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## CTC's 2015 Vision: Year of Fruit Bearing

### Year of Fruit Bearing: Cultivating Threefold Apostolic Spirituality

*You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you."*

John 15:16 NASB

This year's 21-Day Consecration is critical in launching CrossTown's theme for 2015: the "Year of Fruit Bearing." Consecration 2015 provides the sacred space for cultivating calling, consecration, and commission; preparing our hearts to embrace and engage the work of fruit bearing as we discern God's direction for this next level of our lives and ministry. Fruit bearing begins with you, individual and personally. Moreover, we believe as our personal devotion to God births and opens new pathways of purpose within us, it will synergistically energize, activate, and unleash the mission and vision of CrossTown. Through the power of our focused and consecrated lives, we expect that God will advance the work of CTC with greater force, impact, and effectiveness.

Our key passage in John 15 reveals to us that Christ's desire and intention for His disciples is that we would bear fruit. God wants us to be fruitful, yet it is not just about producing good fruit, but producing lasting fruit of infinite value. That

is to say, our lives have been destined to carry the enduring marks of fruitfulness wherever we go. This enduring fruit is a result of...yes, a disciplined, yet dynamic process that selects, sanctifies, and sends us into our assignments. Fruit bearing is the ongoing product of lives shaped by a three-dimensional spiritual order that constantly moves through us as a chosen, consecrated, and commissioned people! This threefold dynamic is the basis for our apostolic spiritual formation system here at CrossTown Church which is reflected in our mission statement.

#### CTC MISSION STATEMENT

"CrossTown Church International is a core city congregation and an emerging apostolic epicenter raised by the transforming power of the Cross to faithfully discharge the mission of Christ that by the Holy Spirit's power calls, consecrates, and commissions revolutionary disciples to reproduce the kingdom lifestyle in families, communities, and culture."

#### What Is An Apostolic Spirituality?

Are you content with being 'saved and sanctified'? While we should always praise God with overflowing gratitude for saving us and for sanctifying us from the darkness and corruption of this world, that is simply not enough! The apostolic ethos creates a holy discontent

with the maintenance mindset of traditional Christianity and mobilizes us into becoming a movement for Christ. So, we can no longer be satisfied with being saved and sanctified...and stuck in our casual Christianity, but we are compelled into fulfilling our 'sentness'—into a rigorous apostolic spirituality. The very word 'apostle' means 'one who is sent'. As we strive to build an apostolic epicenter in Boston, we must develop this out of our vision of being sent and our commitment to apostolic spirituality. "A spirituality is apostolic when it gives pride of place to the experience of being sent forth by God...in witness to the Gospel and in imitation of the pattern of Jesus' ministerial life." Apostolic spirituality involves radical intimacy and devotion to God that ignites radical movement into the world with the Gospel. It is what the Acts 2 believers demonstrated when the early church was awakened by the power of the Holy Spirit. Their extreme devotion to Christ awakened an apostolic zeal and boldness that 'turned their world upside down.'

#### What is an Apostolic Epicenter?

The Apostolic Epicenter is a local church with an ambassadorial mandate that becomes a focal point for personal and regional revival and reformation by establishing a Christ-centered community rich in impact locally and expanding in spiritual influence regionally and beyond, as it brings the transformational power of the gospel of the kingdom of God into unchartered territory.



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**OUR VISION**

**CrossTown Church** is powerfully building an early church revival culture by growing a vibrant 21st century Jesus movement that calls out a worshipping community to become a prophetic, priestly and kingly people who unleash the gifts of evangelism, apostleship, prophecy and the more recognized pastoral and teaching gifts, from the Dudley Street neighborhood to the six urban centers of CrossTown, to reform neighborhoods from New England to the nations. We have the ministry practices of CrossTown Church's apostolic and prophetic environment:..

## Available Women of Purpose



development in our prayer life. We had several unforgettable Saturdays of fellowship.

This year, 2015, began with us paying special attention to the physical man. On Saturday January 10th we had a guest speaker, Dr L'Tricia Chery. who is an OB/GYN, speak to us about women's health . It was an awesome, interactive session. The session was well attended and we were especially pleased to see the young women come along to be educated on how to take care of themselves.

