

RISE ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY



IT WILL TAKE MORE THAN ONE CHURCH—
**IT WILL TAKE
A MOVEMENT.**

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“THE UPSURGE OF SUPPORT AND ENTHUSIASM THAT SPARKED WITH THE RISE CAMPAIGN IS REMARKABLE, AND A GIFT OF GRACE. GOD WORKED IN US, AND IF I MAY BE FRANK, HE SHOWED ME THAT MY OWN EXPECTATIONS HAD ALL ALONG BEEN FAR TOO MODEST.” — TIM KELLER

What we saw one year ago was the growth of a movement. Thousands accepted the challenge to rise and lead through generosity, prayer and service. “Thank you” doesn’t seem an adequate response, but thank you deeply! Thank you for your continual encouragement and support. Thank you for your sacrifice and commitment to this vision. Thank you for pursuing what is costly instead of what is comfortable. Above all, let’s thank God for all he is doing to accelerate the gospel movement in New York City. Please continue to pray with us, in humble reliance on God’s Spirit, and the belief in the promise that He will do far more than we can ask or imagine.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Thank you for one year of financial faithfulness! We are already one-third of the way through the three year pledge period (May 2016 - May 2019).

THE NEW YORK PROJECT

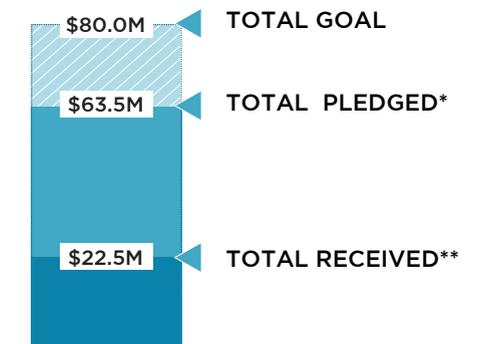
We started Rise with \$20M pledged from donors outside the local Redeemer community. This past year God has continued to bless and affirm this effort, and we have raised an additional \$11M in pledges and gifts from that community! Thank you for your continued prayers concerning this work.

OVERVIEW OF FUNDS SPENT

The totals listed below represent funds spent from May through December 2016. Rise spending will increase significantly in 2017 as we ramp up existing programs and launch several new programs.

