

2011
ANNUAL
REPORT

TERRA NOVA CHURCH

Life Place Meaning

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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.

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Let Your **steadfast**
love, O Lord,
 be upon us, even as
 we hope **in You.**

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 as He leads. We are the church, the *communitas*, the eclectic gathering of His people. We have taken different roads and we are given different gifts. We all carry unique burdens, but together, we move forward. Our fixed point remains the Lord, Jesus Christ. The space between us is our common journey, our *terra nova*.

In 2011 we celebrated 5 years of working, living, and worshipping together as a church. Approximately 300 people journey together at Terra Nova in homes across the Capital Region to study the Word, sing, and pray. Our time of study in 2011 has continued through the book of Romans, with breaks for smaller series – most notably a 4-week study on marriage. In addition, approximately 90 men & women were able to attend our summer Mens' & Womens' retreats. **Join us in praying** that Christ to remains central in our teaching and in our homes. We know that our journey together does not end on Sundays. Each of us is called to carry Christ and the gospel into our lives. **Join us in prayer** that we as disciples are ready to speak of the hope within us to those we are present with, while reflecting His truth and grace. As a community, we continue to be present in our City and raise our voice on behalf of the oppressed and

enslaved. We extend our hands to the poor and needy to serve and show mercy. **Pray with us** as we seek new ways to engage together in mission as a community and partner with local organizations to proclaim the gospel with our hands and feet. All of this is by His grace, and for His glory. Take time to thank God for the gifts He has given to the people of Terra Nova on our shared pilgrimage of faith.

The steadfast love and provision of God is not only seen in the abstraction of ideas or words, but in the particulars of our finances. God continues to remind us that the earth is His and the fullness thereof. This includes the abundant resources He provides through each of you. **We pray** that Terra Nova is a community that excels in the gift of joyful and sacrificial giving. In summary, 2011 was a year that was focused on firming up our operational foundation, but when various needs and opportunities arose this body responded graciously. Meanwhile, we continued in our commitment to use 10% of our general giving towards church multiplication efforts. The Pastors continue to pour time and effort in to the Northeast region of the Acts 29 network. It has been a blessing to watch this network grow to over 30 church plants.

God has been faithful and His hand has been steadfast. We rest in that as we seek out the new ground God is calling us to in 2012. In the year ahead we will launch Terra Youth, seek growth in our Tribes, develop strategic missions, pray for more church plants, and work towards the multiplication of Terra Nova into Saratoga. Partnership with each of you is needed in the year ahead. **Pray with us.** Give thanks for where He has brought us, pray for the work to be done and provision needed. Seek out where God might be asking you to be involved. Be open to where God is calling you to you share your gifts, your finances, and your service to each other and our community. The work ahead is great, but we seek His glory and for new pilgrims to join the journey, discovering fresh ground.

Sola Deo Gloria,



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



INCARNATING THE GOSPEL in our time

LIFE / PLACE / MEANING

LIFE

God spoke the world into existence and created all things and gives life through His sustaining word. God created us in His image from the dust and breathed life into us. All was declared good. Mankind was designed to worship his creator but he sins, allowing death and pain to enter the world. Our hearts now replace God with unsatisfying idols. God comes to us as Christ, the Word made flesh. In Christ we can receive a second life, a new man takes the place as our head. In Him is life. The promise made at the fall to defeat the enemy through the offspring of woman is fulfilled. We are no longer separated from God. He is with us. All things will be reconciled to Christ, death & pain will be no more, and life will be eternal. Through faith in the right works of Christ, we have new life.

PLACE

God gave mankind a standing in the created order, relationships with each other and the Garden to dwell in. Life was harmonious and balanced. As a result of sin, we were removed from the Garden, but place is more than geography. Place is people. We are now separated from God and relationships are marked by conflict. Where we failed in the Garden, Christ succeeds in the desert - and redeems us as a perfect sacrifice through His atoning death. Hope, joy, peace and love should now mark our relationships. Once again, we may approach God through Jesus Christ, our High Priest. Ultimately Christ will reconcile His Church to be His bride, invite us to live in the eternal City where all who call on His name will worship in perfect unity.

