

I know, a rather awkward greeting.... But if you are getting this letter, it is because I know you personally and are already invested in Mission Anabaino (grk. "I am ascending") or the kind of person that I think might be interested in Mission Anabaino as one of your legacies on behalf of Christ's kingdom. I know, it's been well over a year since an updated quarterly report from Mission Anabaino (MA) has been circulated. Especially for those of you who have faithfully prayed for and supported MA over the past ten years, I sincerely apologize even as I think you will understand the context in what will be said in this letter. For others, this may be the first time you have heard from us. For any who desire to participate in the legacy of Christ's ascension ministry, I would humbly assert that the following is a "must read" even as it might or might not lead you to join the Mission Anabaino 2.0 team. Let me explain:

But first, you should know that MA has been very active over this over a year time span. We have initiated two new church plants, one in East Lyme CT and another in Norwalk CT. We have been faithfully executing our ongoing one-on-one coaching activities, our weekly prayer event for S. CT church planters, monthly local and global collaboration events for MA church planters along with our global collaboration event (last year in Phoenix AR). And, yes, toward our original 10-10-10 strategy (ten churches in New England, 10 churches globally, in ten years, MA is now at 23 Total Christ, Five Mark churches all in the span of ten years, three more than we prayed for and mostly in post-Christendom contexts! (You can read about The Total Christ Vision on our website under ["Our Theological Vision"](#) and [What Kind of Church Do We Plant"](#) And you can go to Our Congregations on our MA website under ["Who are We?"](#) to see where these churches are located.).

Which brings us to the primary purpose of this letter. Our original 10-10-10 Goal is all but done. MA 1.0 can be summarized as more or less "mission accomplished! In hindsight, we can see that God has truly been in ALL of this, providing along the way everything we needed monetarily and humanly to accomplish "the greater things" regarding His vision under his ascension ministry. (You can read about "the greater things" envisioned under Christ's ascension ministry in a brief article located in our MA website entitled ["Why Plant Churches."](#)) I could fill pages of stories that illustrate the miraculous way God has provided for this ministry and in ways that just can't be explained except by God's Divine intervention- all of which begs the question "what's next, if anything?"

This has been the question that I have been existentially asking for over a year now. After guiding CPC New Haven through the pandemic, and once the "buzz" returned to our congregation, I knew in my heart with a conviction that it was time to resign as the Sr. Pastor to devote myself more specifically to mentoring, coaching, training and teaching upcoming church planters and pastors in whatever capacity God would provide. Was this to be accomplished through such means as publishing projects and/or a return to teaching missional ecclesiology in seminaries and/or through a re-envisioned MA 2.0? To be sure, all the above potentially, but the major question pertained to MA. Here again, after a season of prayer, conversations with CPC New Haven (the original and primary "anchor" season of prayer, conversations with CPC New Haven (the original and primary "anchor church" for MA in terms of ecclesial jurisdiction and support), and conversations with our MA church planters, we have come to the conclusion that a refreshed vision of MA 2.0 was in the plan!