



2017

YEAR IN REVIEW

 **COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

THANK YOU

FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

As I look back on this year, I couldn't be more proud of our church!

2017 marked the second year of our ONE Initiative: ONE church, declaring God number ONE in our lives, on the ONE mission together. Toward that end, we continued striving toward these goals:

- **Reaching** thousands of people by expanding our current locations.
- **Restoring** communities both locally and globally.
- **Reproducing** two new locations and planting ten new churches.

Volunteers and leaders demonstrated faithfulness throughout all facets of all our ministries, and your generosity has helped 228 people find their way back to God through baptism just this year!

As you review the 2017 Year In Review, say a prayer of thanks over each of our ministries, locations and stories of life change. Thank you so much for your extraordinary generosity. I love each of you and love being on this mission with you.



Dave Ferguson
COMMUNITY, Lead Pastor



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INITIATIVE

ONE UPDATE

In January 2016, we embarked on a 2-year generosity initiative to declare GOD number ONE in our lives! This year through ONE, we continued to REACH thousands, RESTORE local and global communities, and REPRODUCE through new locations and churches.

As ONE church, we come together by “standing firm in ONE spirit, with ONE mind, striving side by side for the faith of the gospel.” - Philippians 1:27

\$15,046,039

**ACTUAL GIVING FROM
MARCH 2016-NOVEMBER 2017**

1

REACH

THOSE FAR FROM GOD

AURORA LAUNCH

Thanks to the ONE Initiative, our Aurora location moved into a brand new, renovated space in September 2017. Strategically located in downtown Aurora, this street-front, visible and accessible location positions us for more impact than ever before, allowing us to better serve Aurora and its families. Since the grand opening, attendance has increased by 28%!

PLAINFIELD SPORTSPLEX

Construction on the Community Sportsplex at our Plainfield location was completed following the Grand Opening in June 2017. With four competition basketball courts and six volleyball courts, the Sportsplex quickly became home to several local teams for midweek practice and weekend tournaments. Every week an estimated 2,000 people, many who are far from God, are now spending time in our facility.



COMMUNITY MUSIC

Community Music released its first live worship EP, *Love Over Fear*, to iTunes and Spotify in February 2017! The songs celebrated God's goodness across our locations, throughout NewThing churches, nationally and across the world. Community Music artists led musical worship throughout the year at several conferences, including BLAST and StuCo Camp events. A second 5-song EP was recorded in September, and *Above all Names* closed 2017 with a new worship song for Christmas.

2

RESTORE

GOD'S DREAM FOR THE WORLD

LOCALLY - COMMUNITY 4:12

The ONE Initiative allowed Community 4:12 to expand programming in East Aurora and Joliet and launch Community 4:12 in Chicago. An early childhood program for homeless children was started at Hesed House and, through a partnership with World Relief, a Citizenship Tutoring Center was opened to help refugees prepare for the US Citizenship test. Community 4:12 Chicago launched the Justice Film series and is preparing to start Kids Hope Mentoring in January of 2018 at Palmer Elementary in Albany Park. Giftmart celebrated its 15th anniversary and served 1691 families from 10 schools in East Aurora, Joliet and Naperville, provided 11,600 toys, engaged 1,154 volunteers and contributed \$20,029 to our partner schools.

COMMUNITY FREEDOM

Community Freedom is a new partnership between COMMUNITY, Alpha Prison Ministry and the NewThing Network that equips the local church to transition returning citizens from confinement to freedom through the planting of church locations in prisons. Community Freedom's holistic approach provides an opportunity for individuals to find their way back to God through Celebration Services and small group programs while incarcerated, as well as re-entry support and connection to a local church community that is equipped to walk beside them as they return home.

LOCALLY - COMMUNITY 4:12

COMMUNITY has now sponsored over 800 children in our partner countries through Compassion International, providing access to food, healthcare, education and the opportunity to learn about Jesus. This year, COMMUNITY attendees visited their sponsored children by participating in three mission trips to Haiti and one to Nicaragua. Your generosity allowed us to plant a church in Nicaragua and continue the support of our three churches in Haiti.



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REPRODUCE

THE MISSION IN OTHERS

LEADERSHIP RESIDENCY

We hosted 3 Global Leadership Residents at COMMUNITY. Charles and Chero Onyango and Justin Kiprono from Kenya spent 9 months doing a leadership residency at our Plainfield and Naperville Yellow Box locations. We commissioned them to launch a new church Johannesburg in the Fall of 2018.



