

#### **REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES FOR 2022**

As we reflect on the year passed, we stand in awe of God's faithfulness and grace that has marked every step of our journey together in 2022. This year has been one of significant milestones, growth, and a deepening of our commitment to living out the Gospel in every aspect of our lives.

## **Pandemic Recovery:**

In 2022, we witnessed a turning point as relief and recovery spread across the globe, ending COVID-19 regulations in the Netherlands. This allowed our church to finally remove all restrictions for the past two years, enabling us to gather freely, worship openly, and engage in fellowship without the limitations we once faced.

#### **Spiritual Exploration through Romans:**

Throughout the year, our teachings and Sunday Gatherings delved into the profound truths in the book of Romans. We journeyed alongside the apostle Paul, exploring his comprehensive explanations of the Gospel and how it addresses the tension between Jews and Gentiles. This indepth study has enriched our understanding of the foundational principles of our faith.

## **Celebrating Milestones:**

On February 27, 2022, we joyously celebrated the 5th anniversary of Grace Church Amsterdam. This momentous occasion allowed us to reflect on the incredible journey God has led us through, and we look forward to the years ahead with anticipation and excitement.

### **Grace Church Institute:**

Our commitment to Biblical Worldview continued through the Grace Church Institute classes. One highlight was a special class on the Christian Story, emphasizing the importance of comprehending the grand narrative of the Bible. This foundational understanding proved to be vital for our Christian faith, shaping the way we view our lives within the context of God's overarching plan.

### **Investing in the Next Generation:**

The growth of our Grace Kids ministry was evident as we transitioned to new leadership, expanding with the launch of a third children's class. To enhance the learning experience, iPads were introduced to aid our dedicated volunteers in teaching. This investment ensures that our youngest members are nurtured in their faith journey from an early age.

# **Ministry Outreach and Benevolence:**

Our commitment to outreach persisted, particularly in our ongoing ministry to sex workers in the Red Light District. Through Winter and Spring gift campaigns, we not only provided material support but also deepened relationships that paved the way for conversations about faith and redemption.

Additionally, we had the privilege of supporting one of our departing members with a benevolent gift. This assistance facilitated theological education and housing at Denver Seminary, embodying our commitment to empowering and supporting one another in various seasons of life.

As we conclude this remarkable year, let us carry the lessons learned, the growth experienced, and the love shared into the new year. May we continue to be a Gospel-shaped community that leads people to follow Jesus in all of life.