# Annual Report 2020





TO SEE NEW ENGLAND TRANSFORMED FROM THE LEAST-CHURCHED REGION IN THE U.S. TO THE MOST SPIRITUALLY VIBRANT PLACE ON EARTH.

## **INTRODUCTIO**

What an unexpected year it was! Twenty-twenty has been full of twists, turns, and unforeseen challenges for all of us. Yet, it has been miraculous to watch God work at Vox Church. People's lives are being radically changed by the gospel. Families are being restored and healed. The church is getting stronger and stronger, preparing for the future and even greater impact. I don't know what your story has been in 2020, but I know that God has a plan. He will not leave you and he will see you through. Behind the numbers shared in this annual report, there are thousands of stories. Behind the stories, there are hu-

man beings with eternal souls. What an honor to be a part of God's work in our time!

Justin & Chrisy Kendrick Vox Church



### MAKING A DIFFERENCE **FOR FAMILIES**

#### VOXKIDS

This year, VoxKids accelerated resourcing and programming for kids and families throughout our region. During the pandemic, we brought new content and resources into homes:

- Weekly Virtual VoxKids Programming
- Bible Curriculum for Use at Home
- Vox Families Social Media Initiatives and Family Challenges;
- Virtual Story Book Reading;
- Summer and Afterschool Fun Calls:

While maintaining proper protocols, we were even able to host fun events for families including:

- Virtual VBS:
- Easter Jam 2020:
- Simply Christmas; and
- Pack-a-Pack Kids Outreach Program.

Over the past year, children engaged with the gospel in new and greater ways at home and we saw 22 children give their lives to Jesus and we baptized 6 children!

### VOXYOUTH

In 2020 VoxYouth was able to establish consistency in gathering and create more accessibility for students to participate in community across all of our current campuses. We saw an increase in middle and high school students join VoxYouth and have seen our team of leaders double in size! Students have been able to grow in relationship with their peers and leaders as well as encounter the presence of God as we have come together for events.

- Youth House LIVE
- VoxYouth One-Day Camp
- The VoxYouth Christmas Party
- Regional Youth House

















## **Vox Church** 2020

For the glory of God and the transformation of our city.





# REACHING OUT

2020 was a year of **EXPLOSIVE GROWTH** for our outreach ministries at Vox. Collectively, we have given away **\$307,854** to support local initiatives and organizations throughout our communities. We extensively focused on COVID-19 relief efforts, which included food delivery to high-risk individuals and care for first responders.

- In Middletown, our Campus Outreach team partnered with local organizations to coordinate **weekly deliveries** to those most vulnerable.
- We partnered with Stamford Public Schools to distribute weekend meal and snack kits to students in need.
- As a church, we sent out over **10,000 letters** to those in isolation and those serving on the frontlines of the pandemic.
- We collected over 20,000 cans for our Jesus Can Drive that enabled local organizations to provide food for Thanksgiving across Connecticut and Massachusetts.

### **GLOBAL MISSIONS**

Our efforts continued alongside international organizations to see the gospel expand all over the globe. As a church, we also formed a Global Missions Council to lay groundwork identifying specific areas of focus for our international missions' efforts: **church planting and theological training**; **least access to the gospel**; **arena of ideas**; **women and children**; **and Sub-Saharan Africa**. Collectively, we gave away **\$162,879** toward international efforts. Here are a few global highlights:

- We provided video equipment for a church in Turkey allowing a transition to online services; the gospel continued to spread in their region.
- We've been monthly supporting organizations in INDIA, RWANDA, GREECE and JAMAICA.

# CREATIVE EXPANSION

### **VOX CREATIVE**

Our Creative team, which consists of musicians, graphic designers, writers and filmmakers, worked to produce materials that supported what God was doing in our community. We created a devotional to go along with the sermon series Personal Jesus, designed and written by our team. In December, Voxmusic released it's first live album **MORE THAN ALIVE**, which was captured at our New Haven location. That same month, our team produced **SACRED OBSCURITY**, a Christmas film experience. We are expected God to continue to breath on the music and resources coming out of our creative community!

### **CHURCH ONLINE**

In early 2020, Church Online was merely a future project we hoped to implement one day, but as March came around, that future project became a present priority. **Our teams were able to create an online experience that carried the power of the Holy Spirit into every home.** 

Thousands of people viewed and participated in our online services. In fact, our Sunday participation grew in 2020 beyond our previous years. We pray it will continue to play a vital role in **preaching** the gospel, **connecting** a hurting world to God's people, and **growing community!** 







# WAKE MY HEART FULFILLMENT PHASE UPDATE

In the fall of 2019, Vox launched our Wake My Heart Campaign. This two-year initiative challenged us to reshape our lives around eternal values and prioritize the mission of the local church. In a miraculous move of God, our church committed \$19,586,454 over two years! We focused our efforts around three major priorities.

#### Priority 1: Strengthen our current ministries.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, we have overhauled and staffed our central systems, campus ministries, VoxKids, VoxYouth, Finance and Operations Dept, and Creative. Our online and social media footprint has grown more in nine months than it did in the first nine years! God has enabled us to use this time to strengthen our ministries more than we ever imagined.

#### Priority 2: Secure our first anchor location and launch new churches.

Renovations were completed in 2019 for our new Vox Central Offices. The site of our first anchor location was secured at 131 Commercial Parkway in Branford, CT, and in November of 2019, Vox was unanimously approved by planning and zoning. We expect our Vox Branford Anchor Location to be open for weekly services and be ready to broadcast to all locations in 2021! Vox New Britain and Worcester have continued to meet through 2020 with hopes of greater opportunity for large weekly gatherings in 2021.

#### Priority 3: Establish a site acquisition fund.

Our team at Vox has moved forward in securing a permanent facility for our Hartford church with the help of our site acquisition fund. It is our hope to acquire and renovate a permanent home in Hartford in 2021.

None of this forward progress would have been possible without the faithful commitments of our church through this Wake My Heart Campaign. The generosity and consistency of our church through 2020 is nothing short of miraculous. Thank you for being a part of a move of God's Holy Spirit! this next season.



## 2019-2020 Financials











## 2019-2020 Totals

#### 2019\$

- \$5,525,759
- \$1,959,172
- \$1,477,588
- \$1,000,019
- \$45,461
- \$268,214
- \$100,985
- \$768,541

2020 \$
\$8,128,810
\$2,646,949
\$1,042,652
\$653,685
\$62,781
\$307,854
\$162,879
\$3,261,056

