

THE JOURNEY CHURCH

NEXT **INITIATIVE**

**Securing the future of
The Journey Church**

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The NExT Initiative is The Journey's 20-year \$20 million initiative with the following goals:

-  Secure the future of The Journey Church.
-  Double the ministry impact of The Journey Church.
-  Provide for a **permanent meeting location and ministry center** for The Journey Church in the heart of NYC.

The NExT Initiative Goal: \$20 million in 20 years (by 2042)

The NExT Initiative Phase One Goal: \$2 million (by Fall 2024)

To-Date: Close to \$500,000 has been given to NExT in the first 10 months of the campaign – putting us ¼ of the way to our Phase One goal (Fall 2023)!

The NExT Initiative will create an opportunity fund to put The Journey Church in a position to be able to respond obediently to ministry and real estate opportunities that God puts before us.

In addition – a portion of your giving to **The NExT Initiative** will be designated to support missions and ministries that are normally part of The Journey's Annual Special Offering.

In this short information packet, you will be encouraged to:

PRAY: Ask God how He would have you give to The NExT Initiative.

PLEDGE: Make a 5-Year Pledge to The Next Initiative (or recommit to your original pledge).

GIVE: Make a meaningful gift to The NExT Initiative this week (whether you have given to NExT before or this would be your first gift) and consider automating a regular gift to help our church reach our goal as soon as possible.



What is the NExT Initiative?

NExT is a 20-year initiative to raise the funds necessary to secure our future, invest in a permanent ministry facility, position our church to respond to any BIG ministry opportunities that God might put before us and continue to reach the people of Metro New York City for Jesus Christ.



The goal of the NExT Initiative is \$20 million over the next 20 years (by December 31, 2042) – with an initial Phase One goal of \$2 million by Fall 2024.

The goals, objectives and strategies of The NExT Initiative will be adjusted in 5-year increments based on where we are at each milestone.

GOAL #1: Secure the Future of The Journey Church

This Fall The Journey celebrates our 21st Anniversary as a church. And God has done some incredible things during our first two decades. Including over 3,200 people baptized!

We have seen God move our church from the **Start-Up Phase** to the **Stability Phase**. By providing for increased ministry and a permanent meeting location – our hope is that The NExT Initiative helps move The Journey into the **Sustainability Phase** that will allow our church to impact New York City for Jesus for generations to come.

GOAL #2: Double the Ministry Impact of The Journey Church

Let's not limit what God can do over the next 20 years based on what He did in our first 20 years. Instead, let's DREAM BIG DREAMS and PRAY BIG PRAYERS for our future. Let's not put a limit on what God might want to do!

Instead of praying for God to duplicate the first 20 years, through The NExT Initiative let's pray and ask God to...



- X** Double the number of New Yorkers who hear the gospel.
- X** Double the salvations and baptisms.
- X** Double the number of mission trips and missions giving.
- X** Double the number of homeless & at-risk families served.
- X** Double the number of needs met in our church.
- X** Double the number of lives impacted by Jesus Christ.
- X** Double the ministry impact!





GOAL #3: Provide for a permanent meeting location and ministry center for The Journey Church in the heart of NYC.

In the first 20 years of The Journey, we have met in close to 30 different meeting locations and 5 different office spaces. A permanent ministry center would provide a sense of stability for weekly worship and on-going ministry and would help secure the future of our church for generations to come.

Reaching this goal of \$20 million in 20 years would position The Journey to be able to secure a permanent ministry center of at least 20,000 square feet in NYC that would provide:

- X** A large auditorium for our church to worship together every Sunday.
- X** Office space for our staff to work and our volunteers to serve.
- X** Educational space for our Journey Kidz Ministry and for the spiritual growth of those who call Journey home.



-  A ministry center from which we could do more outreach and ministry to our city than ever before.
-  A permanent space where our church could grow and serve NYC for Jesus for generations to come.









That is our 20-year \$20 million long-term goal.

But reaching the Phase One short-term goal of \$2 million is equally important. That would position The Journey to be able to respond to any BIG ministry opportunities that God might place before us in the coming years. For example...if a long-term lease were to become available where we would have possession of a worship space full-time (and not just on Sundays).

Reaching our God-sized goals for The NExT Initiative would put us in position where all of these would be within our reach.

Supporting Missions & Ministry through NExT

Your giving to The NExT Initiative makes a difference immediately... because a portion of your giving goes to support our ministries that are normally part of our Annual Special Offering:

-  Rikers Island Prison Outreach
-  Hope Schools in South Africa
-  Moscow Christian Seminary in Russia
-  Graffiti Community Ministries right here in NYC
-  International & National Missionaries
-  Journey's Benevolence & Counseling Ministry
And more!





But the HEART of The NExT Initiative is securing the future of our church by providing for a **permanent meeting location and ministry center** for The Journey Church right here in NYC!

What is Your NExT Step?

(1) PRAY. Pray for our church and pray about how God would have you participate in the NExT Initiative. This is a God-sized initiative and will require a lot of prayer.

(2) PLEDGE. Make a 5-year pledge to the NExT Initiative. Allow God to stretch you beyond what you thought you could give. Make your pledge on faith in what you believe God can do in your life over the next 5 years.

If you have already made a 5-Year Pledge – recommit to faithfully giving to NExT and reaching your goal. You might also consider increasing your goal as God blesses you!

You can Pledge using The NExT Initiative Pledge card at any Sunday service or online at: JourneyNYC.com/NExT.

(3) GIVE. Begin giving today to help us reach our God-sized goal!

X Go to JourneyNYC.com/NExT and click on the “Give a One-time or Recurring Gift” red button. If this is your first time giving online, take 30 seconds to create an account by clicking on Sign-up. If you have given online before, simply sign in to give.

Be sure to select “NExT Initiative” in the fund drop-down menu.

X If you prefer to give by **TEXT**, simply text the amount you want to give plus the word “Next” to 212.730.8300 (i.e. “500 Next” to give \$500). From there, you can also automate your NExT Initiative pledge by text.

X **You may give in-kind gifts of stocks or bonds.** For information on this type of giving, just contact us at 212.730.8300 x 200 or at giving@journeynyc.com or visit JourneyNYC.com/Stocks-Bonds.

X Call The Journey office at 212.730.8300 x200 to give by phone.

X **Remember:** all gifts to The Journey Church are 100% tax deductible.



(4) AUTOMATE. Automate your giving to NExT so you can be faithful in your giving and stay on track with your pledge. You can schedule your giving weekly, twice a month or monthly to help us reach our goal.

The NExT Initiative is a sacrificial offering above and beyond your normal tithes and offerings. It's not about equal gifts, because we've all been blessed by God in different ways. But it is about equal sacrifice.

Again, this is a God-sized initiative and it is going to take all of us giving and sacrificing together!

The Journey Mission Statement:

The Journey exists to give the people of metro New York City the best opportunity to become fully developing followers of Jesus.