MEANING

God instructed man to follow and teach the Word, steward the earth, and multiply His image. Due to the fall, we no longer find fulfillment in our work and purpose, instead we find turmoil, meaninglessness, and the suffering of futility. Christ's resurrection restores us, and He reigns as our King and supplies us abundant life. We are called to steward the mystery of His gospel and strive to reflect Him more fully by being present, proclaiming truth, and demonstrating mercy. We see this in part, but when Christ returns we will see this in full and ascribe pure glory to Him. His rule will be fulfilled, and all creation restored to the right balance under Him.

CHRISTOCENTRIC

MISSIONAL & MONASTIC



INCARNATIONAL

LIFE. PLACE. MEANING.

HIGHLIGHTS

Tribes

God's work of spiritual formation and pastoral care continues to happen in the context of our 14 small groups which we call Tribes. These groups are primarily organized geographically and scattered around the Capital District. We continue to focus on ways to invest time and resources into better surfacing and equipping leaders. Further we continue to seek out ways for Tribes to gather together on a regional basis.

Key Prayer Need: *2012 will be a year that requires many new Tribe leaders to be trained and released to serve and shepherd. Pray for more leaders and our effective training of them.*

Church Multiplication

We as a community continue to see Church Multiplication as the primary Missional effort of Terra Nova. In 2011 we rejoiced with Grace Road Church, led by Kevin Maloney, as they grew to self-sufficiency. We continued to directly support Focus21, led by Marc Pilon in Sherbrooke, Quebec. With joy, members of Terra Nova attended Focus21's official launch in January 2011. In the fall, we praised God as we heard that 31 people were baptized at Focus21's first baptism! Terra continues to draw interns who have long-term goals of being church planters. It is a privilege to have a role in impacting the future of the church in these ways.

Key Prayer Need: *In 2012, we will begin supporting Derek Levendusky (formerly of the band Isaiah 6) as he begins a new church outside of Rochester, NY called GraceLife. Pray for Derek, his family, and that Church body.*

Church Extension

In 2011 we announced the extension of Terra Nova into Saratoga Springs and asked Daniel Williams to take the site pastor role there. Daniel has volunteered as an intern with Terra for nearly 5 years. He officially joined the staff on January 1st as both Discipleship Pastor for all of Terra and Saratoga Site Pastor.

Key Prayer Need: *We have not fully funded the Saratoga extension as of yet, but are pursuing multiple avenues of support from key organizations. Pray that these presentations go well as we lead up to a fall 2012 core launch and a January 2013 public launch.*

HIGHLIGHTS (CONTINUED)

International Missions

Terra Nova joined together this past summer to send Pastor Ed & Diane on a strategic service trip to India. Ed & Diane were able to minister to Pastors and their wives that experience persecution on a daily basis and have very limited access to theological and pastoral training. They were also able to serve the sexually exploited of the society.

Key Prayer Need: *We hope to continue Terra's relationship with the oppressed, but developing, church of India in the years to come primarily through pastoral training, family structure development, and service to the sexually exploited. We are also calling other pastors and congregations from our region to join us in this effort. Pray for God's timing and provision in this.*

Sunday Gathered

Terra Nova continues to gather for large group worship at Revolution Hall. We are blessed with multiple bands, multiple teachers and an amazing group of lay leaders and volunteers. It seems that God has positioned us well for a year of growth here in Troy and extension into Saratoga.

Key Prayer Need: *On Feb. 5th 2012, our service times shift to 9am and 11am to accommodate growth, especially in Terra Kids. Pray that this shift will be as seamless as possible. Also, pray for Sean and Hannah Nolan as they begin a new effort at gathering Terra Youth together.*

KEY SERMONS IN 2011

The year 2011 also brought some memorable and convicting sermons, particularly within the Romans, Urban Legends, Two Shall Become One (Marriage) and Advent series. The audio for all of these sermons are available for download on our website.

