

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL  
NATIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE



# THE JOSHUA PROJECT

CATALYTIC GIVING CAMPAIGN



**"HAVE I NOT COMMANDED YOU?  
BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS.  
DO NOT BE AFRAID,  
DO NOT BE DISCOURAGED;  
FOR THE LORD YOUR GOD  
WILL BE WITH YOU  
WHEREVER YOU GO."  
-JOSHUA 1:9**



## ABOUT

Pentecost Today USA, formerly known as the National Service Committee of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in the US (NSC), serves Renewal Centers, Prayer Groups, Covenant Communities and Ministries from across the nation, and we have seen widespread and growing urgency and excitement to pass on the fire of Renewal to younger generations and to raise up new generations of Renewal Leaders.

The Joshua Project is a response to this need.

The Joshua Project will support the work of Pentecost Today USA to build tools, resources, and programs for Renewal Leaders as they work to reach younger generations and to raise up, connect, and equip younger generations of Renewal Leaders.



**PENTECOST  
TODAY  
USA**

Raise up younger generations to BRING baptism in the Holy Spirit to the whole Church, BUILD unity in the Body of Christ, and SERVE the poor.

Fuel the fire of  
Renewal.  
Give today.



# THE INVITATION

When I first met Kathy Semerling, she shared with me that it was her role to record the words received during times of prayer at the National Service Committee of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in the U.S. (NSC) Council Meetings from 2006 through 2013. She said this word was proclaimed again and again with a building urgency to raise up younger generations of Renewal Leaders: "Pass the baton."

Here are some of the many ways the NSC, now known as Pentecost Today USA, first responded to this powerful word:

- Electing and appointing younger Board and Council Members and inviting them to serve in leadership positions.
- Devoting an entire Strategic Priority Team to engaging and raising up young adults.
- Hosting a young adult Renewal Leaders retreat at The Ark and The Dove led by Bishop Sam Jacobs, Father Dave Pivonka, TOR, Dave VanVickle, and Terry and Ron Riggins.

The Joshua Project is a response to this word and to the growing urgency to reach and raise up younger generations in Renewal Centers, Prayer Groups, and Covenant Communities, and parishes across the nation. Will you respond with us by making the Joshua Project your own? Your passionate prayers and sacrificial support will be a glorious catalyst for raising up Joshuas to take hold of the Promised Land.

Glory to God for how the Lord will be magnified 1) as we respond to this invitation to "Pass the baton" to younger generations and 2) as older and younger generations work together to **BRING** baptism in the Holy Spirit to the whole Church, **BUILD** unity in the Body of Christ, and **SERVE** the poor!

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9)

-Alicia Hartle, Executive Director  
Pentecost Today USA (formerly known as the NSC)

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Younger generations are hungry for hope.

Older generations yearn to pass on the fire of Renewal.

## THE NEED

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**In the world.** Younger generations increasingly suffer from loneliness, anxiety, depression, and addiction.

**In the Church.** More and more young people are joining the ranks of the nones, choosing to be unaffiliated with any organized religion.

**In the Renewal.** Though younger generations have been touched by countless ministries that sprang up out of the Renewal, there is a fullness of embracing the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit and a depth of understanding the theology of baptism in the Holy Spirit that Prayer Groups, Covenant Communities, and many other Renewal Ministries and Leaders have received and yearn to pass on to younger generations.

Many Renewal Centers, Prayer Groups, Covenant Communities and other ministries need support and desire to collaborate to develop highly engaging communication tools, resources, content, mentoring, and programs that reach and raise up younger generations.

The need in the world, in the Church, and in the Renewal is urgent, and we magnify the Lord for how Jesus will set the world on fire through our prayer and action.

Come, Creator Spirit!

"I HAVE COME TO CAST FIRE UPON THE EARTH;  
AND HOW I WISH IT WERE ALREADY KINDLED!" -LUKE 12:49

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you." - Luke 6:38

# WAYS TO GIVE

The Joshua Project is a catalytic giving campaign igniting gifts that are sacrificial, prayerful, and explosive in nature - regardless of the amount. Join the campaign as a Fire Starter, Fire Sustainer or Legacy of Fire gift-giver.



