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Welcome to our 2019 Annual Vision Meeting. Every year, we pause to reflect on what God has been doing in and through our community. This is an opportunity to “re-enter” life in our church family, each of us discerning the invitation God has for this next season. We have been blessed to impact thousands of people through the various ministries that flow out of New Life. When I look at our 32 years of impact, it is truly staggering to see the grace God has given us.

As we look to a new ministry year, it seems to me that we have even more opportunities to lead others to Jesus, and work for the good of our city. New Life is in a strategic moment in our history where we can do one of two things:

1. Rely on what we’ve done to get us where we are.
2. Move forward in new ways to continue to see our mission go forward.

As our church continues to be a community marked by our 5Ms, we must prayerfully seek new ways to engage our neighbors, discipling women, men and children to follow Jesus multiplying the impact God has called us to. We have much to be grateful for, and we have much to look forward to.

In these pages you will find highlights from our past year. God has given us a fruitful and joyful 2018-2019, and I’m excited to see what he unfolds to us as we step into this next season as a church family. Thanks for being who you are and for doing all you’ve done.

With great love and appreciation for you,

Pastor Rich
Words From our Elder Board Chair

I want to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation for the dedication and commitment each of you has shown throughout the years. I am so glad you choose to worship with us, and I am excited about all the things God has been doing in our midst. Lives are being affected and changed by the power of God. There is no question that we have very little power on our own, but when we choose to allow the Lord to lead and guide us, amazing things happen and lasting change takes place in our lives. It is evident that the hand of God is upon this congregation as we look around and see tangible evidence of His provision through the obedience of His people.

As New Life Fellowship carries out its mission of impacting deep life change both in our local community and the church at large, through our Community Development Corporation (CDC) and Emotionally Healthy Discipleship (EHD) programs, I’m encouraged by you who support this calling in your own lives. As we journey together, I’m appreciative to all the small group leaders, ministry leaders, volunteers, and staff who allow God to move through them to advance His Kingdom. You continue to be a true blessing to the New Life Fellowship family!

Last but not least, I’m thankful to fellow board members Myrna Agosto, Rick Chowayou, Susan Chung, Steve Lee, Andy Lezon, and Rich Villodas for their commitment of time, wisdom, patience, and prayer for our church and its members.

Blessings,

Tom Daniel

Tom Daniel

"May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word." 2 Thessalonians 2: 16-17
Sanctuary Updates: We upgraded the lighting in the sanctuary, which included dimmable LED bulbs for the main room, and stage wash LED lighting for the lower and upper stage areas. LED consumes much less electricity and the bulbs will last much longer, requiring less maintenance overall. A new lighting console was installed and we can now control all sanctuary lighting from the console. The old stage panels were removed, and ceiling was demolished and repainted, making it much safer to be on stage.
Goals for 2019

1. **Expand the team:** Reinstate the 3rd service choir, and recruit 2 more sound engineers.
2. **Form a special service planning team:** This team would help the Worship Pastor create unique, contemplative experiences that speak to our monastic value at our special services (Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, Advent/Christmas Eve, etc.).
3. **Strengthen our teams and our commitment to serve our closest neighbors on a Sunday:** Recruit 5 volunteers to assist during our 3rd service.

How can you get involved?

1. **Join the worship team.** We are especially in need of choir directors & members, sound engineers and video camera operators. We are looking for individuals who are excited about contributing either musically or technically to our services. Help us create an environment where people can have a live encounter with God! Contact cate@newlife.nyc for more information.
2. **Help us with our special services.** We are looking for people to join our special service planning team who are especially drawn to the contemplative tradition. Contact cate@newlife.nyc for more information.
3. **Serve with our Sunday Connections team.** Eph 4:16 He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work it helps other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love. Our Team is comprised of the volunteers in the Parking Lot, Greeters, Ushers and Welcome Center Ambassadors who are dedicated to serving our closest neighbors on a Sunday- those who enter our church doors. We welcome those interested in serving in this capacity to contact jessica.rechner@newlife.nyc for more information.

