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Mission Moment

Did you know that The United Methodist Church includes almost 80,000 Hispanic lay members? Or that today, 57.5 million people of the U.S. population are of Hispanic or Latino origin? What a fertile ground for ministry!

National Hispanic Heritage Month whose roots go back to 1968 begins each year on September 15th, the anniversary of independence of five Latin American countries; Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. Mexico, Chili and Belize also celebrate their independence days during this period and Columbus Day is October 12. During this observance, many Hispanic/Latino people are remembering their traditions and celebrating their families' countries of origin and their independences. It offers an opportunity for all church members to better understand their community and their families.

Hispanics have a profound influence on the U.S. through their strong commitment to family, faith, hard work and service. They enhance and shape our national character with centuries-old traditions that reflect the multi-ethnic and multi-cultural customs of their communities.

Share in this annual tribute by learning about and celebrating the generations of Hispanic and Latino Americans who have positively enriched our nation and society.