



YEAR IN REVIEW



COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

| 2018

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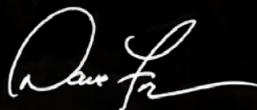
I can't believe that 2018 is already coming to an end. It was an amazing year, but it seems to have flown by. So, let's take some time to reflect with gratitude on how God has worked through COMMUNITY in 2018.

It was early this year that we finished up ONE, our generosity initiative, and we came together as ONE church to accomplish God's work in three important categories:

- **REACH** Together, we celebrated the grand opening of our Plainfield location and its Sportsplex; constructed a dedicated space for our Kids' City and Student Community in Yorkville and helped more people than ever before find their way back to God across Chicagoland.
- **RESTORE** Together, we completed the relocation and renovation of our Aurora location, positioning us to reach the greater Aurora community and for it to serve as a base for our restore efforts through Community 4:12. Through Celebration Generosity, we gave \$564,006 to four great causes, bringing our 11-year collective total to \$5.78M!
- **REPRODUCE** Together, we launched a brand new location in Downers Grove that is reaching hundreds of people every week, as well as our Community Freedom initiative that will plant church locations in prisons.

Pretty amazing, huh? Take some time to read through the stories and statistics in our 2018 Year In Review. As you do, please thank God for the many great things that have happened this year and pray for all of us to continue to grow and develop as we follow Jesus in 2019.

Your partner on the Jesus mission!



Dave Ferguson | Lead Pastor



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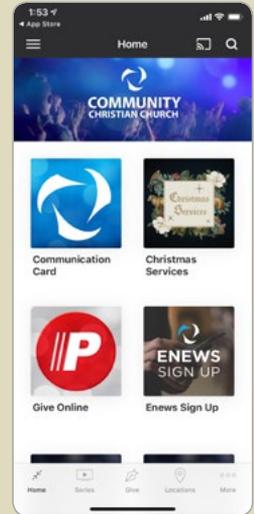
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CELEBRATION GENEROSITY

\$5.78+ M
IN 11 YEARS

CELEBRATING 11 YEARS

Each year we designate one weekend to give away our entire offering. This year's amount was \$564,006!

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 it is our biggest offering of the year.

A total of \$564,006 was given away by 200 first-time givers and 1,498 participating families bringing our 11 year grand total to over \$5.78M!

TEAMS

COMPASSION

NEWTHING

PHILIPPINES

COMMUNITY 4:12

GIVING AND NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING FAMILIES BY YEAR

<p>2008</p> <hr/> <p>\$252,290</p> <p>1,033</p>	<p>2009</p> <hr/> <p>\$417,251</p> <p>1,209</p>	<p>2010</p> <hr/> <p>\$586,665</p> <p>1,098</p>	<p>2011</p> <hr/> <p>\$534,031</p> <p>1,084</p>	<p>2012</p> <hr/> <p>\$586,273</p> <p>1,236</p>	<p>2013</p> <hr/> <p>\$536,247</p> <p>1,333</p>
<p>2014</p> <hr/> <p>\$622,941</p> <p>1,437</p>	<p>2015</p> <hr/> <p>\$527,363</p> <p>1,098</p>	<p>2016</p> <hr/> <p>\$549,572</p> <p>1,475</p>	<p>2017</p> <hr/> <p>\$611,432</p> <p>1,531</p>	<p>2018</p> <hr/> <p>\$564,006</p> <p>1,498</p>	

\$5,788,071

TOTAL TO DATE

TEAM COMPASSION



Globally, through our partnership with Compassion International, COMMUNITY has sponsored over 1,500 children at six different partner churches. Compassion's child sponsorship program is labeled by Christianity Today as the best long-term alleviation of poverty strategy and collectively sees over 450 decisions for Christ on a daily basis. Today, through our church planting strategy, we are leading the way in reproducing ministry not only in Haiti

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but throughout Central and South America. COMMUNITY has now planted three churches in Nicaragua and has inspired three other NewThing churches to plant churches through Compassion.

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 missional movement by planting more churches together.

Because of your generosity, we are now over 2,000 churches in 25 countries. Our goal is a catalyst community in every country in the next 10 years.



