

1 · Demographic Profile of the Mission Field

POPULATION

5,802

2 census tracts

5-YR GROWTH

-3%

+/-160 people · proj -3%

HISPANIC

30%

1,178 Spanish-speakers (5+)

BLACK

2%

non-Anglo total 33%

UNDER 18

19%

MEDIAN INCOME

\$55,989

population-weighted

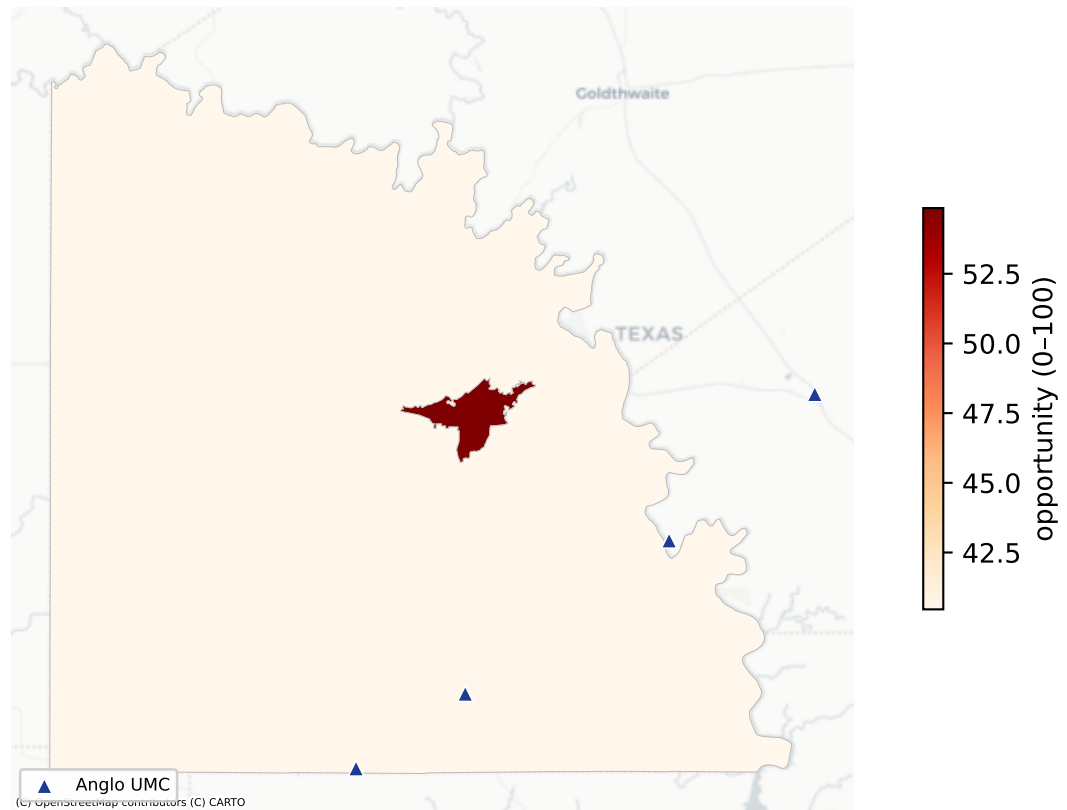
Fastest-growing neighborhoods

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

| Place | 5-yr growth | People added | Hispanic |
|-------------------------|-------------|--------------|----------|
| San Saba | 10% | 255 | 45% |
| San Saba County (rural) | -12% | -415 | 17% |

San Saba County is classified RURAL on ACS 5-year (tract sum) — verify trigger against annual OSD list (5,802 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)



1 North District UMC(s) serve this county — 0 reach non-Anglo communities (0 Hispanic-led, 0 Hispanic ministry, 0 Black-led). ≈1 church per 5,802 residents in a field 33% non-Anglo. 2 tracts (5,802 people) have no UMC within a 15-min drive.

| Top opportunity tracts | Opp | Grw | Pop |
|---------------------------|-----|------|-------|
| San Saba ♦ | 55% | 10% | 2,815 |
| San Saba County (rural) ♦ | 40% | -12% | 2,987 |

| Existing UMCs | Serves |
|---------------|--------|
| Cherokee 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.

Non-urban policy (¶14): San Saba 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 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.