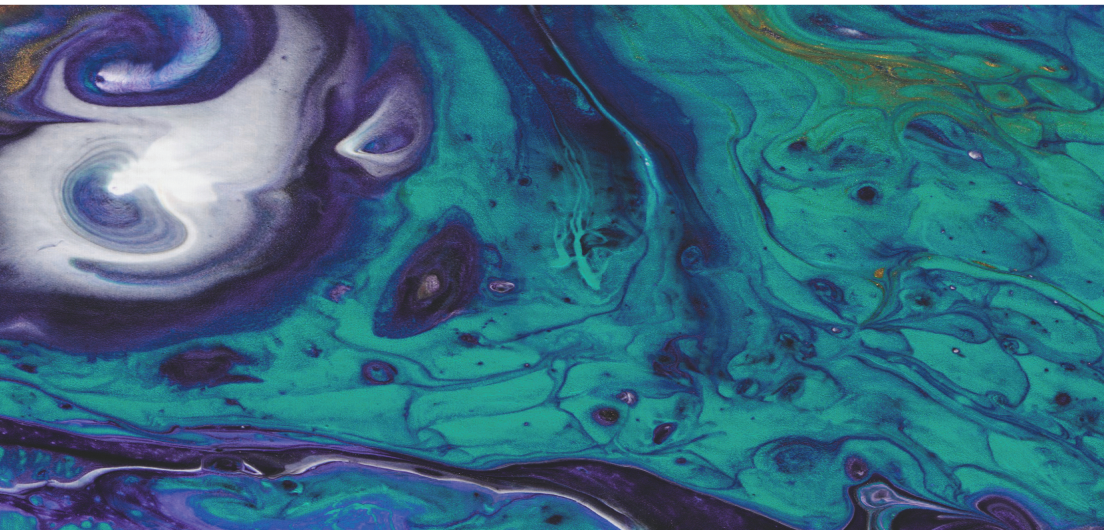




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CELEBRATION SERVICE

November 8, 2019 . 7:30pm
Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. David Ireland

ORDINATION & CONSECRATION SERVICE

November 9, 2019 . 11am
Luncheon to Follow

WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

November 10, 2019 . 11am
Speaker: Pastor Louis Carlo

PS/MS 34, 730 East 12th Street, NY, NY 10009

WHO WE ARE

Abounding Grace envisions a Christ-centered, multi-cultural, economically inclusive community leading transformational change in the Lower East Side and beyond.

The community that is being built rests on five foundational pillars:

1. **Resurgent Music and Arts.** In the beginning, God creates, and so do we. AGM embraces our creative core and reclaims performing and visual arts and production.
2. **Holistic Ministry Center.** AGM seeks the peace and prosperity of New York City, promoting compassion and justice and pursuing shalom in the Lower East Side.
3. **Intergenerational Community.** AGM nurtures an intergenerational community around mentoring, senior outreach, youth programs, and family counseling.
4. **Intentional Leadership Development.** AGM cultivates disciple makers who lead change in the world around them through discipleship, small groups, learning communities, internship opportunities and shared mission experiences.
5. **Authentic Diversity.** In a racially, ethnically and economically diverse and evolving neighborhood, AGM endeavors to love all of our neighbors equally well, as evidenced by shared leadership that reflects our community's demographics.

We will continue to be guided by our values, both personally and corporately:

- Faith - keeping Christ central in every aspect of life;
- Family - finding identity and wholeness in relationship with the Body of Christ;
- Education - learning to use one's head, heart, and hands in the service of others; and
- Community - living in right relationship with God, self, others, and creation.

PASTORAL GREETING



Blessings! We have gathered this weekend to celebrate God's love and faithfulness in sustaining Abounding Grace Ministries for over 30 years. The years have been full of challenges and victories, but through it all we have witnessed first hand God's keeping and sustaining power. To God be the glory!