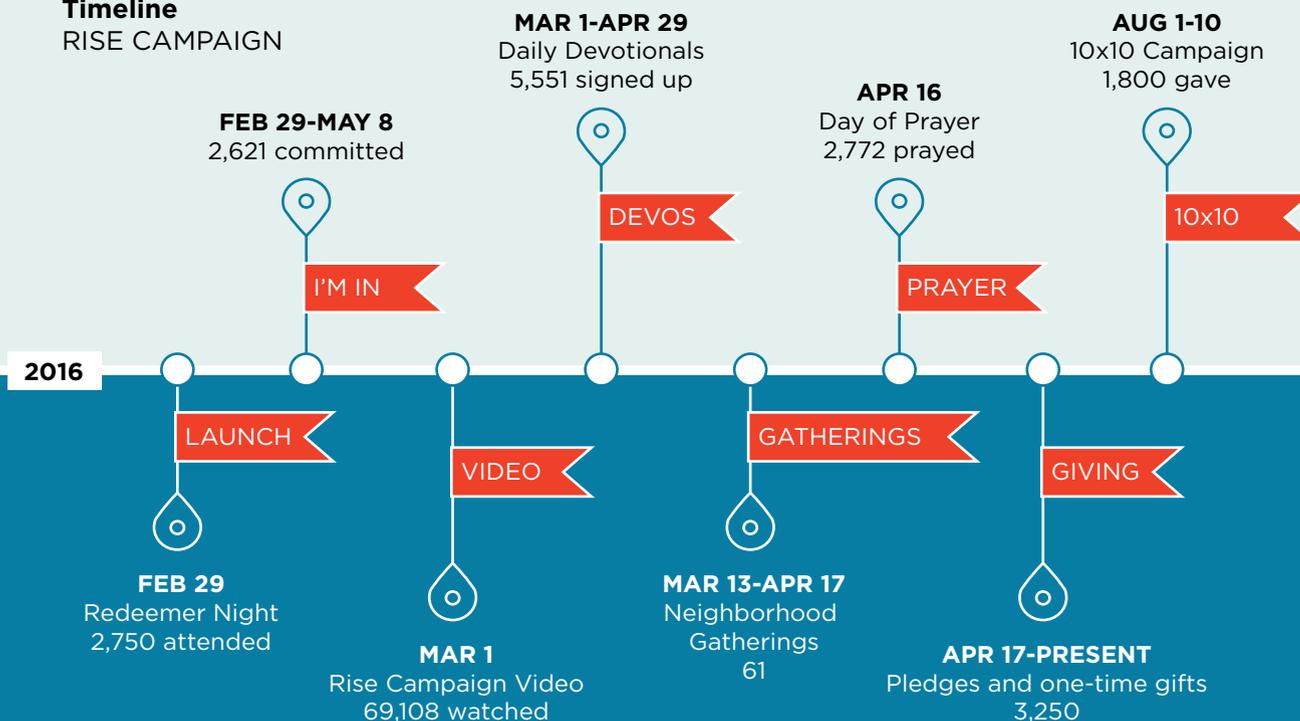
CAMPAIGN GIVING

As of March 30, 2017



*\$31M has been pledged by donors outside the local Redeemer community.
 **To date we have received \$10.5M from those donors and \$12M from our local community.

