

**2010**  
**ANNUAL**  
REPORT

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**TERRA NOVA CHURCH**

# Life place mean- ings

## TERRA NOVA CHURCH

The annual report is our way of regularly pausing to reflect on what God has done. We celebrate and give thanks for His steadfast provision. We reinforce that which we believe is core to who we are. We share where we envision God leading us. Our hope is that this report would be useful and encouraging for you and honoring of God's continual grace.



### LETTER

From Ed Marcelle (on behalf of the Elders/Pastors)

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### CORE VALUES

Christocentric / Missional & Monastic / Incarnational

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### HOW WE LIVE

The church gathered & scattered

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### RESULTS

Our 2010 operations

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### RESOURCES

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**Now faith**  
 is the assurance of  
**things hoped for,**  
 the conviction  
 of things  
**not seen.**

**Terra Nova Church** - it is more than a name. It is at once a core definition and calling. Fresh ground, new earth...that is what we are called to in our walk of faith. We walk on new ground, mark discoveries, and move forward another step. We are the church, the word in the Bible is ekklesia. We are that eclectic gathering. We have taken different roads. We are given differing gifts. We are carrying unique burdens. But together, we move forward. Our fixed point is the Lord, Jesus Christ. The space between us is our common journey, our terra nova.

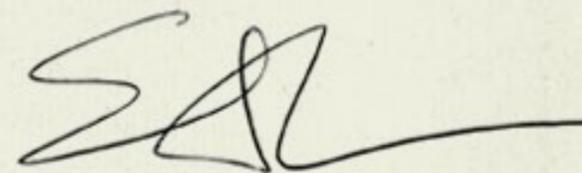
We have worked, lived, and worshipped together as a church for 5 years now. We have seen lives born and lives renewed. We have opened The Book and have had hearts opened. We have reached out our hand to a stranger and discovered a community. From a calling, a kernel of faith, and the company of faithful people, we have grown to a church of over 300 that gathers for 2 services at Revolution Hall. We are blessed with multiple bands, and over 30 talented and creative musicians who serve us through musical worship. We have expanded our children's space - a

necessity since 20 children were born in our community in 2010. We have heard the word of God preached and heard The Spirit call. Our journey did not end on Sundays, but began our week. We have been present with our city at universities and art galleries. We have stood with the oppressed and enslaved to say "no more." We have reached out to the needy and said, "Let us serve." We have studied in a pub, sung in a club, and worshipped wherever we have been. We have gathered in homes, studied the word, sung, and prayed. All of it is only by His grace, and to His glory. For five years we have followed, at times haltingly, and for five years His grace has been enough. I thank God for His gifts and good purposes. I thank God for how you have followed, given and received - you are pilgrims with us at Terra Nova Church.

God's faithfulness isn't just seen in the abstraction of ideas or the words of comforting slogans, but even in the particulars of our finances. God continues to provide abundantly through each of you. Graciously, in 2010 the church was able to fully recover from the shortfalls incurred as a result of 2009's economic environment. Not only were we able to reinstate vital budget cuts, but we were able to expand Kids space and purchase the sound system at Revolution Hall when the need arose unexpectedly - all while reinforcing our commitment to use 10% of our general giving towards church multiplication efforts. God is good and we are looking at 2011 to further build our financial stability and foundation with an eye toward where God may lead us.

In the years ahead, I want to say, "Keep it up." Keep doing what you have done in following God, giving of your gifts, your finances, and yourselves to one another. Connect with your Tribe. Thank God for those Tribe leaders. Continue together after Him. Bring the truth and grace of God to this time and place. Sing, pray, and be called anew on Sunday, and persevere to be the Church taking new ground. The days ahead are His. By His grace, we will redeem the time.