## FIRE STARTER

catalytic giving

Fire Starters make an offering that is sacrificial, prayerful, and explosive in nature - regardless of the amount.

These gifts are catalysts for dynamic growth.



## FIRE SUSTAINER

monthly giving

Fire Sustainers' faithful monthly gifts and prayer are the heartbeat of provision for our infrastructure and operations.

These gifts sustain the organization.



## LEGACY OF FIRE

planned giving

Legacy of Fire gifts given in a will, bequest, or trust are prayerfully planned and have a long-term impact.

These gifts enlarge the territory of our mission.

Give online at: [PentecostTodayUSA.org/ways-to-give/](https://PentecostTodayUSA.org/ways-to-give/)

Write a portion of will or check to:

NSC dba Pentecost Today USA, P.O. Box 628, Locust Grove, VA 22508

With questions, call: (800) 338-2445

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# THE JOSHUA PROJECT

Brainstorming and planning phases have already begun, and we need your insight!

Pilot initiatives made possible through your inspiration and support will launch in 2022.



## 01

### BRAINSTORM

Brainstorm with Renewal Centers, Prayer Groups, Covenant Communities, Ministries, Renewal Leaders from across the nation and around the world. How is the Holy Spirit inviting us to BRING, BUILD, SERVE with younger generations? Visit [PentecostTodayUSA.org](https://PentecostTodayUSA.org) to share your ideas via the National Renewal Leaders Survey.

## 02

### PLAN

How is the Holy Spirit inviting us to support and build needed organization, communication, and formation tools, resources, and models on local, regional, national and international levels? Online discussion forums will be held from 4-5:30 pm EST prior to the 7pm Virtual National Leaders Meeting on December 4th. Register at [PentecostTodayUSA.org](https://PentecostTodayUSA.org)

## 03

### FUNDRAISE

Invite all who have been touched by the fire of Renewal to be a part of The Joshua Project through giving, prayer, and inviting friends and family into fueling the work of the Holy Spirit. Find and share ways to give at [PentecostTodayUSA.org/ways-to-give](https://PentecostTodayUSA.org/ways-to-give)

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"But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you." -Romans 8:11

## 04

### PILOT LAUNCH

Launch small pilots with input from focus groups to build tools, resources, and models with the fullness of inspiration and discernment of Renewal Leaders, theologians, and those being served by the tools, resources, or models being built.

## 05

### FULL LAUNCH

Tools, resources, programs, and models will be shared for Renewal Centers, Prayer Groups, Covenant Communities, ministries, dioceses, and parishes to use to reach and raise up younger generations.

## 06

### SUMMARY

The vision is for The Joshua Project to ignite and fuel the work of the Holy Spirit to renew the Renewal so that younger generations and older generations can work together to fulfill our mission to **BRING** baptism in the Holy Spirit to the whole Church, **BUILD** unity in the Body of Christ, and **SERVE** the poor.





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## BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS

"My blessing echoes Moses' to Joshua,  
'Be strong and steadfast... (Deuteronomy 31:23)  
—for the Lord, your God, is with you wherever you go (Joshua 1:9).'"

—Walter Matthews blessing of Alicia Hartle  
Walter served as Executive Director of  
Pentecost Today USA (formerly known as the NSC) for over 30 years



To Walter and Claire Matthews and to each precious soul who pours time, prayer, insight, and sacrificial giving into reaching and raising up younger generations of Renewal Leaders through the Joshua Project, may the blessing of Abraham be upon you:

"I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you;  
I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing." —Genesis 12:1-2

I praise God for how He is bringing a new Pentecost and calling each one of us into MORE. May every baptized Christian be raised up, connected, and equipped as each one of us enters into the MORE the Lord has in store. May our Heavenly Father, our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit be magnified through our mission to BRING baptism in the Holy Spirit to the whole Church, BUILD unity in the body of Christ, and SERVE the poor together.  
Come, Creator Spirit!

—Alicia Hartle, Executive Director  
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