We also had 44 participants in our Leadership Training Center. These leaders are engaged in a 2 years leadership journey for some of who will end in church planting. Two of our residents have already planted churches in Baltimore and Ukrainian Village, Chicago.

DOWNERS GROVE

We are launching a new location in Downers Grove! We've been building an amazing team of staff and leaders to help launch this new location for 8 months. Through ONE, we were able to seed this new launch with \$400k and God has generously provided an additional \$400k as a result of the team's fundraising efforts which poises us for a strong start. More importantly, our launch team is now over 200 people committed to Celebrate, Connect and Contribute as a part of this new community!

NEWTHING CATALYST COMMUNITIES

New churches are the best way to help people find their way back to God. New church plants attract people who are not already attending any church and baptize 75% more people than churches that are 10 years old or older.

One of the most effective ways NewThing achieves its mission is by leading Catalyst Communities, strategic planning meetings for church leaders and church planters within a city. Catalyst Communities help church leaders work together in order to turn the dreams of reproducing churches into reality!

This last year, NewThing held 12 Catalyst Communities in 10 different countries. Over 1000 church leaders from all around the world took their next steps towards reproducing churches at an exponential rate in their own communities.



CELEBRATION GENEROSITY

\$5.2+ M
IN 10 YEARS

CELEBRATING 10-YEARS

Each year we designate one weekend to give away our entire offering. This year's amount was over \$600k!

COMMUNITY is a generous church. Everything we do and every dollar we invest is about helping people find their way back to God. Each year we designate the first Sunday of our fiscal year to giving away our entire offering in support of initiatives that will help us accomplish this mission. We call it *Celebration Generosity* - and this year we celebrated our 10th year! A total of \$611,432 was given away

by 229 first-time givers and 1,531 participating families. Our 10-year grand total is now over \$5.2M!

TEAMS

COMPASSION

NEWTHING

PHILIPPINES

COMMUNITY 4:12

GIVING AND NUMBER OF GIVERS BY YEAR

2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
\$252,290	\$417,251	\$586,665	\$534,031	\$586,273
1,033	1,209	1,098	1,084	1,236
2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
\$536,247	\$622,941	\$527,363	\$549,572	\$611,432
1,333	1,437	1,098	1,475	1,531

\$5,224,065

10 YEAR TOTAL



TEAM COMPASSION

COMMUNITY has sponsored 800+ children at 4 different partner churches.

Globally, through our partnership with Compassion International, COMMUNITY has sponsored over 800 children at four different partner churches. Compassion's child sponsorship program is labeled by Christianity Today as the best long-term alleviation of poverty strategy. Today, through our church planting strategy, we are leading the way in

reproducing ministry not only in Haiti, but throughout Central and South America, seeing over 450 people every day making decisions for Christ.

TEAM NEWTHING

NewThing exists to plant churches that plant more churches. Every time we plant a church, we plant the Jesus Mission: reaching those who are far from God, restoring God's dream for the world, and reproducing the mission in others. Lives are being changed across the globe as people find their way back to God through NewThing church plants!

NewThing facilitates a framework for churches to partner with other churches in order to shoulder the work of church planting as a team. Churches are able to share best practices, share resources, and create



With your help, we will see 10,000 reproducing churches in NewThing by 2020, 40 Global Residents trained every year and ensure that every NewThing church has a Leadership Resident.

missional movement by planting more churches together. The team mentality exponentially accelerates the church-planting process.

Your prayer and financial support of NewThing during Celebration Generosity continues to help change the spiritual landscape of cities, towns, villages and countries around the world!

TEAM PHILIPPINES

Over the last 10 years we have partnered with Philippine Frontline Ministries through Celebration Generosity and have a lot to celebrate because of you! There are now 9 Worship Center campuses, 6 home-based churches, and 7 church networks planning thousands of new churches in the next 5 years! At Face the Children, 39 children are fully sponsored, 29 of whom

live in our full time residential center that is preschool through college. These children enjoy a great education at a wonderful school called Frontline Christian Academy. Through 4 feeding programs, 300 impoverished children are being fed every week, 11 of whom have received school scholarships. Through these ministries of churches, childcare programs, and Christian education, your support is making a big difference in the Philippines.



