



## Faithful Census Mini-Grant Grantees

### Alabama

**Greater Birmingham Ministries**, Birmingham — Scott Douglas, 205-304-0459, [scott@gbm.org](mailto:scott@gbm.org)

- Conduct “Come to Your Census” popular education activities
- Recruit and train volunteer canvassers
- Earned and social media
- Phone banking
- “Kitchen table conversations”

**Greene County Missionary Baptist Association**, Western Alabama — Christopher Spencer, 205-499-8924, [cspencer@blackbeltfound.org](mailto:cspencer@blackbeltfound.org)

- Member churches host Census sermons and designate space for Census activities
- Provide laptops/iPads for people to complete the Census at church
- Host Census Day events
- Distribute materials to faith groups/houses of worship
- Recruit faith ambassadors

**St. James Missionary Baptist Church**, Southeast Alabama — Benjamin Jones, 334-538-1089, [bjones@montgomerycommaction.com](mailto:bjones@montgomerycommaction.com)

- Recruiting parties for faith census ambassadors
- Leadership training for ambassadors
- Host block parties to raise awareness about the Census
- Neighborhood canvassing

**St. Paul AME Church**, Birmingham — Rev. Brian Blackwell, 770-605-9402, [bkblackwell@msn.org](mailto:bkblackwell@msn.org)

- Host community events monthly to educate the community about the Census
- Training for canvassers and then canvassing
- Hold sessions every Saturday for community members to complete the Census
- Coordinate with other AME churches in the state for additional trainings in HTC areas

**United Presbyterians of Wilcox County**, Southern Alabama — Rev. James Ephraim, 205-337-2739, [afoster4005@yahoo.com](mailto:afoster4005@yahoo.com)

- Conduct four trainings for local faith leaders and encouraging them to lead through things like Census Sabbaths
- Design and publish flyers

- Run an online campaign to encourage Census participation
- Assist community members in completing the form

## Arizona

**CORAZÓN-AZ**, Greater Phoenix — Alicia Contreras, 480-735-9102, [alicia@corazon-az.org](mailto:alicia@corazon-az.org)

- Host and train Census ambassadors within black, indigenous, and people of color communities
- Youth Census Leaders program to use social media and relational organizing
- Outreach events to drive participation pledges
- Census Day events
- Neighborhood canvassing

## Colorado

**Colorado Sikhs**, Statewide (primarily Denver) — Naureen Singh, 719-640-3424, [naureen.singh@coloradosikhs.com](mailto:naureen.singh@coloradosikhs.com)

- Recruit community members and train them as organizers for the Census
- Translate and share resources in Punjabi, Urdu, and Hindi
- Host regular trainings at Sikh gurdwaras

**Iglesia Amistad**, Aurora — Arturo Vargas, 303-356-4899, [vargas911@aol.com](mailto:vargas911@aol.com)

- Host breakfast with pastors to discuss the Census and drive ambassador recruitment
- Hold Workshops where Census liaisons can answer questions about the Census
- Have kiosks set up before/during/after Sunday service with tablets and translators
- Advertise on social media

**Issues of Life Church Ministries**, Denver — Rev. Charlene Howard, 720-318-7449, [iolcmaurora@gmail.com](mailto:iolcmaurora@gmail.com)

- Hire administrator to lead Census activities
- Hold training once a week for two hours
- Neighborhood canvassing twice a week for at least three hours a day
- Holding space for community members to complete the Census
- Host Community Census Open House

**Mosaic Church of Aurora**, Aurora — Reid Hettich, 303-870-6055, [reidhettich@gmail.com](mailto:reidhettich@gmail.com)

- Engage people experiencing homelessness and provide space for them to complete the Census
- Hold trainings/meetings for faith leaders
- Recruit faith ambassadors
- Share materials with houses of worship/faith based organizations
- Coordinate community events like house meetings or block parties

**Muslim Youths for Positive Impact**, Statewide — Huma Babak Ebadi, 970-217-7493, [contact@mypi.org](mailto:contact@mypi.org)

- Recruit statewide youth ambassadors
- Each ambassador will be tasked with holding four community events between February and April
- Lead planning on statewide Muslim CCC
- Produce and disseminate a statewide Census PSA

## Hawaii

**Faith Action for Community Equity**, Statewide — Ashleigh Loa, [organizer@faithactionhawaii.org](mailto:organizer@faithactionhawaii.org)

- Distribute materials to partners and membership
- Conduct at least regional events in HTC communities, including Census Sabbaths
- Campaigns on social, earned, and traditional media to reach low English proficiency families
- Direct outreach to houses of worship with low response rates during the Census

## Michigan

**A. Phillip Randolph Institute**, Metro Detroit — Sheree McLaughlin, [codesheree@gmail.com](mailto:codesheree@gmail.com)

- Train faith census ambassadors
- Host different community events from January to June
- Lead advocacy trainings
- Engage churches, faith-based organizations, community organizations, and others in GOTC efforts

## Mississippi

**Montgomery Communities United for Prosperity**, Central Mississippi — Romona Williams, 314-363-5229, [rftwilliams@gmail.com](mailto:rftwilliams@gmail.com)

- Provide technical assistance to local churches in designing Census campaigns
- Encourage clergy and laity to participate on local CCCS and subcommittees
- Convene prayer breakfast and promote Census Sabbaths
- Neighborhood canvassing
- Campaigns on social and earned media

**Mt. Sinai M B Church**, Statewide — Mary Rushing, 601-331-2406, [majones@yahoo.com](mailto:majones@yahoo.com)

- Host faith leader trainings
- Help communities establish CCCs
- Encourage houses of worship to host faith events
- Hold a rally/training for youth
- “Senior Saturday” to engage seniors about the Census
- Integrate Census education into Sunday school and service