Our 27/37 Anniversary is an especially reflective one for me as I celebrate 2 years as lead pastor of this local assembly. During this time we have seen the seeds of revival breaking forth in our midst. These signs of grace are evidenced in a renewed longing for God's presence and a return to a deeper life of prayer and fasting, which have resulted in answered prayers and miracles in our midst.

God is truly on the move in his church and is shifting us into order and maturity. He has sent us Dr. David Ireland at this time to bring a word to the house that will fuel us for the work that lies ahead. We are honored to be in fellowship with Drs. David and Marlinda Ireland and thankful for their availability.

Our weekend continues with Saturday's ordination and consecration service where will highlight some of the transitions that are taking place at Abounding Grace. And on Sunday we will conclude our anniversary celebration with worship and a word for the new year - "Pivot for Impact!"

As we gather to remember, celebrate and anticipate all God has done and is doing, we are cognizant that we are living in a pivotal moment in the life of the church. This moment is not limited to AGM, but is being experienced throughout the city. My prayer is that you allow the Lord to make the necessary shifts in your life as we pivot for impact. I'm so glad you've joined us for the festivities. May the love, joy, peace and favor of our Lord rest on you!

Bendiciones,
Pastor Louis A. Carlo

GUEST SPEAKER



Dr. David Ireland is founder and senior pastor of Christ Church, a 9,000-member multisite congregation in North Jersey representing over 70 nationalities. Former diversity consultant to the National Basketball Association, Dr. Ireland has led chapel services for the New York Giants, New York Jets, and at the U.S. Pentagon. Ireland has traveled to more than 75 nations and built a reputation of teaching culturally relevant messages that inspire and empower his global audiences. He is a well-respected columnist contributing to such media

outlets like Fox News, Huffington Post, and Patheos. Dr. Ireland is the author of over 20 books including *Raising a Child Who Prays*. Ireland has appeared on numerous TV and radio shows including *The Dr. Phil Show*, *The CBS Evening News*, *The 700 Club*, and *Focus on the Family*. Through his community development corporation, he offers a home for victims of domestic violence.

The Rev. Ireland holds an undergraduate degree in mechanical engineering (Fairleigh Dickinson University), a graduate degree in civil engineering (Stevens Institute of Technology), a master's degree in theology (Alliance Theological Seminary). He has an earned Ph.D. in organizational leadership (Regent University) and completed post-doctoral work at the University of Pennsylvania, and is a candidate for a graduate degree in social innovation from the University of Cambridge in England. Dr. Ireland was recently appointed as a member of the Governor's Advisory Commission on Faith-Based Initiatives. He serves on the boards of Nyack College and Alliance Theological Seminary. He and his wife, Dr. Marlinda Ireland, have been married since 1984 and have two adult daughters and a son-in-law.

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Christian F. Monzón was born on the Lower East Side (LES) of Manhattan, where he lived for the first ten years of his childhood. As a youngster, he had the opportunity to assist his Uncle Henry on Metro Assembly of God's Yogi Bear Sunday School outreach trucks, which brought safe games and activities, along with The Word, to children and families in some of Brooklyn's most challenged, and challenging, neighborhoods.

At the age of ten, he moved to Colorado Springs, Colorado, where he and his father became active members of Victory World Outreach (formerly Victory Chapel), immersing themselves in church life. Through his membership on the drama team, sound ministry, and outreach teams, as well as regular attendance at youth ministry events, the church quickly became his second home.

Upon his return to the Lower East Side (LES) in 2001, he met and married his beautiful wife, Jennifer, a New York Dept. of Education licensed Early Childhood Education/Special Education teacher; together, they are the proud parents of a smart, beautiful, fun, and funny daughter. In addition to a spirited and passionate son. They currently reside, work and serve their local church, Abounding Grace Ministries, in the LES.

