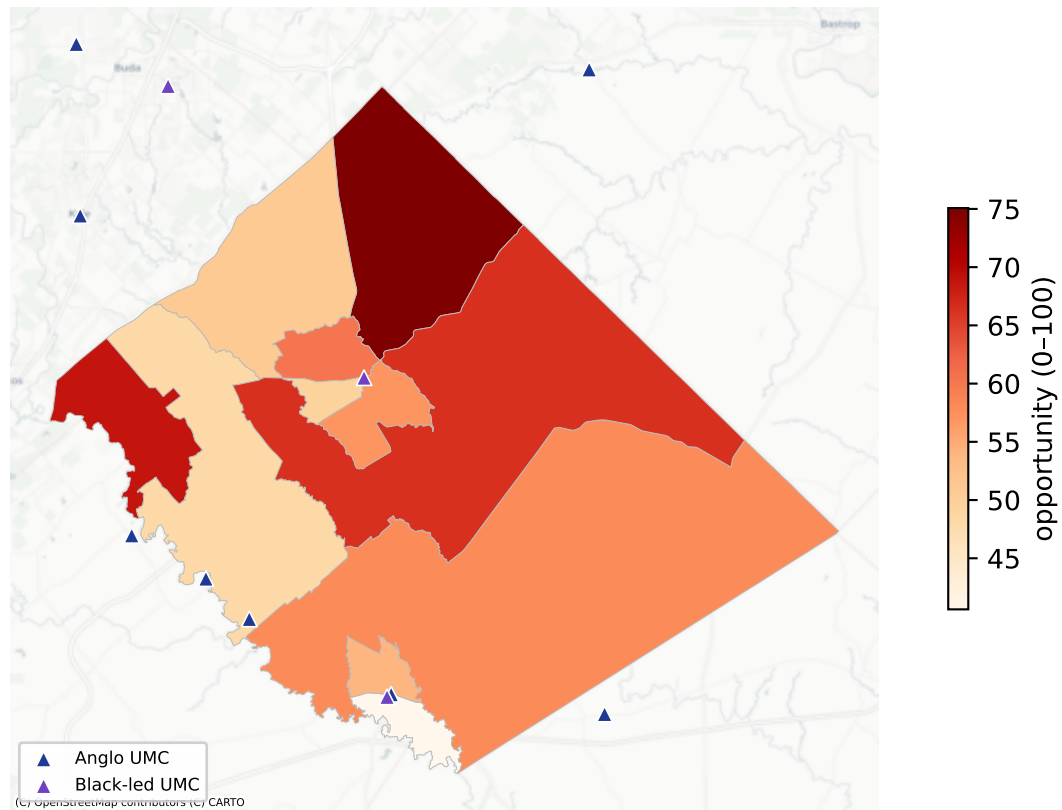
### Fastest-growing neighborhoods

Excludes tracts with fewer than 1,000 residents five years ago.

Place	5-yr growth	People added	Hispanic
Caldwell County (rural)	164%	3,226	58%
Caldwell County (rural)	67%	2,717	84%
Caldwell County (rural)	30%	684	22%
Caldwell County (rural)	22%	938	48%
Lockhart	22%	831	58%

Caldwell County is classified WATCH on ACS 5-year (tract sum) — verify trigger against annual OSD list (47,184 residents). The Urban Ministry Strategic Plan requires the District Strategy Team to study the mission field before any urban church property is sold (2016 Discipline ¶2549.7, ¶1212). This is that Study.

## Opportunity composite by tract (growth · gap · fit · density)



6 North District UMC(s) serve this county — 3 reach non-Anglo communities (0 Hispanic-led, 0 Hispanic ministry, 3 Black-led). ≈1 church per 7,864 residents in a field 61% non-Anglo. 3 tracts (14,729 people) have no UMC within a 15-min drive.

Top opportunity tracts	Opp	Grw	Pop
Caldwell County (rural) ♦	75%	67%	6,744
Caldwell County (rural)	69%	164%	5,199
Caldwell County (rural)	66%	22%	5,225
Lockhart	60%	22%	4,641
Caldwell County (rural) ♦	58%	30%	2,940
Lockhart	57%	14%	5,844

Existing UMCs	Serves
Corinth UMC	Black-led
Fentress UMC	Anglo
St Marks UMC Lockhart	Black-led
First UMC Luling	Anglo
William Taylor UMC	Black-led
Prairie Lea UMC	Anglo

♦ = also clears Lens A's 6-mile-from-any-UMC plant filter.

## 3 · Proposed Restrictions & Priority for Proceeds

The mission field is 56% Hispanic — proceeds should give highest priority to Hispanic/Latino ministry, new Hispanic church starts, and bilingual outreach. The Black population (4% of the field, +69% over five years) supports a Black-ministry priority — note the Plan's caution that the legacy footprint of historic Black UMCs does not track where the Black population is growing today.

- 20% of net → Conference Trustees' Property Administration Fund (capped at \$400k).
- 75% of the remainder → North District Strategy Team (≈60% of net), restricted to Hispanic/Latino + Black ministry in the Caldwell County urban mission field.
- 25% of the remainder → Conference Office of Congregational Vitality & Development (≈20% of net), restricted to urban ministry conference-wide.

### Proposed restriction language

"These funds derive from the sale of urban church property in Caldwell County and are restricted to vital urban ministry that reaches the diverse people of that mission field, with highest priority to hispanic/latino + black ministry, new church starts, and missions — per the Rio Texas Urban Ministry Strategic Plan."

If the property was a former Rio Grande Annual Conference congregation, add the Latino/Hispanic highest-priority restriction the Plan requires, regardless of urban status.