



Rev. Bonnie Osei-Frimpong

Director, NBA XPLOR

“Thank you to the leadership and members at FCCNH for your vision and partnership during three years of NBA XPLOR! Your North Hollywood Residents have had transformative relationships form and new pathways unfold, leading them into leadership and service that will continue to ripple throughout their lives and throughout the church. It is also telling that your host team and congregation have experienced growth, transformation, and joy through this work. Thank you for your gifts of hospitality, adventure, discovery, compassion and care, and sharing this with NBA XPLOR.”

Rev. Don Dewey and Rev. Susan Gonzales Dewey

Co-Regional Ministers, Pacific Southwest Region

“The NBA XPLOR program has been significant in this Region, providing faithful Disciple leadership at the Regional office, All Peoples Community Center, service agencies in the greater LA area, and First Christian Church of North Hollywood. We are thankful for the growth and relationships built by NBA XPLOR Residents connecting a broad community of persons in the Region. The PSWR is thankful to have participated in this ministry with young adults in the church.”

Mark D. Anderson

President and CEO, National Benevolent Association

“*All journeys have secret destinations of which the traveler is unaware.*” - Martin Buber
“I am amazed and grateful that everyone at First Christian Church of North Hollywood has been on this journey with NBA, and more importantly, with the XPLOR Residents. Your openness, graciousness, and hospitality came so natural to you, and in turn these gifts will be imprinted on the hearts of the young adults you welcomed into your community. May God bless you as you continue on this journey with God and discover more secret destinations.”



First Christian Church of North Hollywood and NBA XPLOR

Our Sincere Thanks



Rev. Louise Sloan-Goben

Spiritual Companion, First Christian Church of North Hollywood

“It has been both a delight, and a lot of work, spending time with the XPLOR Residents. I have grown as I have come to know each of these marvelous people, and I sincerely hope that they have as well. Each of them has contributed of themselves and their passions as they lived and worked among us.”



Richard J. Follett

Host Church Coordinator, Advisor, and Mentor, First Christian Church of North Hollywood

“To me, participation in the NBA XPLOR program was a very satisfying outreach as we watched the young Residents come into greater and greater spiritual maturity and Christian social outreach. The church grew very fond of the Residents over the three years as well, and the agencies served were highly appreciative. Lives were changed for the better in this portion of the Body of Christ in our world.”

Rodney Gould

Former Board Chair, AIDS Project Los Angeles, First Christian Church of North Hollywood

“The XPLOR Residents filled a valuable space at APLA—bringing a heightened sense of compassion to their work on behalf of people living with HIV/AIDS in Los Angeles. When serving some of the most marginalized people in an affluent city, providing care with dignity and love is critical—the XPLOR Residents at APLA shared that and more.”



Jeff Henderson

Host Site Coordinator, First Christian Church of North Hollywood

“It has been a pleasure to get to know these young people, each of them gifted, each one unique. And yet, I think the best part of the experience will be seeing where they go from here.”

Luis Oliart

Director, North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry

“The three years’ presence of our XPLOR Residents has strengthened our ability to help our clients receive additional services, which has resulted in our homeless clients having a better quality of life. Further, these young adults helped campaign for and achieve long-term affordable housing and better pay for the social services workers for the city of Los Angeles.”



Rev. Robert M. Bock

Senior Pastor, First Christian Church of North Hollywood

“We were privileged to host NBA XPLOR Residents for the first three years of the program. It has been an honor to work with such talented young people and to watch the career choices they have made following their 10 months in the program. They have become part of our church family, and we will follow their lives with great pride, always grateful that we were able to share a small part of their journey with them.”

Sandra Bryant

Executive Director, All Peoples Community Center

“Participating in the NBA XPLOR program has provided opportunities for our staff and families of all ages to meet and engage with diverse individuals from across the country. Our XPLORers have immersed themselves in the community, and I believe the God is working to transform all our lives through this ministry.”



Jeanne M. Karpenko

Secretary-Treasurer, Hollywood-Beverly Christian Church

“The Mission Fund of Hollywood-Beverly allows a proud church, once an important leader in our denomination, to continue to live and serve in a new way. The XPLOR Residents we sent into the world multiply our voice many times.”