

HILLSONG EAST COAST



**“CREATE MOMENTS. OWN MOMENTS. REMEMBER MOMENTS. WE
DON'T GET A SECOND SHOT AT THIS LIFE, AND MY PRAYER FOR
YOU IS THAT YOU WOULD NEVER UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF
THE MOMENTS YOU CONTROL.”**

- OWN THE MOMENT, CARL LENTZ



LOVE
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GOD
LIFE
PEOPLE

TO REACH AND INFLUENCE

BUILDING A LARGE CHRISTIAN

BASED CHURCH, CHANGING

EMPOWERING PEOPLE

IN EVERY SPHERE OF LIFE

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- HILLSONG MISSION STATEMENT





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EXIT

YES I KNOW
THAT YOU'RE WITH ME HERE



LETTERS

LETTER FROM GLOBAL SENIOR PASTORS
LETTER FROM LEAD PASTORS
LETTER FROM COO

GLOBAL SENIOR PASTORS' LETTER

34 years on, in an ever-shifting social and economic climate, Hillsong Church remains focused on the gospel of Jesus Christ, and united in our commitment to carrying this message; caring for the poor and working to bring solutions to the needs within our communities.

In 2017, I encouraged our church to carry a sense of “I Am The One,” a message focused personally, that encouraged everyone to believe that you are the one that God has chosen, you are the one that God has graced, you are the one who can stand in the gap of need and solution; who can show this same value to your own communities. Already, we have heard great reports of the personal initiatives birthed from people carrying this sense of purposeful living.

Globally, we have created more opportunities for people to be connected to one another around the message of Jesus with the launch of weekly services in Norway, Portugal and San Francisco. Hillsong Israel began in 2016 and continues building momentum this year with regular small group gatherings. We also added a new location in Bali.

We remain dedicated to helping people find salvation in Christ, hope and peace, and saw over 33,000 people make a decision for Jesus through our programs and services in 2017.

As a church, we continued to respond to the humanitarian crisis at large in Aleppo, Syria and Mosul, Iraq. In Iraq, Hillsong Church partnered with Preemptive Love Coalition and World Vision

Australia to provide emergency relief to families displaced by violence.

Here in Australia, Hillsong CityCare partnered with local organisations and the Hillsong Sisterhood to support families in need, including some of the most vulnerable in our community, such as refugees and those affected by domestic violence. We continued to provide individuals and families with food supplies through our Gold Coast Storehouse and Emergency Relief program, supported many in prisons and detention centres, and brought practical aid to dozens of our own neighbours in cities across this nation.

We held our first Worship and Creative Conference which exceeded our expectations – we saw over 6,000 delegates join us both on site and via streaming, representing 19 church denominations and 51 countries.

In 2017, our Hillsong Youth and Young & Free Teams launched a Schools Tour for the first time. These were seminar-style presentations held in 16 high schools across Australia. These presentations were aimed at empowering young people with practical tools to deal with issues such as bullying, drugs and alcohol misuse.

On March 5, we had the honour of hosting the Anglican Archbishop of Sydney, the Most Reverend Dr. Glenn Davies, as we celebrated the Bible Society's 200th anniversary year. Churches from across many denominations joined together with our church both live and online from 50 locations. It was an incredible day attesting to the life-giving answers found in the Bible and to unity in the church.

As always, Bobbie and I are thankful for the Board of Hillsong Church for their ongoing dedication to ensure our Church home is thriving and operating with good governance.

We count it a privilege to pastor Hillsong Church and know that it is because of the contribution of each and every one, that we are able to have a remarkable impact; ordinary people who make extraordinary sacrifices to love God, love people and build the church.

We have seen God's faithfulness expand what is in our hearts and hands, and it is by His grace that we are able to continue carrying His message of hope, extending love and practical support to so many lives within our beautiful nation and beyond.



BRIAN & BOBBIE HOUSTON

LEAD PASTORS' LETTER

Annual reports are something that we've done globally for a long time and I'm excited to present this for the first time at our local level. Although statistics and numbers can never fully tell the story of a local church, which is filled with the unmeasurable and unquantifiable, they are important benchmarks in understanding where we have been and where we need to go. So many faithful people make our church what it is, and this report adds some perspective to all that hard work, sacrificial giving and what it is producing. I often describe our church as a miracle because the numbers that fill this report are above and beyond what we could imagine. Without a doubt, Hillsong is an exciting and fruitful place to call home!

NEW BEGINNINGS

This past year we saw 28,669 make a decision to follow Jesus. Our church exists to see this happen and, although it has always been "the norm" at our church to see people get saved, we do not take it for granted, we celebrate each and every one.

CONNECTIONS

We currently have 267 Connect Groups in our church. This is significant because one of the major needs in our city is building community and family within the church itself. We have found new ways to empower even more leaders to take ownership of discipling their groups and we can expect this number to continually grow as we move forward.

GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

One of our passions as a church is to provide as many ways as possible for people to grow in their faith and calling. Through our Evening College we saw 539 people become further equipped to step into their occupation of all streets.

We established a "women's preaching platform" meeting and have seen immediate fruit from that endeavor. Our church is literally filled with capable men and women who perhaps have not had the opportunity to receive practical ministry training and this has now become a major strength of our church.

We began a "Rise Service" specifically aimed at reaching the business and corporate sector of our city. Although that meeting happens early in the morning, it's proven to be worth it as many men and women, who may not come to "church" yet, have found common ground there.

YOUTH MINISTRY

We have spent years praying about and planning the best approach to reach a younger generation in a city where there are many obstacles, but thankfully, our youth pastors and team have done exactly that. This year we had over 224 young people at our camp, with consistent growth in each location for our regular youth meetings. All one needs to do to see what God is doing in the lives of young people in our church is attend any service and LOOK AROUND at the sheer number of young people serving, leading and thriving. I'm

thankful we have a church that doesn't just talk about reaching this generation, but faithfully gives and builds so that we can see that become a reality...

Suffice it to say, what I mentioned above doesn't remotely do justice to the explosive and dynamic growth of our church, but it's a good snapshot of how good God has been to us. We have every reason to believe that the best is yet to come. Thank you for being a part of something so special, Laura and I count it the honor of a lifetime to lead this church with you.

LOVE YOU + THANK YOU!



Carl and Laura
CARL & LAURA LENTZ

CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER'S LETTER

It feels like just yesterday that we gathered in a small TriBeCa apartment for our first ever connect group. No launch of services in sight. No worship band. No stage. No lights. No overflowing venues. It was simply a small group of people gathered together with a common love for Jesus, a common love for THIS city, and a desire to build the local church - seven years later that continues to be our heartbeat.

This annual report is a reflection of the incredible and supernatural growth we have seen over the past seven years. Growth in services and locations. Growth in connect groups. Growth in avenues to equip the people in our church. Growth in outreach. Growth in resources. The statistics tell the story of the many individuals who have found home, connected with God, made a decision to follow Jesus, and put up their hand to play a part in a bigger narrative. It's truly miraculous.

We have had the honor and privilege of seeing 28,669 people make a decision for Christ through the year, and 154,646 since we opened our doors! We've seen marriages restored, freedom from addiction, the lonely finding family, and so much more.

When we say our church is a small church made up of many people, it's because of our connect groups. They are the foundation we have built from, and always will be. From that one connect group in TriBeCa, we grew to **267 groups** gathering across New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Boston.

As a church, we are committed to investing in every generation, from the youngest to the oldest. In 2016, we officiated **30 weddings**, **dedicated 62 babies** in our church, and **saw our youth ministry grow to 193 students**. Witnessing the growth in families and the next generation has been incredible. What we're building today will be the foundation they stand upon tomorrow.

Generosity has always been central to who we are. This year we collected and distributed 22,970 items across our church wide drives. Our army of faithful volunteers gave 326,196 hours to serve. With Heart for The House, which enables us to outwork our local and global initiatives, we collected \$676,539.98. In tithes and offerings, we also saw a 12.4% increase.

Part of our mission statement is "changing mindsets and empowering people to lead and impact in every sphere of life." To create more avenues for this, we've continued to expand and enrich our Evening College and Life Courses curriculum. **This year alone 1,045 people have gone through one of these courses ranging from theology to marriage prep.**

We had the honor and privilege of hosting Colour Conference in New York City. We were blown away by the testimonies of women whose lives were changed—stories of restoration, healing, and breakthrough. Our conferences are a beautiful example of the passion of our church to champion individuals and local churches everywhere. **Globally across our conferences, we saw 21 denominations gather together with 55 nationalities represented!**

We moved from using a 2-bedroom apartment as a workspace to building out an office in the heart of Downtown Manhattan. This tailor made space enabled us to host gatherings, have our staff and volunteers working together in one location, and allowed us to provide more opportunities for people to grow and learn. It's been absolutely transformative for our team and church. We are able to operate, connect, and pastor at new levels.

Our staff grew to 36. We are tremendously blessed by the people God is bringing to our team and amazed by the unique gifts each one brings to the table...furthering our collective capacity, effectiveness, and impact. As we added to our team,

we began working with an executive management consultant who has helped us identify strengths, areas of growth, and showed us how to not only maximize our staff's capacity, but how to also empower our volunteers to flourish in their spheres of life.

Thank you to our Global Senior Pastors Brian and Bobbie Houston for their vision which will bless many generations across the globe for decades to come ... Thank you to Pastor Carl and Laura for leading us, pioneering at the forefront of this remarkable journey, and empowering through all avenues.

Pastor Brian states in The Church I See, that he saw a church "growing so quickly that buildings struggle to contain the increase." This couldn't be more accurate of our journey thus far, and it's a problem we welcome gladly. Looking forward to what lies ahead as we expand to new locations, new services, new courses, new....

With much love and gratefulness,




TOLU BADDERS

THE CHURCH I NOW SEE

The church that I see is a global church. I see a global family: one house with many rooms, outworking a unified vision.

I see a church apostolic in calling, and visionary in nature; committed to boldly impacting millions for Christ in significant cities and nations throughout the earth with the greatest of all causes – the Cause of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I see a church that champions the cause of local churches everywhere; encouraging them to be all that God has called them to be. A church that refuses to be content with the triumphs of the past, but is constantly looking towards the future – filled with a vision that inspires and influences many.

