



new life fellowship

2023

# NEW LIFE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH'S ANNUAL REPORT

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A multiracial community  
deeply transforming lives through  
Jesus for the sake of the world.



# WORDS FROM OUR LEAD PASTOR



Dear New Lifers,

Every June we take the time to pause, look around, and celebrate all that God is doing in the life of our community. And not just that. We seek to discern how the Spirit might be leading us into the next season of our life together.

The past year has been one of fruitfulness and new community. While the global pandemic is in our rearview mirror, we are still feeling the impact of the universal disruption we all experienced. Even as we do, we have seen the beautiful work of Jesus in our midst.

Our Board of Elders continues to steward and oversee the mission of New Life with care, wisdom, and prudence. I want to give a special mention to Steven McIntosh, our Board Chair. Steven's tireless commitment to our local church has positioned us to be in a place of great health in recent years.

Our Staff has also worked with great passion and care, serving our congregation in so many ways around the building of community, spiritual formation, and being missionally engaged in our city.

Our Long Island congregation, New Life East celebrated its 1-year anniversary in November 2022. Pastor Redd and Pastor Dre have led this community in wonderful ways, as they prepare for the long-planned transition of leadership to Pastor Dre, who will become the Congregational Pastor this September.

Our Community Life team has worked hard to create multiple spaces for connection and resources to help our community be formed in the way of Jesus. Over 65% of our church is in a small group community. In a world that's increasingly lonely, this is a wonderful point of celebration!

We are continuing to see a resurgence of activity among our NextGen community. When I think about New Life Fellowship five, ten, twenty, or fifty years from now, I firmly believe that the work we do today will determine the quality of our witness to Jesus tomorrow. Our children and students are in good hands with the team we've assembled—and we have a great opportunity before us to deepen our commitment to them.

Our School of Formation continues to flourish as well. In Cohort 1, we trained 30 leaders. In Cohort 2, we doubled that amount. I'm hoping to gather a strong number of New Lifers for Cohort 3 which starts in September 2024. Through this school, we aim to form followers of Jesus who are profoundly shaped by the 5 values that have anchored New Life over the years.

When I ponder the next year of New Life, there are a few areas of focus I want to bring before you.

- First, I would love our NextGen ministry to receive greater support and investment. This means that we will need more volunteers and leaders to engage the work

# WORDS FROM OUR LEAD PASTOR (CONTINUED)



of the Lord in this area. I trust that the Spirit will lead us to become more connected to the next generation.

- Another area of focus is ensuring a smooth transition at New Life East from Pastor Redd to Pastor Dre, which includes the pursuit of a new place of worship, as we have outgrown our current facility. Please pray with us as we discern the next steps here.
- And, lastly, 2023 is a year of anniversaries. This year we celebrate our 20th anniversary since purchasing The Elks Lodge in Elmhurst. It is also the 100th anniversary of the building's completion. God has graciously provided this house of worship for us, and we have worked diligently to see every space maximize its potential. In the coming months, you will be hearing more about the plans we have to continue this work. Additionally, this Fall is my 10th anniversary as lead pastor of New Life. I regard this anniversary as a church-wide event because we wouldn't be where we are as a congregation without everyone's support, prayers, and leadership. Many churches struggle to transition leadership from one pastor to the next, but our congregation has been a model of health in this area.

There is much to rejoice about, friends. Rosie and I are so grateful to be part of this local church family.

With love and appreciation,

Pastor Rich



# CHURCHWIDE SERVICES

## weekly reach

**1395** average total attendance on Sundays

This number was 915 from 2021-2022

**812** average **in-person** attendance on Sundays

**583** average **online** attendance on Sundays

**876** **Christmas Eve** attendance

**1618** **Easter Sunday** attendance

## highlight

Our NLF Worship Ministry released a new original song "Mighty One (Magnificat)" along with a companion music video during the Advent season. The song was written by one of our worship leaders, Dantrell Cotton.



## stories of new life

"For most of my life, serving at church has always been an expression of being faithful to enriching the community of God. It was not meant to be fun or a form of worship that allowed me to be closer to Jesus. This season, being part of the worship team has provided me with structure, community, and rhythm. It has allowed me to take the blessing of knowing how to play an instrument more seriously, all while having a tremendous amount of fun. Preparing for Thursday night rehearsal has led to spirit-filled worship in my car on my way to work. I find myself being a better leader at work and supporting my team in a manner that is encouraging and lifting. Most of all, my wife has been encouraged to serve at NLF as well. I'm so grateful to Pastor Cate, for her servant's heart, for her leadership, and most of all, her kindness." Joseph Thomas, Worship Team

"I started as a Greeter under Head Ambassador Tess Valentino. Over time, I was trained and became an Usher and now I am Head Ambassador when needed. Being on this team allows me to grow in service, invite others to serve, know my church family, welcome visitors, and give someone a smile. " Kirsis Ham, Sunday Ambassador Team

# CHURCHWIDE SERVICES

## goals for 2023-2024

### Worship:

- Expand the team that serves on Sundays and other events.
- Fill Audio/Visual/Lighting personnel gaps.
- Release another original song under NewLifeNYC Music (our ministry name)
- Start the buildout of a control room.

