REALITY CHURCH BOSTON

VISION AND PRAYER GATHERING 2018

REVIEW AS A LENS

Detailed within 'Year in Review' is information on several areas of church and community life, presented in the form of numbers, percentages, statistics and comparisons. While this information is important for the sake of clarity and transparency, it is not an end in itself. Instead, it serves as lens through which we see the grace and faithfulness of God. Our prayer is that, as a church family, our hearts are stirred in thankful worship and humble trust.

SERVANT VOLUNTEERS

PRAYER: To serve God and others in the ways he has gifted us, within healthy rhythms of work and rest.

Current Servant Volunteers
150

Servant Volunteers Joined Since September
28

Sunday Operation Teams
13

Team Leads
16

COMMUNITY GROUPS

PRAYER: To cultivate healthy, committed communities that apprentice Jesus together.

CG Locations 2017
13-14

CG Locations 2018
13

Directors/Hosts 2017
40

Directors/Hosts 2018
37

CG Fall Sign-ups 2017

overall attendance

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overall attendance

Current Coaches
4

COMMUNITY LIFE

Baptisms
3

Pre Marriage Counseling
12 couples

Men's Retreat (capped)
40

Weddings Officiated
4

Women's Retreat
55

Children
30+

Baby Dedications
9

Regular Attending Families
20+

Spiritual Direction
20

FINANCIAL GENEROSITY

PRAYER: Radical generosity and trust in God's provision as a posture of faith and life with our resources, time, talent, encouragement, energy and finances, as a church and as individuals.

INCOME

2017 Local Generosity
$681,047

This represents a -1.2% decrease year over year.

2018 Local Generosity
$672,680

Church Planting & Missions Allocations
$65,981

EXPENSES

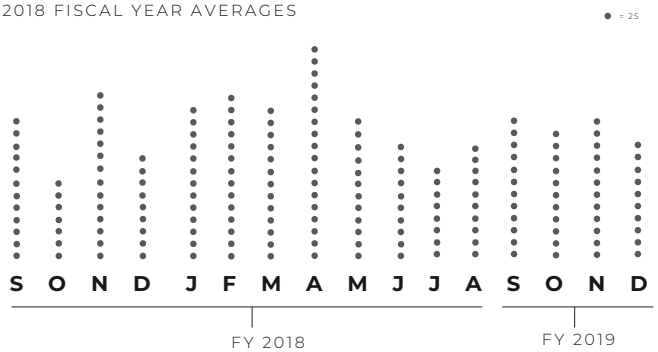
Total Expenses
$643,814

EXPENSES % BY CATEGORY

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

Due to the transient nature of Boston, weekly attendance varies greatly and usually folows the academic calendar. We also moved from The Villa Victoria to The Dante, back to The Villa and finally to Excel High School in June 2018.

2018 FISCAL YEAR AVERAGES



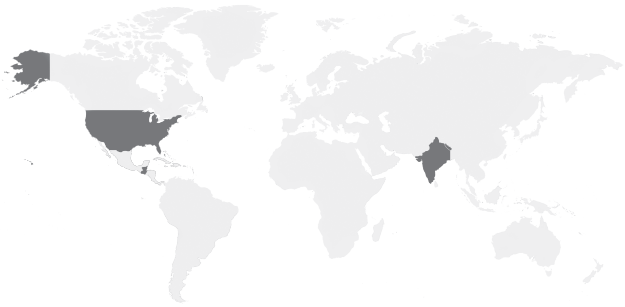
FY 2018 Average
300

FY 2019 Average
281

This represents a -6% decrease year over year.

MISSIONAL AMBASSADORS

This past year we supported six organizations for the sake of the kingdom. This includes Reality Honolulu, Christian Veterinerian Mission, Children's Covenant Home, Emily Richarde via Love Justice, Level Ground (3 yrs) and Excel High School (ongoing). Our community has also fostered generosity through supporting those who feel called to fostercare and adoption.



MISSIONAL AMBASSADOR HOPES

The elders and leadership are prayerfully considering supporting a new local church plant that is expected to launch in fall 2019 called, Resurrection Church in East Boston. Resurrection Church will be led by Justin Ruddy and his wife Sarah. They are endeavoring to live life with God in community for the neighborhood.

Additionally, we want to prayerfully consider how God is leading us in acts of Biblical, racial justice. Our hope is to reimagine what is looks like to holistically live out the Gospel in Boston by taking into account it's history, the nation's history and learn how to listen and engage more with our brothers and sisters of color for the sake of RENEWAL.

MISSIONAL AMBASSADORS IN DETAIL

REALITY HONOLULU - Reality is made up of a family of churches that started in a small beach town in California. Reality Honolulu (RH) being the newest church plant. RH is currently making it's way to financial independence. Though we still support them, this fiscial year is slightly less as generosity among their congregation has increased.

CHRISTIAN VETERINARIAN MISSION - Diane and Tom Schiefer are two global missionaries currently in Guatamala that we support through Christian Veterinarian Mission (CVM). CVM seeks to challenge, empower and facilitate veterinary professionals to serve others by living out their Christian faith among nomadic communities where livestock play a central role in their livelihood by providing income, nutrition and labor. Veterinary professionals are invited to share their expertise and opportunities are created to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

COVENANT CHILDREN'S HOME - Sean and Paige Whiting work in India with one of the most vulnerable in society, orphans. We have partnered with them in their mission to provide children a home into adulthood, send them to college and prepare them for a career.

LEVEL GROUND - Ali Fuller, a memeber of our community, founded a mixed martial arts non-profit that provides athletics, college access and career opportunities to families in the city. Located in Dorchester and they're our longest standing local ambassdor!

EMILY RICHARDE - Emily has been on mission as a teacher in the Dream School in Nepal under Love Justice and will be returning home this Spring. She has been faithful in her mission for the past couple of years and we are thankful to have partnered with her to advance the Kingdom through her leadership and service overseas.

POSTURE OF THANKFULNESS

PRAYER: For gratitude to be an ongoing, faithful practice withitn our community.

- The faithfulness of our Sunday Ministry Teams and of answered prayer via the Prayer Team.
- Staff Changes: Rob Salazar joined staff part time as our Kids Ministry Director. Morgan Antonell stepped into a highly needed role as Director of Ministry Operations. Over the summer, we added 4 Independent Contractors to our team: Sabrina Giese (Communications and Media), Jon Amari (Accountant), Joan Higgins (Bookkeeper) and Carrie Schuliger (Spiritual Director). These new team members have helped us move towards autonomy and have been very valuable additions to our community.
- A deeper desire among our community for true Spiritual Formation.
- A successful move to Excel High School in June 2018.
- For our ability to support our missional ambassadors in the gospel through generosity.