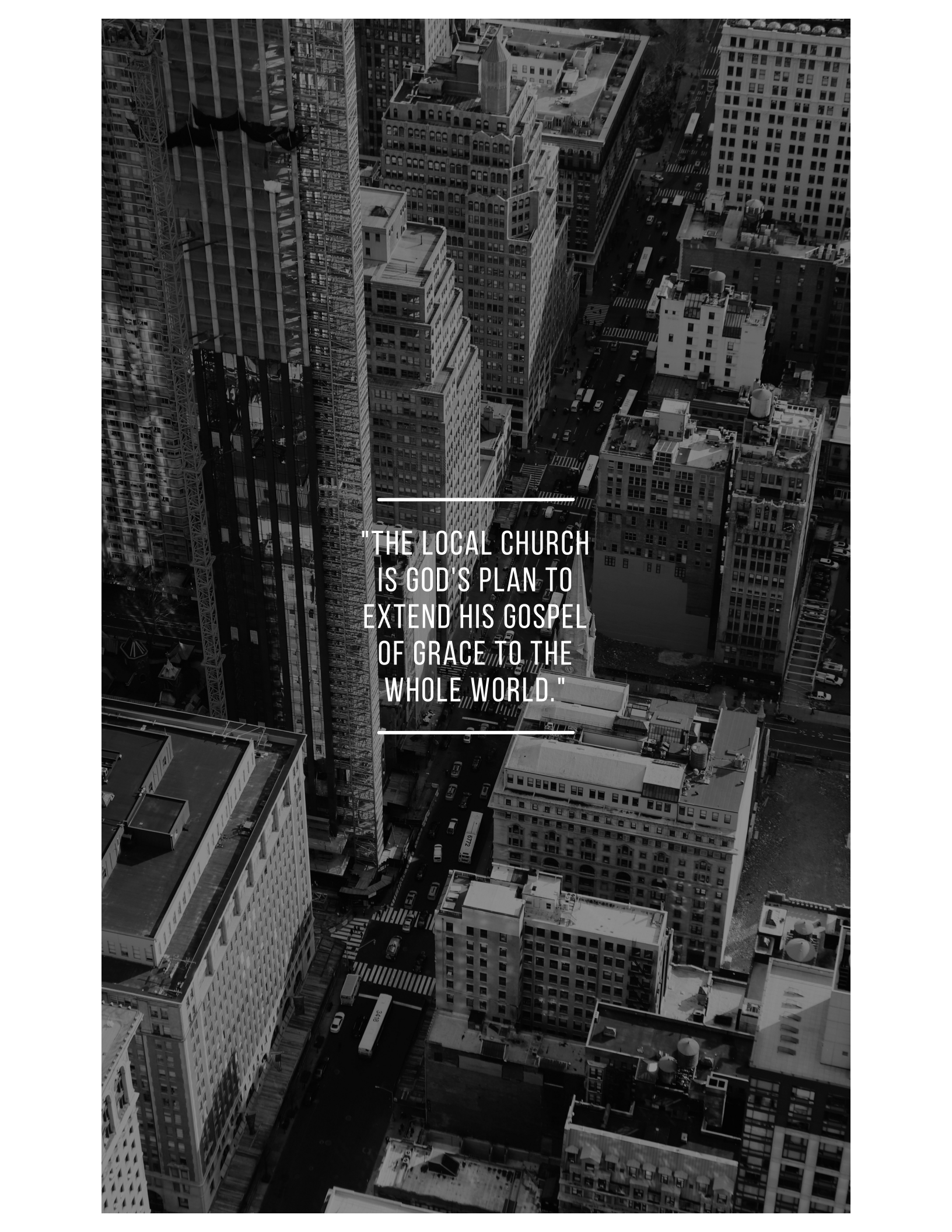




QUEENS CHURCH

LAUNCHING 2019

An aerial, black and white photograph of a dense urban street grid. The buildings are tall and closely packed, with a prominent crane visible on the left side. The streets are narrow and filled with cars and trucks. The overall scene is a high-angle view of a city center.

"THE LOCAL CHURCH
IS GOD'S PLAN TO
EXTEND HIS GOSPEL
OF GRACE TO THE
WHOLE WORLD."

