



# 2021 IMPACT REPORT



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Irrespective of the frustrations of another year of the Covid19 pandemic, 2021 was an exceptional year of God's faithfulness and amazing fruitfulness evidenced in the birth of four new churches here in the Northwest:

- *High Plains (Twin Falls, ID - Erik & Laura Neilson)*
- *Kainos (Portland, OR – Jake & Madison Nagy)*
- *Makers (Portland, OR – Josh & Rachel White)*
- *EveryOne (Eugene, OR – Gabe & Gina Piechowicz)*

On the foundation of stable financial support through the previous year of the pandemic, last year God saw fit to bless our work beyond all previous records. In 2021, the CEA received the largest total contributions from individuals and churches we've ever received in 60 years of ministry! If an exclamation mark ever had a right to stand tall at the end of a sentence it would be this one! Wow! And if you're one of those individuals or churches that contributed to that amazing story of generosity – *thank you!*

Last year marked the first of what we are praying will be ten consecutive years of doubling our planting pace from two to four new starts each year. We're pleased to report that the first four are each off to a great start. That's the good news. But there is other news about our region that is prompting our efforts to double-down on planting churches here in the Northwest:

First, driven by birth rates and immigration, the population of the U.S. is projected to grow by several million each year. The fact is that, in the Northwest, we must significantly increase the net number of new churches planted every year just to keep up with population growth.

Second, the Northwest has the lowest percentage of people who identify with any church of any kind – roughly 10% as an overall average. We also have the highest percentage of “nones” in the U.S. – those who identify as having no spiritual affiliation of any kind. And that percentage is rapidly growing, especially among young people. We must start churches to reach these “nones” with the good news of the Gospel. *(continued on page 2)*

Third, the number of churches that are closing their doors increased dramatically in the last two years during the pandemic. My unofficial estimate is that the rate of church closures here in the Northwest has doubled from its previous pre-pandemic rate. This trend has a long tail of struggling churches that is eroding the spiritual landscape of our region. More new churches are needed to replace those that have closed.

So, the bottom line is that we're entering a season of spiritual harvest here in the Northwest when the opportunity has never been greater. In response, we need to double and perhaps even triple our efforts for the sake of those far from God. Will you join us?

## Story from Kainos Church

Jake & Madison Nagy, Lead Church Planters

Kainos Church in Portland, Oregon, began in the summer of 2021 with home-church gatherings to talk about Jesus and the Bible. Here in these homes, strangers are becoming friends and conversations are happening between people of different political, ideological, and theological views. The result is a beautiful, loving expression of Christ's Body – His Church.