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**Story Of New Life**

"We came to New Life broken and needing healing. We sat for 3 years before joining a ministry. We shared with Cate our desire to join and she invited us to join the team. We were excited but scared, knowing worship ministry was our calling. We were completely thrown off by Cate and the way she led the music ministry. The kindness and gentleness we received was difficult for us to process and accept. I had to admit, we were used to treatment that was violent to our spirits. It’s been a year and we are still on our journey of healing but we are so thankful for what God is doing through the leadership at NLF."

**Angel & Trinidad Diaz**

*Members of the Worship Team*

"I came to NLF in Aug 2014. For quite a while I really didn’t know anyone. The first person I met was Jessica. So, she announced that she was looking for Greeters. I had always wanted to be one, but at previous churches wasn’t allowed. After a brief prayer, I asked her if I could be a greeter. She said Yes! I’ve been serving as a greeter ever since. I absolutely love it & I miss it the most if I can’t come to church. I totally enjoy greeting, directing people to various places, welcoming them into a church I know does exactly what Jesus said to do. It’s been more of a blessing to me than I could have imagined. I thank God & Jessica for giving me the opportunity to serve."

**Theresa Ladara**

*Greeter*
Digital & Social Engagement

Communications Staff

Silvett Garcia-Tsuang  
Communications Coordinator

173,012 Youtube Views

50,716 Sermon Podcast downloads

7,129 Social Engagements
4,270 Facebook, 1,922 Twitter, 937 Instagram likes & followers

159,135 website views
Finances & Building Update

Total Revenue

$3,413,177

New Life CDC and EHS revenues not included.

5.5%
Increase in total revenue

2017 - $3,234,091
2018 - $3,413,177

16.5%
Increase in tithes & offerings

2017 - $2,650,215
2018 - $3,089,627

Tithes & Offering - $3,089,627
Other $187,676
Building Fund $135,874

Goals for 2019

1. Install new windows in the shell room on the west side
2. Continue with capital improvements towards obtaining our certificate of occupancy (COO)

Building Updates

We repaved the back parking lot, upgraded the lighting in Shell Room, and updated the electrical systems throughout the building.

Total Revenue

Building Updates

Finances & Building Staff

Jacqueline Snape
Executive Pastor

Victoria Kolsch
Treasurer

George Cuffe
Building Manager

Ed Gruber
Building Mechanic

Josela Reales
Front Desk Coordinator

Dominick Baerga
Environment Setup Associate

New Life CDC Revenue
$473,205

EHD Revenue
$729,580

Community Development $212,633
Global Partnerships $382,537
Missional Giving

New Life CDC and EHS revenues not included.
Community

Life Change Happens Better In Circles Than In Rows

We want to build deep, authentic relationships - creating spaces where we can truly be known. Our small Groups and communities are places where we can become connected with God and with others.

Community Life Staff

Peter Rohdin
Communities and Small Groups Pastor

Myrna Rohdin
Community Life Coordinator & Young Adults Ministry Director

Redd Sevilla
Missional Neighborhood Groups Director

Sherin Swift
Assistant Pastor

Kelly Ng
Director of Marriage Ministry

Lisa Galindo-Ramos
Community Life Administrative Assistant

454 group members

57 small groups

54 group leaders

12 groups added between June 2018 and April 2019

In the past year we added Christmas parties as a way to increase connection opportunities. We saw an increase in midsized events and anticipate continued growth in this next season of ministry.
Community Directors

Redd & Aya Sevilla
Elmhurst & Corona Community Directors

Scott & Susan Chung
Long Island Community Directors

Larry & Marissa Felder
Long Island Community Directors

Steven McIntosh
Jackson Heights Community Director

Awilda Torres
Astoria Community Director

Anthony Zephir
Brooklyn Community Director

Carroll Oliver
Latter Rain 50+ Ministry Director

Aya Sevilla
Women's Ministry Director

Russ McLeod
Men's Ministry Director
(Larry Felder Jr. will transition into this role in 2019)

Willie & Maritza Go
Filipino Community Directors

Evens Boiguene & Nelly Sorto
Spanish Community Directors

Sepalika Attanayake
South Asian Community Director

Yofana Simatupang
Indonesian Community Director

Goals for 2019

1. Hire a full-time Assistant Pastor
2. Explore structures for small group leaders to engage with missional opportunities
3. Increase connection opportunities by establishing additional mentoring structures.

