

Hope. Comfort. Inspiration.



Henri's words shine a light in the darkness.

For all of us, 2020 was a year like none other in our memories. In mid-March, the World Health Organization declared a global COVID-19 pandemic. Since then, more than 3 million people have died. We grieve for the lives lost and for those who mourn the deaths of their beloved ones. Since the pandemic took hold, we have been moved by messages telling us how vital Henri's words have been. Whether it's through our free Daily Meditations, podcasts, webinars, social media posts, or correspondence, tens of thousands of people found comfort, hope, and inspiration in his writing. The Henri Nouwen community is a global one. As we look back on 2020, the generosity of so many people humbles us. Without this support, we could not have accomplished our ministry of sharing Henri's words with the world.

With gratitude,

Karen Pascal, Executive Director

Sean Mulrooney, Chair

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SOCIETY

With support from generous donors in 2020,
the Henri Nouwen Society expanded its work of
sharing and nurturing Henri's spiritual legacy and vision.
Here are some highlights.

Exploring Downward Mobility

In our only in-person event of 2020, we welcomed close to 100 people to ***A Day with Shane Claiborne: The Transforming Power of Downward Mobility***. Shane, a prominent speaker, activist, and best-selling author, has been deeply influenced by Henri's writings on community, social justice and being a "wounded healer." The event was presented with the Spiritual Formation Centre at Tyndale University College and Seminary.

Increasing Access to Nouwen Archival Material

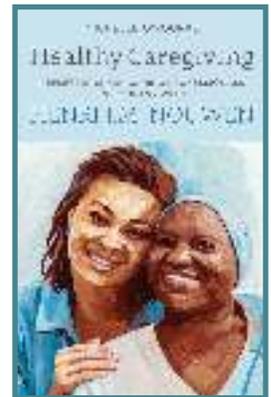
With financial support from the Henri Nouwen Society and Laurent Nouwen, the University of St. Michael's College hired a processing archivist, Teresa Wong, dedicated to the Henri J. M. Nouwen Archives & Research Collection. Teresa began processing material from the archival backlog in December, including three boxes of newly accessioned Nouwen family images and letters donated to the Trust by Laurent. These accessions contain previously unseen material from over 50 years of Henri's life. Teresa's work will create accessible online records, bringing this new material to an international audience.

**“Henri’s words bless
and inspire!”** – PAULINE A., AUSTRALIA



A New Resource for Professional Caregivers

The latest book in our Caregiving collection was launched in June with publishers Twenty-Third Publications and Novalis Publishing. More than 800 people from around the world met online to hear author Michelle O'Rourke share content from ***Healthy***



Caregiving: Perspectives for Caring Professionals in Company with Henri J.M. Nouwen. The Society's Courage for Caregivers initiative creates resources that offer spiritual nurture and comfort for both professional and unpaid caregivers. We thank Stronger Philanthropy for their support.

Supporting Ministry Through Henri's Vision

More than 1,100 professional and volunteer fundraisers participated in a webinar exploring the spiritual practices that support a vocation in fundraising. ***Inviting Others into Mission: A Conversation about Henri Nouwen's A Spirituality of Fundraising*** was offered in partnership with the Lake Institute on Faith & Giving and Upper Room Books. Nathan Ball, author of the new workbook edition of one of Henri's most popular books, shared his insights about authenticity in asking and giving.

**“A life-changing experience
occurred when I was in a
dark place in life and read
Henri’s meditations.”**

– BILL G., USA

“Often I’ve felt as though Henri wrote from the cries of my own heart.”

– ANGELA H., USA

OUR GROWING ONLINE COMMUNITY

Over the past year, we have been astounded by how many people have joined the Henri Nouwen Society online community! Our focus on creating content that nurtures, inspires, and comforts clearly resonates with people around the world. We are grateful for our many generous supporters, who enable us to share Henri Nouwen’s words.

“Wow! The podcast is brilliant!”

– MELANIE R., CANADA

“The Daily Meditations are so full of the Spirit of Christ and feed my heart.” – LESLIE C., USA

OUR GLOBAL REACH: Digital media enables the Henri Nouwen Society to inspire people around the world with Henri’s words.

25,000+

Instagram
followers

(150% growth over 2019)

51,000+

Daily Meditation
subscribers

(9% growth over 2019)

290,000+

Podcast plays

(35 episodes produced vs.
19 episodes in 2019)

68,000+

Facebook
followers

(9% growth over 2019)

3,300+

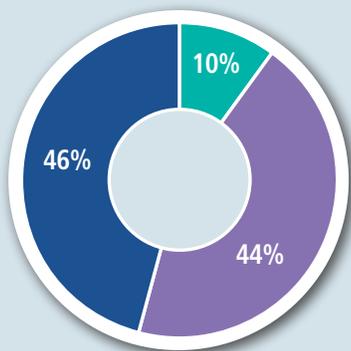
YouTube
subscribers

(148% growth over 2019)

2020 Financial Report

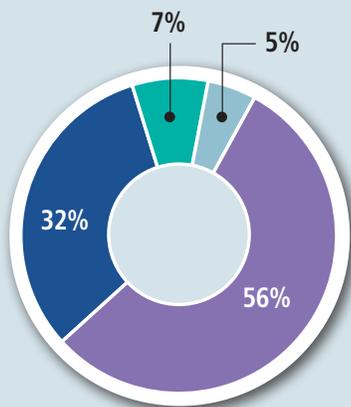
The purpose of the **Henri Nouwen Societies** (of Canada and the United States) is to share Henri Nouwen’s spiritual vision so that people in every condition of life can be transformed through experiencing themselves as God’s Beloved. We do this by fostering Nouwen’s legacy as one of the most influential spiritual writers of the 20th century. This report briefly summarizes our 2020 financial results.

Raymond Glennon, Treasurer
 Karen Pascal, Executive Director



2020 REVENUE

- LITERARY GRANTS
- DONATIONS
- CONFERENCES & EVENTS



2020 EXPENSES

- OPERATIONS
- PROMOTION
- GENERAL & ADMIN.
- PROGRAMMING

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL SUMMARY

(YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020
 WITH COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR 2019.)

REVENUE	2020	2019
Literary Grants	\$ 306,204	\$ 298,392
Donations	\$ 294,702	\$ 228,504
Conferences & Events	\$ 69,280	\$ 81,218
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 670,186	\$ 608,114

EXPENSES	2020	2019
Operations	\$ 361,237	\$ 341,430
Promotion	\$ 29,489	\$ 24,176
General & Admin.	\$ 48,631	\$ 52,037
Programming	\$ 203,390	\$ 170,161
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 642,747	\$ 587,804



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