### Churchwide Services:

- Integrate New Life artists, in a range of disciplines, into our Sunday and special services experience.
- Produce high-quality videos and online experiences in a balanced way as we serve those attending in-person and online.

### Sunday Ambassadors:

- Strengthen our team of Greeters and Ushers with a commitment to serve our closest neighbors on a Sunday.
- Our Head Ambassadors continue to recruit and train new members.
- Assess the Sunday service needs and shape our team to serve well.

## how you can get involved

**Worship:** We are always looking for volunteers who have a heart for worship music and technical arts! To join our dynamic Worship Ministry (including singers, instrumentalists, AV team), please contact [cate.song@newlife.nyc](mailto:cate.song@newlife.nyc) for more information.

**Churchwide Services:** We continue to welcome those who want to serve our in-person and online Sunday communities. From capturing Sunday life on film to escorting in our seeing impaired and elderly congregants to engaging with our online audience we welcome your time and energy! Contact [jessica.rechner@newlife.nyc](mailto:jessica.rechner@newlife.nyc).

**Sunday Ambassadors:** Share your gift of hospitality to all who enter our building. Our Greeters and Ushers show the love of Christ as guests enter our building for Sunday Services. We are helpful and hospitable, and honor all God's people. Interested? Contact [jessica.rechner@newlife.nyc](mailto:jessica.rechner@newlife.nyc).

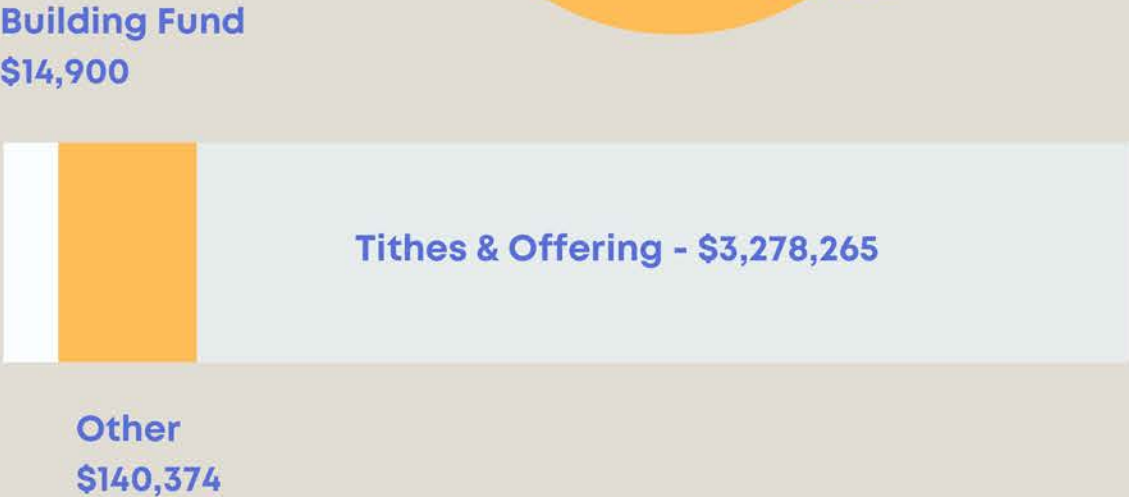
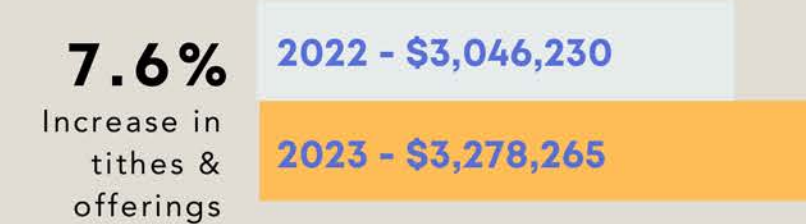
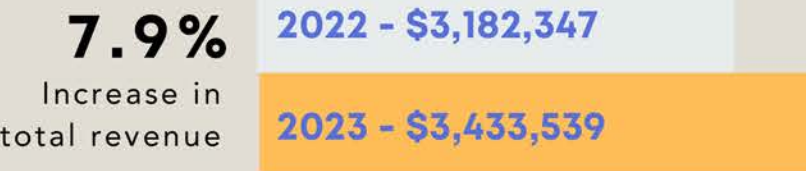


# FINANCES & BUILDING UPDATE

total revenue

# \$3,433,539

New Life CDC and EHD Revenues are not included.



