



we're all about new beginnings

2016 IMPACT REPORT

The Power of Partnership. . .

If asked to define one thing that distinguishes the CEA, and accounts for our ability to grow from adding a new church every couple of years to planting multiple churches each year, I invariably point to the power of partnerships. We've been transformed by *the power of WE*.

The Power of WE...is an acknowledgement that we're not alone. In the face of a relentless enemy, overwhelming obstacles and insufficient resources, the prayers and gifts, sacrifice, experience and counsel of every single partner enables us to prevail. The work God is doing in and through every church plant in every place is exponentially increased through our partnerships with friends like you who share our commitment to seek and save those who are far from God here in the Northwest.

The Power of WE...accounts for the planting of 30 new churches over the last 12 years. In 2016, our two newest churches were supported by your faithful gifts. Those gifts, large and small, not only sustained our current projects but allowed us to invest in future leaders and prepare for future projects in this coming year.

The Power of WE...leverages the significant experience of all our church planting teams, coaches, and partners to achieve healthier, growing churches. Perhaps the most significant evidence of this health and growth is the 88% survival rate of our plants over the past decade.

Together we're making an impact here in the Northwest! Thank you for being our partner in the Harvest last year. As you review this report and reflect on the stories of changed lives, we think you'll agree that there is tremendous power in our mutual partnership for planting new churches.

Two people are better than one because together they have a good reward for their hard work. If one falls, the other can help his friend get up...A triple-braided rope is not easily broken.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

What We Do. . .

Despite a simple mission - *to seek and save those who are lost* - and method - *planting churches that plant churches* - there's nothing simple about the many relationships and resources required to accomplish our work. The CEA is dependent on hundreds of financial supporters, dozens of planters & partners and a few staff who till the ground, cast the seed, water, nurture and harvest the spiritual fruit we're pursuing. *May God bless the effort and grant the increase!*

This chart shows the four key roles of CEA in the life cycle of a new church.



Why It Matters. . .

When Dave & Lori Vigna arranged to rent Union High School as a meeting location for the new church they were launching in Vancouver, WA, they knew they would need favor with several layers of district personnel. The key would be finding a custodian willing to open the building on Sundays and stay for the duration of their service. They soon learned that they wouldn't need to look far.

God provided for the church's need through Carrie, the head custodian for the high school, who welcomed the opportunity for some overtime hours. She has truly been an exceptional host, assisting with logistical issues and weekly set-up needs above and beyond the call of her custodial duties. If that were all to tell, it would be a great story, but there is more to Carrie's story – much more!

Over the last year, Carrie invited her boyfriend, Rich, to attend The Branch. He soon recommitted his life to Christ and the couple, convicted about their living arrangement, married. A talented drummer, Rich joined the worship team and now plays with the band every Sunday.



In December, Carrie, claimed Jesus as her Lord and Savior and committed her life to following Him. This picture was taken as Lori Vigna baptized Carrie at the close of a worship service at the high school where Carrie works and The Branch meets.

The heart of CEA's vision for planting lots of new churches across the Northwest all comes down to new beginnings like Carrie's. Church planting matters to Carrie because it changed her life forever. Through Jesus' love, The Branch changed her heart, her home and her future. And the best is yet to come!

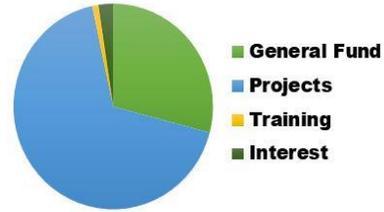
Carrie's story inspires us and beautifully illustrates the power of the Gospel to reach new people in new places through the faithful work of new churches. Church planting matters!

Financial Summary

2016 Income

General Fund	\$ 264,803
Projects	\$ 614,782
Training	\$ 9,035
Interest	<u>\$ 21,625</u>
Total Income	\$ 910,245

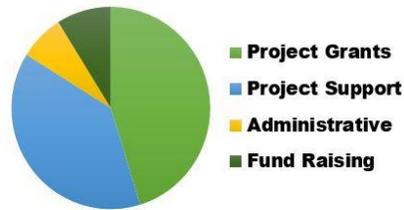
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2016 Expenses

Project Grants	\$ 330,170
Project Support	\$ 281,866
Administrative	\$ 53,160
Fund Raising	<u>\$ 64,706</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 729,902

