

# CEA

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ABOUT CONNECTING  
THE UNCONNECTED  
TO JESUS.**

**WA**

**OR**

**ID**

**AK**

**BC**

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THROUGHOUT THE  
PACIFIC NORTHWEST.**

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## WHO WE ARE

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In 1961, as Seattle was erecting the Space Needle in preparation for the World's Fair the following year, 27 visionary Kingdom leaders from around the Puget Sound came together to create a network to reach the region with the Gospel through the establishment of new churches patterned after the New Testament. The CEA was born. 63 years later, we remain committed to this vision in the PNW.

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TONY SALVA — EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, THE CEA



PICTURED CLOCKWISE — 1) FAIRBANKS, AK, WHERE JOURNEY CHRISTIAN WAS ESTABLISHED IN 2004. 2) TONEY SALVA 3) OLYMPIA, WA, WHERE CAPITAL VISION CHRISTIAN WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1990. 4) PORTLAND, OR, WHERE KAINOS WAS ESTABLISHED IN 2021. 5) BOISE, ID, WHERE LIFESPING CHRISTIAN WAS ESTABLISHED IN 2009

FROM CEA'S

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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*"When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were confused and aimless, like sheep without a shepherd. He said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields.'"*

~ Matthew 9:36-38

Sometimes when we look at the sheer magnitude of the problems in our world, it is easy to become overwhelmed and say *"What could I possibly do? The needs are just too huge!"* This sort of mentality causes us to isolate and try to hide from the world's problems. But when Jesus looked at the crowds, he was moved by compassion for them and his compassion led him to take action. He had already been at work among them, helping countless people in the crowds who were sick, multiplying food for them, and providing spiritual healing. Yet despite all he did, it never seemed to be enough. They were desperate, and directionless like sheep without a shepherd.

Jesus said the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. You would think that having Jesus with them in person would have been enough for the crowds, but it never was. They constantly demanded more; they thought the Messiah would come as a warrior king. The crowds shouted Hosanna on some days and tried to kill Jesus the next. Even so, Jesus had a plan to shepherd the multitudes. His plan was much different that anyone could have imagined at the time. Jesus would die and then be raised from the grave before commissioning his church to go bring in the harvest by following in his steps!

There is no denying that we live in challenging and exciting times, but the Kingdom of God continues to expand here in the Pacific Northwest and around the world. The Holy Spirit is working through God's people and new churches are being born and disciples are being made! This is not a time to hold back and be discouraged or afraid. We have the responsibility to reach and shepherd this next generation with the the gospel! What could be more important or fulfilling than that? As you read this report, I pray that your heart will be stirred into action to find your place in God's plan for the harvest in the Pacific Northwest!

Your co-worker in Christ,

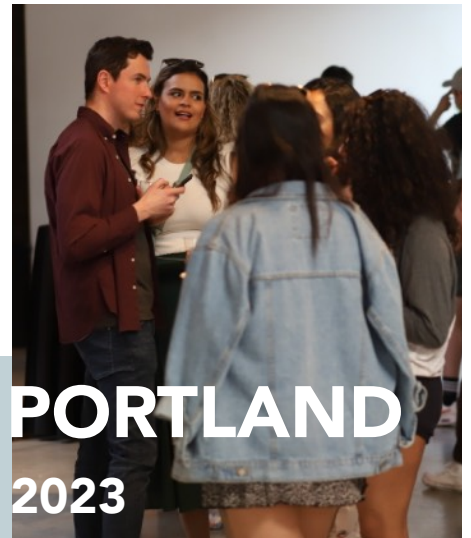
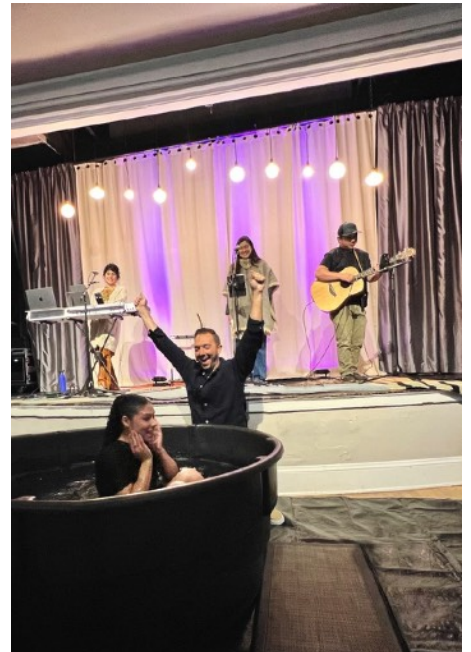