# FINANCES & BUILDING UPDATE

## building updates

- New Paint, flooring, and light fixtures were installed in the second-floor nursery.
- New Paint and light fixtures were installed in the second-floor elephant room. (4 & 5-year-olds)
- New light fixtures were installed in the second-floor giraffe room. (2 & 3-year-olds)
- An Audio/Visual upgrade was completed in the Shell room. New speakers and display screens made it possible to use the shell room as Sunday overflow and host various events.
- High-volume fans were installed on LL in all rooms for improved ventilation.
- New LED lighting fixtures were installed in all LL classrooms, bathrooms, and LL lobby.
- A new Audio/Visual upgrade was started in the LL main room with new video displays. Audio equipment is anticipated to be completed this year.

## ongoing building work in 2023

- We were made aware last year that our boiler and fuel type would need to be upgraded this year.
- We were made aware last year that we would need to add a partial sprinkler system this year.



# WORDS FROM OUR ELDER BOARD CHAIR



Dear Members of New Life Fellowship Church,

For the past few weeks, I've had a verse that my heart has been holding fast to: Rejoice in hope, be patient in affliction, persevere in prayer (Romans 12:12). While chapter 12 is full of the Apostle Paul's encouragement to the church about what our lives should look like as Christ-followers, this verse stands out because of how applicable it is to any part of our lives. When life is hard, when relationships aren't easy, when Church is messy, when family is difficult, and when we feel our brokenness, Jesus is still at work in you and through you. Rejoice, be patient, persevere.

I'm grateful that you're part of our NLF community and appreciate all the ways you join our mission to deeply transform lives through Jesus—whether you supported another New Lifer, contributed your time and/or resources to New Life Ministries, participated in a small group or workshop series, or prayed for our leadership. You are an integral part of the NLF family, and Jesus is working through you to transform our community to look more like Him. May God continue to deepen your faith in Him and enlarge your heart with an even greater capacity to love your neighbor as yourself.

Last year, we witnessed a lot of rejoicing, patience, and perseverance. As the threat of COVID-19 waned, our NLF community remained hopeful. The NLF leadership and staff remained creative and responsive, and eventually, many of the things we were waiting to safely do in our community

returned. Workshops were offered again in person, the School of Formation held its first in-person retreat, congregants returned to worship on Sunday morning, and small groups welcomed people back into their homes.

As elders, we recognized the weightier needs of the church required more discussion and prayer than our monthly meetings afforded us. We added dedicated prayer nights and held our first elder summit last February to invest in the spiritual formation of the board and support Pastor Rich's preparation for the God and our Bodies series. We are also working on growing and strengthening our sub-committees, including a dedicated New Life East subcommittee, to better distribute the leadership of the board to more effectively serve the many needs of our growing church. It was also a big year for adding leadership to NLF's ministries. We were grateful to be part of the candidacy processes that welcomed Shauna Rushing (Pastor of Small Group and Communities), Andre Grey (Associate Pastor, NLE), Justin Guaman (Student Ministries Director), and Isabel McLeod (Elementary Ministries Director). We also added two fantastic new elders to the board: Nelli Carlese and Victor Rodriguez.

- I want to thank Pastor Rich, Pastor Jackie, the entire New Life Fellowship staff, deacons, and volunteers for all their hard work and ministry accomplishments over the past year. Thank you for the hope, patience, and perseverance you've exuded as you faithfully care for

# WORDS FROM OUR ELDER BOARD CHAIR



us. Your lives encourage us and we are blessed by the visible (and often less visible) ways you serve the NLF community each day.

I'm also thankful for New Life's partners who work with us to increase the impact of our NLF values locally and globally. Many thanks to the Community Development Corp (Tiffany and team, Kofi and the CDC board) and Emotionally Healthy Discipleship (Pete, Geri, Ruth, and team, Ken and the EHD board) for all your exceptional work this past year. To our ever-growing sibling New Life East (Redd, Andre, and team), we're thankful for the ways you are following God's lead to bring God's good news to the Long Island community.

Finally, I offer my deep thanks to our elders. I do not know a more hopeful, patient, and persevering group of men and women dedicated to serving the body of Christ. I thank God for the privilege of bearing witness to how their love for Christ guides the way they spiritually and practically care for NLF. It's such a gift to have elders who humbly and wisely submit all that God has given them to the significant role and responsibilities they've been called to. None of what the board accomplished this year was possible without them. My heartfelt appreciation to Walé Bakare, Nelli Carlese, Arne Fareth, Meybol Geramita, Héctor Pabon, Judith Rapley, Victor Rodriguez, and Rich Villodas, who currently serve on New Life Fellowship's Board of Elders.