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Larry & Lindsey Mayberry

After graduating from Houston Baptist University and attending Southwestern Seminary, Lindsey and Larry left the church we had served for over 6 years to plant Connection Church here in Queens. God's faithfulness to transform lives and do what he promises motivates us to continue to invest wholeheartedly in the church planting movement here in NYC. We are certainly not alone!

Our growing family is loud and active! We have three boys and one girl! Lindsey is a talented home organizer with the spiritual gift of hospitality that is so unique in our city. Larry runs a creative marketing agency for extra income and to engage non-believers and has the spiritual gift of encouragement that gives powerful life to people walking in darkness in their neighborhood.

Danny & Summer Rangel

After completing a bachelor's degree in Biblical Studies through Hardin Simmons University and serving in Student Ministry over that past 6 years in South Texas, Danny and Summer have made the move to Queens NYC to be a part of this church plant. We believe that the local church is the hope of the world and the hope of New York City. Our desire is to be a part of the gospel movement that is taking place here and we are excited to be on this journey.

Since the Summer of 2016, we've led several mission teams to serve and partner with Connection Church in Queens and God has given us a supernatural love for this area that ultimately led to us accepting the move here.

We also have a love for coffee and currently work at a local coffee shop in Astoria called Kinship Coffee as a way to help with extra income and to build relationships with and engage people in this community.



THE BEAUTY & THE BROKENNESS

WHY ARE YOU PLANTING A CHURCH IN QUEENS NYC?

Matthew 9:37 really points us to why we desire to plant in Queens. The harvest here is plentiful but the workers are extremely few. *In Western Queens, there are about 550,000 people to less than 10 Evangelical, Bible-believing, english-speaking churches. When it comes down to it, Queens NYC needs more Gospel-Centered churches.* Most people in Queens get around by walking, so the goal is to have churches in easy walking distance for people to experience Gospel community. We will be a church that loves people and introduces them to Jesus.

We've discovered that there is beauty with the brokenness in Queens. It has a rich history and it's full of diversity with over 130 nations represented. Often times when talking to a crowd of people at a playground, you'll find that they are each from different countries. The flip side of the beauty of Queens is its brokenness. You'll quickly discover poverty, crime, and social injustices are barriers that break people apart all throughout this area. What's amazing about NYC is that it is the most populated city in the country, yet it is filled with lonely people. We believe that the local church is the hope of the world, and what we are believing is that the local church is the hope for Queens NYC. We are planting a life-giving local church that can help turn the brokenness of Queens into something beautiful.



"Queens is the most ethnically diverse urban area in the world."

POPULATION:

2,300,000

ABOUT QUEENS:

1 OF 5
BOROUGHES IN
NEW YORK CITY

ABOUT 10 ENGLISH
SPEAKING GOSPEL-
CENTERED CHURCHES
FOR 550,000 PEOPLE IN
WESTERN QUEENS



75%
BELIEVE THAT THE HUMAN RACE IS
MORALLY DECLINING



LESS THAN 15 MINUTES
THE AMOUNT OF TIME THAT THE
AVERAGE PERSON IS WILLING TO
WALK TO CHURCH.

SQUARE MILES:

108

DIVERSITY:

48%
FOREIGN BORN

**OUR GOAL:
START A DISCIPLE MAKING CHURCH IN A UNDERCHURCHED NEIGHBORHOOD.**

Q/C VISION



JESUS IS OUR PASSION



LOVE IS OUR MISSION



THE CHURCH WE SEE

We see a church centered around the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We see a church that is committed to prayer and dependent on the Holy Spirit.

We see a church that will be grounded on God's Word.

We see a church that will provide opportunity for community.





***FOR GOD
SO LOVED
NEW YORK CITY***



COME TO THE TABLE

QUEENS CHURCH STORY

Sitting around a table at the Samaritan Village Senior Center in the basement of New York City Housing Authority Building 27 are characters plucked from the great novel of America's history. First generation Puerto Rican Americans cackle with laughter as "Happy Birthday" is sung for their 92 year-old Chinese friend who is dancing around the cloudy tile floor at the weekly birthday celebration. In the corner, an elderly woman is speaking Spanish with her caretaker who is either translating what's going on or telling a very funny story that no one else is privy to. Most of these seniors don't have family outside these walls and these friends and a \$2 lunch are the lifeline offered to them by this 5-day-a-week community center - it'll do just fine.

