

# highpoint



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equipping churches for Christ-centered discipleship

2022

JAN

AL unveiled its new logo & branding, including an improved expression of our mission.



MARCH

Audra Dezuflian joined our team as Church Liaison.



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## God's Faithfulness in 2022

As I reflect on ministry in 2022, the image that comes to my mind is "climbing out." It was a transition year from the pandemic of 2020-21.

AL "climbed out," dependent on God for direction. In this Highpoint, we are excited to share ministry changes and additions which came about in 2022 as a result of God's faithfulness:

- a new look for our logo, mission & website
- a new Church Liaison who is working to reach more churches
- two new initiatives—coaching a college campus ministry & discipling churches overseas
- beginning a discipleship co-lab for three churches in rural Kansas

We go into 2023 trusting in God's faithfulness and taking the next steps on the path He has put before us. Thank you for joining us on this journey.

*Mike*



# Faithful, Humble Leadership

MAY

AL returned to exhibiting at events, including Presbyterian and Methodist conferences.



## 2022 Board and Staff

(front row) Teresa Rossy (B), Ann Pang (S), Judy Enns (B), Ellie Tow (S)

(middle row) Mike Johnson (B&S), Audra Dezuflian (S), Teri Watson (S), Rhonda Spriggs (S)

(back row) Rick Fopma (B), Steve Wilke (B), Tyler Greenway (B)

(Not pictured) Darrell Delaney (B)

July

Our new Kansas co-lab held an in-person two-day gathering for encouragement, learning and planning.



## MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

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# All Things New

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## College Campus Ministry

We began coaching a college ministry in discipleship.

For the first time ever, Ascending Leaders is serving a college campus ministry with:

- an assessment of their discipleship strength at the beginning and end of the year
- training for their small-group leaders about discipleship by the stages



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The surprising number of churches from which our international coaches have been training leaders.



## International Discipleship Blossoms

- Last year was the first full year of our international work. Our discipleship coaches in a closed country served many more people than expected. They taught 65 leaders from 15 small rural churches with discipleship concepts.
- In 2023, they will conduct a discipleship workshop for over 25 pastors.
- This ministry is happening under the shadow of persecution.

## Kansas Co-lab Held Two-Day, In-Person Gathering

The newly formed Kansas Co-lab, consisting of three churches from rural communities gathered face-to-face. This was the first time we met in a two-day overnight format. It was a huge success!

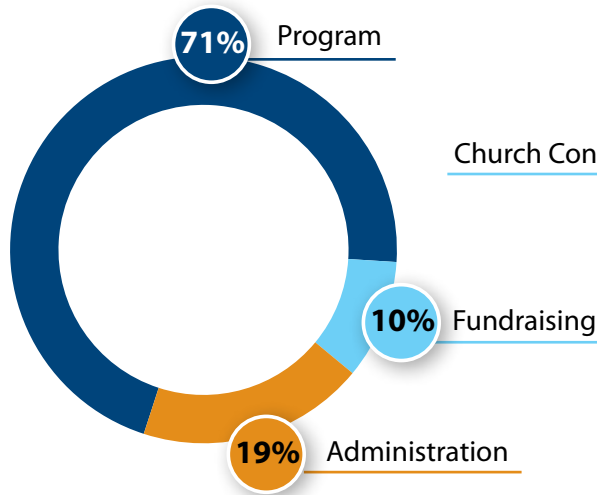
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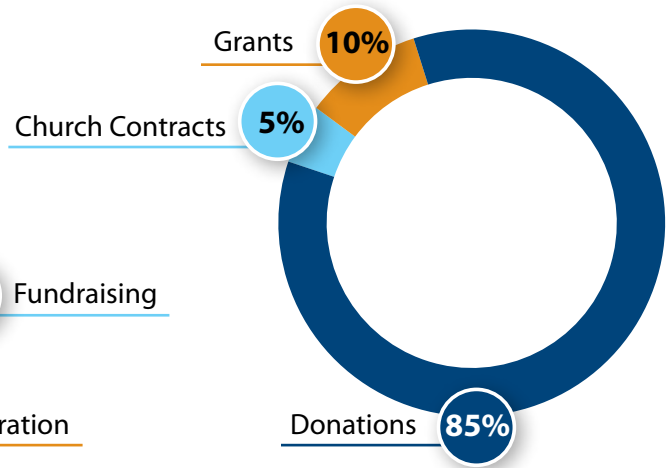
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Our board met in-person in Houston, TX, along with staff, to plot out the next few years of direction.

### Costs of 2022 Ministry



### 2022 Funding Sources



**50%** Of our donor friends increased their donation in 2022!

## Help Sustain this Work Across 2023

Spreading your annual donation over 12 months or 4 quarters strengthens the impact of AL. Choose to become a sustaining donor, if you are not already one.

DEC

112,500

The record dollars brought in by our Giving Tuesday and Year-End campaign to STRETCH donations.

Ascending Leaders is now set up to accept gifts of stock. To see the steps, go to [ascendingleaders.org/waystogive/](https://ascendingleaders.org/waystogive/)



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