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Two New Churches Launched!

Intrepid

For James Floyd and the newly launched *Intrepid Christian Church* in Gig Harbor, WA, their name is a strong statement of their confidence in God's faithful love and care against all odds.

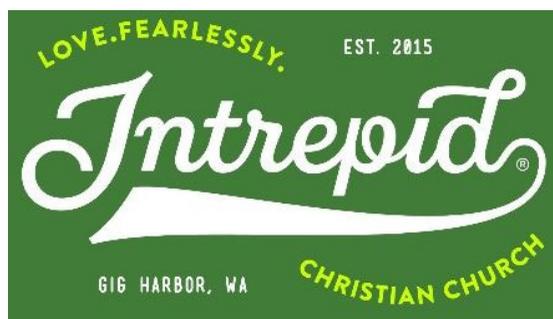
The name *Intrepid* means *fearless, unafraid, undaunted, unflinching, bold, heroic, adventurous, spirited and indomitable*- they are all that and more!

Intrepid aptly describes the persistent spirit required of those who trust in great things from God and attempt great things for Him.

From a modest start of 65 in October, this dynamic new church is reaching those who are lost in the storms of life with the Gospel of Christ.

Numerous decisions to follow Jesus have already been made by newcomers attending the church; including 2 recent baptisms.

There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear I Jn 4:18



The Branch

Dave & Lori Vigna moved home to East Vancouver (WA) where their story began—where they grew up, met and married. They came to write a new story of starting a church to reach those far from God.

The Vigna's call to plant a new church in their home town is rooted in Jesus' words in John 15:5, *I am the vine and you are the branches. If you remain in Me and I in you, you will bear much fruit...* So it's no surprise they named this church "*The Branch*".

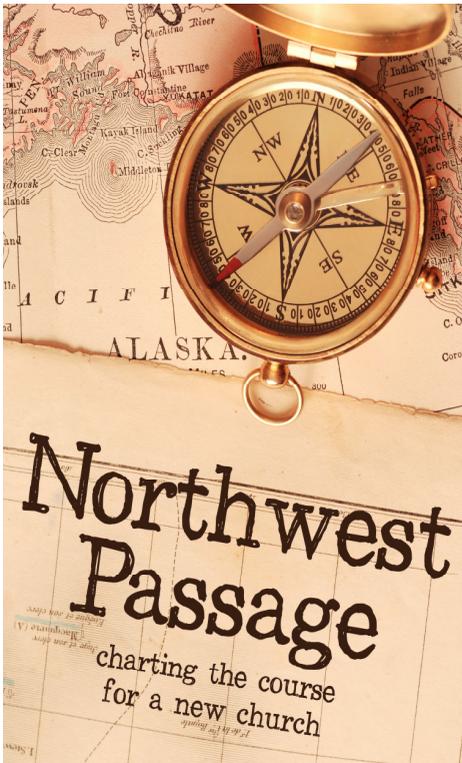
After a busy summer of prayer-walks, parades, neighborhood canvases and Family Fun Fests, *The Branch* welcomed 150 to their first public service on Oct. 4th.

The church also hosted its largest event, a Harvest Carnival, on a stormy night in October with more than 900 attending.

Dave and Lori and their gifted team of volunteers are excited as they welcome hundreds of newcomers to their events and services. *The Branch* is already bearing fruit as evidenced recently by their first baptism!



Northwest Passage Training January 25-27



The *Northwest Passage* is a narrow, ever-changing sea route between the North Atlantic and Pacific oceans. First attempted by Norwegian Viking ships, the passage was sought by countless expeditions between the 15th and 20th centuries. Sir Francis Drake and Captains James Cook & George Vancouver are among the many accomplished explorers who failed to find the elusive passage. Nevertheless, it exists and was proven navigable by the Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen in 1906.

Navigating the *Northwest Passage* serves as a fitting metaphor for church planting here in our predominantly unchurched region. Both are adventures requiring substantial preparation and charting a course through unknown waters in unpredictable weather. To prepare planters and ministry leaders for their unique ministry adventures, the CEA hosts an annual training event we've named *Northwest Passage*.

Veteran church planter, Derek Dickinson, will lead the training. He'll be joined by ministry masters and mentors who will share their experience, wisdom and encouragement to help you navigate your unique ministry context.

Dates: Monday, Jan. 25th (1pm) through Wednesday, Jan. 27th (noon)

Location: Seattle

Cost: \$100/free to staff of supporting churches

Where are they now — Peace International Christian Church



Peace International Christian Church in Surrey, British Columbia celebrated their 11th anniversary this summer! Rollie & Cellie Paraiso (*pictured at left*) planted this flourishing church in 2004 after serving a 7-year ministry with the Filipino-American Christian Church (FACC) in Seattle. Busy teaching, preaching and leading ministry in both Surrey and his native Philippines, Rollie says, "I still love church planting!"

The CEA partnered with East 91st St. Christian Church (Indianapolis, IN) to help support this granddaughter church of Greenwood Christian Church (Seattle) and daughter church of FACC.

The Northwest has a long and significant history of ministry among the Filipino-American community that continues today. Seattle's hosting of the 2015 Filipino-American Christian Convention attests to that fact.

PICC's celebration was attended by an enthusiastic congregation of 150. Festivities included a celebration service, greetings from CEA Director George Johnson and a delicious meal of traditional Filipino dishes.



The NewChurch Network

The CEA has a long history of fruitful partnerships that have blessed and increased our capacity to plant more churches and reach more people with the good news of the Gospel. Those partnerships have included churches and church planting organizations both here in our region and across the country.

In 2013 the CEA and Nexus, a Texas planting ministry led by Phil Claycomb, founded a new partnership. The *NewChurch Network* was begun to help smaller, regional organizations increase their planting capacity through shared resources and experience. To date there are 20 affiliated partners from Washington to Florida.

In addition to the practical benefits of shared recruiting, assessment, coaching, training, fundraising and project management systems, there is a genuine, cooperative Kingdom spirit among the NCN partners.

One of many advantages the CEA enjoys as an NCN partner is the fractional cost of hosting an information booth at large events like the International Conference on Missions (*pictured*) and the North American Christian Convention. These opportunities increase our contact with prospective church planters, interns and supporting churches!



By George . . .



In Seattle, any mention of *the twelve* is assumed to be a reference to the Seahawks' loud and proud football fans. But *the twelve* actually has a much older and more significant Christian origin dating back almost 2000 years. It was *the twelve* (disciples) to whom Jesus entrusted the future expansion of His Kingdom. Their faithful witness and work continues to bear fruit still today.

The CEA also depends on a group of committed, passionate supporters known as *twelves*. These are financial partners who are giving to advance the Kingdom here in the Northwest through their financial support of new churches. I'd like to invite you to become a *twelve* today. Consider giving \$12/month to plant a new church. Become a supporting partner with our church planting team and be a *twelve*!

Let's rock the Northwest with a thunderous, deafening proclamation that Jesus Christ is Lord and we are *twelves*!

Here are several great ways to join our CEA fan-base and become a *twelve*:

- Send a gift of \$12/month for the next 12 months.
- Multiply 12x12 to give \$144 in support of CEA's mission to multiply new churches.
- Give a \$1,200 year-end gift to help fund a new church start in 2016.
- Give \$12,000 to proclaim Jesus' name loud and proud through a new church plant!
- Give \$120,000 as a legacy gift to fund an entire new church project.





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Donate: Stocks, bonds or real property.

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