TEAM COMMUNITY 4:12



The primary goal of Team Community 4:12 is to build relationships and to preserve dignity by providing a hand-up instead of a hand-out whenever possible. Fifteen years ago, Community 4:12 was launched in East Aurora

through a partnership with Brady Elementary School. Ten years ago, Community 4:12 began in Joliet through a partnership with Isaac Singleton Elementary School, and we are now launching Community 4:12 in Chicago!

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BAPTISMS FOR 2017

LIFE CHANGE

BAPTISM STORY

Attending a small group was something Sarah never imagined for herself. Raised in an agnostic home, it seemed to her that the notion of pursuing faith came with considerable risk. Despite all the reasons not to go, she decided - at the last minute - to show up to a new small group launch. The impact that choice has had on her in the past six months is impossible to overstate.

"I used to be so jealous of others who had it figured out. I wanted a place to feel part of something bigger than myself. And now I have that. I hardly ever miss a service, and when I do I always listen to the podcast after. I received communion for the very first time. I feel accepted, new, and I have my small group and my Alpha group to lean on."

My small group has been instrumental in the development of my faith. Without it, I never would have been called to be part of something more.

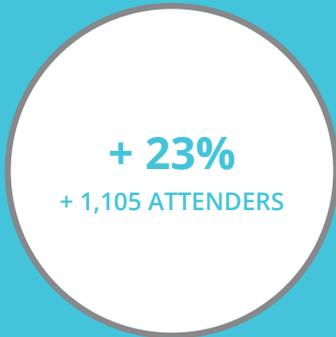


She went on to share: "My small group has been instrumental in the development of my faith. Without it, I never would have been called to be part of something more. I would have put off being baptized. My Alpha group was full of people with questions just like me, and we got to share a safe space together. Without these groups I wouldn't have this amazing support structure. Now I am serving, making a difference in the lives of others every month. And I absolutely could not have done this alone."

Fear, depression, and anger no longer rule her life, and when they do creep in they are easier to overcome with her faith in God. One courageous choice to sit in a room with strangers and talk about faith opened the door to hope. Those strangers are now family. The hole that once existed in her heart isn't just filled, but is overflowing with love — love that has found a home.

GROWTH

2017 was a great year for COMMUNITY, including our growth in attendance. Since 2009, our adult average attendance has **increased by 23% (1,105 attenders)**!

