



### **OUR UNIQUE MISSION:**

We are a progressive and inclusive interdenominational Christian community striving to cultivate a just & generous expression of faith, that is committed to being an [anti-racist, LGBTQIA+ affirming, gender-equity-centered church](#).

### **OUR RESORATIVE VISION**

We are working to [repair the hurt that religious institutions have historically caused](#) in the lives of people and [overturn systems of oppression in the church and the wider world](#). It is our hope that we can set an example for a more inclusive and progressive expression of Christianity in the future by providing [a place for people to deconstruct and reconstruct their faith](#) in a space that celebrates queerness, invites questions, and treats all genders with equity and equality.

### **OUR UNITY IN VALUES**

We embrace many different styles and expressions of worship and [use different pronouns to refer to God](#). We value [unity over uniformity](#) because we are [united by our shared values](#), and out of those come a variety of beliefs.

### **OUR DIVERSE LEADERSHIP**

We are [led through an equitable shared leadership model](#) of co-pastors who represent both white, Black, and Hispanic ethnicities, straight, gay, and lesbian sexualities, male and female gender identities, disabled and able-bodied as well as age diversity that spans from thirties through fifties.

### **OUR PARTNERSHIPS & WORK**

We partner with Greenpoint Reformed Church to [serve meals to those who are hungry](#) and with Judson Memorial Church and Ruth's Refuge to [provide resources, food, shelter, and care to migrants seeking asylum in NYC](#). Most recently we partnered with Legal Aid to [raise awareness and advocate for an end to forced labor in the New York State prison system](#).

### **TAX STATUS**

We are an independent church that holds both [non-profit and 501c3 status](#). And we are almost [entirely funded by participants in our faith community](#).

## HOW TO DONATE

You can [give a variety of ways via forefrontnyc.com/give](#) or you can [donate goods or services and receive an In-Kind Donation letter](#) from us by emailing [ec@forefrontnyc.com](mailto:ec@forefrontnyc.com) with a receipt displaying the value of the items purchased.

*In-kind donation refers to the donation of goods instead of cash. According to IRS regulations, establishing a dollar value on donated items is the exclusive responsibility of the donor.*

## WHAT DOES YOUR DONATION GO TOWARDS?

Your donation will help us continue to [offer quality Sunday morning services for ALL](#), as we redefine and reform how people experience church. Your donation will help [further our small group offerings like cheers queers social gathering, ethical non-monogamy support group, decolonization group, God is a Black Woman book group](#), and many more. Furthermore, it provides support for our mutual aid ministry to those who need [assistance with rent, groceries, job searches, and meals after surgery or death](#). Lastly, it empowers us to further our partnerships by [offering anti-racism racism training, mental health workshops, feeding centers, and supplies to refugees](#).

We're thankful that Forefront Church has developed a culture of strong financial health and transparency. Our annual budget can be seen at [forefrontnyc.com/values](http://forefrontnyc.com/values)

## WHY DO WE NEED YOUR HELP

Forefront church was mostly funded by a larger denomination at its founding, however, after the leaders of Forefront made a conscious decision to become an openly affirming and inclusive church, we lost all funding from the larger institution and we have relied on our congregants, as well as generous outside donors like yourself, who believe in the importance of our church.

Now 11 years since our founding, [Our church continues to grow, however, 70% of our congregation is between the ages of 20-30 years of age, which often means they don't have a lot of expendable income](#). This has required us to get creative with our funding by offering Benefit Concerts for the broader community and hosting auction gala events and grant applications.

Our church, like many small businesses, was also [greatly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic](#). Giving from our congregation overall was deeply impacted because of population changes, economic losses, and inflationary increases.

[This year our pastors took a 20% cut in pay because that's how much they believe in our mission!](#)

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