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 past 11 years, COMMUNITY has partnered with Philippine Frontline Ministries through Celebration Generosity. Frontline's vision is to see "transformed and healthy communities throughout the Philippines where people are experiencing Christ and engaging their God-given value and purposes." This year, Frontline Christian Academy enrolled 146 students and two former street

children from the Face the Children program graduated with Bachelor degrees. Frontline's social enterprise program is growing and providing employment to the local population. In addition, a new Frontline Church and Training Center is under construction which will result in even more pastors and leaders trained who will be sent all over the Philippines, Asia, and the world.



TEAM COMMUNITY 4:12



The primary goals of Team Community 4:12 are to build relationships and preserve dignity by coming alongside those impacted by poverty and injustice. Over the past 16 years, Community 4:12 has formed vital partnerships with schools in East Aurora, Joliet, Naperville, and Chicago, working together to

support low income and immigrant families. Additionally, Community 4:12 has partnered with outstanding organizations like Hesed House, World Relief and Safe Families to influence the educational, relational, economic, spiritual and other forms of poverty that affect us all - both recipients and beneficiaries.

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BAPTISMS FOR 2018

BAPTISM STORY

I decided that
there had to be
a better way.



I needed
God to help
me fight my
internal battles.
I cannot do it
by myself.

It's time for me to get baptized-I've never been baptized before. I want a new beginning in Christ. I grew up in Chicago and endured a part of gang and prison life. During that time I saw many of my loved ones pass away. I was searching for love, there was a fear of death and I was insecure. I tried filling these needs with the gang activity and drug use. During prison, I decided that there had to be a better way. I knew that I needed God to help me fight my internal battles-I cannot do it by myself.



Since then, I have decided to use my life to be a better person. I stopped the criminal activity and drug use. I started to respect people instead of seeing them as a way to get my needs fulfilled. Today I am working one day at a time to be a Christ follower, a better man and father.

GROWTH

+ 8%
+ 453 ATTENDERS

ATTENDANCE AVERAGE
SINCE 2017

LOCATIONS

NYB
NAPERVILLE
YELLOW BOX

DGR
DOWNERS
GROVE

AUR
AURORA

LEM
LEMONT

MON
MONTGOMERY

YKV
YORKVILLE

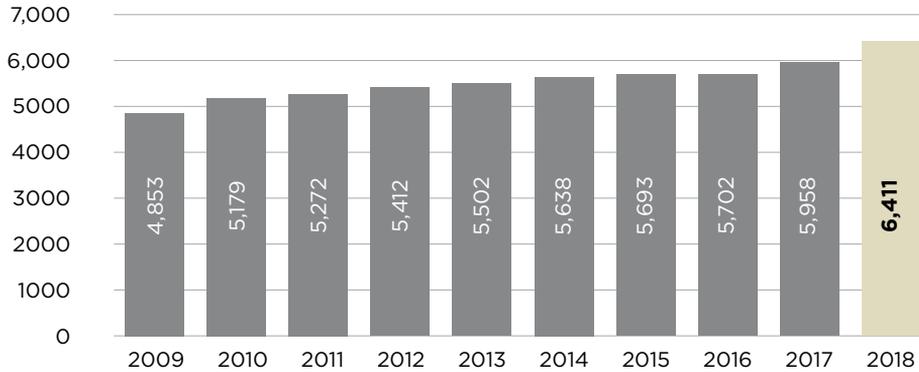
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PLAINFIELD

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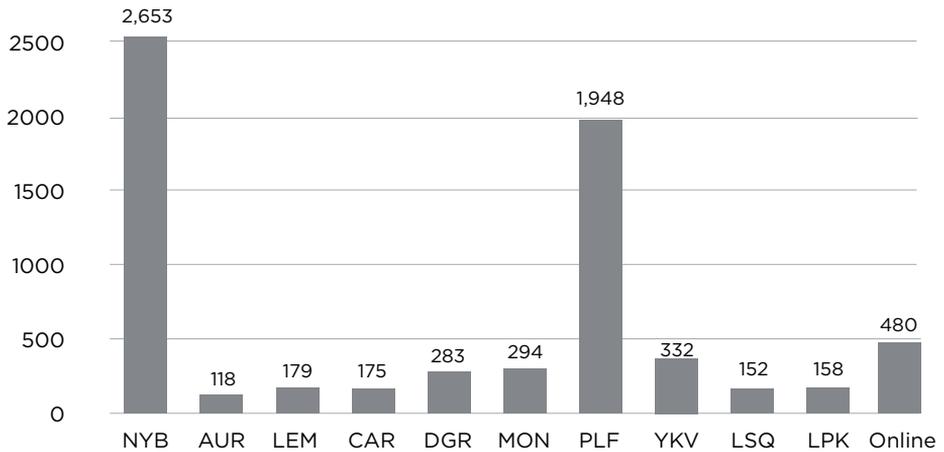
LSQ
LINCOLN
SQUARE