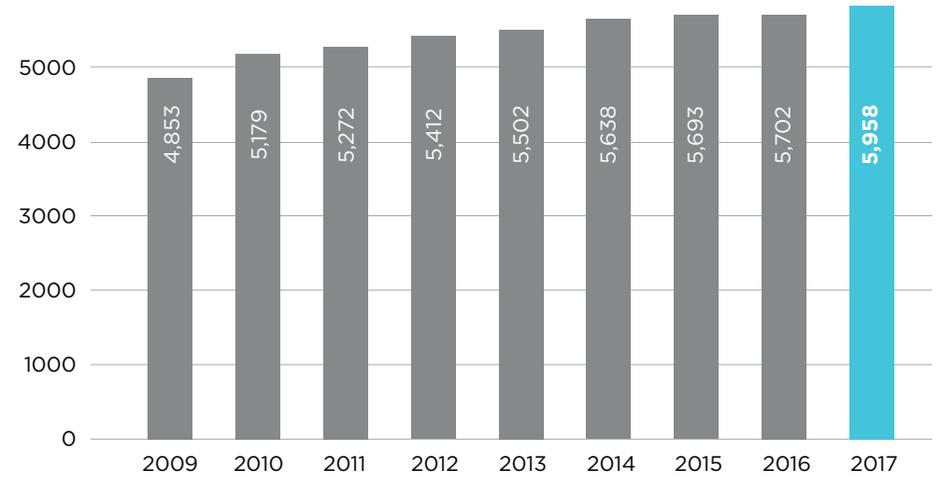


ADULT ATTENDANCE
AVERAGE SINCE 2009

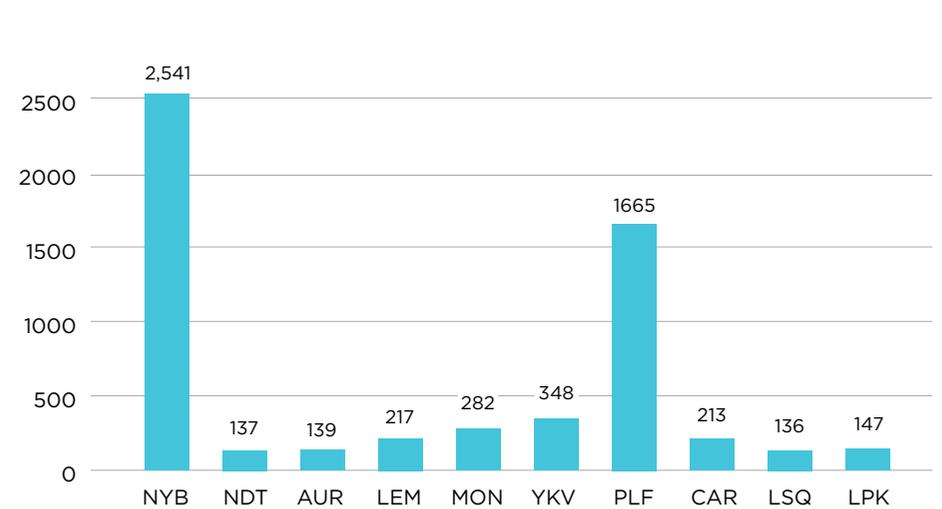
LOCATIONS

NYB NAPERVILLE YELLOW BOX	NDT NAPERVILLE DOWNTOWN	AUR AURORA	LEM LEMONT	MON MONTGOMERY
YKV YORKVILLE	PLF PLAINFIELD	CAR CARILLON	LSQ LINCOLN SQUARE	LPK LINCOLN PARK OLD TOWN

ADULT ATTENDANCE AVERAGES BY YEAR

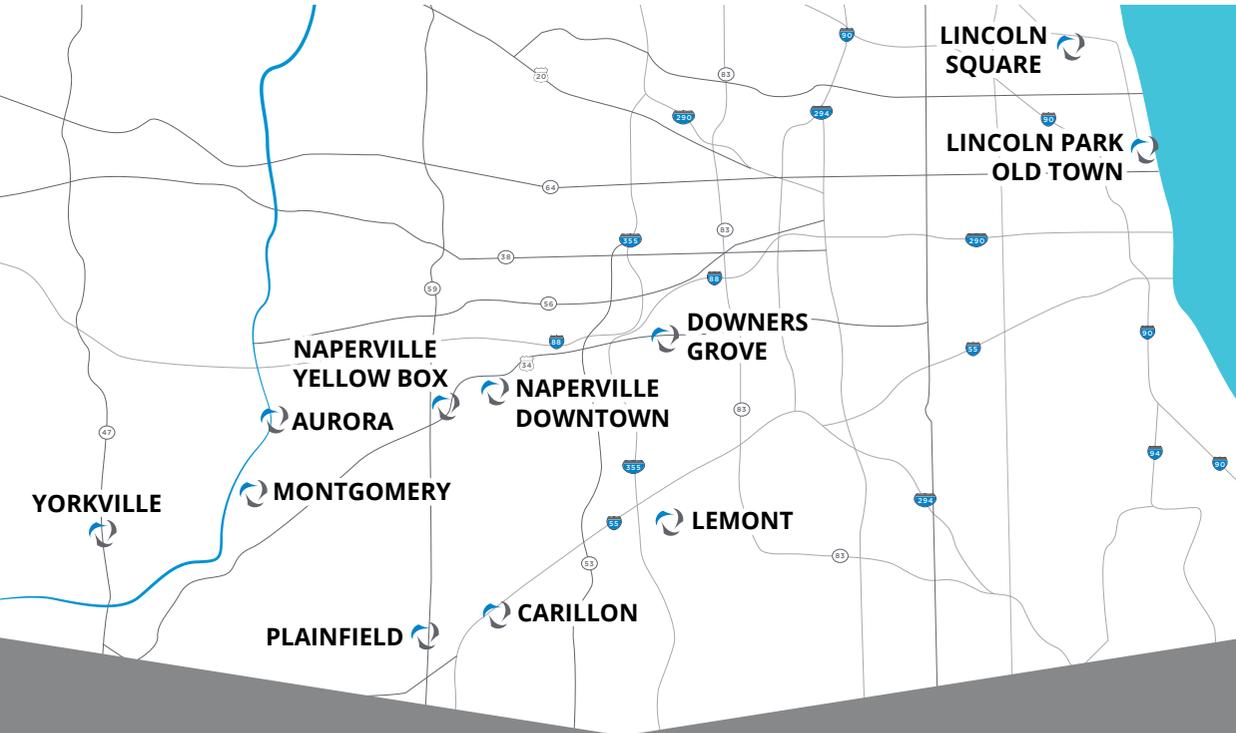


ATTENDANCE AVERAGES BY LOCATION (2017)



