



## Manhattan Initiative, Inc.

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***“I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow.”***

*~ Apostle Paul to the Corinthians*

Since 1999, the Manhattan Initiative (M.I.) has existed to support the mission and vision of the Metro New York District Church of the Nazarene. In our incorporation document is this sentence: “[M.I. shall support] programs that establish, foster, encourage, maintain, support, and further the ministries of the Metro NY District.” Or as Paul said, “We planted, God is making it GROW!”

This past year M.I., working under the strategic direction of our District Superintendent Rev. Dr. Samuel Vassel, has engaged the local churches on our District in conversations and intentional actions designed to help those local churches flourish. Some of these include:

- M.I. generated income in excess of \$750,000 providing grants to Metro NY District of \$195,000 along with financial support of 25 other local congregations in excess of \$500,000;
- Closed the sale of our last distressed property in Kingston, NY;
- Assisted in the creation of a Compassionate Ministry center in Wallkill, NY;
- Maintained the Lamb’s Hotel lease in Times Square and researched the sale of air rights;
- Consulted and planned church/business partnerships in Fishkill, Newark, and Jersey City;
- Purchased larger, newer facility in Spring Valley for our local church to grow from 125 to over 450;
- Assisted churches with occupancy and code issues in Flushing, Queens, Brentwood, and Hempstead;
- Reorganized and expanded the M.I. Board with additional business leaders and professionals – John Butters, Nichelle Maynard-Elliott, Dr. Gary Morsch, and Robert Sloan;
- Managed investment funds totaling over \$11 million dollars;
- Assisted Wesleyan Investment Foundation on loans, mortgages, and financing of church projects;
- Liaison with architects, expeditors, Attorneys General offices, and legal counsel;
- Exploration of partnership with NYC DOE for development of land in Harlem that would secure a 99-year income stream for M.I.;
- Our staff and consulting team of June Nuzzo, Ron Carlton, William Brothers, Howard Zipser, Robert Claeson, Lisa Lim, & Rich Moorlach bring a wealth of knowledge and professionalism to our projects!

As we look towards this coming year, Manhattan Initiative will take a more active leadership role in investments, grant writing, and funding strategy for the Metro District and our local churches. We look forward to all God is doing in the local church, and finding ways in which we can partner with them to *FLOURISH!*

It’s been my privilege to follow in the footsteps of visionary leaders like Dallas Mucci and Art Alexander who saw the vision of a Manhattan Initiative, and John Bowen who spent the last decade developing partnerships with business leaders to enhance our viability. As Sir Isaac Newton once penned, ***“If I have seen further, it is by standing on the shoulders of Giants!”***

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rev. Bruce K. Barnard".

Rev. Bruce K. Barnard

President and Chief Executive Officer