LPK
LINCOLN PARK
OLD TOWN

ATTENDANCE AVERAGES BY YEAR



ATTENDANCE AVERAGES BY LOCATION (2018)*



*Totals don't add up to 6,411 because we launched DGR in January and Online in September

COMMUNITY NETWORKS

Our 10 locations



NETWORKS AND LOCATION LAUNCH DATE

LEDDON [*]		CIESNIEWSKI ^{**}		METCALF ^{***}
NYB 1989	AUR 2010	PLF 2008	MON 2002	LSQ 2011
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

Shortly after adding a 3rd Sunday service, we experienced many new records: peak, non-holiday attendance of 2,220, nearly 700 adults connecting in Small Groups, 550 people contributing on a team, sustaining 500+ kids in Kids' City, peak StuCo attendance of 300, more than 100 people saying "YES" to Jesus through baptism and two Global Leadership Residents! Meanwhile, what was once considered a small Prayer Team has grown into a dynamic and passionate group of 25+ men and women praying and interceding for every staff member, leader, attender and ministry! Their prayers are being answered and are evident week in and week out.

2018 marks the end of our first year of operation of the Sportsplex. Thanks again to Aspen Group who manages all events and activities in our building and for working diligently to maximize court time, relationships, revenue and our first impression to nearly 20,000 first-time visitors. 2018 was a great year of learning and has prepared us well for a productive 2019!

MONTGOMERY

Montgomery had an amazing 2018! We've experienced 11% growth and 18 people made a public commitment

to Jesus through baptism, triple the number from 2017. Connections women's small groups were launched in January and we had over 40 women participate during the year. We welcomed Matt Hephner as our new StuCo apprentice under Jordan Bumgarner, and he is teaching and leading our StuCo events. Our Small Groups are on mission in our community by serving meals at Hesus House each month and we sponsored 19 new children through Compassion International, more than ever before at one time.

LEMONT

After much reflection and prayer, Patrick O'Connell became the new Community Pastor at our Lemont Location. He has brought great leadership and energy to Lemont. He has also been so grateful as dozens of leaders and contributors have quickly stepped up to help us continue our mission of helping people find their way back to God, growing

3C Christ followers, and serving our community!

This year we're celebrating these highlights:

- We served 1,000 people at Lemont's Halloween Hoedown!
- We hosted a Game Night and 75 people participated!

GROWTH

- Our prayer meetings have been regular and consistent
- 50 people joined Tuesday Nights at Lemont as we launched 5 new small groups!
- We had 180 people for Show Up Sunday
- We re-formed our Restore Team to serve the people of Lemont

Patrick O'Connell became our new Community Pastor; he's always pointing us toward the mission and a bright future of helping more and more people find their way back to God! No doubt about it: God is preparing Lemont for a great 2019!

LINCOLN PARK | OLD TOWN

2018 was a big year in Lincoln Park | Old Town! We had a record number of seven weekends where we celebrated with almost over 200 people, in addition to an Easter weekend high of 423! We were able to successfully identify and recruit the extraordinarily

talented Jeremiah Higgins as our new Worship Pastor. Jeremiah and his wife, Katie, have been a huge blessing to us and we're incredibly grateful to have them on our team! We were also able to rally as a new team and move to a brand new space at Latin School! This year we continued to develop Community 4:12's influence in our community by sponsoring mentors for Kids Hope USA. Globally, we sponsor children through Compassion International.

YORKVILLE

This year brought the completion of our building expansion project which was primarily aimed at growing our available Kids' City space; additional Kids' City small group and large group rooms were added to accommodate more families attending than ever before! We also expanded our lobby and completely renovated the auditorium. This has been a huge win for our Sunday celebration services, as well as StuCo on Wednesday nights.

