

Report on Hmong District office relocation 44th Annual conference, Duluth, GA

Dr. Lantzia Thao, the current District Superintendent shared, in his 2021 Hmong District annual conference, a number of concerns for Hmong District office to remain in Thornton, CO. Some of these concerns are: the high cost of living, high housing prices and the inability of our staffs to afford adequate housing in the suburbs of the Denver area.

Therefore, the committee on DS' report made the following recommendation and were adopted.

Relocation (*see page 3*): Along with prayerful consideration, the committee recommends appointing a committee to study if there is a legitimate need to relocate the district office before fully committing to pursuing relocation. The recommendation was adopted. - (Annual conference 2021 meeting minutes)

DEXCOM had completed a brief study on the matter.

The suburbs around Denver, Colorado have been a central location in which the Hmong District Office has served the Hmong churches throughout the US since 1981. The Hmong District Office has served the staffs and the broader Hmong Alliance family well over the last four decades.

This report presents findings on regions throughout the US as the best place to relocate the Hmong District.

1. Denver, Colorado

Strengths

- Travel - Denver International Airport is nearby and a major transportation hub throughout the US. It is a central location to all churches. There are ample flights to the east coast and west coast within a 2-3 hour flight.
- Current office building and parsonage are fully paid off, with no debts.

2. St. Paul / Minneapolis (Twin Cities), MN

Strengths

- Very concentrated and populous Hmong people with believers and non-believers
- International airport for ease of traveling
- Twin Cities has the largest numbers of Hmong churches.
- Two of the churches have the largest membership numbers.
- More opportunities with evangelism.
- Politics, business, economics, education, and other professions.

3. Wisconsin (Milwaukee)

Strengths

- Living standard in Wisconsin is low, more job opportunity,
- Many churches across the state
- Centrally located to MN, IL, Iowa, Ohio.
- Has an international airport close by
- Building is cheaper and available.

4. California (Sacramento / Central Valley)

Strengths

- Large Hmong population throughout the entire state.
- Has many major airports
- Have a fair number of Hmong churches and membership (Fresno and Sacramento)

Cost of living index:

- California = 137.6
- Colorado = 104.6
- Minnesota = 97.1
- Wisconsin = 95.5

Conclusion:

DEXCOM concludes that Hmong District have other more critical areas of ministries to attend to. The current operational facility is fully paid. Denver is a good central location with ease of travel convenience. Therefore, the study to relocate the Hmong District office is postponed.

Respectfully submitted,

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