October 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> 2013 were two phenomenal days that will be remembered for a very long time. The Women's Ministry of CrossTown Church hosted their very first weekend retreat at the Courtyard Marriott in Stoughton Ma. To say we had an amazing time, is really an understatement.

2014 was a different year We spent our time in-house, challenging our women to further devel-

The rest of the year promises to be great. Our plans

for this year includes a women's retreat on Columbus weekend. Details will be shared at a later date. We also have more exciting events on the agenda including Saturday gatherings also to be announced at a later time.

There is a hunger and a thirst for the things of God and at CrossTown, we want to continue to be the available vessels that would provide that Channel through which women can be spiritually fed

Let us continue to "Show ourselves approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed". Also keep our mission in mind, as we transform lives by the power of the cross.

**Elder Edris Webbe**

## What's Happening with the Youth

In 2014 CrossTown Church launched Children's Church, which took place every 3rd Sunday of the month. This has been very successful and been well attended.

The Youth Ministry has decided to extend Children's Church to include the 1st

Sunday of every month stating the 1st Sunday in February, 2015. Children under the age of 17 years are welcome to attend.

We want to acknowledge Sis Nehemie, Bro Yvan and the entire youth department for spearheading this en-

deavor as a ministry to small children and for being consistent with it.

We look forward to the growth of the children's church as God continue to lead this vision.

**Germaine Dublin Harper**

## CTC Thanksgiving Outreach

December 22nd, 2014 marked the first CTC outreach to feed the homeless and displaced in our community. The day was spent serving a hot meal and providing clothing at our

base at 33 Lenox St. This effort was spearheaded by Elder Marjorie Moraldo and her team who worked diligently to bring about this selfless act of community living, This is

an endeavor that CTC leaders and members are very proud of. If you are interested in and would like to be a part of this year's drive, please speak to Elder Moraldo.

**Germaine Dublin Harper**

# CTC 2015 Vision: Year of Fruit Bearing cont'd

As an apostolic epicenter we have a mandate for increase. We are growing a 21st century Jesus movement that will spread Christ's three-fold anointing as Prophet, Priest & King. a continuous movement of the Spirit that spreads in scope locally, regionally and globally.

We are committed to expanding geographically on three levels from the Dudley Street neighborhood to the six urban centers of CrossTown, to reform neighborhoods throughout New England to the nations. We aim to have a local, regional and global reach that radically impacts our community, our region and reaches out to our world. We are committed to bearing fruit!

## Fruitbearing: The Threefold Marks of An Apostolic People

- I. We are called and chosen into a cross-bearing, Spirit-breathed community which insists on radical devotion to Christ as the identity marker of those called to become the people of God.
 

2 Thessalonians 2: 13-14 (NRSV) "... because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ."
- II. We are committed to living a consecrated life rooted and disciplined in the centrality and authority of Scripture. The living Word of God culti-

vates and shapes us together as spirit-filled ambassadors prepared for ministry.

John 17:17 (NRSV) "Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth."

Colossians 3:16 (NRSV) Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly;

- III. We are commissioned into the purpose of God to bring the Gospel of the Kingdom of God into all sectors of society.

John 20:21-22 (NRSV) "Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

## 8TH Anniversary Celebration



.On Saturday afternoon November 29th, 2014, CTC church members and guests sat down to a wonderfully tasteful dinner catered by Neil Porter. Our dear Pastor Kathleen Verna brought the word, "Yet, Will We Rejoice!" for the afternoon.

The celebration ended on Sunday.30th. We had a wonderful time of worship & fellowship as we gave God thanks forHis many blessing..

CrossTown Church is thankful to God

for having enabled us to reach this 8 year milestone. Pastors Ronald and Kathleen Verna have worked tirelessly to bring the church to this milestone. May God continue to grant them favor and bestow on them every blessing.

*Germaine Dublin Harper*

## Missions

As part of our missions work, CTC sent 3 barrels of clothing and other amenities to Haiti in 2014. We also gave monetarily to 'Rice Smiles' which is a Haitian charity managed by Bro. Pierre.