## Nevada

**Acting in Community Together in Organizing Northern Nevada**, Northern Nevada — JD Klippenstein, 775-830-8541, [jd@actionn.org](mailto:jd@actionn.org)

- Train clergy to be ambassadors
- Host information sessions for community members
- Coordinate clergy in faith communities to incorporate the Census into worship and coordinate with volunteers
- Spanish radio advertising
- Host GOTC events
- Partner with ambassadors to hold weekly “office hours” at congregations outside of special events

## New Mexico

**New Hope Full Gospel Baptist Church**, Statewide — Beverly Jordan, 505-383-6220, [beverly.jordan@state.nm.us](mailto:beverly.jordan@state.nm.us)

- Partner with Census Bureau at a number of events targeting the black community
- Traditional and social media outreach
- Conduct trainings for congregations
- Host Census job fairs
- Census Sabbaths
- Host a luncheon for faith leaders from across the state

**NM CAFé**, Statewide — Angelica Rubio, 575-616-1151, [angelica@organizenm.org](mailto:angelica@organizenm.org)

- Community education around the Census
- Promote the Census through pledge cards and Census Sabbaths
- Door-to-door canvassing

## Oklahoma

**Oklahoma Conference of Churches**, Statewide — Shannon Fleck, 405-525-2928, [sfleck@okchurches.org](mailto:sfleck@okchurches.org)

- Produce interfaith video and written materials outlining the importance of the Census
- Recruit churches to serve as Census hubs
- Plan ecumenical meeting of faith leaders to coordinate Census work in HTC communities

## South Carolina

**Region 8 COOLJC**, Statewide — Bridget Deline, 803-212-8099, [cooljcregion8sjerec@gmail.com](mailto:cooljcregion8sjerec@gmail.com)

Incorporate Census into ongoing regular service events

- Recruit faith census ambassadors
- Distribute resources to churches and faith-based organizations
- Encourage Census Sabbaths

- Coordinate with long list of faith-based partners in the state

## Texas

**Austin Asian Faith Subcommittee**, Greater Austin — Alice Yi, 512-658-7687, [aliceyi@me.com](mailto:aliceyi@me.com)

- Collaborate across houses of worship
- Attend all cultural events specific to Asian American groups to teach about the Census
- Print materials in relevant languages and post them at local businesses
- Social media outreach

**Church & Society of the United Methodist Church**, Southern Texas — Jessica Smith, 202-466-5659, [jsmith@umcjustice.org](mailto:jsmith@umcjustice.org)

- Highlight 2020 Census in Annual Conference communications channels
- Place an op-ed with conference leadership in local newspaper
- Promote and participate in two informational sessions with Census partners
- Offer translation to support education and outreach
- Host an afternoon to offer a safe location to take the Census

**Gulf Coast Leadership Council**, Greater Houston — Joe Higgs, 713-807-1429, [jhiggsne@gmail.com](mailto:jhiggsne@gmail.com)

- Conduct trainings to build Census organizing teams of at each congregation
- Have organizing teams host info tables, workshops, and Census Sabbaths
- Neighborhood canvassing and phone banking

**Hope Border Institute**, El Paso — Dylan Corbett, [dcorbett@hopeborder.org](mailto:dcorbett@hopeborder.org)

- Leadership development through US civics course
- Develop leader-led parish committees to drive Census participation
- Offer parishes tablets to help households complete the Census in a place where they feel safe
- Establish collective art pieces at Census parishes to encourage participation

**Jericho Road Baptist Church**, Fort Worth — Rev. Rodney Petty, 214-929-3693, [pastorrodpetty@gmail.com](mailto:pastorrodpetty@gmail.com)

- Large community event with Census booths for volunteers to provide Census info
- Census booth available before and after every service from April-June

**Korean Central Presbyterian Church of Houston**, Greater Houston — Deacon Hyunja Shin Norman, 281-703-3827, [hyunjasnorman@gmail.com](mailto:hyunjasnorman@gmail.com)

- Lead a coalition of mini-CCCs organized by each of the 35 Greater Houston area Korean churches
- Translate education materials
- Recruit Census ambassadors
- Host a Census Sabbath and help congregants complete the Census

- Host Census workshops for Korean seniors and parents of special needs children
- Phone banking

**Proyecto Juan Diego**, Brownsville — Sister Phylis Peters, 956-542-2488,  
[phylis.peters@proyecto-jd.org](mailto:phylis.peters@proyecto-jd.org)

- Share information on social media
- Trainings for volunteers and staff
- Three major events (one for each county) to include town halls and presentations
- Encourage limited-access communities to use their computer lab
- Data-tracking with ROAM that informs canvassing efforts

**Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference**, Dallas — Iva Carruthers, 773-548-6675,  
[godiva@sdpconference.info](mailto:godiva@sdpconference.info)

- Provide training for five clergy in partner church
- Train at least two faith census ambassadors
- Encourage Census Sabbaths
- Neighborhood canvassing

**St. Paul AME Church**, Southeast Texas — Rev. Joyce Brooks, 713-591-0358,  
[jbrooks7132002@outlook.com](mailto:jbrooks7132002@outlook.com)

- Host #CountMeIn pep rally
- Encourage Christian and non-Christian faith organizations to have at least two faith Census ambassadors from their community
- Use monthly food pantry to help reach homeless and low-income community members
- Use open house hours to educate on the Census and provide space for people to complete the form
- Host a Census Sabbath
- Use speaking opportunities at town hall and school board meetings to talk about the Census