COMMUNITY NETWORKS

Our 11 locations



NETWORKS AND LOCATION LAUNCH DATE

LEDDON [*]		CIESNIEWSKI ^{**}		METCALF ^{***}
NYB 1989	NDT 2004	PLF 2008	MON 2002	LSQ 2011
AUR 2010	DGR 2018	LEM 2011	YKV 2006	CAR 2001
				LPK 2013

^{*}Network led by Doug Leddon; ^{**}Network led by John Ciesniewski; ^{***}Network led by Eric Metcalf

LOCATION UPDATES

PLAINFIELD

Through the ONE Initiative, we completed the first year in our brand new facility and welcomed close to 4,000 first-time attenders! Most notable and praiseworthy are the 200 adults who took a step to connect into a small group, the 150 people who began contributing on a team and the 90 adults, students and children who said "yes" to Jesus through baptism! Along the way, we apprenticed our first Global Leadership Resident and commissioned some of our favorite artists and leaders for lead roles on the Downers Grove launch team.

Construction of the Community Sportsplex was completed with a Ribbon Cutting and Dedication in June, followed by our first official tournaments and basketball camps throughout the summer. Thanks to the Aspen Group who acts as our Managing Agent, the Sportsplex is currently at 90% capacity for all peak hours, which results in close to 2,000 people spending time in our facility weekly. We pray that everyone who enters our doors will choose to celebrate with us on Sunday or Wednesday evening for StuCo.



MONTGOMERY

We opened the beginning of 2017 by celebrating 15 years of helping people find their way back to God in Montgomery, as well as our largest Good Friday and Easter attendance in the past five years! Our Restore efforts saw increased involvement with 75+ volunteers engaged in serving across Giftmart, Summer Serve, and Hesus House. We commissioned our Leadership Resident, Dan Litwiller, to Baltimore to plant a new church and apprenticed and hired Shannon McClure as our new Kids' City Director.

LEMONT

This year we're celebrating 11 people who took their faith public through baptism, 89 students who went to BLAST and a 7% growth in Kids' City, among many other wins! We are excited to send several families to join the Downers Grove launch team who have now become key members of that new location!

YORKVILLE

In Yorkville, we have experienced a year of God's grace, as he blessed us with more people than we have ever

seen before. As a result, we celebrated with 20 baptisms, also more than ever before! Through our year-long push for contributors, we have welcomed more people on ministry teams who are not only serving within our walls, but also in the Yorkville community.

AURORA

We're celebrating the grand opening of our newly renovated location, strategically located in downtown Aurora and it's helping us reach even more people who are far from God! Because of this, we've seen more first-time visitors than previous years and

many are making COMMUNITY their church home. We also launched our first-ever Spanish service which resulted in a year of growth in attendance with 37% more people celebrating than last year. We have experienced more people connecting and contributing than in previous years. 2017 was the most generous year for Aurora. The ONE Initiative has been a big factor for our growth in Celebrating, Connecting and Contributing.

NAPERVILLE DOWNTOWN

One of the biggest highlights in Naperville Downtown is our investment into the students of North Central College as we host monthly lunches after service, partner with several clubs, gather monthly in host homes, and provide "Finals Survival Bags" (care packages during testing). This has resulted in over 40 NEW college students on the weekends, students connecting in COMMUNITY small groups hosted on the Campus, and college students serving in Kids' City, the Arts, First Impressions, and Small Groups! We also had a great time with our first COMMUNITY Celebration Service in Naperville's Central Park. It was an incredible outdoor celebration where two college students were baptized! We're thanking God for a great 2017!