Sola Deo Gloria,



**Ed Marcelle, Lead / Teaching Pastor**  
*On Behalf of the Elders / Pastors of Terra Nova Church*

# CORE VALUES



## Christocentric

We aim to center ourselves on Christ, in whom all things are held together, and who provides a unique unity as the one true head of the Church. **(Colossians 1.15-20)**

## Missional & Monastic

We are to live as a community that gathers for worship, is instructed by the Word and bears each others' burdens. In this we are the church, the family of God, the Body of Christ, and Temple of the Spirit **(Ephesians 4.1-7)**. The church also continues the work of a missionary God. We live outside the church walls to bring reconciliation, to live the mission of God in Christ. **(2 Corinthians 5.16-20)**

## Incarnational

God is most accessible to us, and understood by us, when He looks like us. Incarnation is eternity meeting time, Spirit meeting flesh. We attempt to reflect His presence through displaying the truth of God and grace of God in our present day. **(John 1.14)**

# CHRISTOCENTRIC

# MISSIONAL & MONASTIC

## Church Multiplication

Churches: Focus 21, Grace Road  
Partners: Acts 29, Vision 360

## Love 146

Ride, Run, Walk 4 Love

## Habitat for Humanity

Joseph's House

\* In 2011, Tribes will engage missionally through regionally based Missional Community Groups

## Sunday Gathered

Terra Nova Kids

Baptisms

The City

Nucleus

Theology at the Taproom

Men's / Women's Retreat

Imago / Poiema

Discipleship

\* Tribes

# INCARNATIONAL

**LIFE. PLACE. MEANING.**

## HIGHLIGHTS

### Love 146 // RRW4L

Terra's relationship with Love 146 deepened in 2010 as Pastor Matthew Miller joined Love 146 staff full time and is helping churches across the country connect with the issue of human trafficking in a meaningful way. Additionally, we continue to help lead and support the Ride, Run, Walk 4 Love – a September event that in 2010 raised almost \$50k with nearly 50 people from Terra involved. 2011 will see additional Terra people be active in the official launch of the Troy, NY based Love 146 Task Force.

### Church Multiplication

We as a community, continue to see Church Multiplication as the primary Missional effort of Terra Nova. In 2010 we shared in the joy of seeing two churches that we directly support move towards being launched. Grace Road Church, led by Kevin Maloney in Rochester, was launched in early 2010 and Focus21, led by Marc Pilon in Sherbrooke, Quebec, will officially launch in January 2011.

### Tribes

God's work of spiritual formation and pastoral care continues to happen in the context of our 18 home groups we call "Tribes", which are scattered around the Capital District. 70% of the Terra community have engaged in Tribes and we continue to invest time and resources into surfacing and equipping Tribe leaders. In 2011, we will start to connect our Tribes together into larger, regionally based "Missional Community Groups" that will widen relationships inside Terra and create venues to engage the people we love outside of the church in the different communities Terra draws from.

### Terra Nova Kids

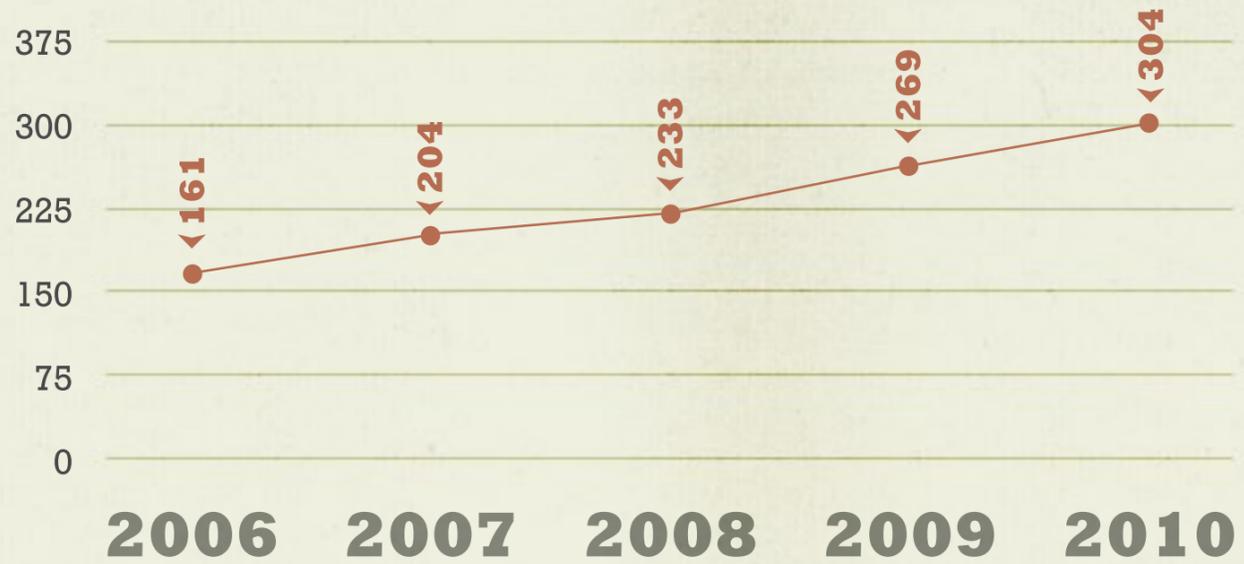
The Sunday Kids program is one of the fastest growing areas of Terra and 2010 saw Kids attendance grow 30% to nearly 50 children per Sunday. As a result approximately 1,200 s.f. of space was added to Terra's office/Kids space to accommodate the growth – and God provided resources for this in a big way.