COMMUNITY ONLINE

After nearly a year of planning, COMMUNITY Online launched on Show Up Sunday, September 16, 2018, and reached over 6,000 people! Since then, COMMUNITY Online has accumulated more than 17,000 total views with at least 350 people watching consistently each week. Additionally, overall engagement has been up nearly 30% and momentum is starting to pick up even more as we promote COMMUNITY Online throughout the week on social media!

check it out on facebook



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We also celebrated taking more students from Yorkville to BLAST and Summer Camp than ever before! From our very first student baptism night to our StuCo Restore Initiative, it has been so amazing to see our students lead the way in worship! We continue to welcome new families to our church each week and could not be more excited to see what 2019 has in store.

AURORA

We are celebrating our involvement in the Aurora community and the many ways we have seen God moving in 2018. Since the acquisition of our new space earlier this year, we've hosted the Aurora Chamber of Commerce as well as ongoing meetings for World Relief training and our Citizen Tutoring Center. Our StuCo students also are involved with the community, as they prepare quarterly meals for Feed My Starving Children.

And that's not all! Seven people took the next step in their faith through baptism and more plans are underway to further our reach in the community. This fall we celebrated the arrival of our new COMMUNITY Pastor, Rodrigo Cano, and his family and in addition to Jessica Millard who stepped up onto staff as our new Kids' City Director!

DOWNERS GROVE

We launched a new location this year in Downers Grove! We are less than one year in and the community is already strong and growing. Many people have



found their way back to God so far and many more are growing as 3C Christ followers. We are averaging around 300 weekly attenders with thriving Arts, Kid's City, and StuCo ministries. Even though the vast majority of our location is new to COMMUNITY, and to church as a whole, 70% are already connected in healthy small groups. Another key highlight is the 100 leaders who have stepped to contribute their gifts to serve our community and help more and new people find their way back to God! It has been a great start and the best is yet to come!



CARILLON

This year, Carillon has been focused on the growth of 3C Christ-followers, and significant strides have been made in this area. Our attenders worship together with joy in our Celebration Services, build strong connections in small groups and support groups, and contribute in a growing number of service and restore groups.

We've celebrated 6 baptisms with several more actively in planning. Carillon attenders remain committed to finishing well as they step up to care for one another in times of need while still actively serving as contributors, Community 4:12 mentors, and Compassion International sponsors – efforts which result in local, regional and global impact.

NAPERVILLE

We had a great year at Naperville! 112 people took their faith public through baptism and over half of those were spontaneous decisions during service! In February, we sent more than 200 people to launch our Downers Grove location to help more people find their way back to God. We currently have 900 people connected in small groups and our building continues to be utilized as we partner with local and national conferences and ministries – impacting our community in incredible ways. In fact, we estimate that something close to 100,000 people came through our doors in 2018 for these events! We're excited about what God is doing in and through this church and can't wait to see how he's going to move in 2019!

LINCOLN SQUARE

2018 was a great year at Lincoln Square! We are celebrating the highest COMMUNITY growth rate of any location with a 12% increase in adults and children this year! We've had more people choose to be baptized than any previous year. Additionally, we had our highest Easter weekend attendance and the launch of more small groups than ever before!

Though we sent the Vaca family to their new venture in Arizona, the addition of Hannah Patterson leading our Arts team

has resulted in more artists involved and an increased participation in worship by our attendees.

We've continued to deepen our partnerships in the Lincoln Square Community with Gateway to Learning, The Lincoln Square Friendship Center and The Lincoln Square Ravenswood Chamber of Commerce by investing nearly 2,000 volunteer hours and by providing resources. 2018 was our first year with Community 4:12 in Chicago and our child mentoring program at Palmer Elementary continues to grow!

We all could use some inspiration and encouragement.

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COMMUNITY FREEDOM

NEW LOCATIONS

In 2018, Community Freedom launched two locations in San Diego, CA: one at Richard J Donovan Correctional Facility, a California State facility, and the second at Western Regional Detention Facility, a US Marshall facility.



COMMUNITY FREEDOM

Community Freedom is a partnership between COMMUNITY, Alpha Prison Ministry and NewThing Network that inspires and equips churches around the country to launch new locations in correctional institutions. Community Freedom's holistic

approach provides a community for individuals to find their way back to God through Celebration Services, small group programs and re-entry support through the connection to a larger local church community that is equipped to walk beside them.

