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# Where trust begins...

Belief may follow



## TRANSCENDENCE

Ultimate meaning  
Spirituality  
Philosophy  
The God-question  
Sacred



## THE EXCLUDED MIDDLE

Where human life is actually lived,  
but often ignored.

Anxiety  
Identity crisis  
Unseen struggle  
Relationships  
Fear  
Hope  
Healing  
Dreams  
Moral conflict  
Search for meaning  
Invisible tension



## MODERN MATERIAL WORLD

Technology  
Medicine  
Economics  
Screens  
Laboratories  
Measurable reality  
Concrete streets



The Excluded Middle is not irrational. It is the living, breathing reality of being human.  
*Yet modern culture often dismisses or neglects it, leaving people unseen in the place they actually live.*

We live between  
the seen and the unseen.  
Most of what matters  
happens in the middle.

# TRANSCENDENCE

Ultimate meaning beyond the visible  
The questions we cannot outgrow

The answers are not  
found by looking down  
or escaping up,  
but by going deep.



Who am I?

Why am I never enough?

What is true?

What is the purpose?

Will I ever be loved?

Why do I feel so empty?

## THE HIDDEN MIDDLE

Where human life is actually lived,  
but often ignored.

Emotions. Relationships. Longing.  
Moral struggle. Hope. Healing.

The invisible reality we all share.

Is there hope?

What happens when I die?

What should  
I do?

Is there beauty  
that lasts?

Can I be free?

Can I be forgiven?

Is there meaning  
in my suffering?

## MODERN MATERIAL WORLD

What can be measured, built, and controlled.

- Technology
- Science
- Economics
- Systems
- Productivity
- Screens
- Transportation

We have mastered the lower  
world, and reached toward the  
highest—yet neglected the  
middle where we truly live.

Rediscovering the middle is not  
irrational. It is essential.

## Exodus 25:8

Then have them make a  
sanctuary for me, and  
**I will dwell among them.**



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## John 1:14

The Word became flesh  
and made  
**his dwelling among us...**

## John 2:19-21

Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days. They replied, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?” **But the temple he had spoken of was his body.”**

# 1 Corinthians 3:16

Don't you know that you  
yourselves are

**God's temple**

and that

**God's Spirit dwells in  
your midst?**

## Revelation 21:22

I saw no temple in the city,  
for

**The Lord God Almighty  
and the Lamb are its  
temple**



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# ROMAN MODEL



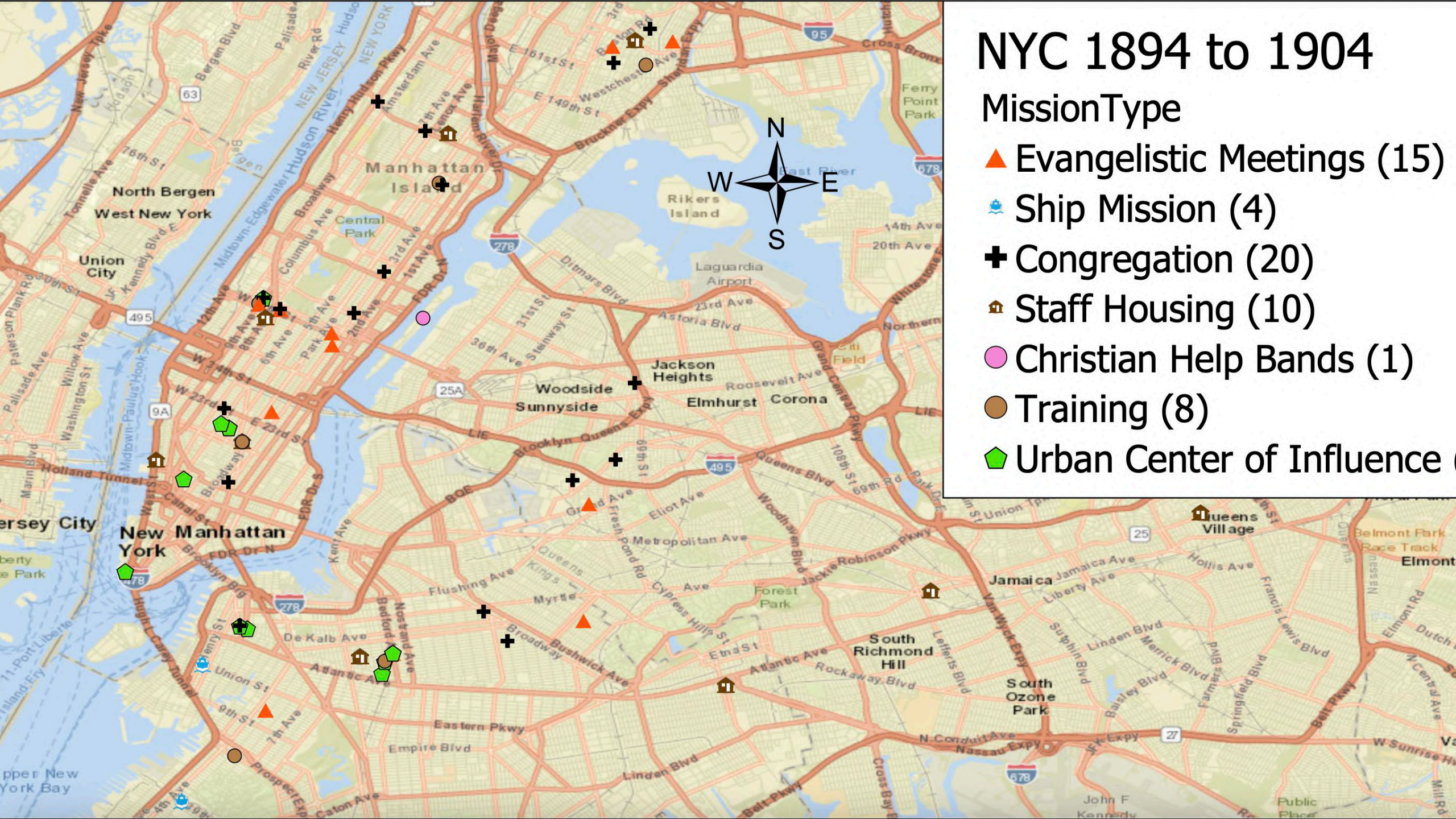
# CELTIC MODEL



# NYC 1894 to 1904

## MissionType

- ▲ Evangelistic Meetings (15)
- ⚓ Ship Mission (4)
- ✚ Congregation (20)
- 🏠 Staff Housing (10)
- Christian Help Bands (1)
- Training (8)
- 🟩 Urban Center of Influence (1)



"We are not to erect large buildings in the cities, but over and over again the light has been given me that we should establish in all our cities small plants which shall be **centers of influence.**" Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 7, p. 115.



# A FOUR-STAGE MISSIONAL JOURNEY

FROM RELATIONSHIP TO TRANSFORMATION