How can you get involved?

1. Lead, join or host a Small Group We believe transformation happens best when we share life and build intentional relationships with others. Contact lisa@newlife.nyc.
2. Share your faith story with those you interact with
3. Become a Community Director! We’re looking for people to take the lead in building community in the neighborhoods of Manhattan, Forest Hills, and Washington Heights. Contact peter@newlife.nyc.
Stories Of New Life

“After leading men’s ministries for over five years, I sensed God leading me focus on other areas. As I began to explore this with New Life leadership, I saw God begin to raise up other leaders in the men’s ministry. I then became more aware that God was calling me to go deeper in leading out of my Marriage and explore areas of ministry where my wife and I could co-lead together.”

Russ McLeod
Mens Community Director in 2018

“Hosting a small group in my Bayside home, at Belinda Mendez’s prompting, has allowed me to implement lessons learned from the EHD classes. Taking time to truly listen when we share, seeing each individual as God’s cherished creation, being slow to judge and turning to wonder how a person’s life’s experiences might have impacted them.”

Wendy Vassell
Bayside/Fresh Meadows Kingsbury Ave
Small Group Host

“We didn’t know the journey we were going to embark on at New Life that would change our perspective on life forever. Exploring the five M’s created a cultural shift in us, as we had never given attention to our inner life. In our previous church, we did not look beneath the surface. Now we’re enjoying the freedom to explore our deeper inner layers by God’s grace and more able to feel that we are loved by him.”

Evens Boiguene & Nelly Sorto
Spanish Community Co-Directors
Formation

Maturing as Followers of Christ

We value deep, beneath-the-surface life transformation. We aim to grow deeply in love with God, ourselves, and others – going back to go forward, and learning how we can more truly become who God has made us to be.

After 6 years of serving in various capacities, Joe Terry is taking time out to pursue his doctorate in Patristic Fathers. He remains part of our church community and plans to start leading and teaching again in the near future.

We added Sherin Swift to our staff team. Sherin brings a passion for empowering people to move forward in their relationship with God.

Helen Kim led a team of seekers through the Alpha course.

Attended Theology of the Body Classes
70

Attended Gospel and Race Conference
200

Were equipped by the Marriage Ministry
146

Marriage Events covering topics such as expectations in relationships, going back to go forward, prayer for couples and a premarital training
6

Attended Alpha
20

Attended Baptisms
25 (17 on Sundays & 8 in Missional Neighborhood Groups)

Graduated from Financial Peace University
23

Attended newcomers’ lunch and communitas
103

Attended the EHD course - Part 1 EHS and/or Part 2 EHR
243

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Goals for 2019

1. Establish content for new believers
2. Increase communication and coordination among our Hope and Healing ministries: Inner Healing and Deliverance, Pure Desire, Paraclete Prayer, Cross Current, and Living EHD

How can you get involved?

1. Attend our classes and conferences We offer a number of opportunities throughout the year to experience God and gain an understanding of who He is. We invite you to plan to attend 3 or more equipping events in the coming year.
2. Join one of our Hope and Healing Groups Our hope and healing communities are safe spaces for those experiencing difficult challenges. Learn more about the support we offer at newlife.nyc/hopeandhealing.

Stories Of New Life

“Attending the EHS Course helped me realize my need to heal wounds from my childhood. After completing the course, I joined a small group where I could share my pain and receive healing prayer. I now know that even though I was wounded in community, it is also in community where Christ is present that I am receiving healing.”

Anonymous
EHS Course Participant

“During the Inner Healing & Deliverance prayer time I had a picture of Jesus picking me up as a little girl and handing me over to the Father and holding me. And the image of being under the shadow of His wings stuck out to me as He takes His place as a protector and shield for me. Thank you again for being so welcoming and demonstrating the love and compassion of Jesus.”

Joy Chan Hunt
Inner Healing Event Participant - Small Group Host

“Through the marriage ministry here at New Life we have learned that difficulties and pain are not only normal but expected in marriage. The communication and healthy relationship tools we have learned through New Life’s marriage equipping events have led us to deeper love, hope, intimacy and freedom.”