COMMUNITY MUSIC

Community Music began in 2016 as a group of church planters and artists with a shared mission of helping people find their way back to God. In partnership with NewThing, our church planting movement, we felt God call us to work together to equip and encourage our fellow brothers and sisters through worship. We currently have two EPs and a Christmas single out, as well as new music we'll release Spring 2019:

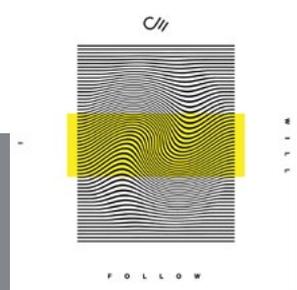
LOVE OVER FEAR
LIVE EP



ABOVE ALL NAMES
CHRISTMAS SINGLE



I WILL FOLLOW
LIVE EP





2018 has been a year full of highlights! We had the amazing opportunity to write songs with songwriters from Nashville. They added to our voice and made our songs better than what they could have been, yet still incorporated our culture. We also started local worship nights and have had the privilege to lead worship in places like Exponential Chicago, Moody, the RightNow media conference and the NewThing Gathering.

GLOBAL REACH

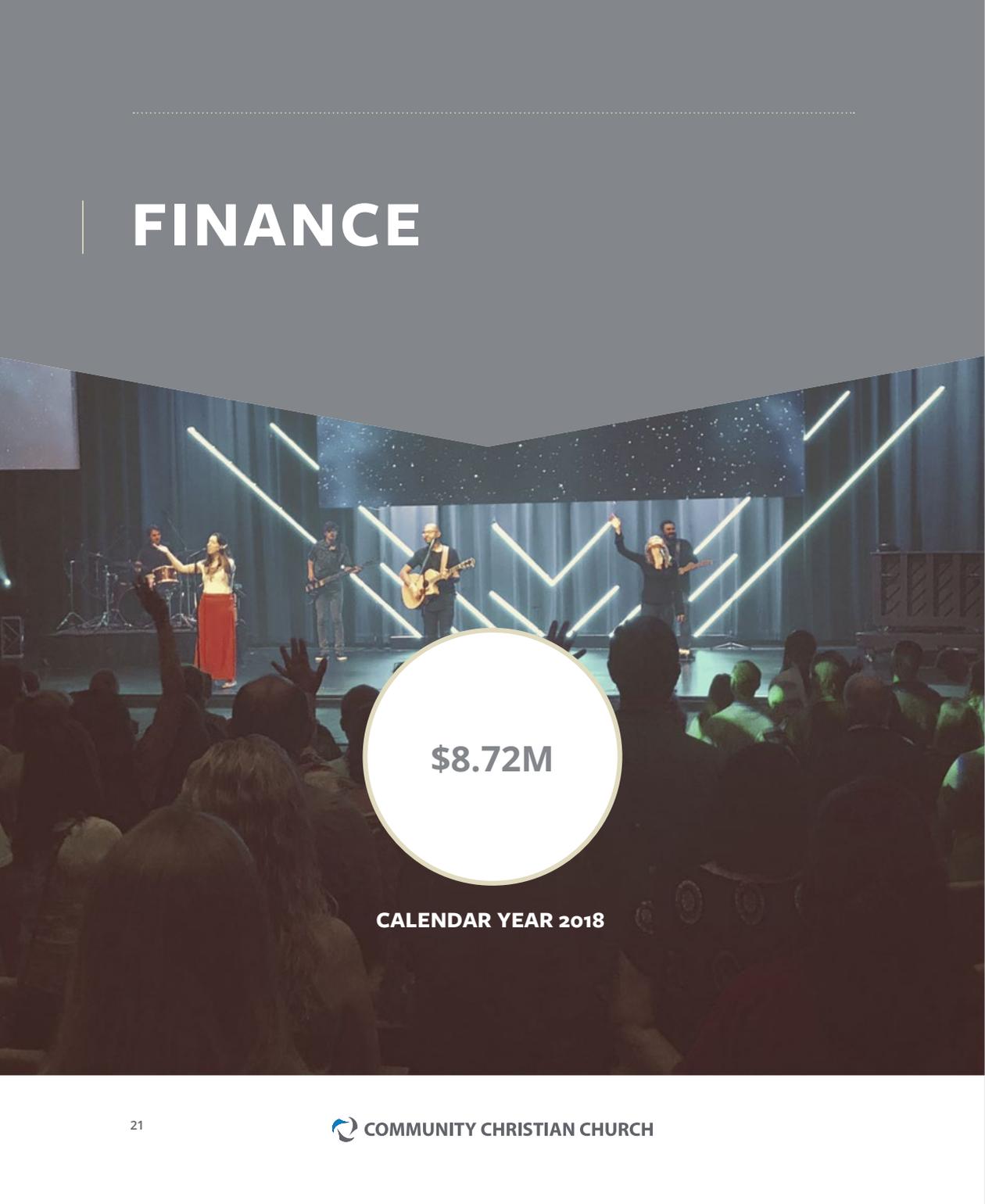
People from 60 different countries stream Community Music.

