

LEVITICUS LEADS

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Summer Newsletter

Dear Friend of Leviticus,

Cultivating hope in an uncertain world. It's a tall order, but what we're called to do.

Hope is not a strategy, as the saying goes. But if we have a vision for a more just and equitable future, and develop a road map to get there, we're cultivating hope.

The Leviticus Fund continues to create pathways to better communities. In this newsletter, we highlight some of the work we're doing, work that our partners are doing, and work that inspires us.

Please enjoy this update, and the summer ahead. Thank you, as always, for your support of the Leviticus Fund and our work.

With gratitude,

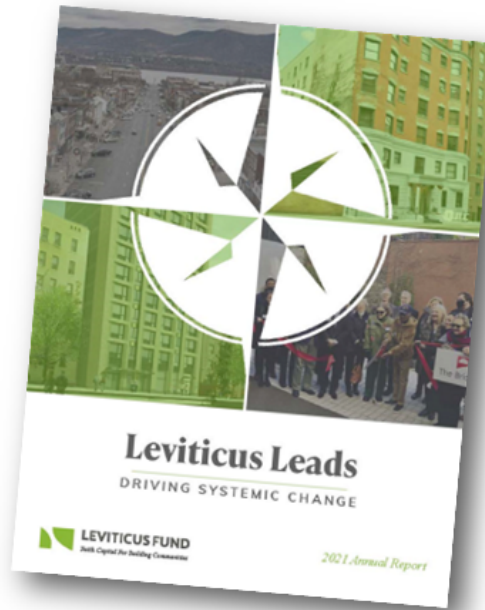
Greg Maher
Executive Director

Our 2021 Annual Report is now online!

Our 2021 Annual Report is both a recap and a look ahead.

In addition to a summary of our lending and a thank you to our donors and grantmakers, the report includes an overview of our new Strategic Plan. It also highlights two new initiatives we launched in 2021 - [EDREE](#) (Empowering Diverse Real Estate Entrepreneurs) and the [Legacy Fund](#). We also take a deep dive into our work to address the affordable housing gap in the Hudson River city of Newburgh.

You can view elements of our Annual Report [on our website](#), or [view or download a PDF](#).



Online Annual Meeting a Success

More than half of our members attended our second online Annual Meeting in May.

In addition to a discussion of the highlights of 2021 and a review of our lending and financials, we presented our Cornerstone Award (more on that below) and welcomed Michael Rochford, President and CEO of St. Nicks Alliance, to discuss their work in our Community Investment Spotlight.



In November of 2021, Leviticus closed its first loan to St. Nicks Alliance – \$6,627,826 to purchase a former bank building at 819 Grand Street in Brooklyn. This loan will support construction of a 213-unit senior housing residence, connected to St. Nick’s existing Jennings Hall, which already provides 150 units for low-income elderly residents.

You can read more about our work with St. Nicks Alliance [here](#).

Cornerstone Award Honors RUPCO

In the building trades, the cornerstone guides the workers in their course; it is the standard of measure and alignment. The Leviticus Fund presented its 2022 Cornerstone Award to Kingston-based nonprofit RUPCO and its Chief Executive

Officer, Kevin O'Connor, in recognition of its strong leadership and service to Hudson Valley communities.

"Leviticus Fund has been a great partner of RUPCO's and we truly appreciate the relationship," said O'Connor. "Given our comparable missions, it is indeed heartwarming and significant to be recognized by such a successful, thoughtful, and caring organization with strong leadership, at both the board and staff levels, that understands and shares the travails of this work.

We appreciate the award and the recognition of our work that you have afforded us."



[Follow this link](#) to learn more about our partnership with RUPCO, and to watch a short tribute video.

Sister Simone Campbell Honored

In October, 2018, Simone Campbell, SSS, was the Keynote Speaker for the Leviticus Fund's [35th Anniversary](#) celebration. On July 7, 2022, she will receive the [Presidential Medal of Freedom](#).

Four years ago, she shared inspirational stories gathered from [Nuns on the Bus](#), the cross-country publicity trips she organized to highlight policy issues related to health care, poverty, hunger and shelter.



We hope this meaningful recognition will inspire even more people to join in the important work of [creating hope, change and community](#). Congratulations, Sister Simone!

[Read more here.](#)

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