Positioned in the heart of culture, in great diverse urban centres, I see buildings that struggle to contain the increase of all that God is doing; occupying land and places that are miraculous in provision and impossible to ignore.

I see a church that is big enough to dream on a global scale, yet personal enough for every ONE to find their place. I see a church that beckons

‘WELCOME HOME’ to every man, woman and child that walks through the doors.

The church that I see is a worshiping church whose songs reflect such a passion for Christ that others sense His magnificence and power. A distinct sound that emanates from a healthy church, contagious in spirit – creating music that resounds from villages and tribes to great cities and nations.

I see a church that is constantly innovative: A church that leads the communication of a timeless message through media, film, and technology. A church with a message beamed to people around the globe through their television screens, bringing JESUS into homes, palaces and prisons alike.

I see a church with a world-class college that raises, equips, and empowers generations of young, anointed leaders from across the globe. Graduates who serve God in all walks of life, released to salt the earth with dynamic ministries and churches throughout the continents of the world.

I see a church graced with layers of ‘once-in-a-generation’ type leaders – who are naturally gifted, spiritually potent and genuinely humble. Leaders who will pay the price and count the cost of impacting cities and nations with great, God-glorifying churches.

I see a church whose leadership is unified in their commitment to the authenticity, credibility

and quality of its heart. Leaders who dare to be themselves, yet live secure in the knowledge that “what they are part of is bigger than the part they play.”

I see a church committed to an innovative NETWORK that connects hundreds of thousands of pastors and leaders and equips them to flourish. A network committed to the apostolic anointing of leaders who are desperate to see the Church of Jesus Christ rise up to live the un-lived life within her... His glorious Church.

I see like-spirited churches in cities of influence that exemplify faithfulness manifested in bricks and mortar. Churches with supernatural provision of buildings and properties standing as beacons of light that bring glory to God and hope to humanity.

I see a church that loves God, loves people and loves life. Youthful in spirit; generous at heart; faith-filled in confession; loving in nature and inclusive in expression.

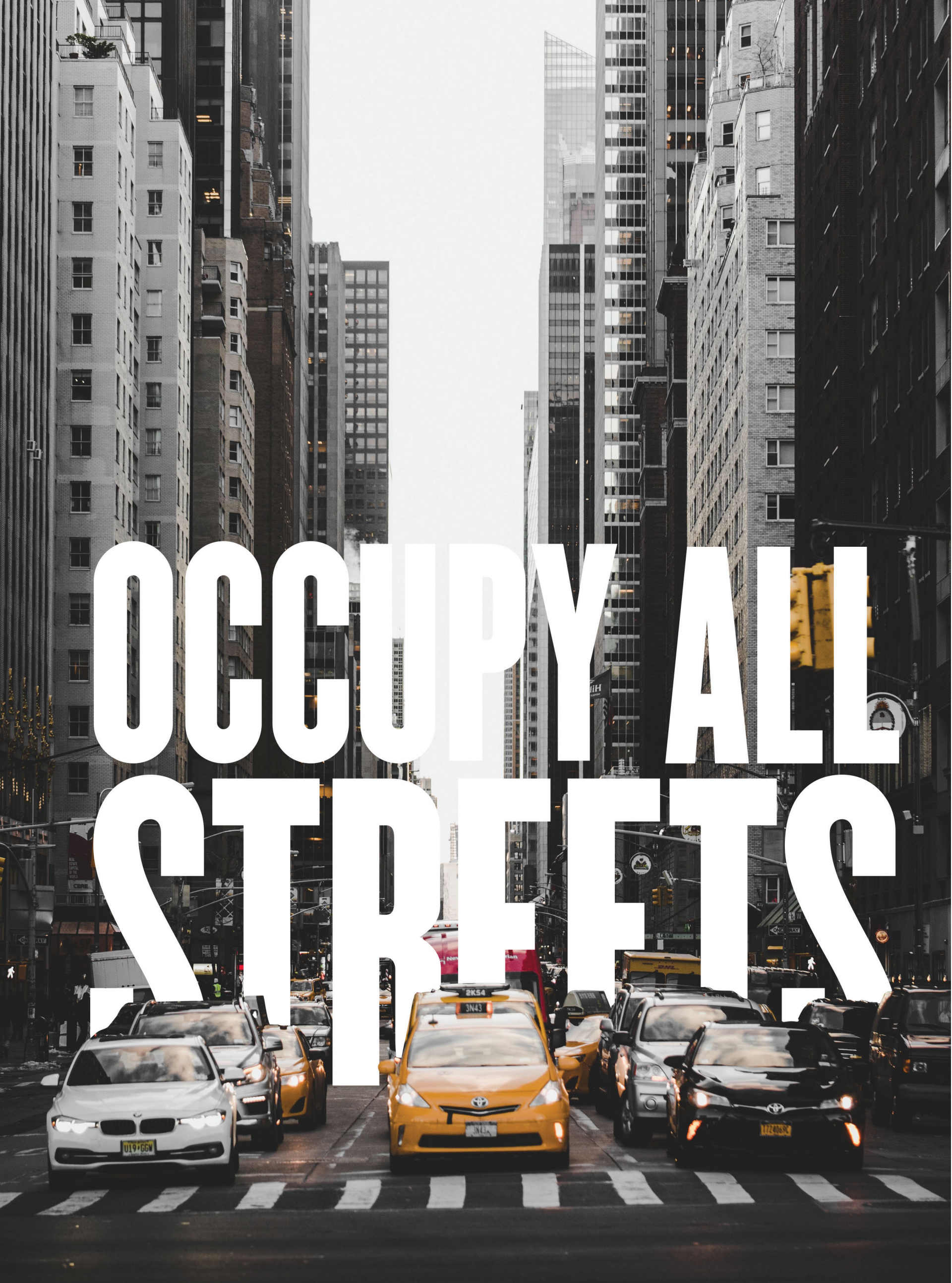
Yes, the church that I see is committed to bringing the love and hope of Christ to impossible situations through the preaching of the gospel and a mandate that drives us to do all we can to bring help and solution to a needy world. Whose head is Jesus, whose help is the Holy Spirit and whose focus is the Great Commission.

- BRIAN HOUSTON

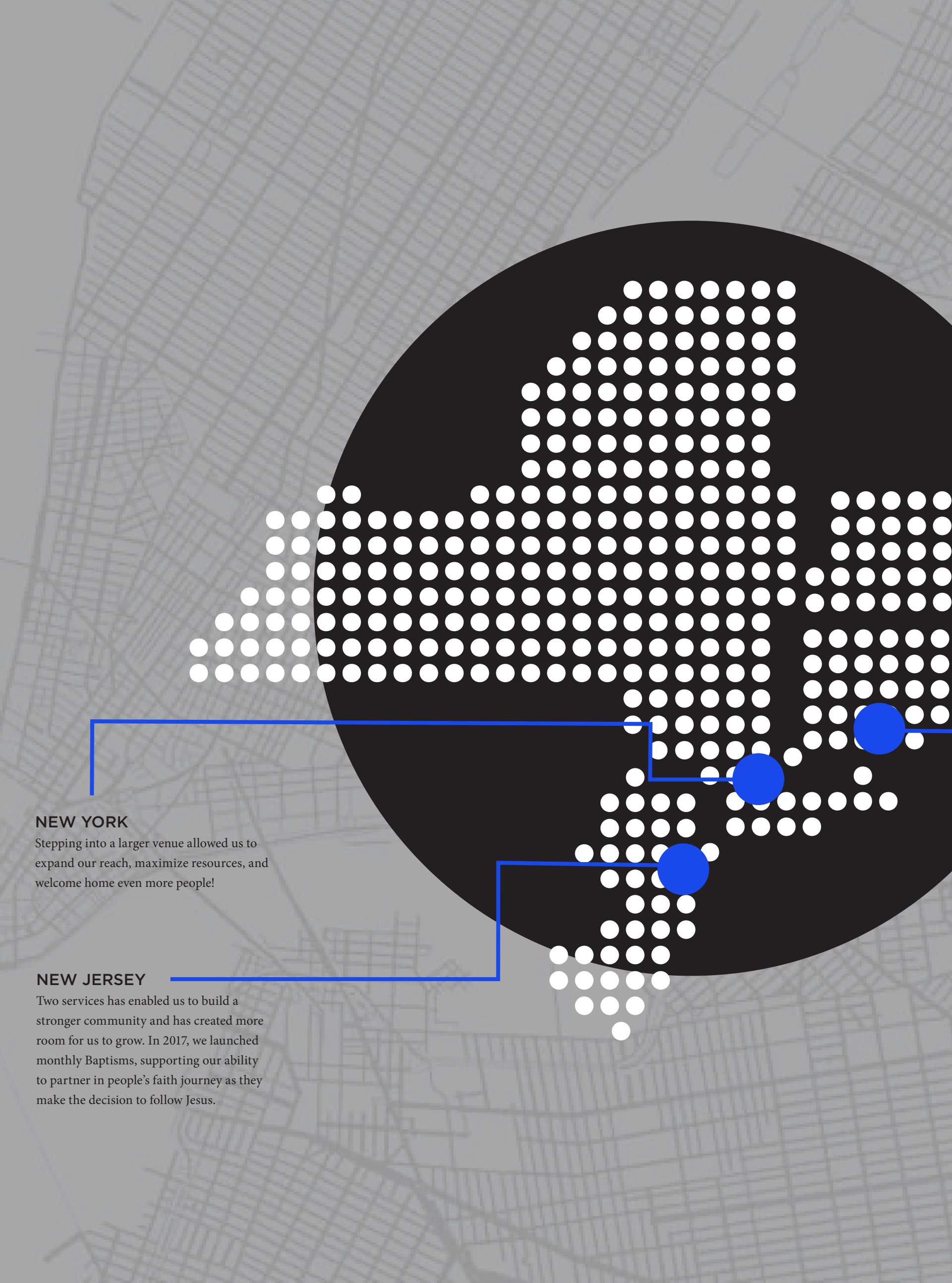


THE CHURCH

LOCATIONS
SUNDAY SERVICES
MIDWEEK
CONNECT GROUPS
CITYHOPE
LIFELINE
BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
HILLSONG PARTNERS
KIDS
YOUTH
THE BLOCK
COLOUR CONFERENCE
SISTERHOOD



OCCUPY ALL STREETS



NEW YORK

Stepping into a larger venue allowed us to expand our reach, maximize resources, and welcome home even more people!