Stephen & Jessica Rowe
Marriage Event Participants
Mission

Making Disciples of all Nations

We recognize that we have been changed by God’s love, so we endeavor to share this love in word and deed as we seek the prosperity of our community of Elmhurst & Corona, Queens.

Story Of New Life

“Every time we go on a mission my heart grows bigger. It is a life changing experience as I witness the joy in the lives of the people we encounter. This makes me realize how blessed I am to be able to share God’s blessings and His word. Because of this I always wanted to go back and do more. Serving others shapes me and makes me whole - it teaches me to be bold, humble, strong in faith and spirit. Being with these people gives me an understanding of how I should live my life, following God’s command to love others - I forget myself and think of others first.”

Vikki Padua
Missional Neighborhood Group Leader

Goals for 2019

1. Teach and model for our leaders the multiplication of Missional Neighborhood Groups
2. Start three new Missional Neighborhood Groups outside of Elmhurst/Corona

How can you become involved?

1. Join a Missional Neighborhood Group. Attend one of our info sessions to learn more about our vision and about our learning community. Contact redd@newlife.nyc for more information.

Woodside Ave Missional Neighborhood Group
hosted a BBQ and gave out loads of hotdogs to the community

Corona Ave Missional Neighborhood Group
celebrated one year anniversary

O'Connor Park Missional Neighborhood Group
led two of its members to Christ

Eight new believers were baptized in the past year
Partnering With Families to Build An Authentic Faith In The Life Of Each Child

New Life Kids Staff

Dave Cales
New Life Kids Pastor

Jenna Notarfrancesco
Preschool Ministry Director

Brendaliz Ayende
Family Ministries Administrative Assistant

215
kids weekly average

35
small group leaders
- Nursery, Pre-K & Elementary

25
small groups
every Sunday - Nursery, Pre-K & Elementary

24
children
dedicated
Goals for 2019

1. To add 10 small group leaders to our team. Our goal is to have no more than 5 kids assigned to each leader.

2. To build stronger relationships with the children who attend every week.

How can you get involved?

Invest in the next generation. New Life Kids volunteers show up and work together in their unique roles to create a fun environment for kids to learn who God is and how He wants them to live. We could not keep our doors open without the incredible volunteers who offer their gifts to serve our kids. Contact children@newlife.nyc

Story Of New Life

Nayeli is a 12-year-old foster child who lost her mom at just 8 months old. She’s been coming to kids church for a couple of months now and always with a bright smile. She’s developed a relationship with Brendaliz, our Family Ministry Administrator, and during one of their small group interactions, Nayeli bowed her head to pray. When asked what she prayed she simply stated with genuine emotion, “I am just giving God thanks.” She left service saying that she loved Brendaliz and repeated the virtue of the month, which is “hope,” “esperanza.”
Setting Churched and Unchurched Youth Free Through Jesus Christ

New Life Students Staff

Matthew Manno
New Life Student Ministries Pastor

Valerie Torres
Middle School Ministry Director

119 People attended Spring Retreat, May 2019

33 People attended 2018 Puerto Rico Missions trip

Averaging nearly 60 people on Fridays

Friday Night Attendance is up!

New Parent Small Group meets on Friday Nights

Middle School Attendance is up and the group is flourishing
Goals for 2019

1. Continue to partner with and support parents and families through strong small groups, an amazing Parent Conference in October 2019, and family events.

2. Develop Small Group leaders through training, vision casting and aligning leaders around a single mission no matter how they serve in student ministry.

How can you become involved?

There isn’t a greater way to impact the life of a student or a family than by becoming a small group leader. The next generation needs to see what faith looks like in real life and our small group leaders have the best opportunity to do that. We work together, with families, to disciple students and point them to Jesus and unleash them into the dreams that God has for their lives. The impact of small group leaders is long lasting and our greatest hope is that we shape the future that students walk into. Interested? Contact matt@newlife.nyc.

Story Of New Life

"The 2019 spring retreat gave me life. I felt God when I thought God didn’t want anything to do with me. I believed the lie that peoples lives were better off without me. I learned to kill those lies and live in the reality that God sees me as a daughter. That God loves me. That God can satisfy my needs."

