

NEWSLETTER

HENRI NOUWEN SOCIETY

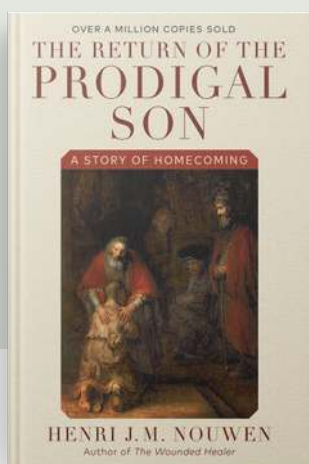


THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT

When was the last time you read this well-loved book? Why not read it again, or give it as a gift this Christmas? And while you do so, pray for our **Father to the Fatherless** program that is taking this book along with videos and a workbook, into prisons.

FOR MORE ABOUT THIS PROJECT: henrinouwen.org/father-to-the-fatherless/

FOR MORE INFO:
henrinouwen.org/read



With a Heart Full of Gratitude...

Dear Friends,

What a great privilege it has been for me to steward Henri Nouwen's legacy for the past nine years. I never could have imagined, when I first met Henri in 1994, that I would someday play a role in sharing his life and work with the world. I am so aware that Nouwen's spiritual insights are needed more now than ever. In an age when people often refer to themselves as "spiritual, not religious", Henri's words reach beyond these labels feeding hearts and minds with what it really means to be God's beloved.



KAREN PASCAL & SUE MOSTELLER

I am deeply grateful for the wonderful talented staff, and the faithful board members, who have given their very best to help share Henri Nouwen with our world. Most of all, I thank all of you who have supported and encouraged us in our journey. Onward!

With gratitude,

Karen Pascal
Executive Director

“ Karen Pascal's visionary leadership and creativity have brought Henri's legacy to a needy world. She leaves a legacy of which she can be so proud, and will enable the Society to confidently move forward into new areas of ministry.

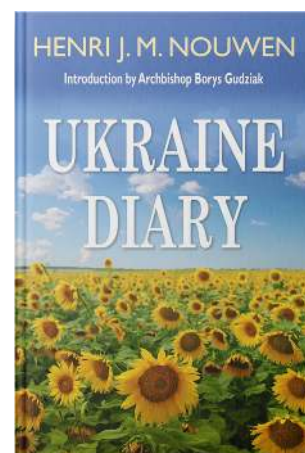
— David Parkinson, Chair

JOIN US FOR OUR ADVENT BOOK STUDY

For this coming Advent Online Book Discussion, we've chosen Henri Nouwen's latest book – **Ukraine Diary**. A previously unpublished work of Nouwen's, it's like a time capsule, a message from the past with special meaning for today.

Join us **Wednesday, November 29th** for greetings and introductions. Then beginning **Sunday, December 3rd**, we'll journey through Advent reading and discussing this timely book.

No registration is necessary! For more info: <https://wp.henrinouwen.org>



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FATHER TO THE FATHERLESS UPDATE

Bringing Henri Nouwen's **The Return of the Prodigal Son** into prison ministry has been a meaningful collaboration with Prison Fellowship over the last year. The Books have been ordered and ready to go. The Workbook has been written, piloted, and finalized. The Videos have been shot and are in the final stages of editing. These transformational resources will be in the hands of chaplains for an exciting program launch in early 2024!

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS PROJECT
www.henrinouwen.org/father-to-the-fatherless/

WE ARE GOING PAPERLESS!

As a commitment to good stewardship, we want to encourage as many of our community members as possible to go paperless in 2024. This will allow us to move to a quarterly digital newsletter! Thank you for helping us consider the environment and use resources wisely.

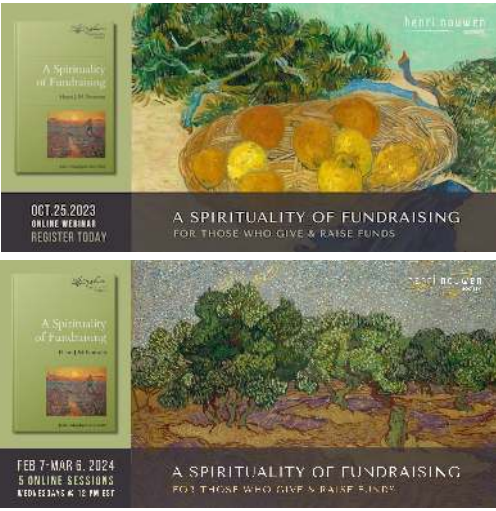
A SPIRITUALITY OF FUNDRAISING

Henri Nouwen's paradigm-shifting ideas about the spirituality of fundraising is a gift to both those who give and those who raise funds. Join us for a free one hour webinar on **Wednesday, Oct. 25!**