Romans →

Urban Legends →

Two Shall Become One (Marriage Series) →

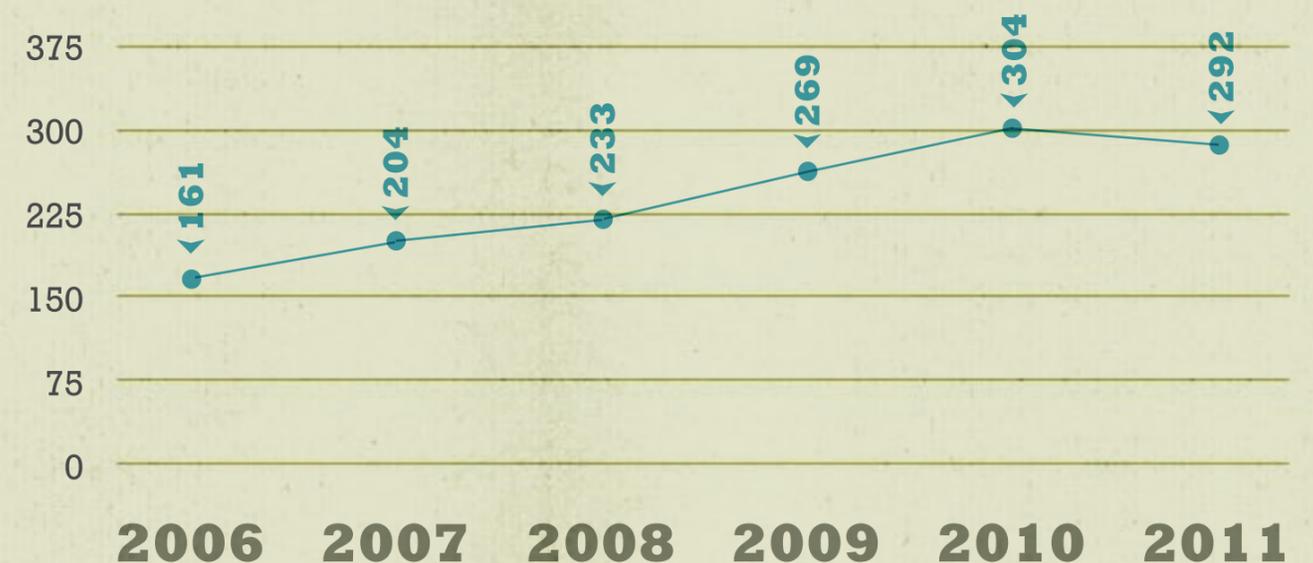
Advent →

2011 RESULTS

2011 was a year in which God's provision was clear. From an attendance perspective, we saw some regulars at Terra move to other cities or states, however our active Tribe enrollment grew to above 300 people. We gave praise as we were able to further build our financial stability, both for our planned Saratoga expansion and for general operating purposes. Our goal is to steward well God's resources entrusted to us through each of you.

If you have any questions regarding the finances of Terra Nova, please feel free to contact Stewardship Pastor, Paul Gordon: paul@terrachurch.org