Anonymous
This year New Life CDC celebrates 25 years!! What a wonderful milestone! Many organizations and residents have come and gone. We, however, remain rooted in the neighborhood. We love our people and our place.

To celebrate, we held our first formal gala on May 29 at Garden Suite of Terrace on the Park. This ticketed event sold out so fast, it was clear to us we would need to choose a larger room in the future. The demand was simply an indication that so many of us believe in this work among the poor and marginalized of our local communities. We believe in creating the kind of neighborhood we desire to live in -- a neighborhood that provides compassionate relief, cultivates restoration and invites reinvestment.

In the next few pages, note the kind of impact that we have made in our history together. With these outcomes, imagine the resources and volunteers needed to perform this output in the community. We could not have done it without the generosity of our seasoned supporters and our newest friends.

From the New Life CDC team, thank you for your involvement in the past 25 years. Let’s go for 25 more!

Redd Sevilla
New Life CDC

Program Heads

Angel Aquino
Boosters After School Program

David Jennings
New Life Community Health Center

David Snape
Cub Scouts

Delia Kim
Young Governors

Jeff Kolsch
Food and Clothing Pantry

Ivelisse Rosario-Natal
Success Groups

Meybol Geramita
English as a Second Language (ESL)

Nelly Calzada
Girls Scouts

We distributed **1.8 million pounds of food to the community**. Giving away that much food is close to feeding lunch to a packed Citifield, 26 times over.

We offered **approximately 17,000 showers to those who have no home**. That’s equal to 50 years worth of showers for one person.

We served neighborhood children. In 2010, New Life CDC was mentoring 10 children during the week outside of a Sunday. Since then, **500+ children have been taught or mentored by us**.

17 students between K and 5th grade are meeting or exceeding academic proficiency through our Boosters After School Program.

14 Cub Scouts and families participated in the Alpine Scout Camp and the Pinewood Derby car building and racing event.

26 boxes of shoes were donated to Soles4Souls thanks to our Girl Scouts

Success Groups financial rewards funds were accessed 29 times (increased from 4 the previous year)

11 teenagers were trained as young community organizers and mentored by 3 returning Young Governors

40 New Yorkers improved their ability to speak English because of our free weekly ESL classes.

We raised **$20,000 to strengthen food pantry operations** and hire Saturday managers.

We provided our **first full year of health care services for survivors** of human trafficking.

Since 2010, **giving has increased an average 14% per year**. Simply put, you believe in what we can do together!
Angella Cuffe was part of the first enrolled cohort of Success Groups. Since joining, she has accomplished goals that were previously unmet. She recalls how saving $1000 for an emergency fund was a near impossibility. But through her involvement in Success Groups, which has provided consistent support, she has been able to save $3000. This has been the first time she has been able to save this amount. Because of the progress Angella has made, her daughter, Crystal (26 years old), was also inspired to join. Crystal has also made significant progress in gaining financial independence. Whereas previously Crystal lived with her mom, Crystal was able to save the amount of money needed to perform her next step toward independence -- to find and rent her own apartment. Crystal's progress in saving was recognized by Success Groups and was awarded by the project additional funding to cover moving costs. Angella has been so encouraged by the breakthroughs that her family has experienced while part of Success Groups.

Angella Cuffe
Success Groups Cohort Participant
Words From Pastor Pete Scazzerro

This year has been another expansive year for us at Emotionally Healthy Discipleship. With the release of The Emotionally Healthy Discipleship Course Leader’s Kit, the number of churches now doing the Course in their church numbers over 625. And that is only in North America!

To date, we are active in churches in over 25 countries. We are in a very unique position as a local church in that we have a global platform and entry into so many places around the world - and the numbers continue growing. From Syria to Norway to Latin America to Hong Kong to Korea, to Africa, people are eager to learn from New Life and visit us in New York City. Truly, God has opened a great door to us as a church that is beyond amazing. It remains our focus to embed The EH Discipleship Courses in churches throughout North America, providing training, materials, and coaching. However, knowing how to do that best is another question.

Pray for us. We need wisdom to know how to prioritize our time and energy, and discernment to know God’s next steps for us in building our infrastructure here at NLF.