NEW JERSEY

Two services has enabled us to build a stronger community and has created more room for us to grow. In 2017, we launched monthly Baptisms, supporting our ability to partner in people's faith journey as they make the decision to follow Jesus.

BOSTON

Hillsong Boston hosted its first Welcome to Church Night on May 31, 2017 and throughout the year gathered many at “Summer Sunday BBQ’s” in the city of Boston to build community. Soon after this midweek services launched.

CONNECTICUT

Hillsong Connecticut began with building a strong community through Connect Groups and barbecues to launching mid-week services in September of 2017!

LOCATIONS

A church in the wild — we will never change the Message, but we will change the method to reach people.

From the beginning, the vision behind Hillsong has been to be a thriving church where people of all ages and races can find a HOME! Our hope is that every person who encounters our church - whether they walk through our doors or not - will feel the message ‘WELCOME HOME’ resonate within. Welcome to a place where you belong. Welcome to a place that gathers around the broken. Welcome to a place where love resides.

Our heart is for people to find Jesus, grow in their relationship with Jesus, and find a community in which they are championed in every season of life. Throughout any given week you will find faithful leaders and volunteers creating room for people to develop an authentic relationship with Jesus. Sunday services, midweek gatherings, connect groups, trainings, and age-group activities create multiple avenues for people to get plugged into what’s happening in the life of our church.

In 2017 we found ourselves stepping into new venues and taking new ground. As Manhattan outgrew its Midtown and Downtown locations, we were able to combine and begin holding services at the Hammerstein Ballroom. Expanding our New Jersey location to two services allowed us to make more room to grow. We also crossed state lines into Connecticut and Massachusetts as we launched two locations beginning with connect groups and midweek services.

SUNDAYS

Sunday services are crucial to the life of our church for all those who call Hillsong East Coast HOME.

With a total of six services across our New York and New Jersey locations, we welcomed thousands of people into our doors. Each service includes powerful praise and worship, high-caliber creative production, encouraging Bible-based messages, prayer, pastoral care, and practical resources to support connection, community and walking out one's faith - old and new.

At Hillsong East Coast we believe in it all — healing, freedom from addiction, reconciliation of relationships, supernatural natural provision and the power of the Holy Spirit. Our church gathers in the heart of New York City and Montclair, New Jersey to lift up the name of Jesus and witness the miraculous wonders of His grace.

Church on a Sunday would not be possible without the 191 volunteer teams and 1,375 volunteers that serve and give towards seeing our church move forward. Thanks to the sacrifices of our volunteers, people can walk into a service at any of our locations and feel loved, seen, heard, and a sense of belonging.

Church is not meant to be endured but rather enjoyed and at Hillsong Church around the world and here on the east coast of the USA especially we have a lot of fun building our church in the wild.

WELCOME LOUNGE

Across all of our services at every location the Welcome Lounge is the place on a Sunday to get connected into the life of our church. Volunteer teams greet guests and help get them connected to the various areas of church life. This space is where we see the stories of God's impact in people's lives come to

life. The atmosphere of community in the Welcome Lounge carries out into people's Monday - Saturday. Throughout 2017, we began examining how to close gaps people face when trying to get connected into the life of our church and have learned that the Welcome Lounge is the best place for us to invest into to make sure people feel at HOME.

WHAT'S NEXT

In 2017, we expanded to having What's Next Class after each service to help equip people new to faith and/or new to our church with practical tools, teachings and cultural lessons on who Jesus is and what we believe as a church. This class made it possible for us to provide each guest the opportunity to hear a personal testimony and short teaching from our Leadership/Pastoral team.

Our New Christian team helps distribute bibles to new believers and connect them with the What's Next class. This time is used to build community for new people while walking them through their next steps of faith — water baptism, connect groups, serving, etc.

PRAYER AND CARE

Mental, spiritual, emotional, and physical care are all important areas of one's life to ensure you are living a healthy self-led life. Our Pastoral Care, First Aid, and Mental Health teams are available every service on Sundays to help those in any type of need. In 2017, we made steps towards equipping leaders and volunteers with resources to better help others and themselves. We focused on building stronger teams whose primary role on a Sunday is to care for people and be available for conversations, prayer and encouragement.



8,733 PEOPLE
average weekly
attendance



12 PERCENT
growth in
attendance



12,166 BIBLES
handed out



5,079 PRAYER CARDS
received



987 PRAISE CARDS
received





MIDWEEK

Monday through Saturday is when the church comes to life.

There is an opportunity nearly every day of the week for people to get connected, be equipped, impact our community and receive care. Midweek gatherings in New York City and New Jersey created a more intimate environment for worship and connection.

EXCHANGE

Exchange, our intimate weekly service, created avenues to connect people into our church family. These nights focused on specific topics around an individual's spiritual, emotional, mental, and physical well-being. In 2017, topics included dating, marriage, relationships and mental health.

CREATIVE TEAM NIGHT

Our weekly Creative TMNGHT, across all locations, gives creatives an opportunity to build community and explore innovation. Creative is comprised of six key teams: Production, Worship, Film and Television, Creative Arts, Communications, and Volunteer Experience. Each of these areas is home to a variety of teams such as musicians, vocalists, designers, models, actors, artists, producers, directors, etc — all using their creative gifts to innovate and help build God's house.

EVENING COLLEGE

Evening College offers our church an opportunity to learn about God and grow in faith, through hearing and digesting The Bible. One night a week, over 6 weeks, we dive deeper into the context of scripture, creating space to ask questions about theology. We are practically oriented and want to see the biblical principles presented in each course outworked in everyday life. In 2017, our Evening College offered 3 courses: "Faith Foundations," "The Pauline Epistles," and "Ecclesiology — The Church."

Now taught in NYC and NJ, our Evening College aims to provide a friendly, relaxed, faith filled atmosphere to grow in our knowledge and understanding of Jesus.

539 REGISTERED

for our Evening College

374 PEOPLE

on average at Exchange

431 PEOPLE

attended mental health awareness night

245 PEOPLE

on average at creative TMNGHT





CONNECT GROUPS

The heartbeat of our church — the start of life-long family.

Seven years ago our church started with a few people in a small apartment as a connect group. We aren't a church that has Connect Groups - we are a church of Connect Groups. By creating a sense of family and enabling us to build relationships, they make big cities feel like home.

Connect groups vary in size and meet weekly across the east coast area. It is here that people can encounter real and authentic community, further grow in faith and spiritual maturity with one another, and ultimately meet life-long friends to walk out life together — no matter the season of life, this is family. It's the place where a large church becomes small. Where wins and losses, praise and prayer, laughter and tears are shared in living rooms and cafes.

As we have grown rapidly we have come to recognize more than ever that Connect Groups are the best way to pastorally care for our people. We placed greater emphasis on leadership development, care and accountability as they are vital ingredients in the process of building a healthy church.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

We continued to develop Connect Group formats which created more opportunities for people to get involved based on their interests. These included One Hour, Dinner Party, Social and Study Connect Groups. With each containing the same essential group elements, each group looks slightly different and enables an individual to choose what they want to be a part of in their particular season of life.

Each Connect Group is led by one or two leaders who helps organize meetings, facilitate group discussions and connect those in need of additional support from our Lifeline team. This stewardship of people and their lives helps our church increase the amount and quality of care for people who call our church HOME.



1,208 PEOPLE
on average in
connect groups

13 PERCENT
connect group in
attendance

267 CONNECT GROUPS
across all locations

TESTIMONY

This past year, I felt God was nudging me to grow. My day-to-day-life as a school teacher was good, but it was contained and limited. I wasn't sure what was coming, but I felt the Lord challenging me to do more.

I had been involved in Hillsong for several years, mainly serving with CityHOPE and this year we decided we wanted Street Teams to focus not only on connecting with new people, but building relationships we already formed on the street. The only way to make real change is through connections and real relationships, and that would take time.

This was when my heart began to change. As a part of Street Teams I focused on reaching as many people as possible. To do this, I needed to stop and connect with each person, to come back to them and deepen relationships. This was out of my comfort zone. But, I remember having this keen understanding that God loved these people much more than I could ever imagine, and that I had to keep showing up if they were ever going to see a glimpse of that love.

This approach to connecting with people on a more intimate level began to spill into my professional life as well. I became a better teacher when I took the time to know and understand each child as an individual. I began to understand that being the hands and feet of Jesus is not a surface level process; I had to put my ideas of how to connect with people aside, and let the Lord do what He does best.

Trusting God had more for me and listening to his call reminded me that He can, and will, do immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine. I've seen hearts soften, burdens eased, and souls saved for people who the world deemed hopeless. I've come to meet and love people so much deeper than I ever realized was possible.

MONIQUE COOPER
Hillsong CityHOPE



CITYHOPE

CityHOPE is how we love and serve our local community.

Through CityHOPE Connect Groups, Teams and community partnerships, we bring the good news of Jesus through our love and service by practically being His hands and feet. We serve our local communities by coming alongside those who are often overlooked by our society. We believe that caring for and meeting the needs of our local community is not the job of the “missions department” but it is who we are as a church. We believe that we are ALL called to be part of Jesus’ solution in our neighborhoods and in creating different avenues for our church to serve.

CityHOPE is the expression of the heart of our church in the local community, mobilizing volunteers to serve through our programs and projects to meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of the people living in our backyard.

SEASONAL DRIVES

Our CityHOPE team strategically organized seasonal donation-based drives during Back-to-School, Thanksgiving, and Christmas to allow our church opportunities to directly donate items, food, and goods to be distributed to organizations throughout the Tri-State area. Our Back to School Drive saw a 79% increase in back to school items brought in this year compared to last year. Through our drives this year, we as a church collected 22,970 items given through our Back-to-School Drive, Hurricane Maria Relief, Thanksgiving Food Drive, and Christmas Toy Drive.

STREET TEAMS

Homelessness is persistent, but we’re more persistent. Each week, 30+ volunteers disperse throughout the streets of our city, building real relationships and meeting the practical needs of the homeless. With more than 62,000 homeless individuals, we have a lot of street to occupy but we’re making progress, one-on-one in the love of Jesus. In NYC and NJ our Street Teams continued to engage with the homeless community to offer hope and inquire about their needs.