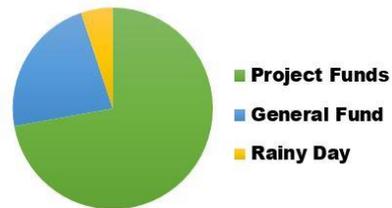
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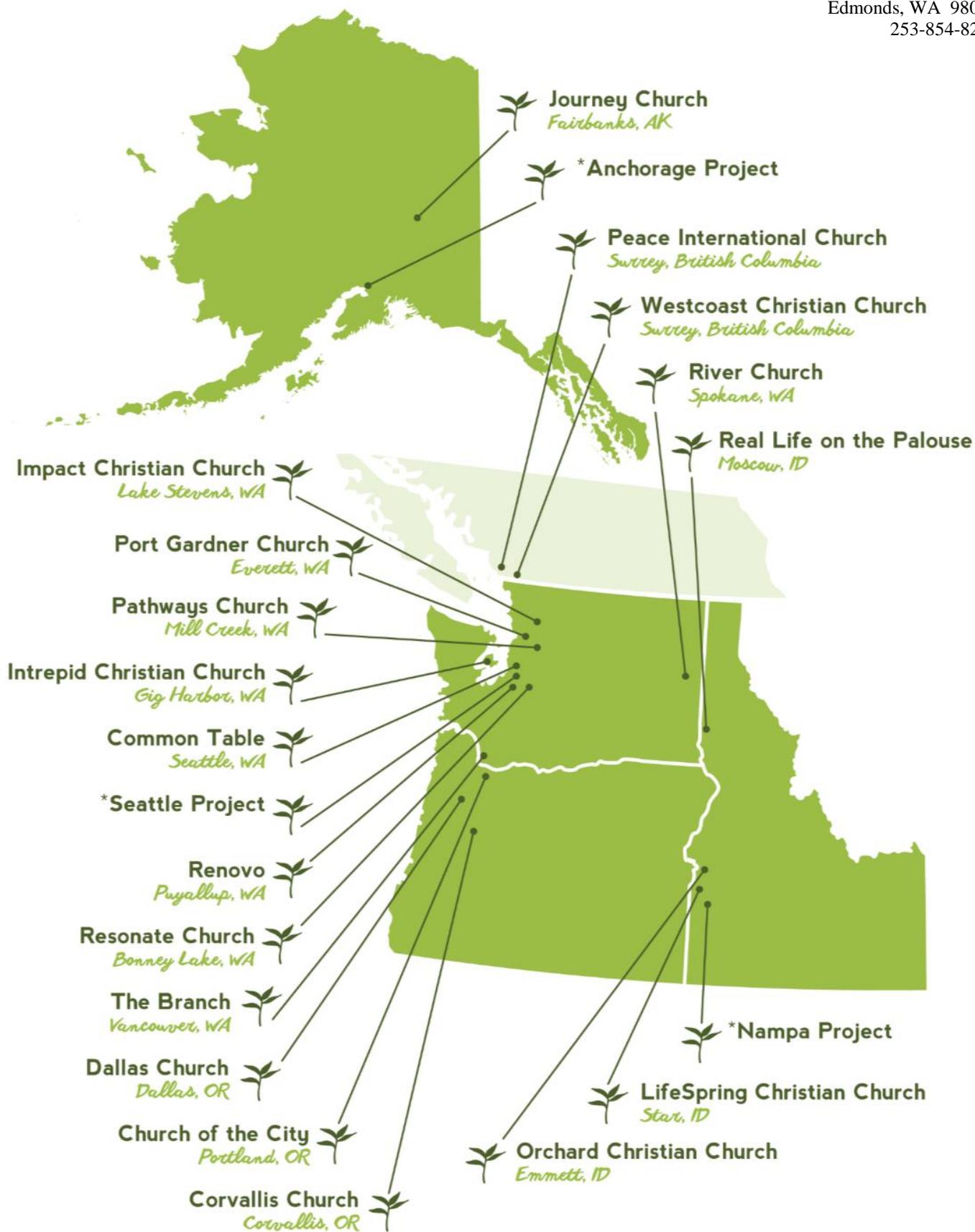


Funds at Yearend

Project Funds	\$ 559,557
General Fund	\$ 175,716
Rainy Day	<u>\$ 39,729</u>
	\$ 775,002

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*=indicates project in development