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Foundational Residency

For those exploring or in the early stages of church planting.

Finishing Residency

For those in the pre-launch phase of a new church plant.

Fortifying Cohorts

For pastors and planters daily navigating the challenges of leading a new church.

Residency applications for all residencies/cohorts are open for application and kick off in September 2024!

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HOUSTON CHURCH PLANTING NETWORK

2023—2024

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A MOVEMENT OF MULTIPLYING
CHURCHES SEEKING TO SATURATE
HOUSTON WITH THE GOSPEL



2023-2024 HCPN RESIDENTS



JOSEPH CASTILLO

MYSTORYCHURCH.ORG

WIFE: Emily
SENDING CHURCH: Brazos Pointe / Houston Northwest Church
PLANTING AREA: Cypress/Bridgeland
CHURCH PLANT NAME: Story Church
KIDS: Penelope (8), Evelyn (7), Josiah (4)

Church planting has long been a part of my story. Back in 2011, I was privileged to be part of a church plant in South Austin. Not only did it profoundly impact my spiritual growth, but it also provided the remarkable opportunity to baptize both of my parents. It was an incredible experience

that shaped me and helped me realize that one of the most effective ways to reach people far from God is to plant a church in their community. God has led us to plant Story Church in North-west Houston, an area experiencing remarkable population growth, much of which is ethnically diverse. Just in the Bridgeland community, one elementary school recently shared that there are 29 countries represented and 36 languages spoken. It is a unique opportunity to reach the nations without leaving our city. Earlier this year, my family, alongside several other families and individuals, made the move to Northwest Houston. In the last few months we have started several small groups as we grow our team and serve as missionaries wherever God puts us. Ultimately, we want to lead people to see Jesus for who He truly is. And as Houston continues to grow west, our dream and prayer is to be a church plant that plants more churches.



CLARK CRAWFORD

REDEMPTIONCITY10@GMAIL.COM

WIFE: Lola
SENDING CHURCH: Cityview Pearland
PLANTING AREA: Sunnyside
CHURCH PLANT NAME: Redemption City Community Church
KIDS: Jordan (17), Julian (13), Justus (10), & Josh (2)

Sunnyside is a historically African American community birthed in the early 1900's. Since being annexed into the city of Houston in the early fifty's it's become a historical landmark with rich soil. However, due to economic, turmoil, there

has been an effect on the neighborhoods in Sunnyside. It has remained on the list of twenty-five worst neighborhoods in America, coming in at number six. A place where residents once witnessed thriving black businesses and strong social fabric, is now a place of dumping, poverty, and distress. A place where community leaders and churches were compassionately instrumental, has become a place scarce of the gospel, hopelessness, and despair. The Sunnyside residents are desiring real family, equality, and a church that will be the church and a safe place to be themselves without judgment. Redemption City wants to be a church where gospel impact happens and disciples are empowered to go. We exist to move ordinary people to maturity in Christ that leads to action.



ABRAHAM GUAJARDO

EDENCHURCHHOUSTON.COM

WIFE: Alena
SENDING CHURCH: WAKE
PLANTING AREA: Central Houston
CHURCH PLANT NAME: Eden Church Houston
KIDS: Zion, Zoe & Anastasia

Son of Church Planters and Pastors. Born and raised in Houston Texas. From a young age growing up in the most diverse city in the United States I knew I could unite people. After attending a tent gathering as a young boy, I knew I was called to serve people through the gift of ministry. After graduating the police academy I quickly realized I wasn't only meant to protect and serve people but to pastor them as well. Family man, husband to Alena (a Russian native), and father to Zion Houston + Zoe Eden + Anastasia Grace. My heart is for the unity across houston. I am compelled to make aware to every individual that God is for them and that He has a specific plan and purpose for their life.



MACE PEREZ

THEJOURNEYHOUSTON.ORG

WIFE: Jennifer
SENDING CHURCH: Neartown Church (Supporting: Faithbridge and Houston's First)
PLANTING AREA: The Heights
CHURCH PLANT NAME: The Journey Church Houston
KIDS: Bernard, Hannah, Haven, Jude

We are planting The Journey in the heart of our city because our hearts break for our city where more and more people are living their lives based on a postmodern, post-Christian story that cannot satisfy the deepest longings of the human heart. "We are just matter in motion. Truth is relative. Life has no ultimate meaning." If they were ever in church to begin with, they have walked away. So if we want to reach them with the gospel, we have to inspire and equip a church to go to them and invite them on a Journey to discover the truth, goodness, and beauty of the Christian Story.



MIKE YAGER

VESSELHOUSTON.ORG

WIFE: Lauren
PLANTING AREA: Meadows Place / Stafford
CHURCH PLANT NAME: Vessel Church HTX
KIDS: Miles & Mara

For the past decade, I served on the team of Ecclesia Houston, but following our move into the City of Meadows Place in the summer of 2022, the discernment became clear that God had been preparing myself and our family for this leap of faith into church planting. Several more families have joined along the way, and we are trusting the slow and steady work of caring for this diverse context and seeking to embody the love of Christ in the places of fracture. Something of a hybrid model currently, we have been meeting together since last August, gathering for worship every other Sunday, and observing time in fellowship and formation the alternating weeks, and love being a small part of the larger movement of God throughout Southwest Houston!

HCPN is committed to strengthening church planters through different training and developmental opportunities. Healthy church planters are exponentially more likely to establish healthy new churches that multiply other healthy churches. Our heart is to raise up healthy multiplying leaders, from the city, for the city.