Our prayer is to continue to be used by God to shape worship cultures in our locations, NewThing churches and church communities everywhere. Stay tuned by joining our mailing list for our next release coming Spring 2019!

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FINANCE



\$8.72M

CALENDAR YEAR 2018

RESOURCE ALLOCATION*

2018 FISCAL YEAR (OCT 2017 – SEPT 2018)

49%

REACH Reaching those who are far from God

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

23.5%

RESTORE Restoring God's dream for the world

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

27.5%

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?

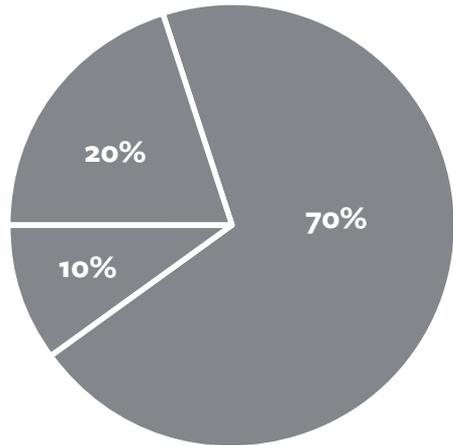
COMMUNITY has established a financial model that enables us to operate effectively as a reproducing church. Here's how it works:

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.

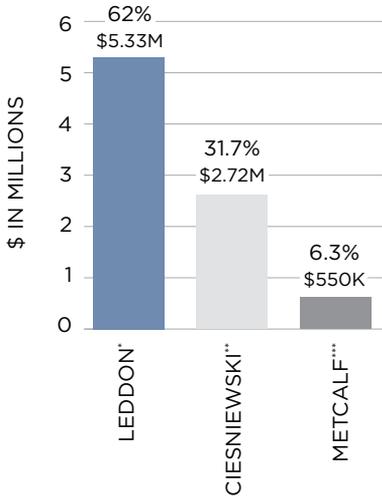


70% – LOCATION

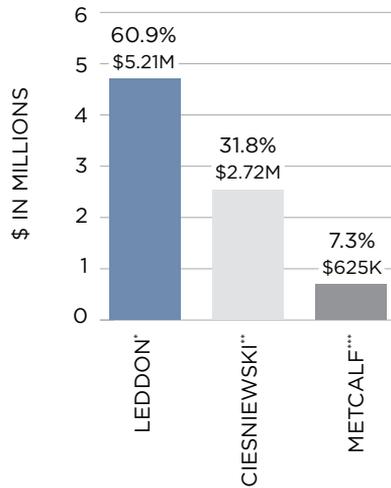
Each network operates on 70% of its collective annual offerings, which are used for staffing, facility, capital savings and ministry operations. Operating at 70% takes the guesswork out of future staffing, facility usage and other expenditures, since annual budgets are established based on projected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

GIVING AND SPENDING BY NETWORK FISCAL YEAR 2018

GIVING† \$8.6M



SPENDING‡ \$8.55M



LEDDON*

NAPERVILLE
DOWNERS GROVE
AURORA
LEMONT

CIESNIEWSKI**

PLAINFIELD
MONTGOMERY
YORKVILLE
CARILLON

METCALF***

LINCOLN SQUARE
LINCOLN PARK
OLD TOWN

*Network led by Doug Leddon; **Network led by John Ciesniewski; ***Network led by Eric Metcalf;
†includes ONE giving (above operating budget); ‡includes each location's 10-20-70 spending

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guide my heart and feet
I follow you, I will follow

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Guide my heart and feet
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