REGISTER: [Spiritualityoffundraising.eventbrite.ca](https://spiritualityoffundraising.eventbrite.ca)

The Society will then offer a full five-part series on Wednesdays from February 7 - March 6. Special guests representing both fundraising and philanthropy perspectives include: Kerry Robinson, Mark Petersen, Brian Bachand, Ben Keesy, Rose Feerick and Jon Hokuma. Early bird registration: \$59

FOR MORE INFO: henrinouwen.org/a-spirituality-of-fundraising-webinar/



CALLED TO BE FRUITFUL: NOVEMBER 20.23

On November 20th, we are gathering at Tyndale University to celebrate Karen Pascal's retirement! For nearly a decade, Karen has worked diligently to expand the impact of the Henri Nouwen Society. Highlights include:

- Commissioned official biography and 11 new Nouwen books
- New website for a growing, global Nouwen community
- Daily Meditations reaching 60,000+ and launching Spanish version
- 5 Conferences with the world's preeminent Nouwen scholars
- A pandemic pivot: creating online events that reached thousands
- Hosting the "Now & Then" podcast with over 120+ episodes
- Partnering with 5 groups for the annual Voices for Peace conference
- Creating the Courage for Caregivers program

Thank you Karen for the imagination, passion, and vision that you have poured into the Henri Nouwen Society as Executive Director. We are so very grateful for your commitment and determination to see Henri Nouwen's work sow plentiful seed and bear good fruit.



KAREN PASCAL, LAURENT NOUWEN & GABRIELLE EARNSHAW



KAREN PASCAL & SHANE CLAIBORNE



THE NEW READING ROOM

On September 21, the anniversary of Nouwen's death, we dedicated the Henri Nouwen Reading room at Light on the Hill (St. John's Anglican Church, north of Toronto). We had a wonderful gathering with the Spirit Movers, L'Arche's dance group, guest speaker Rev. Daniel Cho, and Rev. Arthur Boers serving the Eucharist at the graveside. Visitors can now explore the Reading Room with Nouwen's furniture, artifacts and a library packed with foreign translations of Henri's books. We hope you will stop by and visit.

RETURNING HOME: Capacity Building Campaign

In anticipation of the 30th anniversary of Henri Nouwen's death in 2026, we have launched a three year campaign to equip us for the next season of ministry and partnership. Our goals include:

1. Launch a new Nouwen Meditation App to make Henri accessible to thousands on their mobile devices. **2026 Goal: 50,000 subscribers**
2. Revitalize churches with the Returning Home series calling congregations to contemplation, community, and care in action. **2026 Goal: Engaging 250 Congregations**
3. Share God's love with prisoners through the Father to the Fatherless project using Henri's book The Return of the Prodigal Son. **2026 Goal: Program reaching into 150 prisons world-wide**
4. Expand the Spanish Ministry with audio Daily Meditations. **2026 Goal: 30,000 Spanish followers**
5. Resource and build the Nouwen Community through social media, podcasts, and webinars. **2026 Goal: One million podcast listens**

Check out our full [Returning Home Case for Support](#)
Thank you for prayerfully considering how you might participate.

BEHIND THE SCENES

Tammy joined the Nouwen team last October, taking on the role of Communications & Administration Coordinator when Will Finlay retired at the end of 2022. Hers is the friendly voice you will hear when you call our office. She is originally from the West Coast of Canada but currently resides north of Toronto with her husband of 32 years, and their three university-aged daughters. She smiles often and laughs easily, not because her life has been carefree (it has not), but because she tries to keep in mind, as Henri wrote in Here and Now, that, *"Joy does not simply happen to us. We have to choose joy and keep choosing it every day. It is a choice based on the knowledge that we belong to God and have found in God our refuge and our safety and that nothing, not even death, can take God away from us."* It is this knowledge that informs her ready smile and frequent laughter. Tammy feels blessed that this role gives her the opportunity to introduce others to Henri's writing so that they too can choose joy!



TO VISIT THE READING ROOM & HENRI'S GRAVE: 12125 Yonge St., Richmond Hill, ON L4E 3M4



EXPANDING SPANISH MINISTRY

We are planning to create audio recordings of the Daily Meditations in Spanish for release on radio and a meditation app in 2024. We are grateful for our Spanish liaison, **Hugo Herfst** and were delighted to connect with him in Canada in September.

TO SUPPORT THIS INITIATIVE: henrinouwen.org/spanish-meditation-initiative/