We will continue to support our missions in Haiti as the Lord leads. If anyone wishes to be a part of this endeavor, you are welcome to do so. Please speak to one of the Elders or the Administrator for further information.

*Germaine Dublin Harper*

## Fruitbearing: The Focused Moves of an Apostolic People

1. This is the year for you to pursue greater intimacy with God in your upward focus through the practices of prayer, worship, and prophecy. This means you cultivate your heart to hear God's voice and discover His high calling.
2. This is the year for you to be more committed to developing the character and competencies that reflect the life and ministry of Christ in your inward focus. Take steps of faith in strengthening personal discipleship and in developing your gifts and abilities for local ministry.
3. This is the year for you to step forward in deploying your commission in your outward focus. See yourself as an ambassador and begin to take steps to activate your commission in partnership with godly counsel and alliances.

*THIS IS THE YEAR TO BEAR FRUIT!  
LIKE CALEB, WE SAY:  
"GIVE ME MY MOUNTAIN!!!"*

*Pastors Ronald & Kathleen Verna*

## Discipleship

The Discipleship Class has just completed another year and here's what a few of the participants are saying:

Says Elexis Gibson, "The class gave me the knowledge I need to challenge a non-believer's view about Jesus!" Sister Lauren Thompson says that the curriculum was excellent and she wants more. She's looking forward to another year of more "in-depth exploration."

This past year on Sunday mornings at 10:30am, we featured a module of teaching called "Spiritual Disciplines". For 12 life-changing weeks, we discovered what it means to live a life completely submitted to Christ.

In our first class we admitted that "discipline" is not a word most of us like; however, the very word "disciple" implies that discipline is necessary. We discovered that just as natural disciplines have tremendous benefits to our lives, spiritual disciplines benefit us so much more. In fact, each of us came to believe that discipline can actually become a delight! What are some of the spiritual disciplines we unpacked? They were prayer, Bible study, reading of the Word.. Also, submission, obedience, solitude, fasting and sacrifice were some of the non-conventional disciplines that we also touched on.

In 2015, we look forward to a new study, "Living Out the Faith," and are incorporating new teachers: graduates of the Christian Teacher Development Program. It promises to be an awesome time around the Word of God and how it is fleshed out in a practical way. If you haven't yet come to a Discipleship Class, we look forward to seeing you. We will also have seminars throughout the year to keep you challenged and motivated in your walk with Christ. We'll keep you posted on the start dates.

See you there!

### *Elder Marion Skeete*



### **Congratulations to the 2014 CTC Graduates of the ISBT Christian Teacher Development Program.**

Seven participants from CrossTown Church successfully completed a 5-Month Teacher Training Program receiving their Christian Teacher Development Certificate and 2.0 C.E.U.s.

- ◇ Charmaine Arthur
- ◇ Germaine Dublin Harper
- ◇ Elder Marylou Flood
- ◇ Barbara Renea Gill
- ◇ Boniele Parr
- ◇ Lauren Thompson
- ◇ Pastor Kathleen Verna

## A Profile of CTC Elders



**ELDER MARYLOU FLOOD**

Elder Flood attended the Eastern Nazarene College, majoring in Chemistry, and is a graduate of Victory Bible Training Center in Winchester, MA. She was married for forty five years to the late Eugene Flood Sr., and has four children: Eugene Jr, Susan, Scott and Pamela, and five grandchildren: Christina, Earl Scott, Samuel, Spencer and Josephine. Elder Flood and her husband partnered in running 'Flood Cleaning Services' where she served as the accountant. She was also co-owner and teacher at Gulfield Day Care Center. She has also completed seven marathons.

Elder Flood served as a Charter member and cell group leader at New Covenant Christian Center. She is a Certified Healing Team Member through Hunter Healing Ministries, a Trained Healing Team Member of John G. Lake International Healing Ministry, and a Certified Healing Team Member of the Greater Boston Healing Rooms in association with Randy Clark Ministries and Boston Vineyard churches.

She attended Jubilee Christian Church, Falmouth, Mass and was ordained a minister in 2003. She pastored and conducted church in her home on Cape Cod for a number of years prior to becoming a charter member of CrossTown Church International and now serves as Elder of Missions and Director of the Healing Room Team. She traveled to South Africa as part of PureSpring's Missionary Team in 2007.