A few buildings over and several hours later teenagers laugh hysterically as they crowd around a phone and watch a video together. It's 9:45 on a school night but the Woodside Community Center is still crawling with students intent on shutting the place down at 10 when the Director locks the doors. Diane is tired following an afternoon of homework help and activities for the sixty elementary and middle school children who pack her center at 2:30 each weekday.

The next morning, just a few blocks away next to Hart Playground, day laborers gather early in hopes for some work. They come from all parts of Southeast Asia and South America to Queens in search of a better life for their family, better education, fame, or fortune. This isn't exactly what many of them had in mind. They're struggling to make rent in a tiny one-bedroom apartment and keep their spouse and children fed and clothed. Many of them fight depression, anxiety, hopelessness, and other emotional battles internally as the physical demand of this grind are displayed on their worn faces.

Weaving in and out of each of these scenes are smiling toddlers in strollers and middle-class professionals hustling to catch the train, even if it's going to be delayed because of train traffic ahead of them. If you've ever had the privilege of being at the mercy of the infamously terrible MTA, you understand. Thousands of people making up a variety of different crowds, each searching for community, many longing for something more.

Woodside, Queens may not be glamorous, but what it lacks in glitz it makes up for in grit. Immigrant business owners working tirelessly, college students commuting to LaGuardia Community College at night and on the weekends while balancing work, family, and friends. Elderly folks who once swept and hosed down the sidewalks in front of their homes now eating alone as their children and grandchildren hurry past them to Long Island, the suburbs, or worse, New Jersey. Not that there's anything wrong with Jersey - but it's nearly impossible for Frank to get to Shamong, NJ to catch his grandson playing ball. Once an Irish haven, Woodside has become home to a diverse mishmash of ethnicities including large populations of Latinos and Asians put on full display at the famous Peruvian-Chinese restaurant, Peking BBQ (order double green sauce). All of these people, but so few churches to serve this neighborhood.

God is raising up a church from within Woodside to serve these crowds. To display the love of Christ in the way only the church can. To be a place where skeptics can gather alongside long-time worshippers of God to find faith in Jesus Christ and experience the power of the Holy Spirit. A church where discipleship happens around tables, not just filled with food, but with neighbors as well.

This vision will take investment from churches and individuals who share our desire to make disciples in Woodside. We want you to come to the table.

GROWING THE TEAM

From 0-30: Through the Winter, when New Yorkers tend to stay inside and out of the cold, we hosted in-home dinner parties, free brunch gatherings at local restaurants, monthly worship gatherings, and partnered with the Woodside Community Center for several outreach events. This initial stage of planting Queens Church resulted in growth to 30. To date we have baptized 3 and have 3 more who are now ready to follow Jesus in baptism.

Monthly Gathering Numbers: Jan: 22, Feb: 30, March: 38, April: 60

From 30-65: During the Spring and the initial part of Summer, we are utilizing the warm weather to gather people around events. Events include but not limited to: Easter Egg Hunt (4/20), Mother's Day Brunch (5/12), Sports/Music/Dance Camps (6/3, 7/7), Family Day Block Party (7/13), and more to grow our team to the next level.

Growth Track Sessions will also be running with new attendees joining our Growth Track 1 session and those who have finished the first session will begin Growth Track 2. These tracks are designed to disciple and unite attenders around the vision of planting a growing church in our neighborhood.

Monthly Gathering Goals: May:80, June:80, July:100 (baptize 10).

From 65-100: We will continue community engagement around Woodside Houses, Boulevard Gardens and surrounding area through coffee giveaways, park parties, Samaritan Village Senior Center, etc.

From July and through August we will be launching outreach through our new Ministry Center. This will enable us to host groups such as: senior citizens for lunch, ESL classes to engage the immigrant parents of students, small groups to gather for Bible studies since space is limited in many of our neighbors homes.

Monthly gathering goals: August: 100, September: 140

From 100-200: As we launch into weekly gathering for worship we will use the Fall to grow by partnering with local schools for a back-to-school outreach. This stretch is the most audacious goal. There are no churches in our area who have broken this attendance barrier but we believe we need to ride the momentum of launching in 2019 by pushing ourselves to continue outreach at a steady pace. Growth Tracks will continue as we add new people and disciple the existing team.

