

## 1 · Demographic Profile of the Mission Field

### POPULATION

**20,736**

5 census tracts

### HISPANIC

**30%**

3,303 Spanish-speakers (5+)

### UNDER 18

**23%**

### 5-YR GROWTH

**-1%**

+/-286 people · proj -1%

### BLACK

**13%**

non-Anglo total 43%

### MEDIAN INCOME

**\$70,172**

population-weighted

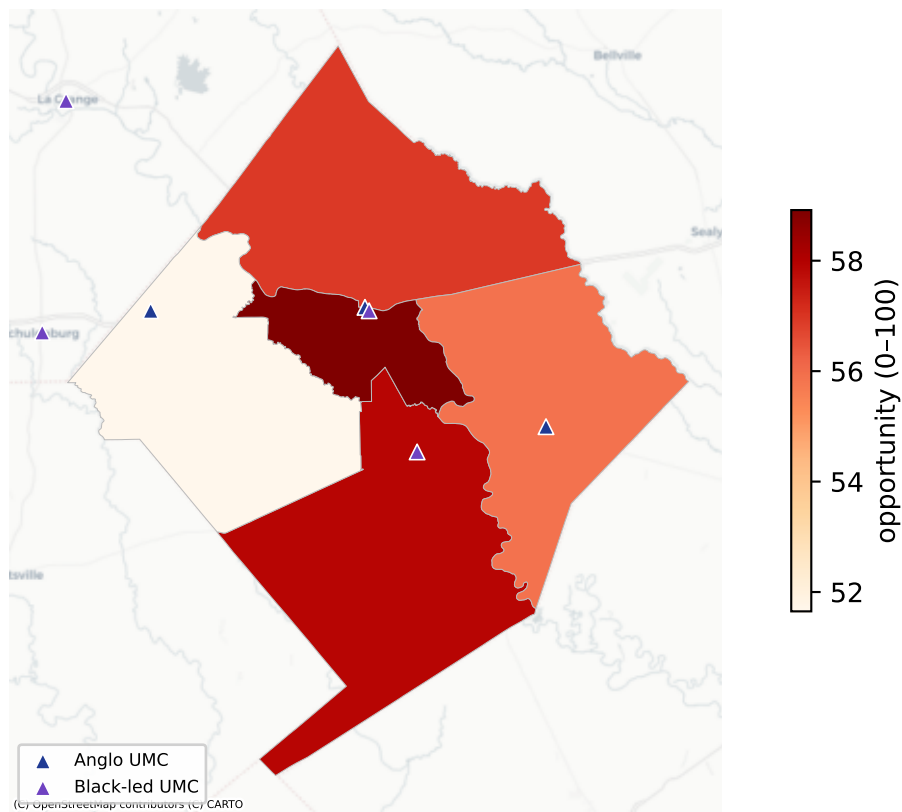
### Fastest-growing neighborhoods

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

Place	5-yr growth	People added	Hispanic
Colorado County (rural)	14%	275	26%
Colorado County (rural)	5%	211	26%
Colorado County (rural)	0%	0	20%
Eagle Lake	-6%	-273	55%
Colorado County (rural)	-9%	-499	23%

Colorado County is classified RURAL on ACS 5-year (tract sum) — verify trigger against annual OSD list (20,736 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)



5 North District UMC(s) serve this county — 2 reach non-Anglo communities (0 Hispanic-led, 0 Hispanic ministry, 2 Black-led). ≈1 church per 4,147 residents in a field 43% non-Anglo. 1 tracts (2,222 people) have no UMC within a 15-min drive.

Top opportunity tracts	Opp	Grw	Pop
Colorado County (rural)	59%	5%	4,101
Colorado County (rural) ◆	58%	14%	2,222
Colorado County (rural)	57%	0%	5,204
Eagle Lake	56%	-6%	4,375
Colorado County (rural)	52%	-9%	4,834

Existing UMCs	Serves
Wesley Chapel UMC	Black-led
First UMC Columbus	Anglo
St. Paul UMC Columbus	Black-led
Eagle Lake UMC	Anglo
Weimar UMC	Anglo

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

## 3 · Proposed Restrictions & Priority for Proceeds

At 30% Hispanic and growing, the field warrants a strong Hispanic/Latino ministry priority alongside cross-cultural work in existing congregations. The Black population (13% of the field, +47% 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.

Non-urban policy (§14): Colorado is below the urban threshold, so the Plan's 75/25 split does not apply.

- 20% of net → Property Administration Fund (capped at \$400k).
- The entire post-admin remainder → North District Strategy Team for use in the district. No Conference-office share; no urban restriction required.

### Proposed restriction language

The demographic profile argues for a Hispanic/Latino + Black ministry emphasis if the District Strategy Team chooses to direct these funds intentionally.

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.