**ELDER MARION SKEETE**

Elder Skeete is an ordained minister who is passionate about her mission of equipping the body of Christ to effectively engage in kingdom living both within and outside of the church. She has worked in both the Christian and secular arenas and has been called to facilitate the development of strategic leaders.

Elder Skeete has earned a BA in Communication from Lee University and a Master of Divinity from Fuller Theological Seminary with an emphasis in Cross-cultural studies. For several years, she served as the Pastor of Equipping, Small Groups and Prayer Ministries at Lake Avenue Church in Pasadena, CA. As a teacher of the Word, Marion can unpack scripture in a way that engages her audience to become their best selves. She is host of her own radio show, "Second Wind: Truth for the Champion in You" in which she teaches spiritual principles to help listeners live an overcoming life.

She is the Founder and President of Legacy Makers International Ministries (501C3), which is a multicultural, intergenerational leadership development ministry that equips and trains individuals and organizations locally and globally, by engaging in Coaching, Conversations and Community development. Marion currently resides in Boston, MA, and serves as Elder over Discipleship Ministries at CrossTown Church International.



**ELDER MARJORIE MORALDO**

Elder Marjorie Moraldo was born in Trinidad, West Indies and migrated to Boston MA at the age of eighteen. She is the proud mother of three and has three grandchildren.

In 1990 Elder Moraldo received a certificate from Herbert Armstrong of Ambassador Bible School. In 1995 she received five certificates and a diploma from Rhema Bible School in Tulsa Oklahoma. She later graduated from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary with a Diploma in Urban Ministry. In 1998 Elder Moraldo graduated from Roxbury Community College with an Associates Degree and presently works as a teacher. She is a licensed and ordained Minister and Elder of Evangelism at CrossTown Church International.

Elder Moraldo is the founder of Sound the Alarm Evangelism Ministries. She has served in ministry at Framingham prison for 13 years and at conducted Bible studies at Roscom Nursing home for 12 years. Elder Moraldo has been a prayer intercessor for 18 years and a street preacher/evangelist in Mattapan, Dorchester and Roxbury MA for the past 20 years. She leads a weekly prayer line, engages in door to door evangelism, and has written two evangelism tracts and distributed about nine thousand copies. Rev. Moraldo is

currently writing a book titled, "God is Concerned about Families."



**ELDER EDRIS WEBBE**

Elder Edris Webbe was born in Montserrat WI and migrated to the United States in 1986. She has been married for 27 years with two lovely daughters, Ayesha and Nicola, and one grandson TJ. Her husband, Wilmoth, continues to be a great source of encouragement and support as she endeavors to fulfill the purposes for which she has been called. She has served in several capacities in the local Church in Montserrat, and was ordained as a Minister at Faith Christian Church of Boston in September 2007. She presently serves at Cross Town Church International as Elder and Leader of the Women's Ministry and Fellowship Ministries.

Edris is currently pursuing studies in Urban Ministry at Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary. Women's Ministry has been for years one of her greatest passions. She is looking forward with great anticipation and expectation for what God will do in her life. One of her favorite scriptures is Ephesians 3:20. "Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly, beyond all that we can ask or think according to the power that works within us".

## INSIDE THE SOAKING ROOM



CTC Healing Room ministry launched the Soaking Room in 2014. It was a wonderful year and the Soaking Room provided a quiet place of healing and worship for many. For almost six months, Soaking meetings were held several times a week and welcomed people from various congregations in the city. Our First Friday Soaker Services were a special time, featuring the amazing music of piano-cello duo, Kendall Ramseur and Cordaro Rodriguez, members of the now recognized group: Sons of Serendip. Soaker Services will continue to provide a time of deep worship where worshippers quiet their souls in God's presence and receive rest and healing in a gentle atmosphere filled with beautiful worship music.

Get ready for CTC's Healing Rooms in 2015! The Healing Rooms will provide private, individualized healing prayer on an appointment basis led by Elder Flood and a trained healing prayer team. The team has been faithfully meeting weekly on Mondays since September with a vibrant, growing group of 6-8 Healing Team members. The Healing Rooms will be launched in affiliation with International Association of Healing Rooms (IAHR.org). If you would like to attend 'Soaker Service' or find out about the Healing Room Ministry you may speak to Elder Flood or Sis Lauren.

