



# Legacy. Vision. Impact.

## Henri's words nourish and inspire.

**D**espite the ongoing pandemic and its restrictions, 2021 was an incredible year for the Henri Nouwen Society. We found ways to celebrate Nouwen's legacy, deepen and extend the impact of his spiritual message, and cast a vision for the Society's future. We marked the 25th anniversary of Nouwen's death with several engaging online events attended by thousands of people. We created an exciting new strategic plan to guide our work for the next five years. We also saw the continued growth of our digital media, such as the Daily Meditations, podcasts, and social media. The Henri Nouwen community now stretches around the globe, present on every continent except Antarctica. Of course, none of this ministry would have been possible without the support and partnership of so many people. Together, we continue to bring Henri's encouraging and hope-filled words to our world.

With gratitude,



Karen Pascal, Executive Director



Sean Mulrooney, Chair

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SOCIETY

With support from generous **Henri Nouwen Society** donors,  
we share Henri's spiritual vision so that people can be  
transformed through experiencing themselves as God's beloved.  
Here are some highlights from 2021.

### **Writings on 'Community' Published**

In September, Orbis Books published *Community*, a compilation of Henri Nouwen's writing on the subject. Edited by Stephen Lazarus, the book draws from several articles Nouwen wrote over the years as well as unpublished material, including lectures and retreats. Early in 2022, *Community* was named a gold medallist at the Illumination Book Awards, which honor the best new Christian-themed titles.

### **Nouwen Archives Grow**

This year the Henri J.M. Nouwen Archives and Research Collection at the University of St. Michael's College saw the creation of extensive new records accessible online through the Discover Archives portal. This includes links for the Oral History Project, the Nouwen Letter Project, and new series for video, sound, and photographs. In addition, the backlog of previously unprocessed archival donations was significantly reduced, thanks to renewed funding from the Society for a processing archivist position.

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**“Henri's writing has had  
such a healing impact on  
my life.”** – BRADLEY W.



### **Celebrating Henri Nouwen's Legacy**

Throughout 2021 we marked the 25th anniversary of Henri Nouwen's death by commemorating and celebrating his fruitful life and enduring legacy. While the pandemic restricted our ability to gather in person, we were thrilled that our online conference and three unique webinars attracted more than 5,000 registrants worldwide.

Each event offered the opportunity for attendees to learn about Henri's life and continuing impact. On what would have been Henri's 89th birthday, our *Happy Birthday, Henri!* webinar featured remembrances from friends, rare photos, and video footage of a joyous birthday celebration at L'Arche Daybreak. In *My Dinner With Henri*, Parker Palmer and others shared stories from the times they gathered with Henri around the table. *Remembering Henri: The Gifts of a Fruitful Life* took place on the 25th anniversary of Henri's death and included tributes and video footage of the funerals in Canada and the Netherlands. Finally, our two-day online conference, *Henri Nouwen and the Art of Living*, featured seven outstanding speakers who shared Henri's profound influence on their lives.

### **Guides and Book Explore Nouwen Themes**

This year we published the five-booklet series *Henri Nouwen and the Art of Living: Insights from a Spiritual Master*, to coincide with our conference. Written by Chris Pritchett and Marjorie Thompson, these study guides touch on the key Nouwen themes of freedom, love, suffering, identity, and God. In the fall, we released *On Retreat with Henri Nouwen: Engaging Life's Big Questions*, which expanded on the conference booklet series. As well, Fuller Theological Seminary produced a series of online learning modules based on the booklets and offered them through its Center for Spiritual Formation.

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**“Thanks for bringing me  
so much hope.”** – LOUISE F.

“The Daily Meditations challenge me to grow.” – ANN-MARIE B.

### New Strategic Plan Sets Exciting Direction

In 2021 we completed our new five-year strategic plan, *The Way Forward*. Our goal was to refresh our organizational purpose, clarify our core values, and establish priorities for the future. Accordingly, we sought insights and ideas from a broad cross-section of people who could help us identify the themes, challenges, and strengths before us today.

The resulting plan outlines four strategic priorities to guide our activities over the next five years. These priorities focus on expanding and engaging the Nouwen community, building diverse partnerships and collaborations, growing publishing opportunities, and strengthening the preservation and use of Henri Nouwen materials. To learn more about our Strategic Plan, visit [henrinouwen.org](http://henrinouwen.org).

“Thank you for keeping Henri’s memory and legacy alive.” – MICHELLE E.

**NOUWEN COMMUNITY GROWTH:** Through digital media, the Henri Nouwen Society inspires and encourages people around the world with Henri’s words.

34,000+

Instagram followers

(38% growth over 2020)

52,000+

Daily Meditation subscribers

(2% growth over 2020)

421,000+

Podcast plays

(29 episodes produced in 2021 – 45% growth)

69,000+

Facebook followers

(2% growth over 2020)

5,500+

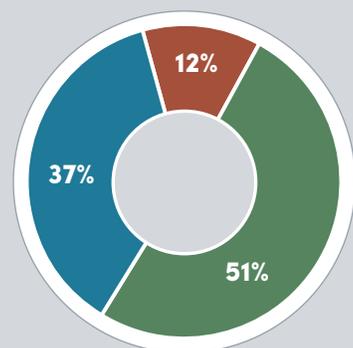
YouTube subscribers

(66% growth over 2020)

# 2021 Financial Report

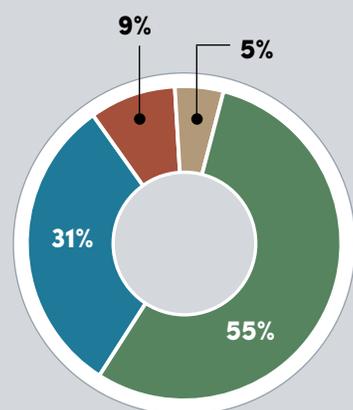
The purpose of the **Henri Nouwen Societies** (of Canada and the United States) is to share Henri Nouwen's spiritual vision so that people can be transformed through experiencing themselves as God's beloved. We do this by promoting, publishing, and preserving Nouwen's voice as a spiritual master for our times. This report briefly summarizes our 2021 financial results.

Raymond Glennon, Treasurer  
Karen Pascal, Executive Director



## 2021 REVENUE

- LITERARY GRANTS
- DONATIONS
- CONFERENCES & EVENTS



## 2021 EXPENSES

- OPERATIONS
- PROMOTION
- GENERAL & ADMIN.
- PROGRAMMING

## CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL SUMMARY

(YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021  
WITH COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR 2020.)

REVENUE	2021	2020
Literary Grants	\$ 264,527	\$ 306,204
Donations	\$ 369,767	\$ 294,702
Conferences & Events	\$ 85,223	\$ 69,280
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 719,517</b>	\$ 670,186

EXPENSES	2021	2020
Operations	\$ 384,488	\$ 361,237
Promotion	\$ 35,941	\$ 29,489
General & Admin.	\$ 62,408	\$ 48,631
Programming	\$ 212,501	\$ 203,390
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 695,338</b>	\$ 642,747
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>\$ 24,179</b>	\$ 27,439



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