



## Elder's Report to the Congregation - January 2018

To my sisters and brothers in Christ. Blessings to you all and to your families. I hope you had a wonderful Christmas filled with the love of Christ.

I am writing to you to keep you updated on activities of your elders, who were chosen by you to provide governance leadership at New Life. This governance takes the form of praying for the congregation, guarding the vision and mission, advising the staff, creating and setting policies, interviewing and welcoming new members, and dealing with matters of church conduct and discipline.

Since the SAGM in November, we have had regular meetings, and have been busy working on several fronts including the following:

**Statement of Faith:** Prior to the SAGM we held several information meetings in October to review changes to our Statement of Faith. This resulted in several parishioners coming forward with questions and queries regarding matters about Satan, prayer & marriage. Following these meetings, the elders met to prayerfully discuss the questions and answers provided, and several minor changes were made to bring greater clarity to these topics.

**The Semi Annual General Meeting:** The SAGM was held Nov. 28th with 69 members attending. The meeting was opened with prayer and worship, followed by communion. Pastor Ken gave a ministry update outlining the spiritual life within the church body such as baptisms, prayer during services, Guatemala mission trip, *the 7* service, new people arriving at church, and Kidzone. Henry Wikkerink outlined our financial position and encouraged us with news that our overall giving has increased this year – perhaps due to Pastor Ken's request to increase our tithes and offerings by \$1.00/day. At year end, we are still behind budget by 10%, but giving is picking up and we are encouraged with this. Please continue to work together in making up our shortfall.

A motion to pass the revised Statement of Faith was approved, and the revisions will be brought into our Bylaws as per the Society Act of BC.

The SAGM also included a presentation by Chuck Thompson concerning a proposed Foundation for New Life, that will accept monies and bequests that can be held long-term for ministry – something that our present constitution and by-laws do not allow. The presentation was well received, and a motion to proceed with the creation of this Foundation in time for our AGM in June was passed.

**Downtown Ministry:** The elders continues to put the Downtown ministry on hold for the time being until we can increase our staffing levels to provide leadership for any work that we feel the Lord is leading us into.

**Missions:** In December, *the 7* service was challenged to raise money to provide our local missionary in Costa Rica, Lisa Postma, with a much needed vehicle. I'm happy to report that just under \$8,000 was raised for Lisa's needs and these funds have now been sent to her. A mission team from the 7 is planned later this spring to listen to and encourage Lisa and the youth she works with, and to pour into her ministry there.

**Elders Retreat:** In January, the elder's had a one day seminar at the Camp Qwanoes Guest house with Bernie Willock, reviewing governance concepts in order to allow us to be more effective in our responsibilities. We finished the day enthused and reminded of how to govern God's Church well. Thanks Bernie.

That's all for now. May the Lord richly bless you and your families and keep you in good health.

Shalom,

Don Paget – Elder Chair, New Life Community Baptist Church

## August 1 to December 31, 2017 (5 Month Financial Report)

Thank you for financially supporting the ministry of New Life Church.

Below is a concise report showing how Revenue and Expenses are compared to the approved YTD budget. The budget is approved each year at the annual meeting in June. The budget represents the believed need for the financial year, August to July. At the end of December giving was at 90% of the budgeted need for this period. The goal together is to meet this need at 100% by our giving to the Church. Each month so far this fiscal period we are getting closer to meeting the goal. To help understand where all the funds are disbursed please check out the expense section below.

If you have any questions feel free to contact Henry Wikkerink at: [henry@newlifechurch.ca](mailto:henry@newlifechurch.ca).

Aug. 1 to Dec. 31, 2017	Actual	Budget	Variance	% of Budget
<b>Revenue</b>				
Tithes and Gifts	\$ 325,348	\$ 360,354	\$ (35,006)	90.29 %
Budgeted Program Revenue	4,091	4,267	(176)	95.88 %
Church Use	13,189	13,188	1	100.01 %
Capital Projects Giving	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>342,628</b>	<b>377,809</b>	<b>(35,181)</b>	<b>90.69 %</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>				
Staff	202,859	203,414	(555)	99.73 %
Insurance & Utilities	13,409	16,458	(3,049)	81.47 %
Repairs & Maintenance	3,750	10,729	(6,979)	34.95 %
Capital Projects & Improvements	12,567	19,167	(6,600)	65.57 %
Administration	16,999	16,658	341	102.05 %
Missions	29,094	31,917	(2,823)	91.16 %
Discipleship/Training	16,205	18,871	(2,666)	85.87 %
Justice & Mercy	4,254	6,696	(2,442)	63.53 %
Outreach	2,612	7,362	(4,750)	35.48 %
Worship/Audio/Media	2,647	5,050	(2,403)	52.42 %
Other	<u>0</u>	<u>1,250</u>	<u>(1,250)</u>	0.00 %
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b><u>304,396</u></b>	<b><u>337,572</u></b>	<b><u>(33,176)</u></b>	<b>90.17 %</b>
<b>Operating Income (Loss)</b>	<b>38,232</b>	<b>40,237</b>	<b>(2,005)</b>	<b>95.02 %</b>
<b>Other Income</b>				
Other Income	<u>1,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,000</u>	
Other Exoense	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b><u>1,000</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>1,000</u></b>	
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>39,232</b>	<b>40,237</b>	<b>(1,005)</b>	<b>97.50 %</b>