Weekly Gathering goals: Sept: 120, Oct: 135, Nov: 150, Dec: 165



A LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

"The greatest act of love Jesus showed was that while on the cross, hearing the insults and experiencing the pain and the shame of his mockers...he stayed." -Tim Keller

New York City needs a community of selfless Christians who are willing to weather the inconveniences and difficulties of living in the concrete jungle with the faith that God has designed this city for his glory and good purposes.

In the past 17 years hundreds of churches have been started in our city and God is using the local church to restore broken marriages, lift up the downtrodden, introduce the gospel to first-time hearers, and change people's perspective of what a follower of Jesus looks like.

For decades many Christians and churches deserted this great culturally influential city for the suburbs and "safe places" in our country. During this time, many residents of NYC developed a skewed view of Christianity. Their understanding of Christians and in turn, Jesus, was shaped by what they saw on TV, heard in history class, and experienced interacting with the outliers of our faith who often demonize the lost and searching instead of serving them as Christ did. For this reason, we are passionate about Christians digging deep roots in this gospel desert. Although there has been some sacrifice involved in this, we have received the favor of God in overwhelming ways during the last 7 years.

God is faithful and when his people plant themselves and follow his way both the church and the city flourish. Jesus gave us a great example by washing the feet of the least of these, loving the ones who hate and persecute, showing neighborly love to bad neighbors, and boldly living a counter-cultural life by the power of the Holy Spirit. Our family has, by the grace of God, been blessed with the ability to purchase a home here in Woodside. This home has become a physical representation of our desire to invest our lives fully in this neighborhood and do something out of the ordinary for people our age in NYC - stay.

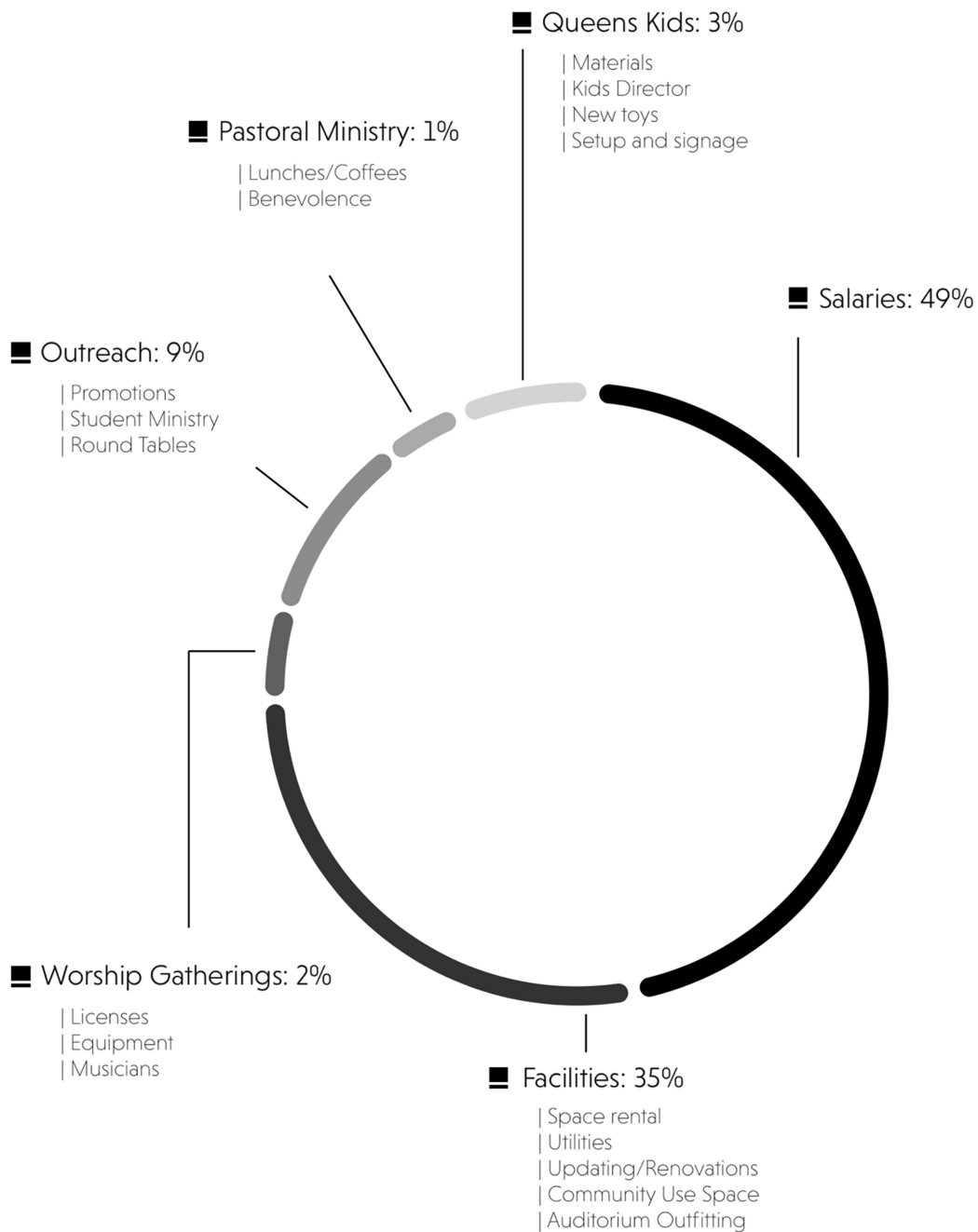
We have been transformed by the renewing of our minds through daily interactions with our neighbors here in Woodside. We have become empathetic in ways we didn't know were needed or possible and we have seen first-hand the life-changing power of basic, biblical hospitality. Queens Church will display gospel hospitality to the neighborhood and welcome people to the table to experience the love of the Father as well.