## Finance Update

- We have come to the end of 2014 which brings us to our tax filing season. Contribution letters for members will be available on Sunday, January 18th. If you are a contributor and would like to have your contribution letter please see the ushers before or after the service.
- You are also asked when using checks to pay tithes/offering and building fund, to please write separate checks. This makes for ease of processing.

Have a blessed 2015.

*Ayesha Carty*

## Evangelism

Evangelism Outreach was very active throughout 2014. The team led by Elder Marjorie-Moraldo found themselves going door-to-door, and ministering in Dudley Square, as well as, leading evangelistic rallies in Madison and Ramsey Parks. Elder Moraldo also spearheads a prison ministry and visits one of our Boston care homes. She is always seeking volunteers to become actively involved in soul winning and outreach.

Elder Moraldo offers training on how to Evangelize on the streets should you need it. Anyone interested in joining the evangelism team, please see Elder Moraldo.

***Germaine Dublin Harper***



### Christmas Party

What a wonderful time we had at our annual Christmas Party. The young people spearheaded by Sis Shannon and Sis Nicola along with the other youths and overseen by Elder Edris, orchestrated a Christmas party to be remembered. The theme was "Winter Wonderland" and the hall was tastefully decorated in wonderland colors, like we have never seen and the food and entertainment were wonderful. We thank our young people for making this event such a success. We look forward to this year's Christmas Party.

## Intercessory Prayer

Our Intercessory prayer continues in 2015. The dates are for the third Friday in each month. The dates will be noted on CTC Calendar which will be distributed in a couple of weeks via email.

A disciplined prayer life is one of the main focus of CTC. Please join us in interceding for our families, church, community, country and the world.

***Germaine Dublin Harper***

## CTC Annual Picnic

Our annual picnic went off with a bang. CTC went for the second year to Cochituate Park in Natick. We had a wonderful turn out. The weather was beautiful and we had a fantastic time. We barbecued, played games and just laid around. Some of CTC members even went boating on the lake.

We will have a picnic this year. The venue and date will be shared as it is received from our hospitality Elder, Edris Webbe. Anyone who missed it, missed a grand time.

Please make a special effort to attend this year's picnic. It promises to be great. You never know what the young people will do. They are awesome at planning.

***Germaine Dublin Harper***

JUNE 26 - 27, 2015  
FRIDAY 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
SATURDAY 8:30 AM - 6:00 PM

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Helping kingdom leaders “Spring Into The Lead: from Calling to Commission”.

PureSpring Institute (PSI) is proud to be the equipping ministry partner of Cross-Town Church in Boston. PureSpring was instrumental in the founding of Cross-Town Church and has invested and shared resources with CrossTown from its onset. PureSpring also provides ministerial development training in prophetic leadership and partners with CrossTown on many events.

What you will find in PureSpring is a training ministry that reflects the apostolic mission, culture and values of CrossTown with a commitment toward strategic ministerial excellence for ministry and marketplace impact.

As the equipping arm of PureSpring Global Commission (PSGC), PSI also serves citywide and regionally as a Boston-based missional training network with a global reach. PureSpring Institute has increased the presence and capacity of the apostolic and prophetic functions in hundreds of kingdom leaders in New

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England and beyond. The Institute provides group and individualized coaching, offers courses and certification, and publishes training manuals and multimedia resources to foster apostolic and prophetic leadership growth. PureSpring Global Commission (PSGC) holds national conferences, spearheads global leadership commissions, and convenes regional leadership coalitions to revive kingdom movements that transform the spiritual and societal dimensions by empowering a new caliber of leaders.

This year PSGC will gather hundreds of leaders in Boston in its first multi-day CAPP Conference 2015 held in June featuring national speakers. To learn more about our conference, programs or enroll as a student:

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## SAVE THE DATES

Consecration 2015:

January 11th—February 1st

Spring 12-Week Discipleship Classes

February 1st @ 10:30 am