COVENANT HOUSE

A safe haven for the 20,000+ homeless youth in the city, two Friday evenings every month, our volunteers spend time fostering relationships and encouraging those that call Covenant House home. During Thanksgiving week, volunteers from our CityHOPE teams were able to serve and host a three-course meal, serving 200 meals to Covenant House residents.

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS WE SERVE WITH

THE BOWERY MISSION

COVENANT HOUSE

FATHER’S HEART

NJ GOODWILL RESCUE MISSION

NEW YORK RESCUE MISSION



2,799 VOLUNTEERED
SERVING 24,390 PEOPLE
through our various initiatives



DISTRIBUTED 22,970 ITEMS
through community partnerships and projects

258 CHILDREN
SPONSORED
on Compassion Sunday



1,039 TOYS
COLLECTED



via our Christmas
Toy drive and
distributed to:

Covenant House NYC & NJ, NYCHA (Housing
Authority), NYC Police Department, Salvation Army
(NJ), STEPS (NYC), Middle School 302 (NYC), PS
155 (NYC), Jefferson Park Pre-School (NJ), Street
Light Mission (NJ), Father's Heart, Jefferson Park
Pre-School (NJ), Street Light Mission (NJ).





LIFELINE

Looking after practical, spiritual and emotional needs of people who call Hillsong home, through personal contact in response to known needs.

From the very beginning, Hillsong church has always valued the care and development of the individual towards spiritual, mental, emotional, and physical wholeness. With prayer requests, marriages, and baby dedications as our main focus at inception, we have continued to look after these needs in a deeper and fuller way. As we have grown we have been able to add to our response capabilities by addressing and meeting the needs of people through the various stages of life.

Our Lifeline Teams are comprised of dedicated pastors, trained counselors and volunteers who respond to the needs of individuals and families in the church community as they arise. A team that serves individuals through prayer, hospital visits, marriage officiating, day to day conversations, encouragements, and meetings to come alongside individuals in their season of life.

LIFE COURSES

Life courses created and outworked by our team are structured to practically help individuals in their daily lives. These courses are designed for individuals to walk away with the tools and resources they need to help navigate milestones such as strengthening their marriages, taking control of their finances, and living a sober and addiction-free life.



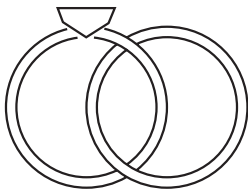
LIFE COURSES INCLUDE

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| Breaking Free | Marriage Workshop |
| Health and Wellness | Financial Peace |
| Pre-Marriage Prep | Racial Reconciliation* |

*Racial Reconciliation, a course piloted in 2017 created by our team to address individual and corporate biases from a Jesus perspective.



506 ATTENDEES
across our life courses



30 MARRIAGES
performed by a
Hillsong officiant



38 BABIES DEDICATED
across all locations

TESTIMONY

During a difficult time, I clearly heard God tell me to stay. He would use this experience, our painful story, for something good but only if I stayed put. Even though I found myself in the midst of a broken relationship, God wanted me to remain committed to our marriage.

Before Scott and I began coming to Hillsong Church, we struggled with marriage and we had to go through a long season of prayer and counseling, individually and together, before our marriage could heal. We started serving on the Relationships team at Hillsong NYC in late 2011 and, in 2017, began leading the Marriage Workshop. We share our story of forgiveness and restoration at every Marriage Workshop and I have seen the impact it has had on other couples. That day, when God spoke to me, I made a choice to obey Him, even though I did not want to. To have the opportunity to share our experience, and help other couples navigate their relationships, is validation from God telling me His promise is coming to pass.

We want to continue to ensure that couples and families are getting the support they need at Hillsong. For us, that means supporting relationship-based connect groups and helping build the Crisis Response Team supports couples and families in crisis. This rapidly growing team has also opened more doors than we could ever have imagined; Hillsong is now able to offer the two-day Marriage Workshop four times a year in Manhattan, and we hope to expand the workshop to all of our other locations. We are dreaming God-sized dreams for the future of the Marriage Workshop and the Relationship team. We want to help build a divorce recovery program, develop parenting and family courses, as well as update the curriculum offered during the Marriage Workshop. It's such a testament to God's grace that Scott and I can use our once broken marriage to help restore other relationships. I can't wait to see what comes next.

SCOTT & CARYL HELSEL
Relationships Team



TESTIMONY

When Hannah and I moved to New York to join Hillsong in 2015, we were ready to build our new life there. We never imagined that less than three years later, we'd pack up our home and head even further north. But God called us to help build and lead the new Hillsong Boston location, and we followed.

We struggled when we first got to New York so we decided to lean into our new community to see what God had in store for us in that city. We went to everything we could physically attend: Evening College, Exchange services, connect groups; we wanted to be around people who would challenge us and encourage us to stretch and grow. We joined a connect group led by the Hillsong New Jersey pastors and eventually began leading our own. Soon we took on more responsibilities in the church, and began overseeing Exchange mid-week services in New Jersey. We were finally settling down.

Then a commission came. Hillsong NYC was preparing to build a Boston location, and volunteers were needed to help with the expansion. Connect Groups had been meeting in Boston in backyards for a year, and they were ready for their own campus. Hannah knew immediately that we needed to be a part of this, but I wasn't feeling it right away. So we talked logistics -- what a move would mean for us financially and if we were ready to leave behind this incredible community we had come to love. We didn't know then that Hillsong Boston would eventually become home to hundreds of people, but we decided to take a leap of faith and go where God was calling us.

We've been here for almost a year now, and God has been so faithful. We have been overseeing Connect Groups, and Hillsong Boston has already grown to thirty connect groups (mostly co-ed, a few young adult, a couple all-women's, and one all men's). We've been focusing our efforts on building a community for youth and young adults.

If there's one thing Hannah and I learned when we left Florida, it's how desperately we need community. The reason New York was so amazing for us was because, years back, a group of faithful people decided to move to that city to build a home church and a community that my wife and I could one day lean on. We want to give to young people in Boston what Hillsong gave to us - a place to belong and do life together. Now when we start to miss New York and New Jersey, we remind ourselves why we're here: to give to Boston what we felt when we first arrived in New York.

DONNIE AND HANNAH MAINELLIS
Hillsong Boston





BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

BUSINESS COMMUNITY

Our Business Community is for professionals, entrepreneurs, leaders, and students who feel called to impact their workplaces, schools, and community and propel the mission of God in their respective industries. Our prayer is that they leave empowered to thrive in every sphere of life and to be all God has called them to be.

RISE BUSINESS SERVICE

Launched in Fall of 2017, our monthly meetings, located in the heart of midtown, are uniquely targeting professionals whose hours may not allow for midweek evening events or typical church attendance.

BUSINESS TEAMS

The business team at Hillsong NYC is a community of working professionals who feel called to bring their skills and talents to help build the church. Business teams include: Legal & Advisory, Real Estate & Venues, Afterwork, and Women In Business.

163 PEOPLE
average monthly attendance at Rise

\$150,000 SAVED
estimated savings through our Legal & Advisory teams

NEW DEVELOPMENTS

HILLSONG NYC OFFICE

At the start of 2017, Hillsong New York took its first office space. Over 4,000 square feet at 316 Church Street, in Tribeca. A place where our staff, leaders and volunteers can gather and strategically outwork the vision of our house. It has been a massive blessing to our church thus far.

HAMMERSTEIN BALLROOM DEAL

Our New York City Sunday venue has been a fight since day one. Thank God in 2017, we were able to negotiate, for the first time in our 7 year history, a long term, auto-renew Sunday contract at the Hammerstein. This consistency helps us budget, plan and be more strategic as we look for long term solutions for our growing church. As we continue to operate in strength and faith, we are believing that God is going to open doors to put us in a position to

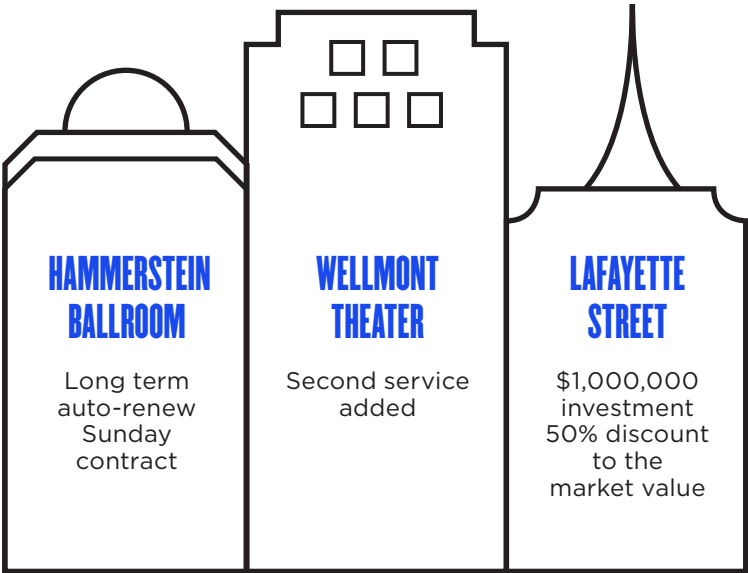
be the head and not the tail. Additionally, we have taken more space in the Hammerstein on Sundays, to look after our kids and create space for our volunteers and church to be discipled and grow outside of our services.

WELLMONT THEATER CONTRACT

In 2017, we added an additional service in NJ. This was a strategic move to make room for our church to continue to grow. This faith leap has turned out to be a remarkable God story, attendance has increased by 1,681 and we have seen growth of 41%. With the financial health of this location and the growing families we are planning to purchase our own facilities in the near future.

LAFAYETTE STREET

Our church took its first step in securing a long-term foothold in New York. Hillsong was approached by a developer to lease office space and have a multi-use venue at a 50% discount to the market due to benefits that the developer would receive by having a “community facility” within the tenancy. This lease was a tremendous moment for us to take space in Manhattan in a robust and commuter-friendly neighborhood for our staff, volunteers and church. But that was not all. With prayerful consideration, our lead pastors, local team and international board saw this as a moment for us to invest where we will live. We negotiated a “promote free” partnership with the developer and invested one million dollars into the project, brought in through Hillsong Partners and Heart for the House. Our church will benefit long-term from this position of ownership we will have for generations to come.