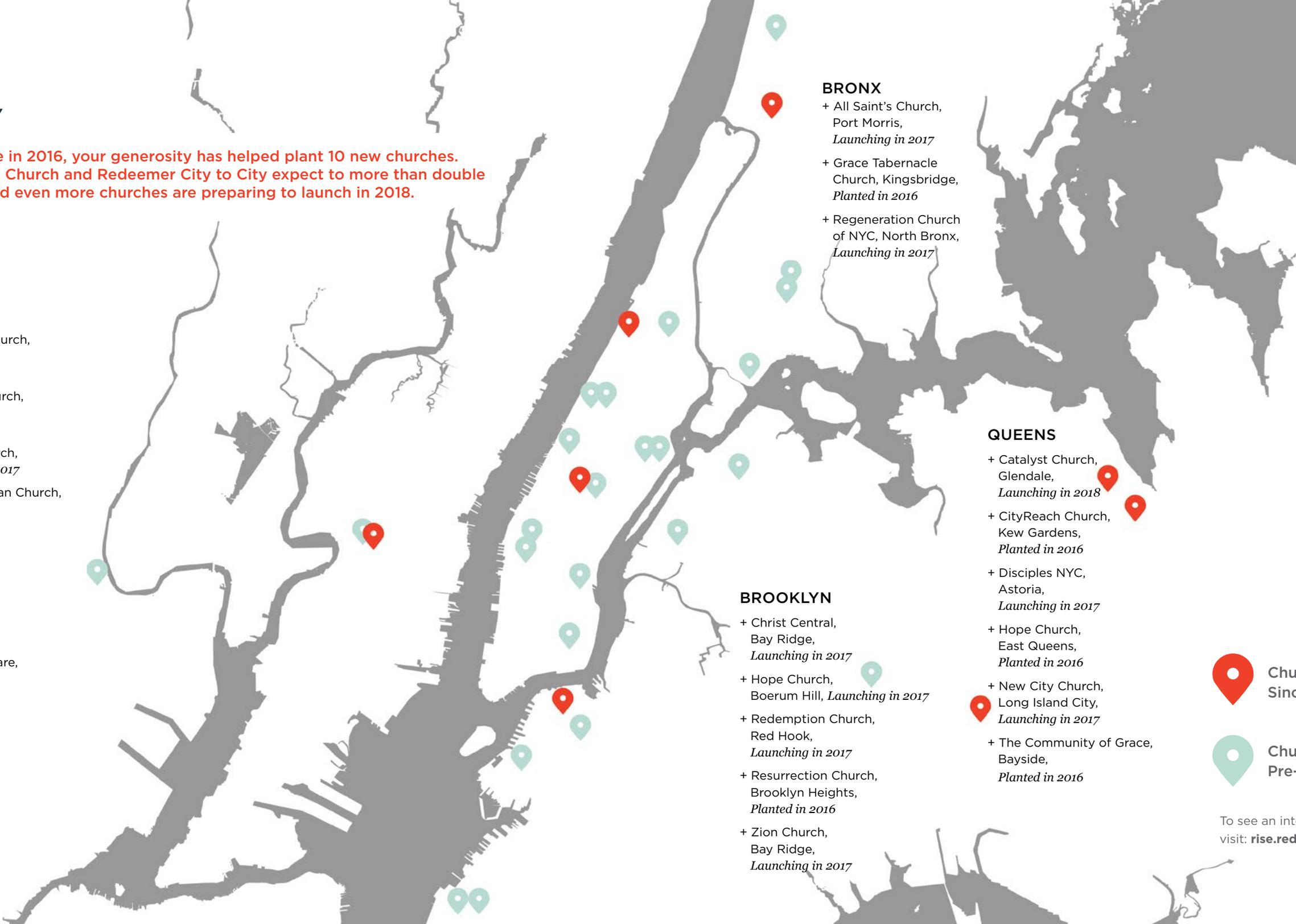
Timeline RISE CAMPAIGN



NEW CHURCHES	NEW LEADERS	NEW BUILDINGS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + 23 Seminary Scholarships CTC and RTS Masters program + 12 bi-vocational pastors in training to plant churches outside center city Manhattan + 10 CTC partner churches trained, coached and launched + Preparations to launch Redeemer West Side’s daughter site, Redeemer Lincoln Square + Efforts toward particularizing Redeemer into 3 churches 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + 73 young leaders from 33 churches in the Apprentice Program + 4 Redeemer Pastoral Residents + 2-day evangelism training conference for CTC and RPC pastors + Renewed efforts around discipleship and spiritual formation for Redeemer congregants + Curriculum designed for City Ministry Year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Architectural and zoning study for East Side building
TOTAL: \$601K	TOTAL: \$430K	TOTAL: \$71K



Since the launch of Rise in 2016, your generosity has helped plant 10 new churches. Redeemer Presbyterian Church and Redeemer City to City expect to more than double that number in 2017, and even more churches are preparing to launch in 2018.



MANHATTAN

- + C3 Church, Lower East Side, *Planted in 2016*
- + Emmanuel Anglican Church, West Village, *Launching in 2017*
- + Epiphany Lutheran Church, Stuyvesant Town, *Launching in 2017*
- + Every Nation NYC Church, Midtown, *Launching in 2017*
- + Good Shepherd Anglican Church, Upper West Side, *Launching in 2017*
- + Grace Faith Church, Lower East Side, *Launching in 2017*
- + Hope Church, Upper West Side, *Launching in 2017*
- + Redeemer Lincoln Square, Upper West Side, *Launching in 2017*
- + Restoration Church, West Village, *Launching in 2017*
- + Resurrection Life NYC, Upper East Side, *Launching in 2017*
- + Trinity Heights Church, Morningside Heights, *Planted in 2016*

BRONX

- + All Saint's Church, Port Morris, *Launching in 2017*
- + Grace Tabernacle Church, Kingsbridge, *Planted in 2016*
- + Regeneration Church of NYC, North Bronx, *Launching in 2017*

SURROUNDING REGION

- + Crossroads Community Church, New Jersey, *Planted in 2016*
- + Ethnos Community Church, New Jersey, *Planted in 2016*
- + Hope Church, Long Island, *Planted in 2016*
- + Hope Church, New Jersey, *Launching in 2018*
- + Pillar Community Church, Westchester, *Launching in 2017*
- + Redeemer's Community Church of Jersey, New Jersey, *Launching in 2017*

QUEENS

- + Catalyst Church, Glendale, *Launching in 2018*
- + CityReach Church, Kew Gardens, *Planted in 2016*
- + Disciples NYC, Astoria, *Launching in 2017*
- + Hope Church, East Queens, *Planted in 2016*
- + New City Church, Long Island City, *Launching in 2017*
- + The Community of Grace, Bayside, *Planted in 2016*

BROOKLYN

- + Christ Central, Bay Ridge, *Launching in 2017*
- + Hope Church, Boerum Hill, *Launching in 2017*
- + Redemption Church, Red Hook, *Launching in 2017*
- + Resurrection Church, Brooklyn Heights, *Planted in 2016*
- + Zion Church, Bay Ridge, *Launching in 2017*

 Churches Planted Since 2016

 Church Plants in Pre-Launch Phase

To see an interactive version of this map online visit: rise.redeemer.com/church-planting

BECOMING A FAMILY OF CHURCHES

Church planting is the most effective method of evangelism. We believe this so strongly that Redeemer is becoming three independent, generative church planting engines. Additionally, our first daughter site, Redeemer Lincoln Square was launched Easter Sunday, April 16th led by Rev. Michael Keller. This is the beginning of what will be a growing family of collaborative churches, across the city over the next 10 years. By becoming a family of smaller churches, each will be better positioned to reach their own neighborhood, raise up and train new leaders to serve the city, and send out members to plant additional sites and churches than a single, centralized Redeemer could.



