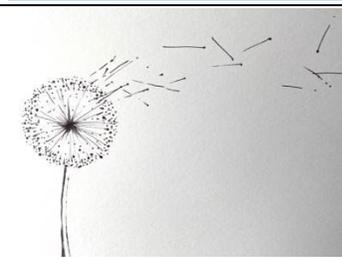


DANDELION MINISTRIES – THE REVS. SEAN AND KATE NORRIS

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Ministry Focus:

Dandelion Ministries is an Anglican arts-focused ministry magnifying the grace of Jesus Christ to the skeptic and wounded

Strategies for Sharing the Gospel in this Ministry:

Dandelion Ministries, led by Rev. Sean Norris and Rev. Kate Norris, will be a missional arts community that will be a place of retreat, sabbatical, recovery, and incubator of new ministries. It's going to take time, but the process is just as important. **We are artist missionaries to the hurting coast.** That means we are pastors who know art has a way of cutting through people's defenses and going to the place of pain that needs the word of hope. Sean uses his gifts in musical art (singing and songwriting), and Kate uses her gifts in visual art (drawing, painting, and installations). We love to preach, teach and worship God with others with creative space to experience his grace.

Our call is to win people who mistrust Christians and/or the church by disarming them through art and their children. We will use studio days so we can build the artistic language to speak to them and make Scripture stories come alive to the children, then the parent/adult. We ask you to partner with us as missionaries to the burned-out Long Island/New York areas. We have already had conversations with people who are curious and have questions but no relationships with Christians who can answer in a non-anxious, Biblically orthodox way.

Financial Needs:

We are raising money as missionaries, which means everything from our daily bread to ministry projects and initiatives are funded through our fundraising. The North Fork area of Long Island is a post-Christian environment. We need your financial support to build relationships with people in our town, in our girls' school, artists in the community, and with Christian artists online.

Prayer Needs:

- We need prayer as we settle into our new home here on Long Island (we moved in at Thanksgiving 2020) and get to know people in the neighborhood. As with any big transition we need prayer as we set up our new rhythms of life, both as a family and in ministry.
- As the pandemic continues we will be limited in our ability to gather people together, so we will continue to build a presence online, and we will be focused on building relationships on the ground more on a one on one basis.
- The Lord has been so gracious and generous to give us a place to live and an initial fundraising push, so we want to give thanks! Praise God! And continue to pray for all the provision we will need to build Dandelion Ministries and walk in God's call and vision for us.

THANK YOU FOR PRAYING FOR US!

Short-term Mission Opportunities: Yes Not yet ☺

We have a vision for art camps, art shows, and art festivals, which will be fantastic opportunities for short-term mission teams to come up and help run them, but it starts with building relationships first. That is the stage we are in. As we get ourselves established here on Long Island we will continue to stay in communication with St. Michael's and other partner churches about ways that they can come and help

the mission and be a part of the Lord's vision for proclaiming his love and grace to the burnt-over land. We may need help in the next year to renovate our barn to host such events – a team could come and help with an old-fashioned barn raising ☺! We will let you know as things develop.