HILLSONG PARTNERS

For many years, Hillsong Partners has advanced the kingdom of God by building nations and building lives.

The practical work of Hillsong Partners has carved a path for hundreds of thousands of people to experience the tangible love of Christ through planting local churches, feeding hungry children, educating entire villages and reaching into places we may never have the chance to go ourselves.

Partners exists to partner your generosity with the vision of our church. For each person who calls Hillsong home, Partners is an opportunity to thoughtfully steward the resources that are in their hand and to put into practice the biblical principles of generosity; to sow 'seed' into both our church, local and global communities. Hillsong Partners has three focuses: **Our Home, Our Neighbors, and Our World.**

OUR HOME

Through Hillsong Partners our church is able to grow, stretch and expand into much needed facilities, as well as extend our reach locally, adding new "rooms" around the East Coast.

At the start of this year we opened the doors to our new Hillsong NYC Offices. These facilities have both strengthened our ministries and reduced the cost of hiring external premises, allowing our staff and volunteers to grow and develop exponentially. Throughout 2017, we continued to expand, launching two new locations: Hillsong Boston and Hillsong Connecticut. Additionally invested a million dollars into 363 Lafayette Street. Taking our first ownership stake in NYC. This multipurpose facility is slated for completion in the Spring of 2019.

OUR NEIGHBORS

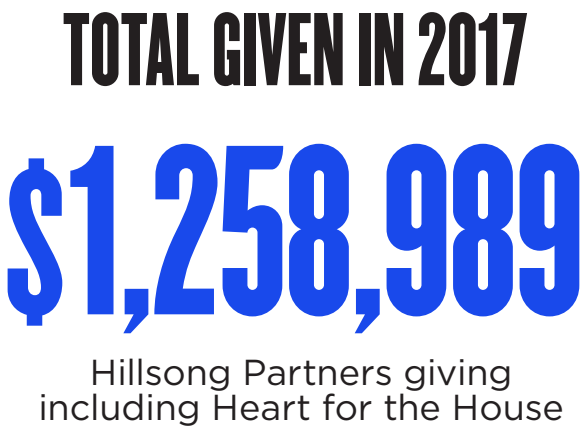
Beyond the doors of our Sunday Services, Hillsong Partners helps to resource CityHOPE to engage our local community through its growing programs and services which include: Street Teams, serving our community through meeting practical needs of our homeless community and serving alongside other long-standing organizations in NYC & NJ.

We are committed to extending our local reach by growing our community partnerships and developing more initiatives that will build relationships, empower young people and meet the needs of our community. Hillsong Partners distributed \$170,522.95 from funds raised to support the benevolent activities of CityHOPE.

OUR WORLD

Globally, the generous giving of Hillsong Partners has funded powerful initiatives that have made a significant impact and have brought sustainable change to the lives of countless individuals, families and communities.

Through Hillsong Partners we are committed to partnering with initiatives that are devoted to making a tangible and sustainable impact, building relationships, meeting needs, strengthening families and providing security and safety for the most vulnerable in our communities.



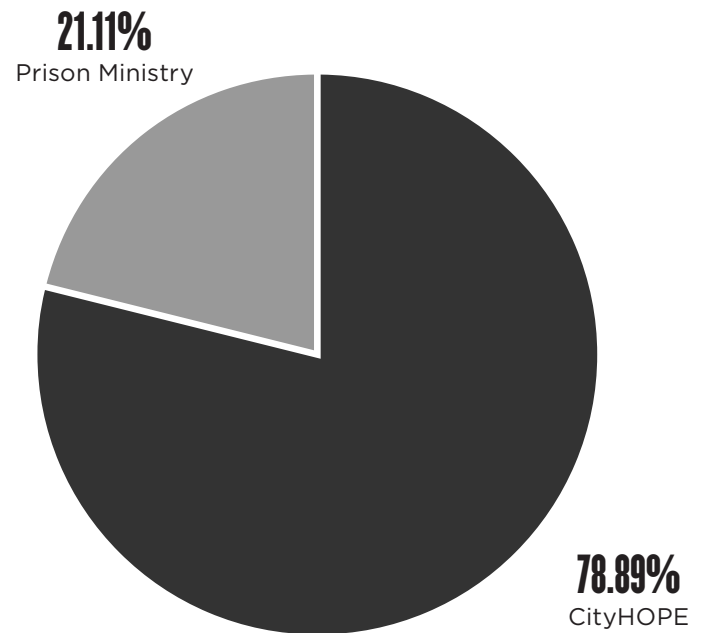
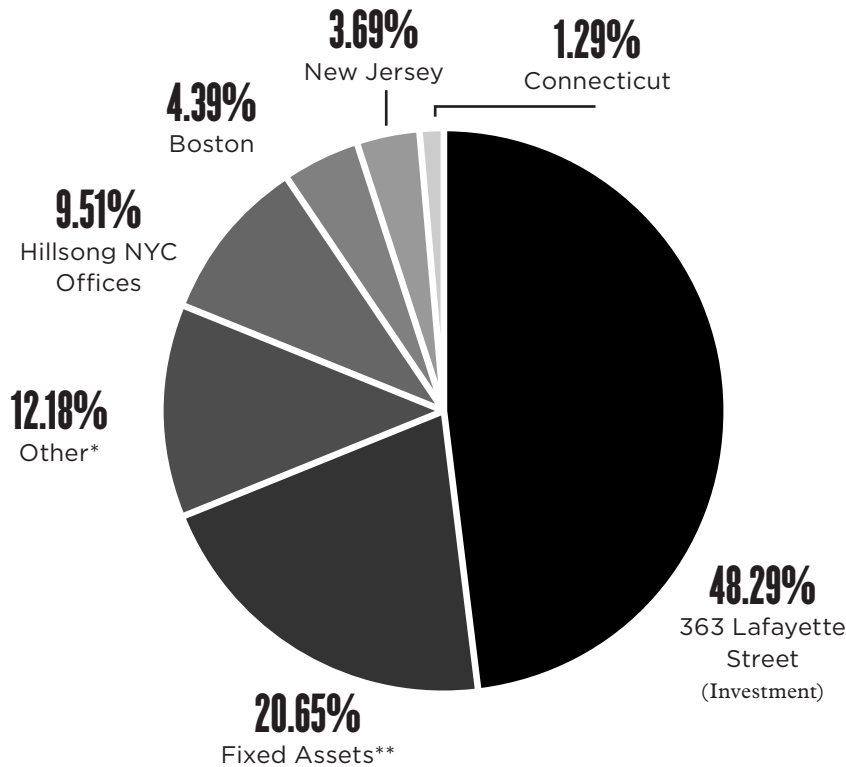
TOTAL INVESTED IN 2017

\$2,112,325

OUR HOME

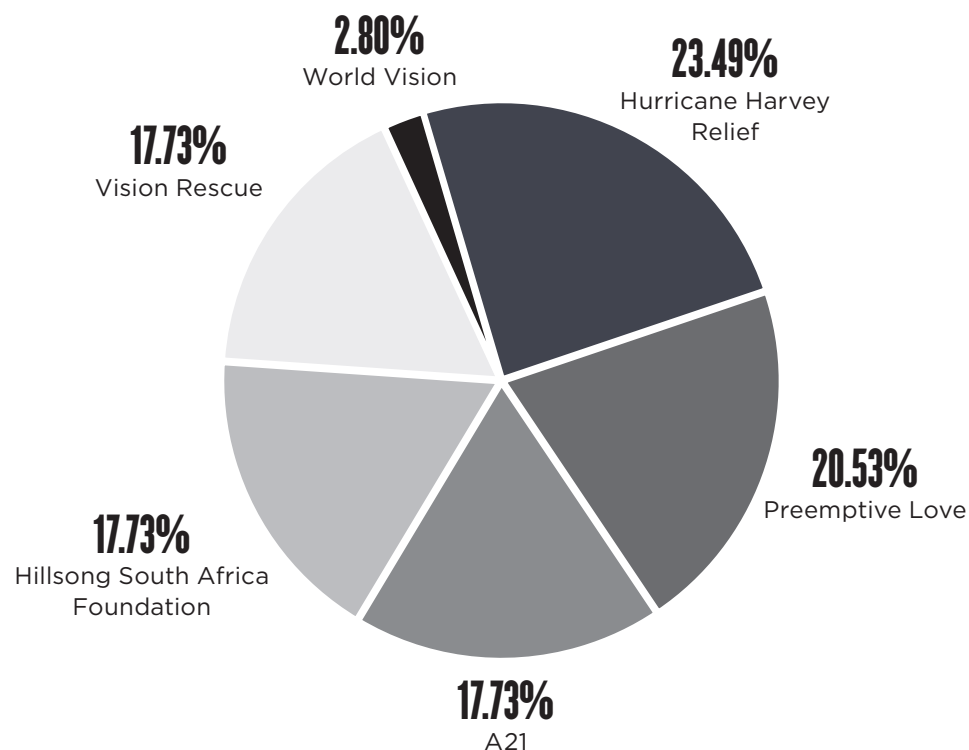
\$170,522

OUR NEIGHBORS



\$95,402

OUR WORLD



*Partner Events, Heart for the House, Administrative Costs, Rise Business Service and Sisterhood Services

** Computer & Equipment, Furniture & Fixtures, Leasehold Improvements, Production Equipment, Road Cases, Software and Transportation



**CHAMPIONING THE
CHURCH OF JESUS
EVERY NATION, D
AND BACKGROUND.**



CAUSE OF THE CHRIST — ACROSS DENOMINATION, AGE

- THE CHURCH I NOW SEE

TESTIMONY

I didn't truly understand what it meant to welcome someone home until the day my son Ziv was born at the beginning of 2017. But I was prepared -- serving on the "What's Next" team with new believers at Hillsong had given me some experience in welcoming people home. As a new father, I had a new appreciation for what it meant to be a welcoming, committed, and loving leader, but I was thankful that God had prepared my heart for this moment.

Kathleen and I had been leading the New People Team and we quickly came to understand the significance of welcoming and caring for new believers joining the Christian family. Admittedly, there were many moments of doubt when I thought I was being called to lead beyond my capability. Connecting and following up with new believers challenged me in a way I hadn't expected, and Kathleen had to remind me that we were called to love this community. This was not for show, but something we had committed to doing as a married couple, for the glory of God.

