



UNITE BOSTON

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

For Such a Time as This

2021 BY THE NUMBERS

**21 - PARTICIPANTS TRAINED
IN DIALOGUE ACROSS
DIFFERENCE FROM 10 LOCAL
ORGANIZATIONS**

**19,049 - PEOPLE VISITED THE
UNITEBOSTON WEBSITE**

**200+ - PEOPLE WHO
ATTENDED OUR SUMMER
WORSHIP CONCERTS**

**\$50,000 + - REVENUE FROM
INDIVIDUAL DONORS**

**40 - PARTICIPANTS IN OUR
"BE THE BRIDGE FOR
BOSTON" INITIATIVE**

While many thought that 2021 was going to be a year of breakthrough, the deep, multi-layered crises of 2020 continued. However, it seems that we are here "for such a time as this" (Esther 4:14), as UniteBoston's ministry and programs were able to impact the challenges facing the city in meaningful ways:

- We combated polarization by equipping 21 Christian leaders from 10 local congregations & non-profits to have [constructive conversations](#) in the midst of difference. In 2022, we are consulting with three of these organizations to contextualize and deepen these practices.

- We hosted four ["Renew" backyard concerts](#), which gathered the body of Christ for united worship and elevated the voices of local artists and songwriters. After a year on Zoom, it was so refreshing to worship Jesus together as the diverse body of Christ!

- We furthered awareness on racial justice through our ["Be the Bridge for Boston" monthly speaker series](#) which highlighted local organizations, built multi-racial friendships, and inspired practical action-taking.

For 2022, we are excited to share about our plans to organize a larger worship gathering in the Boston Common this summer, as well as a convening gathering this fall in conjunction with other local organizations. Our hope with this gathering is to connect the Church and the city together to collaborate on how we can address the most pressing needs together.

By God's grace, UniteBoston's ministry continues to grow - we believe that God has put us here "for such a time as this!" Thank you for your partnership through prayer, participation and finances that make our work possible!

Rev. Kelly Fassett
Executive Director



Pastor Joseph Ardayfio sharing a message at our concluding "Be the Bridge for Boston" barbecue



After a 2-day virtual training, the "Kingdom Conversations" cohort met to discuss applications in their own contexts



UniteBoston's staff doubled this year as we were able to hire a part-time administrative assistant, Rev. Percy Ballah and then Rev. Devlin Scott (left)

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Nurturing Unity Among Diverse Christians For the Flourishing of the City



WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING



"Earlier this year I heard about the Songwriters' group through a UniteBoston newsletter. I was blessed in ways I could not even have imagined by participating in it! I imagine this is the experience of many across the city of Boston and maybe even beyond - where connection to UniteBoston has led to wonderful and meaningful experiences."

— Cleopatra Muhammad, member of Restoration City Church



"In our fall festival, 200 of our neighbors and Christians from all over the Boston area showed up to enjoy ice cream, pumpkin painting, and children's games as well as some wonderful and diverse live music. We truly could not have pulled this off if it weren't for the help of UniteBoston. Even in the midst of this pandemic, UniteBoston has done so much to support and encourage local churches, working with them and bringing them together for the sake of God's Kingdom."

— Matt Owens, Pastor of Christ the Redeemer Quincy



"The Kingdom Conversations training was truly Kingdom work. The skills we learned in this training will help us as pastors and church leaders to promote greater unity in the Body of Christ, by facilitating genuinely respectful and loving conversations around difficult issues."

— Rachel Keeler, Pastor of Women's Groups at Grace Chapel



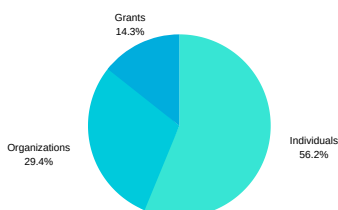
"Being involved in UniteBoston's ministry gave me glimpses into how transformative and powerful multi-church gatherings of purposeful believers can be, especially when trying to take on something as big as structural racism. Through UniteBoston's ministry, I've come to see the Church and the Spirit's work in our collective body anew, in ways I'd been really hungry and desperate to see -- God is indeed alive and at work in the city of Boston!"

— Seong Park, Korean Church of the Lord / City Grace Church

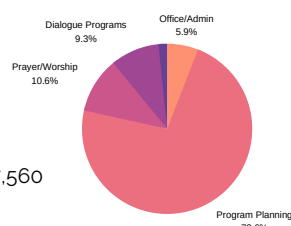
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UB Finances At A Glance

Revenue



Donations from Individuals - \$52,510
Donations from Organizations - \$27,505
Grants - \$13,400
Featured Event/Program Revenue - \$7,560
Total Revenue - \$100,975



Expenditures

Office/Admin - \$5,003
Program Planning & Execution - \$61,359
Prayer/Worship Programs - \$8,971
Dialogue Program Costs - \$7,850
Other UB Program Costs - \$1,387
Total Expenditures - \$84,570

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