

## Project Contract: “Toward a Better Land: Migration on the Minnesota Prairie”

### **Project description and goals:**

In this project, “Toward a Better Land: Migration on the Minnesota Prairie,” Joy Stephansen and Amy Schmidgall explore how the past migration of the Apostolic Church fellowship relates to the current influx of Mexican migration to Stevens County. The Apostolic Church community has uniquely shaped the history, culture, and development of Stevens County and played an important, yet overlooked, role in current migration patterns. By showcasing the migration story of the Apostolic and Latino communities in Stevens County, we will examine the similarities existing between past and present migration histories as well as their respective contributions. The goal of this project is to bring greater understanding, respect, and empathy to all different types of migration as well as build a appreciation for the unique tapestry of people and cultures in Stevens County.

We envision that this site will be used for people in Stevens County as a good representation of the cultural diversity that has taken place because of the different migrations. We will be using a comparative format where we clearly outline the General History, Process of Migration, Culture, and Institutionalism of both the Apostolic and Mexican communities with a summary conclusion in each section. The conclusions drawn will showcase comparisons and differences that have been found throughout our research on Primary and Secondary sources as well as oral histories. We hope to give a presentation on our findings to a group of Apostolic community members as well as Jane Addams which is a University bilingual group.

### **The tools and resources we plan to use include:**

- Oral histories, primary texts, secondary sources
- Wordpress for site development (Parabola)
- Apostolic and Mexican migration timelines
- Photoshop and Microsoft Publisher to create and edit images
- Story map

### **Work to be completed by each member of the team:**

- Amy
  - Personal Blog and Tweeting
  - Design web page layout
  - Organize menus
  - Scan and format pictures misc. documents

- Timeline creation and presence
  - Write and edit content on the Website
    - Emphasis in Apostolic content
- Joy
  - Personal Blog and Tweeting
  - Organize research and order global and local events for timeline, review and edit
  - Write and edit content on the Website
    - Emphasis on Latino content
  - Organize Plug in's and user-friendliness

**The proposed schedule of project milestones:**

Week of 9/11

- Sept. 14, 2017 - About Us complete

Week of 9/18

- Sept. 19, 2017 - Contract and Project Introduction complete

Week of 9/25

- Design storyboard
- Complete Apostolic Oral Histories

Week of 10/2

- Meet with historians on Mexican migration to Steven's County (Wulf & Mendez)
- Oct. 3, 2017 - Timelines and Story Map complete
- Oct. 6, 2017 - Final Contract

Week of 10/9

- Complete All Oral Histories

Week of 10/16

- Apostolic pages done on website
  - History, process of migration, culture, institutional culture

Week of 10/23

- Latino pages done on website

- History, process of migration, culture, institutional culture

Week of 10/30

- Oct. 31, 2017 - Rough Draft due

Week of 11/6

- All media is inserted in pages

Week of 11/13

- Verify all pages are complete on website
  - Welcome, About the Project, Glossary, Bibliography
  - History, Process of Migration, Culture, Institutional culture/ Institutionalism

Week of 11/20

- Verify that all pages, menus, and multimedia are functioning

Week of 11/27

- Nov. 28, 2017 - Final Presentation

Week of 12/4

- Final editing and revisions to all site pages and links

Week of 12/11

- Dec. 11, 2017 - Final project website and write-ups