We believe that the unique power of EHS flows out of the power and richness of our local church here at New Life. So thank you.

And continue to join us in looking forward to what God will do this coming year.

Warmly,

Pete
Emotionally Healthy Discipleship

EHD Staff

Ruth Lugo
Executive Director

Pete Scazzero
President & Co-Founder

Geri Scazzero
Vice-President & Co-Founder

Equipping Leaders to Lead the Church - In 2018 we saw over 1,300 church leaders come through EHD Level 1 Training to launch the EHD Course in their own church.

Reengineering the Church by Multiplying Disciples - In 2018, hundreds of new churches launched the EHD Course in North America, bringing the total number of partner churches to over 500. We now have 625 churches in North America engaged in the EHD Course.

Fueling the Global Expansion of the Church - We were honored to host leaders from 19 countries at the EH Leadership Summit. This is a great sign that God is changing church culture all over the world.

Opening New Doors to Reach More Leaders - We witnessed an explosion of the EH Leader Podcast with over 1 million downloads this last year. The podcast allows us to create accessible on-ramps for leaders to experience EH culture.

49% increase

2017 2018
Email List 25,772 38,308

315% increase

2017 2018
Podcast Downloads 306,668 1,273,128
Goals for 2019

1. Introduce Church Leaders for a new kind of culture through our first One Day experience where leaders can come close enough to “taste and see” our culture and catch the vision for what’s possible in their own church.

2. Real transformation will only take root if church leaders are able to lead the change themselves. For that purpose we plan to professionally film our “Level 1 Training” so it is available on demand, enabling leaders to get the practical tools and proven roadmap to launch and lead the course in their own church.

3. We feel strongly that in order to support the global movement of EHD, we must make EHD accessible in new languages. This year, we plan to translate our resources into Spanish, making it possible to reach over 440 million Spanish-speaking people and multiply deeply changed disciples.

How can you get involved?

1. Offer your time and skills as a volunteer to support an EHD training event Contact ruth@emotionallyhealthy.org to learn more.

2. Pray for Pete & Geri as they continue to learn and share their heart for deep discipleship.

3. Share your personal EHD journey to encourage others to begin theirs.
Global Missions
New Life in the Philippines

Our Home School and Good Shepherd schools provided primary education for 26 students this year. 100% of our Good Shepherd ladies passed their ALS (Equivalency Exam for Junior High School).

Tutoring about 100 students every week in G1:27 Tutoring TEAM. One of our staff - Judelou Congson - was valedictorian of her high school. Other staff leaders Judy Anne Ceciban finished her Bachelor’s Degree in Education and Jessiel Colentava passed her Teacher’s Board Exam.

EHS Course was published by OMF International, an inter-denominational and international fellowship serving in 14 East Asian nations.

We taught Emotionally Healthy Spirituality at 3 day Family Camp at Grace Gospel Church of Manila during Holy Week with 370 registrants and at various other locations.

Our church Olive Grove baptized 6 new believers.

Staff

Rick & Jiji Harner
New Life Fellowship Missionaries
Story Of New Life

Ecia was a staunch atheist, following the philosophies of her unbelieving father. Last year her family came to our church – Olive Grove and Ecia was baptized along with her mother and 2 sisters. At her Debut (18th Birthday), her mother had invited her friends from her previous schools that are very secularized who had only known her as an atheist when she attended school with them. During the evening her friends had opportunity to share and many spoke of their amazement at their “atheist” friend who had now become their encourager to seek God and who would share God’s Word with them via text messages. Ecia’s courage to share her faith with her classmates was impacting her friends from all the way back in elementary school.

Goals for 2019

1. Complete the EHS course in each of the regions of the Philippines
2. Train EHS Course facilitators through Asian Theological Seminary in Manila to work in their home churches

How can you get involved?

1. Keep us in your prayers Pray that our small groups would continue to be a source of strength for our community; that our ministry would help to bring freedom and restoration to those around us; that we (Rick & Jiji) would grow in our marriage and that our daughters would have a heart for God
2. Plan a mission trip to the Philippines Serve with us! Your presence and time would be an incredible gift to our community. Contact rickandjijiharner@yahoo.com.