

# THE FOURSQUARE CHURCH

## REIMAGINE FOURSQUARE TIMELINE

Rome wasn't built in a day, and neither was The Foursquare Church.

The Reimagine Foursquare process dates back to early 2009, when Foursquare consolidated districts to 14 new districts (today there are 11 districts). Later that year, several pastors came together in Portland, Ore., and met with then Interim President Glenn Burris Jr. to share concerns and ideas about The U.S. Foursquare Church. Dialog continued in subsequent years in meetings with pastors, the board of directors and district supervisors. A Presidential Task Force was formed to conduct research, and Town Hall Meetings were held nationwide. The process was officially dubbed Reimagine Foursquare at Connection 2013. What has happened since then? Follow along to learn more.

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**2020** Glenn Burris Jr. will complete his second term. The new Foursquare president will take office in September.

**2019** The new Foursquare president will be elected at Foursquare Connection in Nashville, Tenn., giving the president-elect up to a year to learn the role of president in advance of fully absorbing the position in 2020.

**2018** **MAY.** In the ongoing effort of Stake 4—Align Foursquare Foundation to resourcing and supporting the Foursquare mission—the Foursquare Endowment was formed, as confirmed by the convention voting body.

**MARCH.** At cabinet meetings, the cabinet further defined the presidential selection process in preparation for the 2019 election.

**2017** **MAY.** The convention body in Washington, D.C., approved voting in a new president one year ahead of their term in order to allow up to a year for orientation and training.

**MARCH.** The president-elect concept was first introduced during cabinet meetings, including how to best implement the new role and the bylaw amendments that would be required.

NCO continues to focus on the three Missional Objectives, with a current emphasis on NextGen ministries.

FMI completed the Reimagine Foursquare process and will be focusing on their own three objectives:

- Reaching unreached people groups
- Developing a strategic global partnership using the Four-Stage Model
- Strengthening partnerships with U.S. churches

Foursquare Foundation no longer gives project grants; instead, the Foundation allocates funds for the following entities:

- Foursquare Missions International
- Global Cities Strategy
- Education
- Global Council
- Risser Endowment
- Foursquare Senior Living Subsidies

**2016 JUNE.** The Foursquare convention body adopted a bylaw provision to establish a local Covenant Church, which operates like a Charter Church but maintains its own corporate existence for the purpose of property ownership.

**JUNE.** The Hawaii and Southwest Districts converged; former Hawaii District Supervisor Fernando Castillo was appointed supervisor of the new Pacific Southwest District.

**MAY.** The Foursquare convention body met in Honolulu to vote on additional bylaw changes to facilitate Reimagine. Reimagine 2.0 was announced.

**APRIL.** A third disbursement of approximately \$2.9 million was returned to churches that participated in the covenant of tithe.

**MARCH.** At cabinet meetings, Foursquare Missions International (FMI) announced the start of its own process of reimagining its future and how it will partner with local churches to fulfill the Great Commission.

Foursquare Foundation entered a transition designed to increase its fruitfulness and alignment with Foursquare mission.

Canvas, Foursquare's online education platform, expanded to include all districts as well as Foursquare Missions International. There are currently over 800 users on the Foursquare Canvas platform, and it is now open to institutes and churches.

**2015 OCTOBER.** A second disbursement of \$2.9 million was returned to churches that participated in the covenant of tithe.

**AUGUST.** The Foursquare Hub, Foursquare's new user-friendly database, launched.

**MAY.** Foursquare Foundation made initial steps to align its efforts to support missional efforts nationally and globally.

The Foursquare convention body approved several bylaw changes to facilitate Reimagine Foursquare's Five Stakes.

**APRIL.** The board of directors allocated a 20 percent disbursement of the tithe in 2015 to return to churches that participated in the covenant of tithe. \$2.8 million was returned to the field.

**APRIL.** Bill Gross was appointed as Southeast District Supervisor; Gabe Barreiro was appointed as North Pacific District Supervisor in accordance with NCO's catalytic leader traits.

**SPRING.** Foursquare's online education platform, Canvas, launched.

**FEBRUARY.** The Online Administrative Toolkit launched on foursquare.org. It included helpful resources, forms, templates, budgeting help and more, all tailored for local churches.

**FEBRUARY.** District supervisor traits were determined. All current district supervisors were interviewed in an effort to align all districts to a catalytic culture in alignment with Stake 2.

**2014 NOVEMBER.** Peter Bonanno was appointed supervisor of the consolidated Northeast and Mid-Atlantic districts. The new district was named the Northeast Atlantic District.

**OCTOBER.** Juan M. Vallejo was named district supervisor for the new Southwest region Hispanic district, named Distrito Hispano del Suroeste (Southwestern Hispanic District).

**SEPTEMBER.** The Greater Los Angeles District consolidated with the Pacific Coast and Valleys District and Southwest District, to form the new Distrito Hispano del Suroeste (Southwestern Hispanic District), Southern California District (or SoCal District) and the Southwest District.

**JUNE.** This year's annual board of director meetings resulted in decisions based on the outcomes from Foursquare Connection 2014, and from the Tacoma group regarding districts.

**JUNE.** The district supervisors, Hispanic Task Force, executives, and representatives of the board and Presidential Task Force met in Tacoma, Wash., to talk about the future of districts, including the proposed Hispanic District.

**MAY.** Recommendations were made to the Foursquare convention body in Dallas.

**MARCH.** Cabinet reviewed findings from the Presidential Task Force research and Town Hall Meetings.

**JANUARY.** Meetings were held with the Foursquare board, district supervisors and the Presidential Task Force to follow up on the December meetings.

**2013 DECEMBER.** The Reimagine Foursquare Identity Task Forces meet in Long Beach, Calif. The group of 90 Foursquare pastors, leaders, supervisors and executives initiated discussions about the future of Foursquare's structure, resources, polity, identity and priorities.

**AUGUST.** Town Hall Meetings begin in each district conducted by President Glenn Burris Jr. and General Supervisor Tammy Dunahoo.

**JUNE.** Initial broad overview of the Reimagine Foursquare conversation was presented to the Foursquare convention body in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

**MARCH.** Presidential Task Force findings were presented to the Foursquare cabinet. The board approved additional research and approved Town Hall Meetings to be held in the fall.

**2012 FALL.** The Presidential Task Force met to present its first findings.

**2011 SUMMER.** The board commissioned research from the Presidential Task Force.

**2010 SPRING.** The board of directors formed the Presidential Task Force. The group met in Seattle with a consultant to dream about the future.

**2009 OCTOBER.** A group of pastors met with the Foursquare board of directors and district supervisors in Christiansburg, Va., to continue the dialogue.

**AUGUST.** Pastors came together in Portland, Ore., and met with then Interim President Glenn Burris Jr. to share concerns and ideas about The U.S. Foursquare Church.

**FEBRUARY.** Pastor Jack Hayford and then General Supervisor Glenn Burris Jr. announced that the districts will consolidate to 14 new districts.