Taking on that leadership role was definitely a season of growth for us. I regularly questioned whether I was serving in the right place at church and somehow, that's where I learned to be consistently faithful, to do the best I could and commit to God's word. With every hurdle overcome, we saw the fruits of our commitment, and every step helped strengthen our marriage. Just as we were stretching out of our comfort zone, a familiar voice would replant seeds of boldness, and our spirits would be renewed.

God had led me into a leadership role I didn't always feel prepared for, but as I held my baby boy, I realized that those moments of discomfort helped mold me into the father I would become to my son.

NINO & KATHLEEN DIMACUHA
Hillsong New York





KIDS

Through fun experiences, meaningful music and ministry that encourages kids to participate, we present Jesus Christ and His Church in a relevant way, creating moments children will never forget.

Our heart is to create an environment where kids can have a tangible experience with Jesus, they can be empowered to make a difference in their world and equipped to outwork the call of God on their lives! No matter the age or ability, we aim to fulfill these tasks and call! We may go through seasons where we place more of an emphasis in certain areas, but we still aim to provide the greatest programs for our kids while learning to make them more relevant week by week! Our vision and heart for kids will never change.

At our Manhattan location, we were able to expand our elementary program with our move to Hammerstein Ballroom. Not only were we able to create an excellent elementary program, we were able to give our early childhood age group a much needed room upgrade and the space to care and minister to our youngest.

In New Jersey we put an emphasis on developing our pre-teen ministry, Voltage, which was a massive and necessary move. We were able to gather kids that, statistically, don't want to go to church. We fought this fight and brought many pre-teens that have found the importance and relevance of church!

WEEKLY KIDS SERVICES

The Kids Team runs weekly programs in conjunction with our weekend services. Throughout 2017, 275 children, on average, attended our weekend programs in New York and New Jersey.



171 KIDS

average weekly attendance NYC

104 KIDS

average weekly attendance NJ

200 DECISIONS

to follow Jesus

KIDS MINISTRY

| | |
|-------------|-----------------|
| Cubby House | 1 - 2 years old |
| Ark | 3 - 5 years old |
| All Stars | K - 3rd Grade |
| Voltage | 4th - 5th Grade |

YOUTH

Youth has always been about connecting students with Jesus and with others.

Our heart has been to see students aged 11-18 grow in their faith as they discover the plan and purpose that God has for their life. Also, while helping every young person feel like they have a family - a place to belong and call home.

RADICAL DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS (RDG)

Through weekly RDG meetings and our Friday night youth program, young people from all boroughs, interests and walks of life find fun, friendship and dedicated leaders committed to supporting their growth. Our heart is to see young people get to know God on a more intimate level and build a dynamic relationship with Jesus, while building life-long friendships.

ENCOUNTER

Encounter 2017 was an opportunity for the young people of our city to gather over two days with the purpose of encountering Jesus. When Paul encountered God for the first time, his life changed forever and he walked away with a new vision. Encounter, packed with creative items and powerful praise and worship, was geared towards empowering youth and young adults in our community through Christ-centered teaching. Our prayer is that every young person will be changed by Jesus.

SUMMER CAMP

A week like no other, no distractions, the sun beaming down, sun screened faces, whilst splashing around making new friends, and creating memories that will last a lifetime. A week that changes lives. Over the years, thousands can testify to what God has done in their lives, families and schools at summer camps. What can take months or even years, God can do in a moment at summer camp. Young people have the opportunity through Bible based messages from our youth pastors, to learn values around identity, friendships, life choices, positive relationships, learning to overcome setbacks and so much more.

Leading up to our first ever Summer Camp we launched two Tribes: Blue Wolfpack and Yellow Lightning, that helped build community and excitement among students. Following the end of Summer Camp, we launched a 21-day Bible reading plan for students and leaders to study together. It was amazing to hear some of the stories of RDG's doing this together and, in many cases, students reading their Bible for the first time.



202 ATTENDEES
at ENCOUNTER

127 YOUTH
on average
attend weekly

224 ATTENDEES
at our sold out
summer camp



THE BLØCK

THE BLØCK is filled with young adults pursuing their dreams in the city. Their passion for life contributes greatly to our passion to build His house.

The mission of the Block is to reach young adults in this city with the love of Jesus Christ. We reach those around us by empowering each and every young adult to be all they are called to be. Our vision is to connect young adults to the strength and mission of the local church and to empower them to stand firm in their calling and to be open with their invite. We believe in the strength and significance of every young adult's voice and their ability to share the gospel in innovative and creative ways. With Jesus culture and creativity as the heart of all we do, we create spaces for young people to learn more of who they are called to be and step into their passion with confidence and security. We are just getting started reaching this city Block by Block!

LEADERS LAB

The BLØCK launched Leaders Lab, a weekly gathering of all leaders within our age group to learn and grow in their understanding of the culture and leadership of our church. Leaders Lab was featured in every monthly service where we took a moment to honor and learn from a leader who was leading and reaching others in their own field!

SOCIALS

We have grown immensely in our ability to welcome freshmen across college campuses in New York City. In 2017, our NYC college community started hosting gatherings on campus as an opportunity to gather students who attend Hillsong and invite others to Sunday services as well.

Our Fridays Night Hangs grew in both excitement and attendance in 2017, drawing crowds as large as 80-100 young adults in the summer!



475 YOUNG ADULTS
on average sitting
in on Sunday

315 ATTENDEES
at ENCOUNTER

35 BLØCK CG'S
met weekly



COLOUR CONFERENCE

I see a church that champions the cause of local churches everywhere; encouraging them to be all that God has called them to be.

Colour Conference is a global movement of everyday women, with hope in their heart and change in their step. It continues to influence women of all ages, backgrounds and cultures, uniting them under one cause and encouraging them to contribute in bringing a solution to the needs they see within their local and global communities. In 2017, Colour Conference was held in Brooklyn, New York at the beautiful Kings Theatre with over 3,200 in attendance.



3,659

involved
at Colour
Conference

3,212

delegates

447

volunteers

329

decisions for
Christ

245

Compassion
children
sponsored

63

Metro cards
through
Sisterhood
Collection

SISTERHOOD

Sisterhood exists to empower, equip and mobilize our women.

Over the past few years Sisterhood has functioned through Connect Groups, Sisterhood United nights and our annual Colour Conference. Throughout the year, we created new intentional ways to foster a community that places value and identity on women through Sisterhood. With a focus on Connect Groups, we created personal devotionals written by our staff and team around the theme of Colour Conference, “Be Found.”

As a Sisterhood we endeavor to provide a range of projects that reflect our heart to honor God and make a difference. In 2017, the vision for our local impact project was to begin supporting survivors of domestic violence in and through an organization called Safe Horizons.

DEVOTIONALS

Sisterhood Devotionals created a new platform for our women to engage in some real heart-to-heart discussions with the women in our world. A beautiful devotional series focused around the theme “Be Found” was launched by Pastor Laura Lentz and included others written by our very own team. They were fun, practical, confronting, and honestly divine.

WOMEN ON PLATFORM

Our first ever two-night “women on platform” workshop hosted by Pastor Carl was open to all women in our church covering the fundamentals of women in ministry. Providing practical tips and tools for how to occupy a ministry platform in whatever sphere of life you currently occupy.

Women on Platform was launched from our Lead Pastor’s heart for our platform to be a representation of our church. Creating more and more opportunities for women on platform, including our team speaking on Mother’s Day across all our services, regular weekend services, as well as our Exchange Midweek service.



“Our heartbeat is to place value upon womanhood. Our mandate is to gather a company of women who recognize and believe in their potential. Our adventure is to make the world a better place. Our desire is to love God, be kind to His children, and make Him famous throughout this entire earth.”

- BOBBIE HOUSTON

487 WOMEN

attended Women on Platform night

14,793 ITEMS

collected for our local impact project supporting Safe Horizons

FINANCIALS

CFO LETTER
AUDITOR REPORT
FINANCIALS



CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER LETTER

Our 2017 Annual Report is a reflection of our commitment to play a part in seeing generations of people find hope in the message of Jesus Christ. With our local church's first ever Annual Report we are excited to show, in detail, our financial journey. The financial report will describe the generosity of those who call Hillsong East Coast home, detail how we have matured in our 7 years, chronicle how we have cared for what God has given us, and outline the investment that has enabled us to take ground and expand. As a church, we feel we have a mandate to dream big, but also to steward well.

As we continue to build His Church, our hope is that we will always create space for hearts to be stirred. In 2017, we saw our weekly giving increase by 12.4%. Giving to our church is a sacrificial act of sowing resource in faith. This increase has allowed us to make room for every one and for every one to find their place in this House. As a result of the generosity of our church, we have been able to add two new locations, Hillsong Connecticut and Hillsong Boston, in 2018 as well as invest in our first building at 363 Lafayette Street in New York, New York.

As we have grown and expanded into four locations, we are guiding the financial provision of the church by stewarding and strategically using funds to build a strong foundation. In *The Church I Now See*, Pastor Brian envisions our church to be, "Positioned in the heart of culture, in great diverse urban centers. I see buildings that struggle to contain the increase of all that God is doing; occupying land and places that are miraculous in

provision and impossible to ignore." These new locations embody the vision of our house as we occupy new zip codes.

At the beginning of the year, we were approached with a unique opportunity to invest in a yet-to-be-built building at 363 Lafayette Street in Manhattan. For the first time as a church we are physically laying foundation with this brand new building, by investing \$1,000,000. Our prayer, as we take ground and own buildings to house our Sunday services, is to build and create a home for all that happens throughout the week. In 2017, we have also had the opportunity to invest in much needed church services' equipment including new road cases that help us load in and out of our Sunday rented venues for all of our locations, and other assets as we cultivate our growth. The heart of our church beats because of the sacrifice of many. We, as a church, pray, plan and steward the future endeavors of Hillsong Church by investing the balance of the funds into facilities needed to cater and grow our locations.

In 2017, Hillsong Partners distributed \$170,522.55 from funds raised to support the local activities of Hillsong CityHOPE. On a global scale, we distributed \$90,066.69 from funds raised to support the benevolent activities of Vision Rescue, Hillsong Africa Foundation, A21 Thailand, Preemptive Love Coalition also including the Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund.