**CARILLON**

We enthusiastically supported the ONE Initiative this year by leading the way in volunteers for our all-church events including The Leadership Summit and the Chicago Exponential Regional. Once again, Carillon went above and beyond in support of the fundraising for COMMUNITY's StuCo Golf Tournament. In the community, we exhibited concern for our local public schools by mentoring students and enjoyed a heartfelt involvement as we served

LINCOLN PARK | OLD TOWN

2017 marks our best year yet in Lincoln Park | Old Town! We had a record number of five weekends where we celebrated with over 200 people, in addition to an Easter weekend high of 284! We launched a record number of small groups where we were able to baptize, on average, one person every month! In our community, we've continued to develop our partnership with The Night Ministry, serving almost 100 homeless people dinner 2-3 times per month, and began working with World Relief through its Good Neighbor Program, providing supplies to a Chicago family, meeting with them weekly to develop a loving, welcoming relationship. We also helped Leadership Residents, Matt & Lauren Solie, plant a reproducing church in the Ukrainian Village, developed a global intern from Germany and five interns from Moody Bible Institute who will go into full-time, vocational ministry.



the families through the Christmas Giftmart. Globally, we sent several Carillon attenders on mission trips to our partner churches in Haiti. We are deeply committed to apprenticing and reproducing leaders who will serve in other active adult communities and enjoyed training Greg Sink, who shares this passion, through his leadership residency at Carillon. We are grateful for the commitment that our Carillon folk have for “helping people find their way back to God”!

NAPERVILLE YELLOW BOX

2017 was an incredible year for the Naperville Yellow Box! We celebrated 115 people going public with their faith in baptism – over half of which were spontaneous decisions right in the moment! We have more small groups than we’ve ever had with the best rate of connection in our history. We continue to grow in our number of leaders and apprentice leaders as we seek to help more people find their way back to God. Our facility continues to

be utilized as we partner with countless local and national conferences, organization, and ministries –reaching and impacting our community in immeasurable ways. We’re excited about what God is doing in and through our team and can’t wait to see what he has in store for us in 2018!

LINCOLN SQUARE

We had an amazing year in Lincoln Square! We’re celebrating our highest average attendance ever, our highest Easter weekend attendance, the launch of more small groups and more people baptized! At the same time, we developed two interns and a Global Leadership Resident from Germany, all with plans to plant brand new churches to in their home country. In the community, we have continued to deepen our partnerships with our Strategic Neighborhood Partners: Gateway to Learning, The Lincoln Square Friendship Center, and The Lincoln Square Ravenswood Chamber of Commerce. We’ve invested nearly



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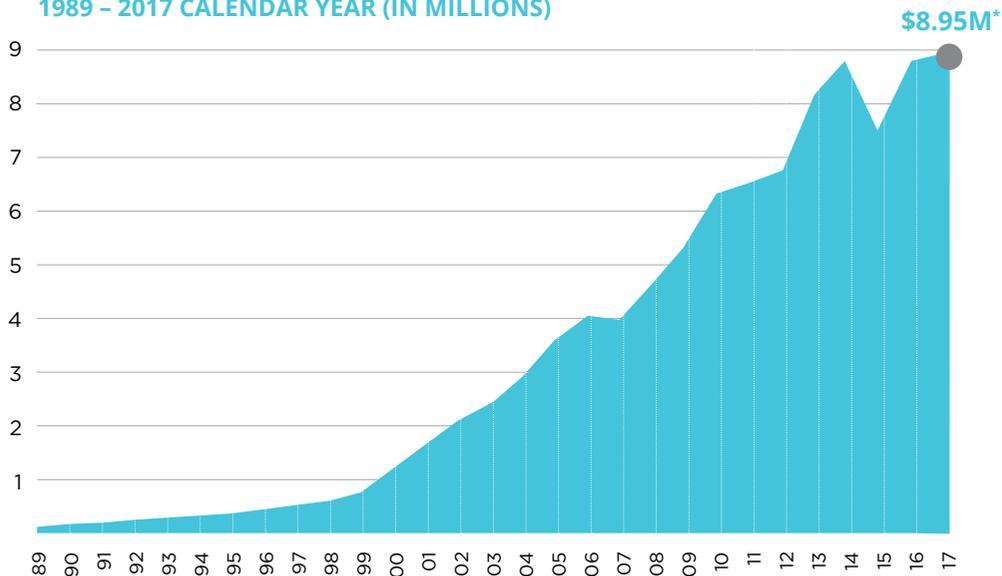
2,000 hours into our community by providing volunteers and resources to each of these great organizations. We’ve also had two small groups begin working with World Relief through its Good Neighbor Program by providing supplies to Chicago families and working with them to develop a loving, welcoming relationship. As 2017 continues, we’re excited to play a

key role in helping launch Community 4:12 Chicago and the child mentoring program at Palmer Elementary!

