



A Spiritually Transforming Legacy

SHARING HENRI NOUWEN'S HEART FOR MINISTRY

In 2023, the Henri Nouwen Society continued to strengthen our online presence built up during the pandemic. Exciting podcast episodes introduced new audiences to Henri Nouwen, social media offered the opportunity to share meaningful Nouwen excerpts, and video webinars connected thousands of participants from all over the world. Steps towards the creation of a graphic novel based on *The Return of the Prodigal Son* anticipate introducing Nouwen to a younger audience. In this Annual Report you'll read exciting highlights from a busy and fruitful year of ministry.

We give thanks for all the support that our expanding Nouwen community offers to advance our mission of spiritual transformation through the work and legacy of Henri Nouwen.



Bruce Adema, Executive Director



Daniel Cho, Chair of the Board

The **Henri Nouwen Society** is sustained by the financial gifts of people who experience a deep connection to Nouwen and his writing. A living legacy, the work of Henri Nouwen continues to nurture spiritual transformation through **publications, programs, and partnerships**. Here are some highlights from 2023:

A Spirituality of Fundraising

A paradigm-shifting talk given by Henri Nouwen has become one of his best known works among ministry leaders. A Spirituality of Fundraising recognizes the ministry and spiritual transformation that is possible through raising the resources needed to advance mission and ministry. In 2023, the Henri Nouwen Society partnered with World Vision to produce a five-part webinar series based on this work. Featuring both fundraisers and philanthropists, the series is an enriching and encouraging invitation to see God work through the ministry of fundraising. Plans are well underway for a whole new set of speakers for 2025.

A Father to the Fatherless

In 2023, a nine-part video project was developed in partnership with Prison Fellowship Canada. Based on Nouwen's *The Return of the Prodigal Son*, this project will see prisoners in 50 Canadian prisons receive a copy of the book and the opportunity to engage with the videos and workbook. Addressing the pain and fragmentation caused by fatherlessness, this program will bring hope and healing through relationship with the unconditional love of the Father. We are so grateful for the support of the Bridgeway Foundation and Carrick a Rede Foundation for this project. In 2024, we will prepare to expand the program internationally.

Spanish Ministry

Daily meditations en español were launched in January and we are now completing a full set of audio recordings of the meditations to play on Hispanic media.

“Some days Henri’s words just resonate in my heart because they touch on something that I am dealing with. He was and is a very special gift to us.”



Summer Meditation Series

We are so grateful to Robert Ellsberg for his presentation of our 2023 Summer Meditation Series based on his book, *A Living Gospel*. Featuring sessions on the lives of Dorothy Day, Thomas Merton, and Henri Nouwen, the series invited participants to see God's story revealed through their own life journeys. Participants from all over the world registered and to-date the videos have been viewed more than 12k times. It is available on the Henri Nouwen YouTube channel.

Henri Nouwen Society Podcast

Hosted by Karen Pascal, fifteen brand new episodes of the Henri Nouwen, *Now & Then Podcast* were released in 2023 with a diverse and inspiring group of guests. In 2024, we will be releasing a new podcast series, *Love, Henri*, with new guests discussing letters written by Henri Nouwen.

Called to be Fruitful

In November, the Henri Nouwen Society held its first in-person event since the pandemic. Held in the beautiful chapel on the campus of Tyndale University, new home to our offices, this was an evening to celebrate the fruitfulness of the Henri Nouwen Society under the leadership of, now-retired Executive Director, Karen Pascal.



This year was also one of preparing for the transition to the newly appointed Executive Director, Bruce Adema.

“I have benefited so much from the meaningful work of the HNS, I would like more people to experience the blessings as well. I hope the good work to continues to flourish.”



“The daily emails introduced me to Henri’s wisdom, and there is always a nugget of truth to take with me during the day.”

“I love the daily updates and find they contribute significantly to my spirituality.”

“I see Henri Nouwen as a giant among God’s people. His writings get into the depths of my soul and encourage me in my daily walk with God. I see him as a man after God’s own heart and puts into words what I myself cannot always express.”

Engaging the Nouwen Community

Connecting with people across the globe, digital media introduces, inspires, and stimulates spiritual growth through Nouwen’s work.

67,176

Instagram followers
(total reach: 320,381)

62,971

Daily Meditation Subscribers

2,957

Spanish Meditation Subscribers

394,456

Podcast plays
(1,475,701 all time listens)

73,444

Facebook followers

13,276

YouTube subscribers
(190,000 views)

8,900

Webinar participants

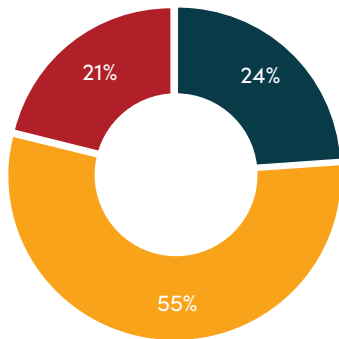
2023 Financial Report

When it comes to fundraising, Henri Nouwen is known throughout the world for his teaching that the giving and raising of funds for ministry has the potential to be spiritually transformational. At the Henri Nouwen Society we recognize that all who give financially are participating with God in encouraging spiritual growth through the promoting, publishing, preserving and programming of Nouwen's work. We are deeply grateful for the generosity and trust of those who join us in this ministry. And we are committed to good stewardship and careful management of all the resources entrusted to us.

Ray Glennon, Treasurer
Bruce Adema, Executive Director

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL SUMMARY

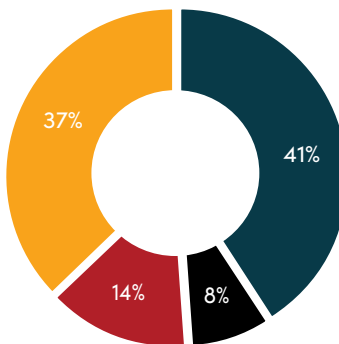
(Year ended December 31, 2023
with comparative figures for 2022)



2023 REVENUE

- LITERARY GRANTS
- DONATIONS
- CONFERENCES & EVENTS

REVENUE	2023	2022
Literary Grants	\$ 205,398	\$ 271,586
Donations	\$ 474,407	\$ 383,749
Events	\$ 178,064	\$ 82,306
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 857,869	\$ 737,641



2023 EXPENSES

- OPERATIONS
- PROMOTION
- GENERAL & ADMIN.
- PROGRAMMING

EXPENSES	2023	2022
Operations	\$ 356,782	\$ 382,560
Promotion	\$ 70,961	\$ 41,827
Administration	\$ 123,072	\$ 82,293
Programming	\$ 318,305	\$ 262,654
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 869,120	\$ 769,334
Surplus/Deficit	\$ (11,251)	\$ (31,693)



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