



WHY STANWICH IN STAMFORD?

Why are we doing this? Our church's vision is *to know Christ and make him known*. Jesus said, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28:19). Thirty-two percent of Stamford residents were born outside of the United States, which creates an opportunity to obey Jesus' commission to make disciples of all nations by planting a church in this richly diverse mission field.

Why now? We are planting a new church for the same reason our church's original founders planted Stanwich Church in the 1730s: people were moving into the neighborhood and needed a closer church than the ones in town. The city of Stamford is growing by thousands of people per decade in line with the global migration to cities. To respond to this population demand and to reach unchurched generations, we are establishing a lampstand near a college campus and where people of many generations are moving.

Why us? The name Stanwich is the combination of the words Stamford and Greenwich. It is almost inevitable that we would become one church in these two locations. We have enjoyed the gracious provision and presence of God in our Greenwich location for centuries and have launched many other gospel ministries. We look at the mission field of Stamford and ask, "If not us, who?"