The 2017 financial results reflect a full year of activity, but we have diagrammed our past 6 years in the pages of this report. We would like to

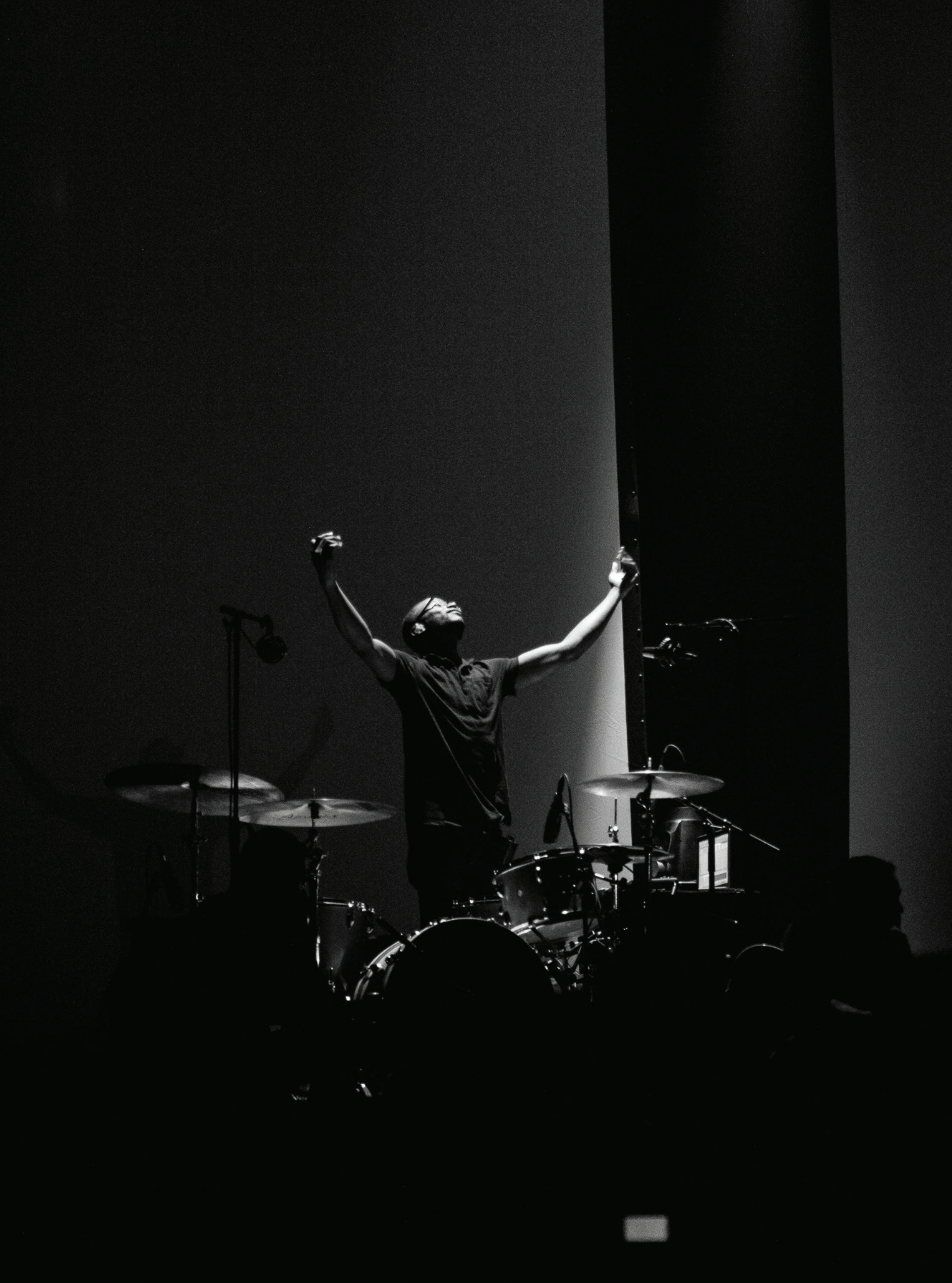
express our thanks to our auditors, Capin Crouse, who have provided guidance and advisory since the beginning of 2013.

We are thankful to God for His continued blessing on our church. We are forever grateful for our Global Senior Pastors, Brian and Bobbie Houston and our Lead Pastors, Carl and Laura, whose leadership, inclusive hearts and ever-expanding vision, continue to make a way for us to bring hope and practical support to the people and local communities we serve in our cities.

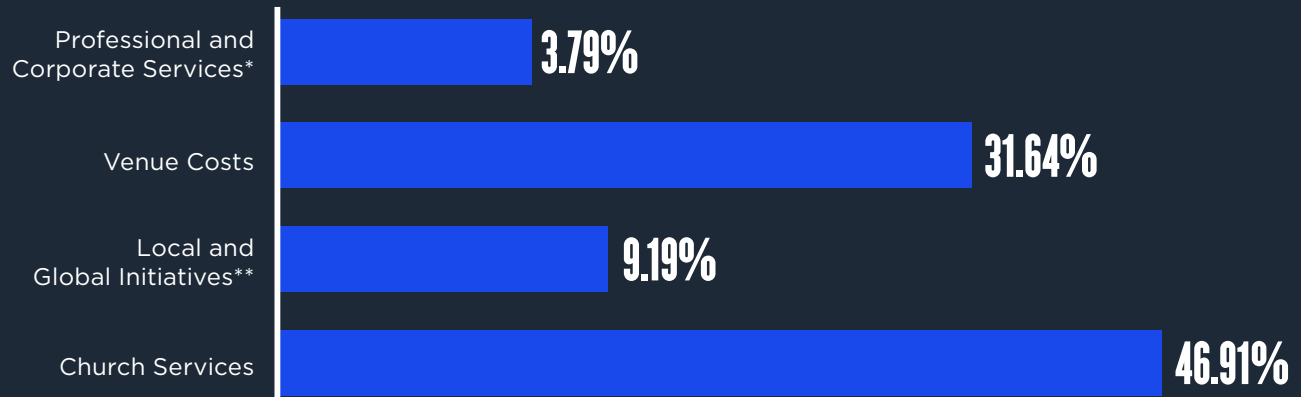


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JOHN CORNELIUS



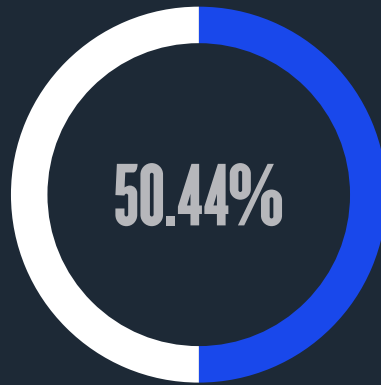
HOW RESOURCES ARE SPENT



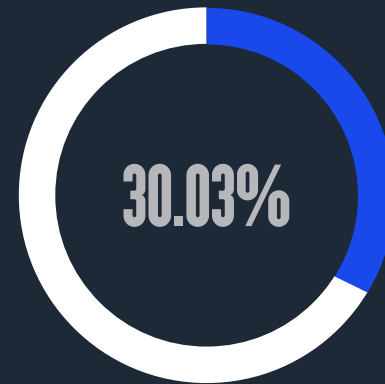
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**CityHOPE, Worldwide Hillsong missions, disaster relief & Heart for the House donations

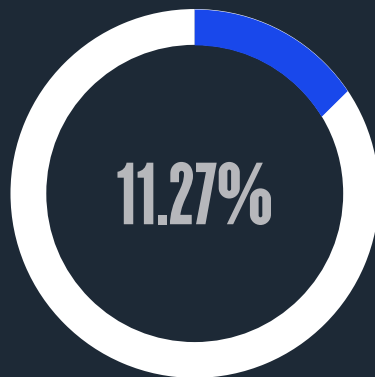
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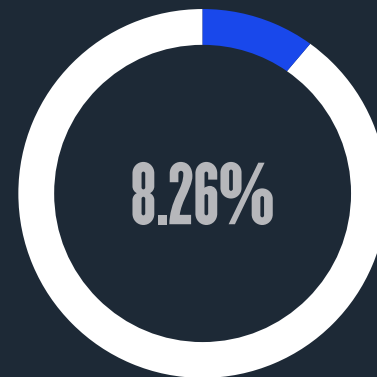
Pastors & Leaders
Lead Pastors
Location Pastors
Service Pastors
People Care
Connect Group Support
Professional and Administrative Support
Volunteer Support



Campus Location Operating Costs
Office Costs
Trucks
Telephone
Utilities
Storage
Venue Safety