**TONEY SALVA**



# 2 NEW CHURCHES

...IN THE LAST 6 MONTHS



## COUNTERCULTURE PORTLAND

### SEPTEMBER 2023



LUSKO FAMILY

CounterCulture began holding public services on September 10th, 2023 in the heart of Portland, OR—a city many have given up on. More than 20,000 people have left the city for other places, but moving towards the mess is what it means to follow Jesus. CounterCulture also believes there is beauty to be found in this city too. *"Our vision is to build a church where skeptics are acknowledged, respected, and challenged. A church where Christians learn how to winsomely engage with their neighbors and friends. Where each week doubters are expected, welcomed, and invited to examine why a crucified peasant from a small Roman province has shaped the fate of nations."* ~ **JESSE LUSKO, LEAD PLANTER**



# GENERATIONS CHURCH OF EUGENE JANUARY 2024



REXIUS FAMILY

*"In a way, starting a new church is like cutting a hole in the roof for your friends. We are passionate for our friends to become close to Jesus!"*

**~ SOL REXIUS, LEAD PLANTER**

Generations Church in Eugene, OR began holding monthly core team gathering in September of 2023 with their first public worship service on January 21st, 2024. This new church is multi-generational with congregants between the ages 8 months to 80 years old!

The core team also launched Salt Co. campus ministry on the campus of University of Oregon in September of 2023 and there are so many students participating on Sunday's with Generations Church volunteering, leading and bringing friends!

Generations Church is passionate about connecting with students on the University of Oregon campus. Every year 5,000+ students move to Eugene from all around the world to learn new skills, meet new people, and set the trajectory for the rest of their life. What if the gospel became a part of that equation? Generations Church believe's that the best context for the discipleship of college students is a multi-generational church! And that is exactly who they are!

# 4 NEW CHURCHES

... PREPARING TO LAUNCH

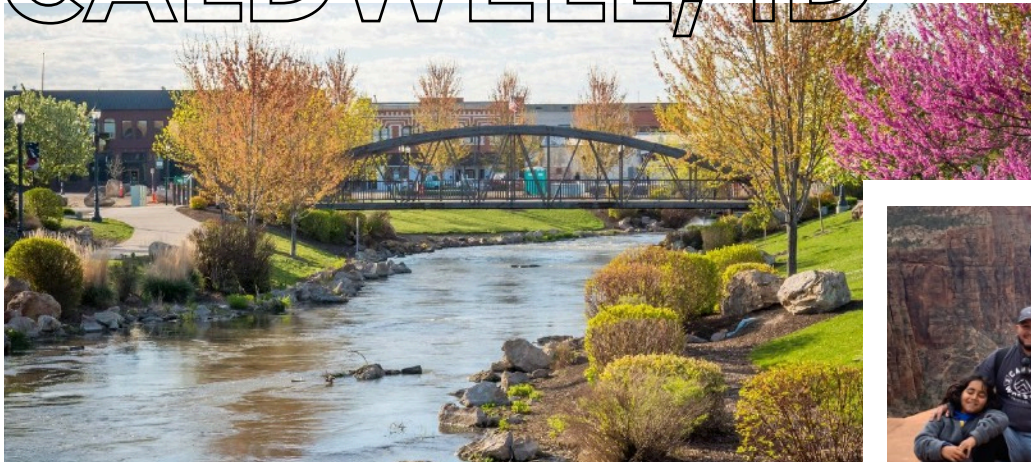
## SEATTLE, WA



FILMORE & CAITLIN BOULDES

The Bouldes have been working on forming a diverse community in South Lake Union/ Belltown neighborhood of Seattle that reflects the values of Jesus while inviting everyone into the new life he offers. They are currently having dinner parties and building relationships with the hope of beginning public worship services in the Fall of 2024.

## CALDWELL, ID



MARIO & JAMIE ROMERO

The Romeros have lived in Caldwell for several years and have a desire to start a new church in their community that will bring about real difference and unity. They are currently building missional communities and discipling leaders to help them begin Sunday services in early 2025.



# SEATAC, WA



ZEB & LEAH GREENFIELD



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The Greenfields have been working in the Renton area for almost 8 years preparing to establish a new church in SeaTac/ Tukwila region. Their prayer is to begin their journey this Spring with an eye on a mid 2025 launch.

# CORVALLIS, OR



AARON & TATUM NELSON

COLTON BANKS



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Aaron, Tatum and Colton are all graduates of Ozark Christian College and will be moving to Corvallis in late 2024 with 60 + college students from around the country to establish a new church and campus ministry on the campus of Oregon St. University. This will be a daughter church of Generations Church in Eugene. They are targeting early 2026 for their public launch date.