### The City

2010 saw The City become Terra's "on-line" community that now houses primarily all of the communication and interaction for the on-going life of the church. To be plugged into what is going on, make sure you are on The City! For a City account send an email to [life@terranychurch.org](mailto:life@terranychurch.org)

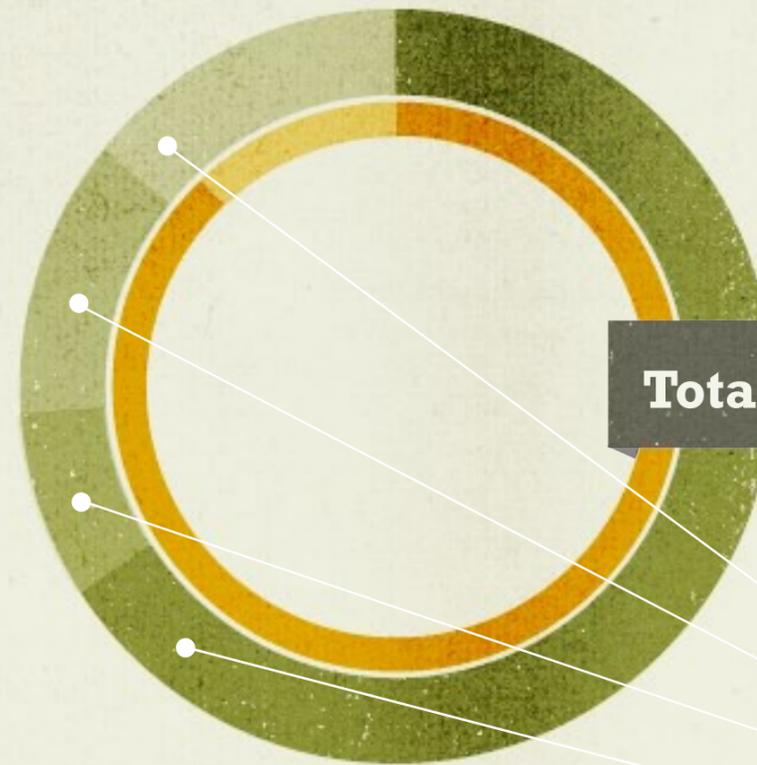
# 2010 RESULTS

ATTENDANCE



**2006 2007 2008 2009 2010**

*Numbers represent average of final 8 weeks in each calendar year*



## SOURCES

General Giving **\$361,103**

Other Income **\$47,824**

**Total: \$408,927**

## USES

Monastic **14%**

Missional **11%**

Expansion Fund **7%**

Operations **68%**



Monastic

Missional

Operations

## ELDERS/PASTORS

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# TERRA NOVA CHURCH

GATHERS EVERY  
SUNDAY AT  
**10AM & 12NOON**  
IN REVOLUTION HALL

## RESOURCES

[www.terranychurch.org](http://www.terranychurch.org)

Teachings / Music / Film →

## QUESTIONS

If you would like to learn more about the financial side of Terra Nova, please reach out to Paul Gordon: [paul@terranychurch.org](mailto:paul@terranychurch.org).

If you have any general questions about Terra Nova Church, please reach out to [life@terranychurch.org](mailto:life@terranychurch.org) or call **518.833.0504**

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