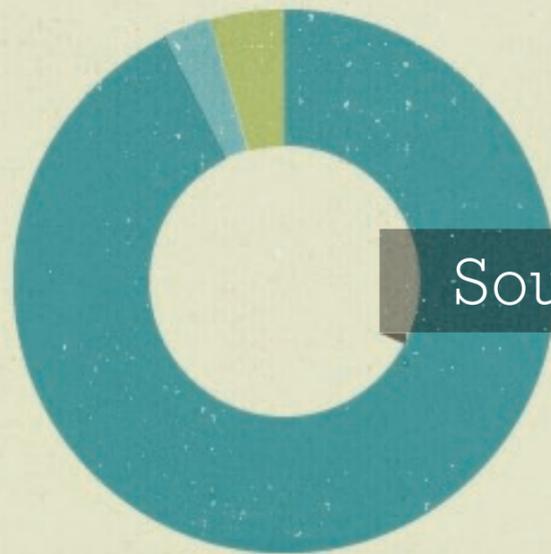
ATTENDANCE



Numbers represent average of final 8 weeks in each calendar year

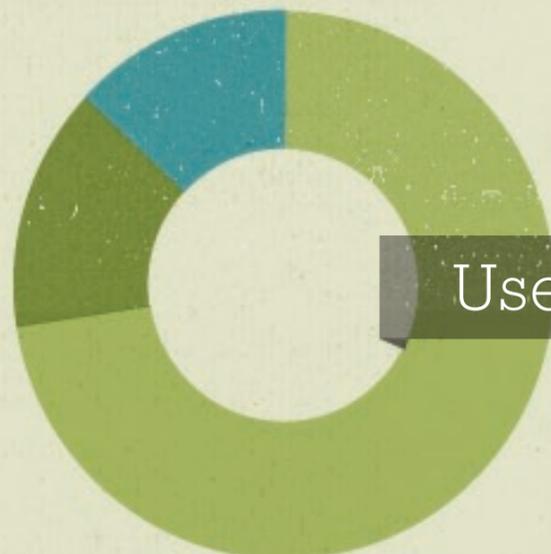
2011 RESULTS

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Sources **\$422,502**

- **General Giving**
93% \$392,115
- **Designated Giving**
3% \$12,120
- **Other Income**
4% \$18,267



Uses **\$423,543**

- **Operations**
72% \$306,831
- **Monastic**
15% \$61,491
- **Missional**
13% \$55,221

Monastic

- Sunday Gathered: \$37,730
- Discipleship: \$23,761

Missional

- Church Multiplication: \$43,850
- Justice & Mercy: \$11,371

Operations

- Personnel: \$201,555
- General Operations: \$105,276

OPERATING RESERVES

Designated

\$9,832

Extension

\$26,836

Extension

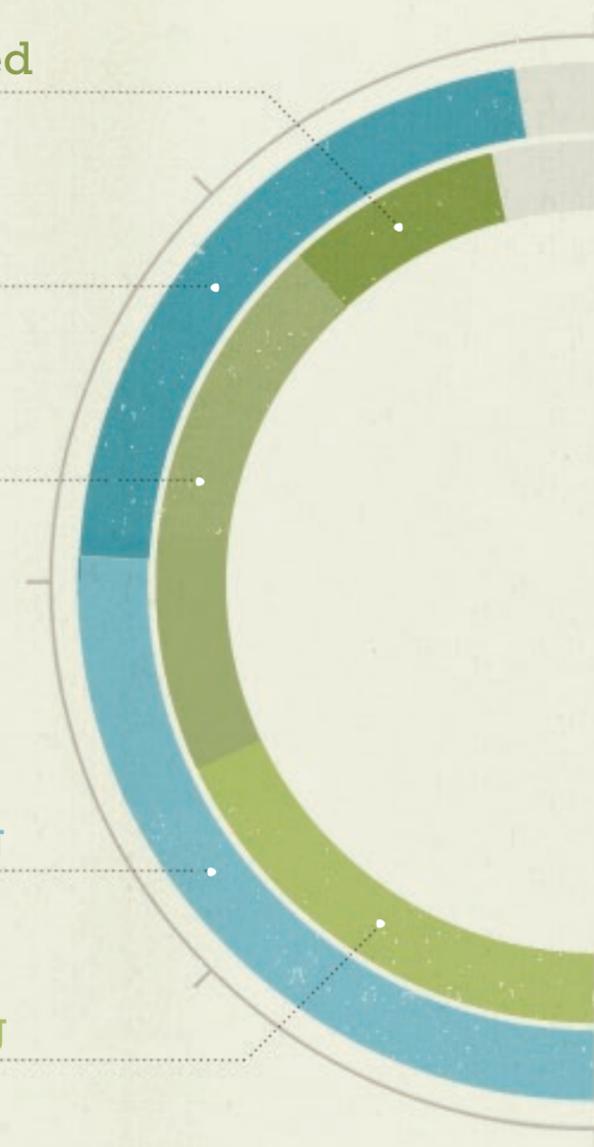
\$24,041

Operating

\$31,031

Operating

\$21,810



\$57,867

\$55,683

Dec. 2010

Dec. 2011

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GATHERS EVERY
SUNDAY AT
9AM & 11AM
IN REVOLUTION HALL

RESOURCES

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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.

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

Are you interested in giving to Terra Nova? **Click here** to give on-line.

If you would like to join Terra's online community, The City, please sign up by visiting the Welcome Desk on Sundays.

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