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**COMING SOON:** FAIRBANKS, AK - VANCOUVER, BC - BOISE, ID -

# METRICS

## MORE THAN NUMBERS

# 62

NEW CHURCHES  
STARTED OVER  
THE PAST 61 YEARS

# 2

NEW CHURCHES  
STARTED IN THE  
LAST 6 MONTHS

# 4

NEW CHURCHES  
PREPARING TO  
LAUNCH

# 50+

NEW CHURCHES  
ENVISIONED OVER  
THE NEXT 10 YEARS

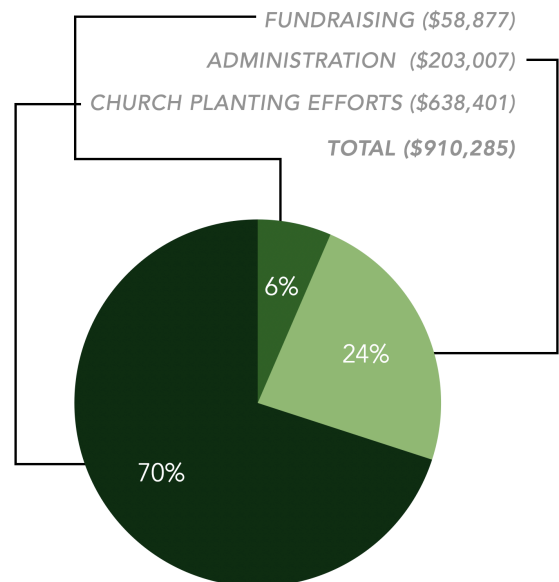
## EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE A HOME CHURCH

Have you ever stopped to think about who started your home churches over the years? Every church has an origin story. Every church had a first Sunday! How might your life be different had your home churches never been started? Would you be a follower of Jesus today?

This is why we are passionate about establishing new churches throughout our region. Everyone should have a home church because everyone deserves an opportunity to connect with Jesus! We believe the Church is still God's plan for reaching and discipling the world for Christ.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

CALENDAR YEAR 2023



*There were additional administrative costs this year due to reorganization & staff changes.*





*"Southeast is grateful for our partnership with The CEA to plant churches in the Pacific Northwest where the need is so great. We are excited for future opportunities to establish more healthy churches!"*

**~ Eugene DePorter, Director of Church Planting  
Southeast Christian Church - Louisville, KY**



*"Honestly, I can't imagine planting a church without the wisdom and support we receive from the The CEA. Our team, our church, and our city is better because of our partnership."*

**~ Sol Rexius, Lead Planter  
Generations Church - Eugene, OR**



# MISSION

**BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS THAT ESTABLISH HEALTHY, MULTIPLYING CHURCHES THROUGHOUT THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST.**

# VALUES

**WE ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT CONNECTING THE UNCONNECTED TO JESUS.**

**WE ARE REGIONALLY FOCUSED TO MEET THE MOST URGENT NEEDS IN THE PNW.**

**WE ARE HIGHLY SELECTIVE OF LEADERS**

**WE STRIVE FOR DIVERSITY TO BETTER REFLECT THE FULL KINGDOM OF GOD.**

**WE BUILD STRONG PARTNERSHIPS TO ACCOMPLISH THE MISSION TOGETHER**

**WE PLACE A HIGH PRIORITY ON DISCIPLESHIP AND MULTIPLICATION.**

**WE ARE INNOVATIVE AND EMBRACE EXPERIMENTATION.**

**WE CHOOSE TO WALK BY FAITH AND DEPEND ON GOD FOR DIRECTION.**

# VISION

**ESTABLISH 50+ NEW CHURCHES IN THE NEXT 10 YEARS WITH AT LEAST 10 OF THOSE CHURCHES LED BY LEADERS DEVELOPED AND SENT OUT BY CEA CHURCHES.**



# STAFF & BOARD

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TILIKUM CROSSING BRIDGE, PORTLAND, OR HOME TO 6 CEA CHURCHES

***NEW CHURCHES ARE SO NEEDED IN THE PNW.  
HERE ARE THREE WAYS YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE:***

**PRAY**

PRAYING FOR OUR CURRENT  
AND FUTURE PLANTERS IS  
A PRIORITY FOR US.

**GIVE**

INVEST IN A NEW CHURCH  
OR HELP US SERVE THEM  
THROUGH GENEROSITY.

**GO**

INTERESTED IN  
ESTABLISHING A NEW  
CHURCH IN THE PNW?

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