As a partner of QIC we encourage you to come to the table as well. Come and see what God is doing in our neighborhood, join us in praying for individuals and our community to experience revival, and give faithfully so this church can become a healthy, vibrant, fruit-bearing family of disciple makers.

Larry Mayberry

Lead Church Planter | Queens Church

Q|C LAUNCH YEAR BUDGET



The Numbers:

Launch Budget (2019): \$228,645
 Anticipated Local Giving (2019): \$19,000
 Partner Giving Goal: \$209,000 or \$18,000 monthly

One Time Gift Goal: \$20,000

Monthly Giving Goals:

One Church giving: \$5,000
 Two Churches giving: \$1,000
 Five Churches giving: \$500
 Ten Churches giving: \$250

Five Individuals giving: \$500
 Ten Individuals giving: \$100
 Twenty Individuals giving: \$50



WHY THE NAME QUEENS CHURCH?

First, the simple name makes it easy for non-english speakers to remember and will help bridge the language gap that exists because of the diversity of Queens' residents. Secondly, each of the five boroughs, except Queens, has an identity in either pop culture or the type of people who live there. Queens, however, is unique in it's diversity (See "The Area"). Because of this it lacks a streamlined solitary identity. We are hoping that the name Queens Church can provide unity in the midst of diversity.

OUR TEAM

LARRY MAYBERRY

Co-Church Planter

DANNY RANGEL

Co-Church Planter

OUR AFFILIATIONS

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY; COMPREHENSIVE TRAINING; RELATIONAL SUPPORT



Connection Church NYC is our Sending Church. They have agreed to facilitate our funds. All donations given will go through the Connection Church Giving Portal and are 100% Tax Deductable.



We will be a part of Redeemer City to City's Apprentice Program located in Manhattan which is a 9-Month Training Program that assists in church planting in NYC.



SEND Network

Queens Church NYC will be associated, although not funded, with the SEND Network and the North American Missions Board.

COME TO THE TABLE

We're asking you to join us on this journey of making disciples in Queens NYC. Prayerfully consider how you can partner with us in this new endeavor. **Here are two ways you can get invovled:**

No. 1:

PRAY

This is a God-sized dream and every God-sized dream begins with prayer. Join us and our team by praying for the work that is going to happens in Queens.

No. 2:

PARTNER

The work we desire to do is only possible through the genorosity and sacrifice of people like you. Pray and ask God how you can financially partner with us.

Here are three ways you can give:

GIVE ONLINE

Visit "www.qns.church/give"

GIVE BY TEXT

Text "queenschurch" to 84321

GIVE BY CHECK

checks made out to Queens Church.

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