“ I am a full-time performing artist and five months ago, I would have categorized my life as lonely. I was crying at shows, distracted, couldn't sleep, and had a high level anxiety. After a negative experience with my former community, I longed for authentic, safe friendships and fellowship — a place where I had the freedom to be myself, and be loved and love authentically.

I walked through Redeemer's doors just this past January! I immediately signed up for a community group and not long after began attending the Catalyst Class in preparation for the Redeemer Lincoln Square site launch. I was thrilled to join this new community since I live and work right in this neighborhood.

Now I have a place where I can invite my co-workers and friends. In the performing arts community you experience a lot of rejection. I find that as a performer I give my all (mind, body and soul almost literally) in hopes of success but ultimately, despite success or failure, I end up unsatisfied. Because I know the toll this industry can take on a person, I want to share the solidarity and security offered in Christ. I want to tell others about the uplifting and transformative love and grace of Jesus found in His Word, Spirit and people.

I find that I can't just listen and take in this good news without sharing it. The gospel changes everything and Redeemer Lincoln Square is a place I can invite the people in my life who need to know the redeeming love of God.

—Keren Dukes,
REDEEMER LINCOLN SQUARE CONGREGANT

CHURCH PARTNERSHIPS

This vision is beyond what Redeemer can do on its own. The gospel movement that has been on the rise for over 25 years has been due to God's work through many gospel-teaching churches of many denominations. One such church is Hope Church ...

“ In partnership with Redeemer City to City (CTC), Hope Church NYC was planted 4.5 years ago with a vision to become a family of diverse churches, playing a part in the gospel renewal of New York City. Since it began in September 2012, our church has multiplied into 9 churches across NYC (4 have launched, 2 launch this Easter, and 3 more launch in the next 12 months). Hope Church also helped start the New City Network: a network of urban church planters/pastors who gather monthly in the city for fellowship, resourcing, training, prayer, and encouragement.

Every single one of our Hope church planters have been through CTC's training offered through the Fellows and Incubator programs. We've also participated in CTC's City Lab Gatherings and Apprentice Program. These programs have offered us world-class instruction by some of the best urban thinkers and practitioners — all at no cost to us! What a fantastic deal!

That being said, I'm well aware that what we experience as free comes at a cost to others, and I know that CTC's help has only been possible through the sacrificial love and generosity of others, many of whom I have never met. To all of you, thank you from the bottom of my heart. Your partnership and generosity have helped in our church planting efforts in ways that is impossible to measure in words or numbers. In fact, your generosity sounds awfully like another story I know. A story of lavish grace and unexplained kindness, a story of meaningful sacrifice and unmerited favor.

—Drew Hyun,
PASTOR OF HOPE CHURCH



HOW WE'RE RAISING UP NEW LEADERS TO REACH AND SERVE NEW YORK:

 Redeemer Presbyterian Church

 Redeemer City to City

New Leaders: Investing in Vocational Ministry

New Leaders: Investing in Your Ministry

Training Church Planters

Training Lay Leaders and Congregants

- **Fellows Program:** One-year training program for church planters, 1 to 2 years out from planting their congregation 
- **The Lab:** Training for bi-vocational planters and pastors serving in churches outside center city Manhattan 
- **Evangelism and Apologetics Training to equip churches to reach secular New Yorkers** 
- **Incubator:** Two-year training and coaching program to support pastors in the most critical phase of launching their congregations 
- **Pastoral Residency Program:** On-the-job training for potential pastors to Redeemer's daughter sites 

- **Mercy and Justice training for congregants and Redeemer daughter sites** 
- **Gotham Fellows:** Faith and Work theological training fellowship for marketplace leaders 
- **Renewed efforts around Discipleship and Spiritual Formation for Congregants** 
- **Apprentice Program:** 9-month program to accelerate the development of 22 to 28 yr-olds exploring their callings to vocational ministry or significant leadership roles 

Reaching & Serving New York

Theological Training for Future Pastors and Church Staff

Supporting Existing Church Leaders

- **City Ministry Year:** A practical theology program for ministry in New York designed by Tim Keller around 4 tracks—preaching, mission, pastoral ministry, and leadership 
- **Seminary:** A Masters of Arts in Biblical Studies offered through a partnership with Reformed Theological Seminary 

- **City Lab:** Bi-monthly gathering for leaders from 35+ different NYC churches for training and mutual encouragement 

THE NEED FOR A NEW HOME

By *Abe Cho*, EAST SIDE LEAD PASTOR

After Hurricane Sandy, I remember doing an impromptu supply drive to deliver relief supplies to residents in Lower Manhattan. As Redeemerites were dropping off supplies at the W83 building, countless neighbors saw what we were doing and came by with supplies of their own. One woman said “I’m not at all religious, but I am so glad you guys are here.” This snapshot captures so much of how a building, by visibly rooting us in a neighborhood, can transform our ministry in the city.