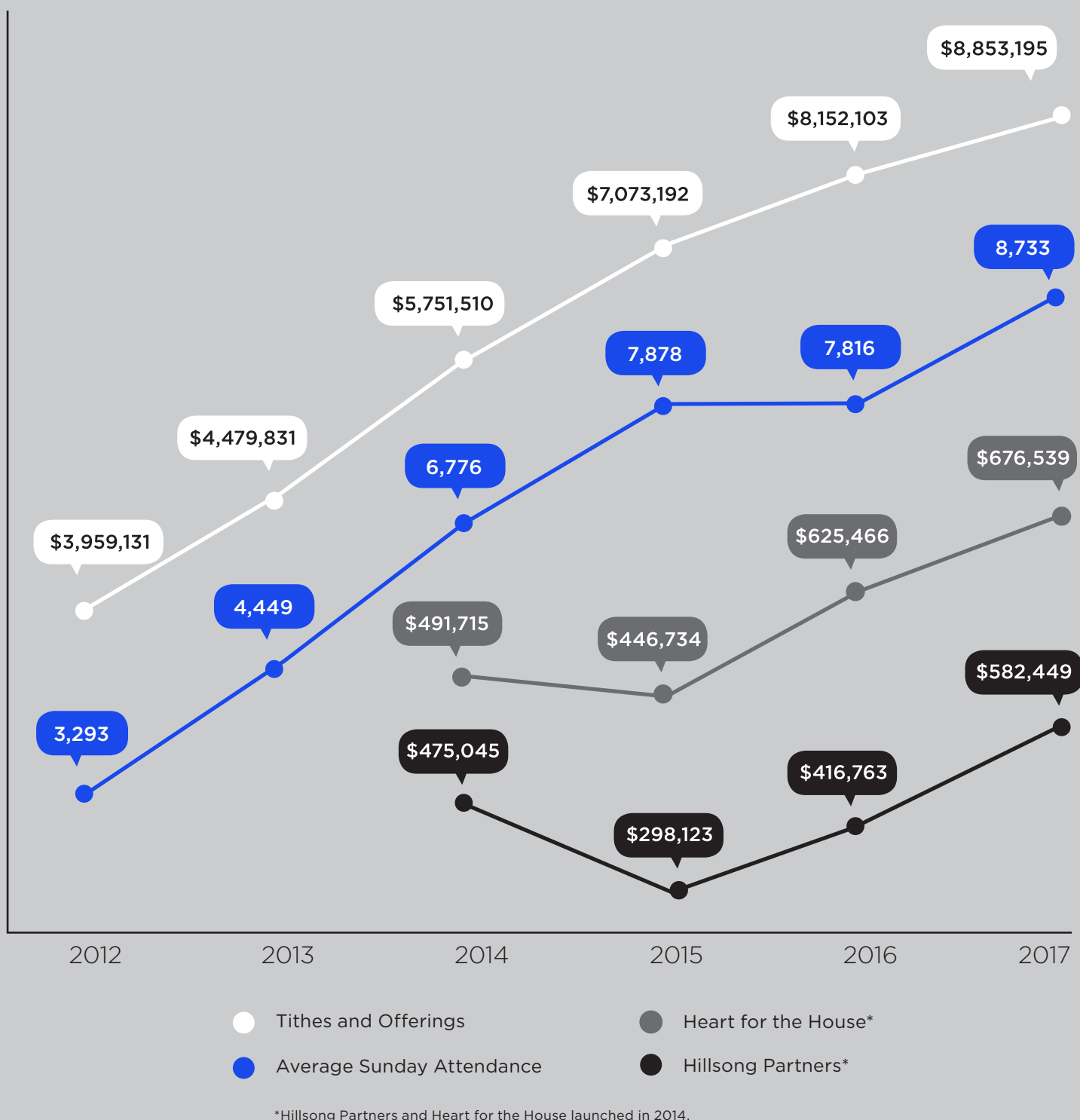


Worship & Creative Programs
Worship Pastors
Church Production Teams
Creative Design
Musical & Production Equipment
Marketing/Communication



Children & Youth
Children, Youth
and Young Adult Pastors
Weekend Programs
Annual Camp and Conference

GROWTH AND FINANCES



2017 OPERATING REVENUE COMPARISON

**9% INCREASE
FROM 2016**



AUDITOR'S REPORT



HILLSONG CHURCH USA, INC.
HILLSONG NYC, LLC
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Hillsong NYC, LLC, which comprise the statements of financial position as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the

entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Hillsong NYC, LLC as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, and the changes in its net assets and cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Related Party Relationship

Hillsong NYC, LLC is a single-member LLC. Hillsong Church USA, Inc., itself a single-member LLC, is the sole member of Hillsong NYC, LLC. Hillsong Church, LTD., a foreign corporation, is the sole member of Hillsong Church USA, Inc. Hillsong NYC, LLC functions as the sole expression of Hillsong Church, LTD.'s ministries in the New York, New York area. See Note 5 for details relating to the transactions between Hillsong NYC, LLC and Hillsong Church, LTD.

Capin Crouse LLP

New York, New York
August 16, 2018

FINANCIALS

Statements of Financial Position

| | December 31, | |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| | 2017 | 2016 |
| ASSETS: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 1,994,097 | \$ 2,818,359 |
| Contributions receivable | 354,546 | 234,608 |
| Receivables from associated organizations | 1,021,972 | 61,503 |
| Other receivables | 38,690 | 9,400 |
| Prepaid expenses and other assets | 142,734 | 124,301 |
| Resource inventory | 118,030 | 93,441 |
| Furniture and equipment - net | 1,162,816 | 1,011,520 |
| Total Assets | <u>\$ 4,832,885</u> | <u>\$ 4,353,132</u> |
| LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS: | | |
| Liabilities: | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 48,138 | \$ 12,303 |
| Accrued expenses | 76,708 | 109,817 |
| Deferred rent credit | 93,956 | 100,406 |
| Total liabilities | <u>218,802</u> | <u>222,526</u> |
| Net assets: | | |
| Unrestricted: | | |
| Undesignated | 2,253,041 | 788,275 |
| Investment in furniture and equipment | 1,162,816 | 1,011,520 |
| | <u>3,415,857</u> | <u>1,799,795</u> |
| Temporarily restricted | 1,198,226 | 2,330,811 |
| Total net assets | <u>4,614,083</u> | <u>4,130,606</u> |
| Total Liabilities and Net Assets | <u>\$ 4,832,885</u> | <u>\$ 4,353,132</u> |

Statements of Activities

| | Year Ended December 31, | | | | | |
|--|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| | 2017 | | | 2016 | | |
| | Unrestricted | Temporarily Restricted | Total | Unrestricted | Temporarily Restricted | Total |
| SUPPORT, REVENUE AND RELEASES: | | | | | | |
| Tithes, offerings and contributions | \$ 8,853,195 | \$ 1,245,666 | \$ 10,098,861 | \$ 8,152,103 | \$ 1,017,203 | \$ 9,169,306 |
| Other income | 88,833 | - | 88,833 | 142,576 | - | 142,576 |
| Net assets released from restrictions | 2,378,251 | (2,378,251) | - | 795,582 | (795,582) | - |
| Total Support, Revenue and Releases | 11,320,279 | (1,132,585) | 10,187,694 | 9,090,261 | 221,621 | 9,311,882 |
| EXPENSES: | | | | | | |
| Program services | 7,999,707 | - | 7,999,707 | 7,057,383 | - | 7,057,383 |
| Management and administrative | 1,239,251 | - | 1,239,251 | 960,115 | - | 960,115 |
| Global contributions to associated organization | 465,259 | - | 465,259 | 405,410 | - | 405,410 |
| Total Expenses | 9,704,217 | - | 9,704,217 | 8,422,908 | - | 8,422,908 |
| Change in Net Assets | 1,616,062 | (1,132,585) | 483,477 | 667,353 | 221,621 | 888,974 |
| Net Assets, Beginning of Year | 1,799,795 | 2,330,811 | 4,130,606 | 1,132,442 | 2,109,190 | 3,241,632 |
| Net Assets, End of Year | \$ 3,415,857 | \$ 1,198,226 | \$ 4,614,083 | \$ 1,799,795 | \$ 2,330,811 | \$ 4,130,606 |

Statements of Cash Flows

| | Year Ended December 31, | |
|--|-------------------------|---------------------|
| | 2017 | 2016 |
| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES: | | |
| Change in net assets | \$ 483,477 | \$ 888,974 |
| Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided (used) by operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation | 261,487 | 154,566 |
| Change in: | | |
| Contributions receivable | (119,938) | (153,898) |
| Receivables from associated organizations | (960,469) | (236,227) |
| Other receivables | (29,290) | (1,751) |
| Prepaid expenses and other assets | (18,433) | (4,157) |
| Resource inventory | (24,589) | 29,773 |
| Accounts payable | 35,835 | (2,697) |
| Accrued expenses | (33,109) | 78,230 |
| Deferred rent credit | (6,450) | 100,406 |
| Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities | <u>(411,479)</u> | <u>853,219</u> |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES: | | |
| Purchases of furniture and equipment | <u>(412,783)</u> | <u>(619,476)</u> |
| Net Cash Used by Investing Activities | <u>(412,783)</u> | <u>(619,476)</u> |
| Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents | (824,262) | 233,743 |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year | <u>2,818,359</u> | <u>2,584,616</u> |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year | <u>\$ 1,994,097</u> | <u>\$ 2,818,359</u> |

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2017 and 2016

FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT - NET:

Furniture and equipment - net consists of:

| | December 31, | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | 2017 | 2016 |
| Leasehold improvements | \$ 571,261 | \$ 387,241 |
| Furniture and other equipment | 659,808 | 502,380 |
| Production equipment | 770,638 | 699,303 |
| | 2,001,707 | 1,588,924 |
| Less accumulated depreciation | (838,891) | (577,404) |
| | <u>\$ 1,162,816</u> | <u>\$ 1,011,520</u> |

TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS:

Temporarily restricted activities consist of:

| | December 31, | | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| | 2016 | Contributions | Releases | 2017 |
| Heart for the House fund | \$ 1,601,061 | \$ 636,464 | \$ (1,554,957) | \$ 682,568 |
| Hillsong Partners fund | 635,450 | 581,454 | (701,246) | 515,658 |
| Other restricted purposes | 94,300 | 27,748 | (122,048) | - |
| | <u>\$ 2,330,811</u> | <u>\$ 1,245,666</u> | <u>\$ (2,378,251)</u> | <u>\$ 1,198,226</u> |

| | December 31, | | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | 2015 | Contributions | Releases | 2016 |
| Heart for the House fund | \$ 1,184,452 | \$ 585,467 | \$ (168,858) | \$ 1,601,061 |
| Hillsong Partners fund | 617,196 | 431,736 | (413,482) | 635,450 |
| Other restricted purposes | 307,542 | - | (213,242) | 94,300 |
| | <u>\$ 2,109,190</u> | <u>\$ 1,017,203</u> | <u>\$ (795,582)</u> | <u>\$ 2,330,811</u> |

Heart for the House fund - congregants of the Church who contribute an annual one-time offering above their regular tithes and offerings to the Hillsong Partners fund. Contributions are used for buildings and expansion costs, as well as local and global outreach initiatives.

Hillsong Partners fund (formerly known as both Kingdom Builders and Hillsong Foundation) - congregants of the Church who contribute above their regular tithes and offerings. Contributions are used for buildings and expansion costs, as well as local and global outreach initiatives.

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COMMITMENTS:

| <u>Year Ending December 31,</u> | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| 2018 | \$ 3,262,380 |
| 2019 | 2,716,788 |
| 2020 | 194,061 |
| 2021 | 198,912 |
| 2022 | <u>152,279</u> |
| | <u>\$ 6,524,420</u> |

| <u>Lease Year</u> | |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| One | \$ 279,780 |
| Two | 288,173 |
| Three | 296,819 |
| Four | 305,723 |
| Five | 314,895 |
| Six through Twenty | <u>6,032,403</u> |
| | <u>\$ 7,517,793</u> |



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