



Together on the Journey

SHARING HENRI NOUWEN'S HEART FOR MINISTRY

What will you remember about 2024?

Perhaps it was something related to the environment such as record-breaking heatwaves, wildfires, floods, and hurricanes. Or the thrill of your favorite team clinching a championship—or falling just short. Maybe 2024 brought a significant change to your family: a new baby, a wedding, a loss, a graduation, or a move to a new city.

Whatever this year has held for you, we hope you'll also remember how the Henri Nouwen Society continued to bring light and hope into the world. In a time marked by both celebration and sorrow, we have sought to share a simple, profound truth:

There is hope. You are loved. You are not alone.

This past year, the Henri Nouwen Society deepened its mission to inspire spiritual growth and foster compassion through the life and writings of Henri Nouwen. Our global community continues to grow, and with it, our ability to share Henri's message through new digital initiatives, engaging online resources, and transformative retreats.

Thanks to your generous support, we've reached thousands of people searching for spiritual nourishment and a deeper understanding of God's unconditional love. The Society remains a vibrant, life-giving presence—ensuring that Henri's legacy continues to touch hearts and transform lives across the world.



Bruce Adema, Executive Director



Daniel Cho, Chair of the Board

The **Henri Nouwen Society** serves a global community through spiritually enriching *publications, programs, and partnerships*. We are sustained by the financial gifts of people who experience the ministry of Nouwen and the Society. Henri Nouwen's life and work continue to bear much fruit in nurturing **spiritual transformation**. Here are some highlights from 2024:

New Daily Meditations

As 2024 drew to a close, work was completed on a new set of Daily Meditations to be released in 2025. With excerpts from 22 Nouwen titles, these meditations inspire, challenge, encourage, and comfort.

"In gratitude for the richness of the short daily meditations aiding the survival and growth of my spirit."

Annual Meditation Series



With a focus on the role of the arts in spiritual formation, host Carolyn Arends took us on a **Beautiful Adventure** for four sessions in September. 7,711 registered for the series and to date the videos have been viewed 22,200 times. Special thanks

to the **Center for Action and Contemplation** for their support of this series.

"I was astonished how God used this adventure to deepen my impressions of what He was asking me to change this season."

Henri Nouwen Podcasts

In 2024 we released two brand new podcasts with some exceptional guests.

Love, Henri, a podcast based on letters written by Henri, featured 7 episodes in Season 1.

Henri's Bookshelf, a podcast focused on a different Nouwen title each episode, has released 5 episodes. Books covered to date include: Following Jesus; Aging; Flying, Falling, Catching; Inner Voice of Love; and Discernment.

Community Connections

For 4 weeks in Advent and 6 weeks in Lent, we hosted live Zoom gatherings featuring Nouwen readings, Lectio Divina and Visio Divina, reflection prompts, and times of prayer. Serving 100+ people in the Nouwen community through these times has been an enriching practice.

A Spirituality of Fundraising

For the second year, we released a 4 part webinar series based on Nouwen's paradigm-changing work. Featuring 8 guests from 7 countries, this year's series integrated spiritual practice with invitation to deep reflection on the ministry work of fundraising and philanthropy. Special thanks to the **Charis Foundation** for their support of this series.

Hispanic Ministry

We are grateful for the work of our Director of Hispanic Ministries, Hugo Herfst. An Advisory Team has been formed to encourage growth across the Spanish-speaking world. A complete set of Audio Meditations has been recorded and partnerships for wide release are being finalized. Special thanks to the **Redleaf Foundation** for their support of this program.

Homecoming Small Group Resource



This 9 part video series and Reflection Guide are companions to Nouwen's **The Return of the Prodigal Son**. For small groups, or individual study, this series particularly accompanies those searching for a deeper connection to the Father's love. Special

thanks to the **Bridgeway Foundation** for their support of this program.

"I don't say this lightly but today's Daily Meditation saved my life. I have been struggling with a dark night of the soul after losing my job last week and I woke up this morning pondering if my life was even worth it and, not exaggerating, I happened to check my phone and the first email in my inbox was today's reflection saying "Choose Life." The daily reflections have truly been a source of comfort and a blessing for me."

“Henri has been a spiritual guide and deep source of guidance and consolation for me throughout my life. I am so grateful to you for keeping his legacy alive.”

Engaging the Nouwen Community

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

71,270

Instagram followers
(total reach: 320,381)

54,047

Daily Meditation Active Subscribers

15,971

Spanish Meditation Active Subscribers

97,813

Podcast plays
(1,610,933 all time listens)

64,550

Facebook followers

16,856

YouTube subscribers
(185,000 views)

5,931

Webinar participants

“Fr. Henri Nouwen has helped me tremendously on my Spiritual Journey. I am inspired by him and sometimes I send his passages to my family members to inspire them too.”

“Thank you for your most meaningful and caring words of wisdom that I receive each day. I am in a nursing home and I am praying for you that others like me can find more fullness of life in our Lord. I so want to be a blessing to those around me. These short reflections are of great comfort and strength.”

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2024 Financial Report

Henri Nouwen taught that fundraising is ministry and that a gift should not be requested or given unless it has the potential to be spiritually transformational to both the one asking and the one giving. At the Henri Nouwen Society we recognize that all who give financially are joining God in the renewing work of love in our wounded world. 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.

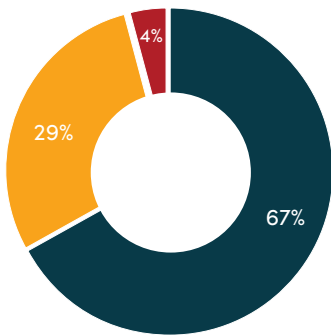
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CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL SUMMARY

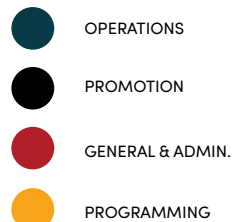
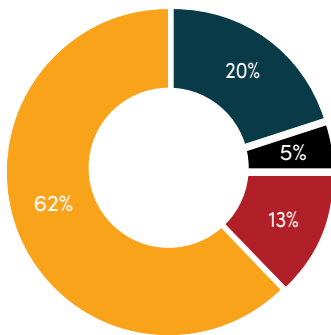
(Year ended December 31, 2024
with comparative figures for 2023)

2024 REVENUE



REVENUE	2024	2023
Literary Grants	\$ 660,819	\$ 205,398
Donations	\$ 282,693	\$ 474,407
Events	\$ 37,408	\$ 178,064
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 980,920	\$ 857,869

2024 EXPENSES



EXPENSES	2024	2023
Operations	\$ 191,272	\$ 356,782
Promotion	\$ 54,243	\$ 70,961
Administration	\$ 119,057	\$ 123,072
Programming	\$ 592,970	\$ 318,305
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 957,542	\$ 869,120
Surplus/Deficit	\$ (23,378)	\$ (11,251)



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