

1 · Demographic Profile of the Mission Field

POPULATION

24,783

9 census tracts

5-YR GROWTH

-1%

+/-283 people · proj 0%

HISPANIC

22%

3,409 Spanish-speakers (5+)

BLACK

6%

non-Anglo total 28%

UNDER 18

20%

MEDIAN INCOME

\$75,489

population-weighted

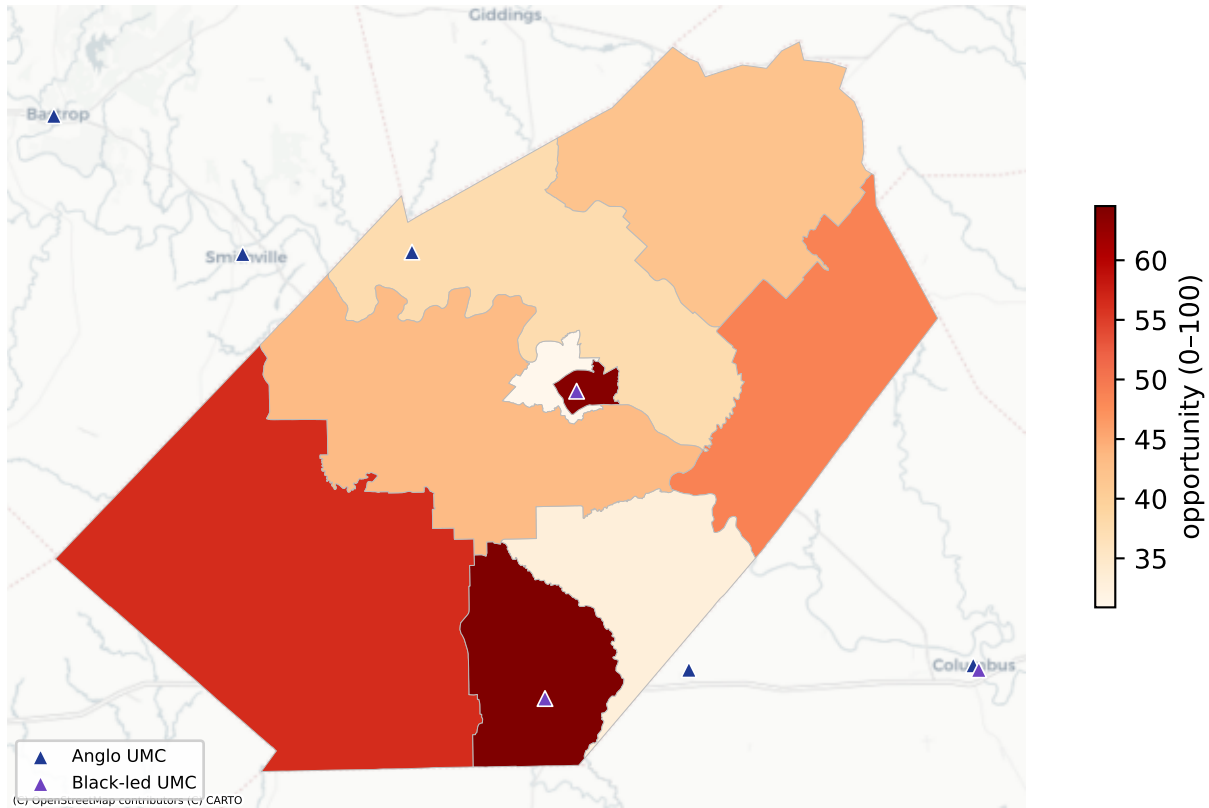
Fastest-growing neighborhoods

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

Place	5-yr growth	People added	Hispanic
La Grange	121%	2,514	26%
Fayette County (rural)	56%	1,423	27%
Fayette County (rural)	11%	220	7%
Fayette County (rural)	5%	193	38%
Fayette County (rural)	3%	62	15%

Fayette County is classified RURAL on ACS 5-year (tract sum) — verify trigger against annual OSD list (24,783 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, ¶212). This is that Study.

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



3 North District UMC(s) serve this county — 2 reach non-Anglo communities (0 Hispanic-led, 0 Hispanic ministry, 2 Black-led). ≈1 church per 8,261 residents in a field 28% non-Anglo. 4 tracts (11,993 people) have no UMC within a 15-min drive.

Top opportunity tracts	Opp	Grw	Pop
Fayette County (rural)	65%	56%	3,957
La Grange	64%	121%	4,594
Fayette County (rural) ◆	56%	5%	4,336
Fayette County (rural) ◆	49%	11%	2,202
Fayette County (rural)	43%	-10%	3,407
Fayette County (rural) ◆	42%	3%	2,048

Existing UMCs	Serves
St. James UMC	Black-led
Stevens Chapel UMC	Black-led
Winchester UMC	Anglo

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

3 · Proposed Restrictions & Priority for Proceeds

The Black population (6% of the field, +180% 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): Fayette 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 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.