With the support of his family, he is concluding his graduate studies in Urban Ministry and Counseling from Nyack Alliance Theological Seminary, pursuing a master's of Professional Studies. He has received a B.A. in Sociology, a B.A. in Religious Studies, respectively, from Brooklyn College (CUNY) and an A.A. in Liberal Arts from the Borough of Manhattan Community College (CUNY). During his time at Brooklyn College he had the distinct honor of being invited to become a member of Alpha Kappa Delta, the international honor society for the discipline of Sociology.

As a member of Abounding Grace Ministries (AGM) for over fifteen years, Christian has been on the drama team; taught children's Sunday School; served in the Apple's Core Coffee House

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Homeless Ministry; served as an organizer and teacher at the Generation X-Cel summer program (a project run in partnership with Kids with a Promise/The Bowery Mission); served as the Assistant Director of Adult Christian Education, overseeing the Firm Foundation Discipleship Classes; have served as Executive Director of Adult Christian Education; and currently serves as the interim overseer of the Media Ministry. He has also served as a Deacon and is currently serving as an Elder in his faith community. In March 2012, Christian renewed his commitment to AGM, by accepting the call to join the staff as the church's Communications Director and in 2017 he transitioned to Operations Assistant, a role in which he currently still has. In November of 2019, he will be Ordained and function as the Pastor of Education at Abounding Grace Ministries.

Christian is currently a part of the 2019-2021 cohort studying church planting and revitalization with Redeemer City to City, Rev. Dr. Tim Keller's international church-planting network. Additionally, he is an alumnus of the Philos Project's Philos Leadership Institute, serves on the Board of More than Ball, and serves as a volunteer Chaplain with the New York State Chaplain Task Force.

ELDER



Jonathan gave his heart to Lord as a little boy during a devotional time with his family. While family Bible study was a common thing, as a six year old he determined that he wanted to receive the gift of salvation that his parents regularly told him about. He wanted his own relationship with Jesus, his Savior.

Together with his family, he has worked in inner city ministry since childhood, and has dedicated his life to serving children and youth since the age of sixteen. In 1996,

Jonathan co-founded and eventually directed Generation Xcel, where he developed summer camps and after school programs while tutoring, coaching baseball and basketball, and leading outreach projects and retreats. He served as the youth pastor at Abounding Grace Ministries from 2004 – 2011, and began teaching middle school math for the Department of Education in New York City in 2006. Jonathan's community and educational leadership inspired the launch of Thrive Collective, which today provides arts, music, and mentoring programs and other services in over 100 public schools citywide.

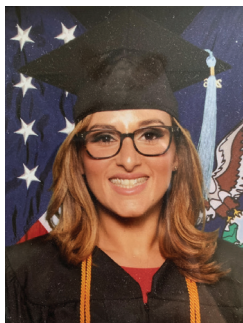
As a son of pastors, Jonathan has learned the importance of service and love and seeks to incorporate that in all aspects of his life. Most importantly, Jonathan is a husband and a father to four amazing children, two daughters and two sons.

DEACONS



Annette Francis graduated from Alliance Theological Seminary with a Master's Degree in Professional Studies with concentration in Church Development. Annette is an ordained Evangelist. She served faithfully in the capacity as a Minister for twelve years at her former church, Rhema Life Center, Maywood NJ. Dedicated to building God's kingdom, she has not only led many souls to Christ but has also disciplined them. God has used her

effectively interceding and praying for others thus, seeing the tangible manifestations of healing and deliverance. With her incredible passion for evangelism and intercessory prayer, Annette is determined to attract thousands with the gospel with intentionality.



Natalie Rizzo was born August 27, 1979 and raised by her loving parents Saul and Aurora Beauchamp. She is a proud mother to her son Brandon Beauchamp. She was brought up in the church since before she could walk and said yes to Jesus when she was eight years old. She dedicates her time to several ministries: worship, Sunday school, drama, and the LOTV mission trips. She has her BS in Elementary education, and is currently working on her Masters at

NYU for school counseling. After graduation she hopes to be an effective counselor dedicating her time towards the needs of children throughout this community and beyond.