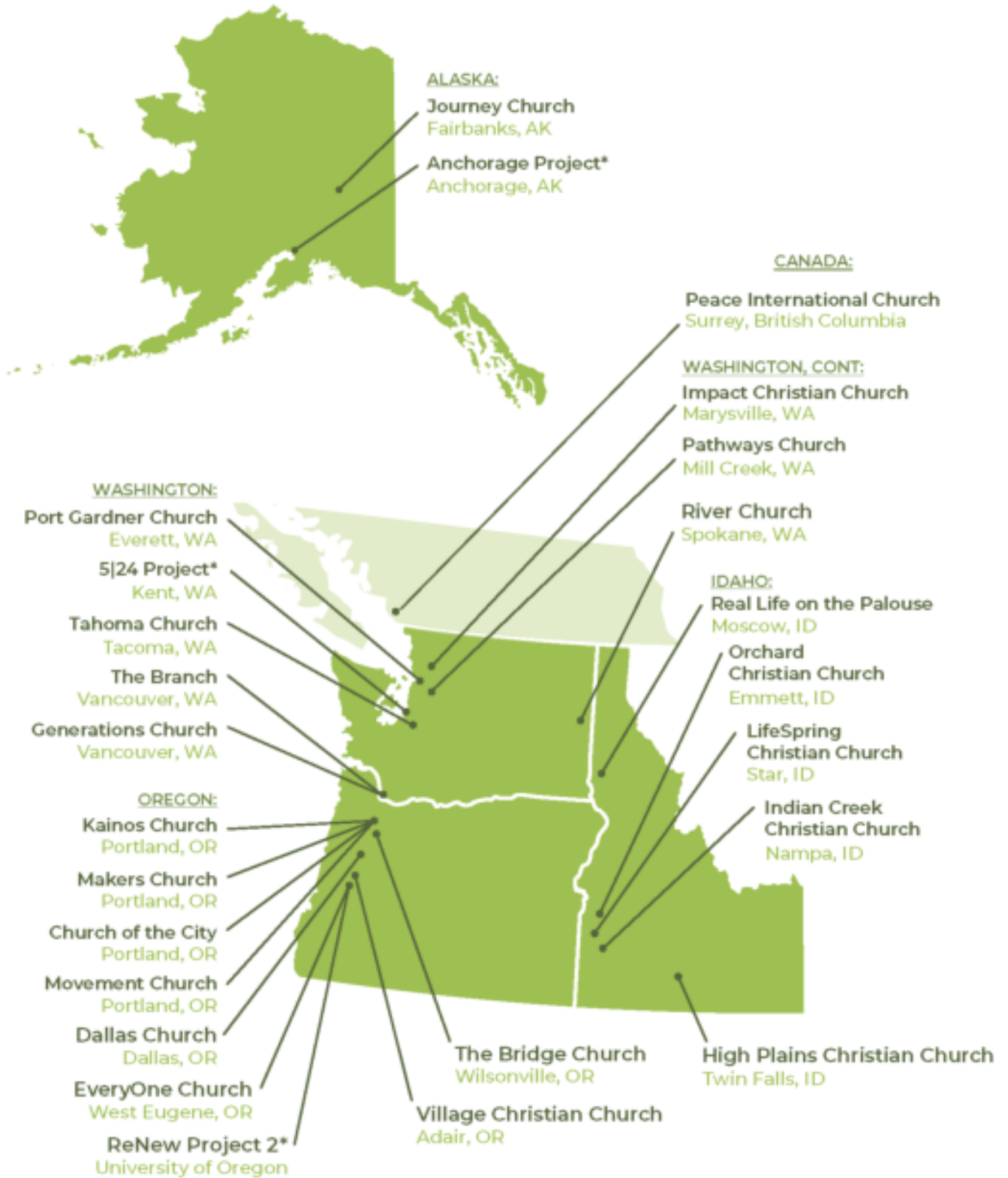


Edric is one of those people. He is a middle-aged man who is a lifelong Portlander. As a young boy, his grandmother introduced him to her church, but Edric drifted away in his adolescence. Recently his girlfriend started bringing him to early Kainos gatherings; backyard barbecues and some of the church's Sunday gatherings at Multnomah University. Through these connections and conversations Edric has found himself drawn back to rediscover Jesus, be re-introduced to the Bible and re-engage his faith in God. These are fun discoveries for Edric that are contagious among everyone he meets. At one of

Kainos' recent gatherings where all the house-churches come together, he read aloud scripture on stage as his new friends in his house church community cheered him on.

Madison Nagy reflects: *the call to plant a church is unique. We recognized the serious mistake of living at the edge of the Kingdom under-prepared. We needed a process that would allow us to embed as emerging leaders in the petri dish of a church plant while offering long-term, sustained training and coaching. We value experience that forces leaders to slow down and let others invest in their calling while helping them develop their gifts and abilities to their greatest potential. We highly value our residency experience with Church of the City and the CEA. It bears a favorable resemblance to the relationship between Jesus and the ragtag group of capable leaders He drew around Him and disciplined. And our hope? That like that first cohort of residents embedded with the Master, a group of world-changers would emerge. World-changers who will lovingly extend the goodness of God and expand His Kingdom wherever they put down their roots here in the Northwest.*

# CEA CHURCH PLANTS



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## Financial Summary

### 2021 Receipts

General Fund	\$ 345,404
Projects	\$ 813,191
Interest	<u>\$ 14,192</u>
Total Income	\$1,172,787



### 2021 Expenses

Project Grants	\$ 357,968
Project Support	\$ 304,232
Administrative	\$ 95,098
Fund Raising	<u>\$ 52,892</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 810,190



### Funds at Yearend

Project Funds	\$ 730,533
General Fund	\$ 186,899
Rainy Day	<u>\$ 55,699</u>
	\$ 973,131