FINANCE

This year marks our highest year of giving, increasing from \$8.8 million to **\$8.95 million!**

CALENDAR YEAR GIVING
1989 – 2017 CALENDAR YEAR (IN MILLIONS)



24 *includes ONE giving (above and beyond operating budget)

RESOURCE ALLOCATION*

2017 FISCAL YEAR (OCT 2016 – SEPT 2017)



REACH Reaching those who are far from God

- Campus Ministries & Operations
- Catalyst Ministries & Operations
- Facilities
- Capital Replacement Savings



RESTORE Restoring God's dream for the world

- Community 4:12
- Compassion International
- Philippine Frontline Ministries
- Global Missions
- Benevolence
- Cars of Hope



REPRODUCE Reproducing the Jesus Mission in others

- NewThing
- Multiplier Fund
- Leadership Residents
- New Locations

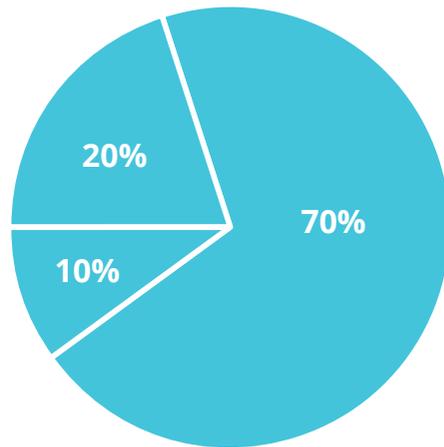
*Compensation has been split between Reach, Restore and Reproduce since each ministry is involved in all three areas

WHAT IS 10-20-70?

COMMUNITY has established a financial model that enables us to operate effectively as a reproducing church. Here's how it works:

10% - MULTIPLIER FUND

COMMUNITY has always been committed to reproducing at every level—leaders, ministries, celebration services, campuses and churches. With multiple locations, it can be challenging to remain missional about new endeavors with so many worthwhile interests competing for resources. By allocating 10% of all offerings to the multiplier fund, we're positioned to reproduce consistently, to invest in leadership residents and to resource our existing campuses as they model our reproducing DNA.



20% - CATALYST

Catalyst operations include creative arts, business administration, and ministry visioning, collaboration and alignment. Operating the Catalyst at 20% of all offerings requires us to continually refine our operations and ensure fiscal responsibility.

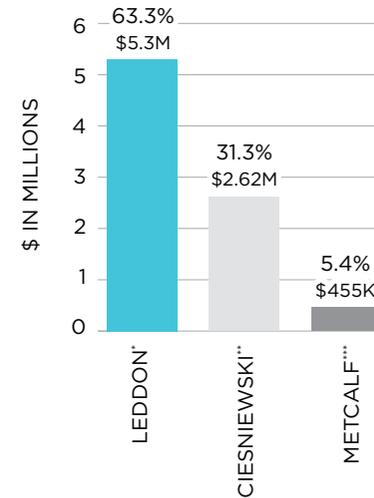
70% - LOCATION

Each network operates on 70% of its collective annual offerings, which are used for staffing, facility, capital savings and ministry operations. Operating at 70% takes the guesswork out of future staffing, facility usage and other expenditures, since annual budgets are established based on projected offerings.

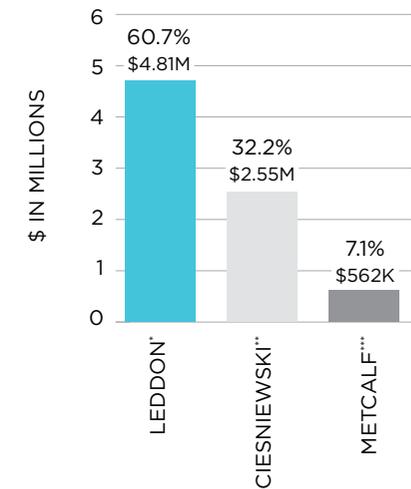
GIVING AND SPENDING BY NETWORK

FISCAL YEAR 2017

GIVING[†] \$8.38M



SPENDING[‡] \$7.92M



Why is our spending lower than our giving?

Excess resources are funding the ONE Initiative!





**COMMUNITY
CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

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