1 The building served as the gravitational center of the congregation’s community life—it was that “home base” that not only fostered a sense of permanent belonging in a neighborhood, but also a sense of ownership to serve it well.

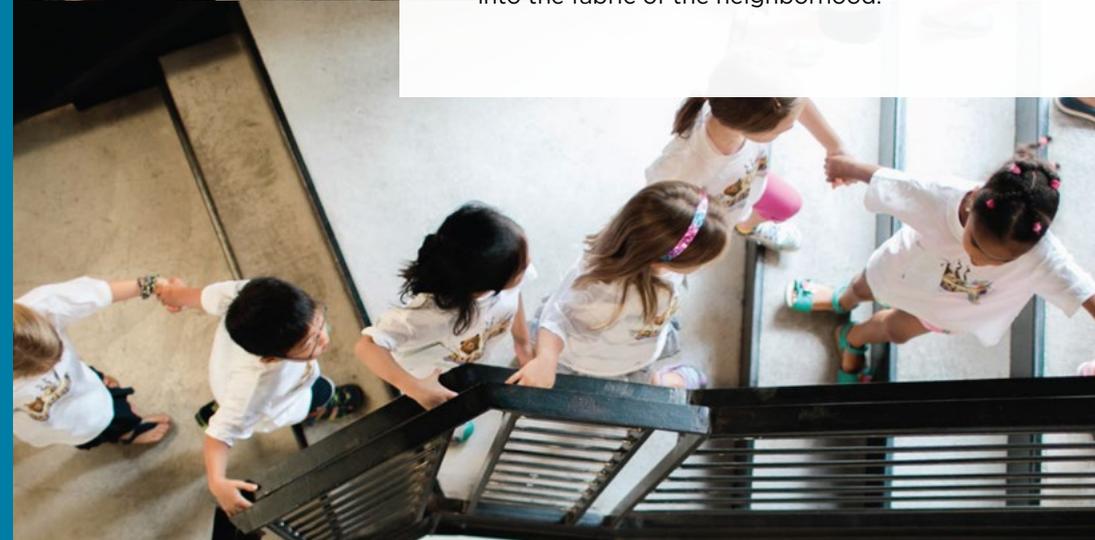
2 The building served as a public utility that was seen as benefiting all. That gratitude for the presence of a church that one does not believe in speaks volumes to the new possibilities of faithful witness that a building presents.

3 A building itself would be an enormous benefit to us and to our neighbors. That supply drive was only possible because of church planters who were faithfully laboring to love their neighborhood in the Lower East Side but a building that is a hub for sending out more neighborhood churches? That would be transformative.

SNAPSHOT OF W83

While it has long been the plan to buy a building for worship and ministry on the Upper East Side, our experience at W83 Ministry Center has made us confident that we will see community and ministry flourish by owning more space.

W83 is a space for culture and community on the Upper West Side and serves hundreds of people every week. On any given morning, W83 opens its doors to a flurry of activity from elementary students filing through the doors to a catering company setting up lunch for the television cast and crew shooting in the neighborhood. Each event whether weddings, after school programs, live performances, community meditation classes, ESL programs, art exhibition openings, and bar and bat mitzvahs demonstrate that W83 is not just a building; it functions as a hub of community life, weaving itself into the fabric of the neighborhood.



PRAYER REQUESTS



New Churches: Pray for the 10 new churches that Redeemer City to City helped plant across New York City this past year. May they remain rooted in the gospel and a place of rich community where friendships are forged, support for each other is fostered and where new people come to experience and profess faith in Christ.



New Leaders: Pray that the input congregants provided in the recent church-wide survey would strengthen and renew Redeemer's approach to fostering spiritual growth so that many more Redeemer congregants become servant leaders who live out the gospel in their relationships, workplaces and neighborhoods.



New Buildings: Please pray that God would use the future ES building to serve and renew the people and neighborhood around it. That it would foster a sense of permanent belonging in a neighborhood and be a public utility for all.



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