Blessings,

Steven McIntosh



# COMMUNITY

Life Change Happens Better In Circles Than In Rows

## Community Life Staff:

Helen Kim Nowalk | Community Life Team Pastor

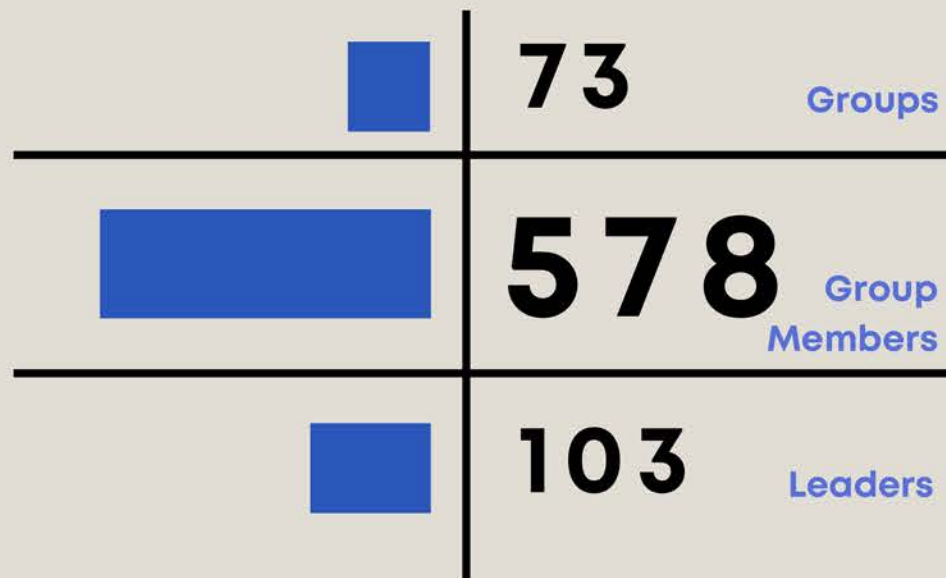
Sherin Swift | Connections & Equipping Pastor

Shauna Rushing | Pastor of Small Groups & Communities

Kelly Ng | Marriage Ministry Coach

John Oncher | Community Life Administrative Assistant

*Loving well is core to being a healthy body in Christ. We want to build deep, authentic relationships as we pursue God together - creating spaces for growing in our faith together in authentic ways where we can truly be known and know others. Our small groups and communities are spaces to both connect relationally and grow together spiritually in our relationship with God.*



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Groups Added Between  
May 2022 and April 2023

Christian Fiction Book Club  
Bayside Families  
Young Ribs  
Jackson Heights Lectio Divina  
East Elmhurst Small Group  
Gardening for Missions  
Saturday Sunnyside Small Group

Yonkers Small Group  
Wednesday Night Virtual Group  
Greenpoint Family Group  
Sunday Virtual Small Group  
Young Adult Tuesday Group  
Roosevelt Island Small Group

# COMMUNITY

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## highlights from 2022-2023

1

Monthly Socials at the Shell began on second Sundays, as a continuation of last year's Community Connections, as a way to connect New Lifers in similar life seasons: young adults, 50+, 35-50+, Hispanic/Latino Community with more to come!

2

We had a fun kickoff with all of our church volunteers on Vision Sunday to cast vision and celebrate the women and men who enable New Life to provide all it does week to week.

3

Monique Sledge-Ambrose led a 4-week small group on Loss & Lament in Community. A 15-week *GriefShare* group was facilitated in the Winter of 2023 by May Tang and Josela Reales for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

4

During Lent, an average of 77 participants engaged in after-church discussions for our Good and Beautiful and Kind series.

5

A pilot Healing Care group was held by Pastor Shauna which provides healing transformation towards wholeness through processing wounds of the past in Formational Prayer.

6

During Advent, we held our 3rd church-wide study which engaged 324 people through 44 groups.



# COMMUNITY

Life Change Happens Better In Circles Than In Rows

## goals for 2023-2024

- Facilitate two church-wide studies for deeper connection, learning, and growth
- Train 15 new small group leaders and launch 15 new small groups
- Continue to strengthen the current vision, purpose, and impact of our communities to support a deeper connection to fellow New Lifers and into small groups: our Communities include Young Adults, New Life Sisters, New Life Brothers, Latter Rain 50+ as well as our Cultural Communities: Hispanic/Latino, Indonesian and Filipino.

## how you can get involved

**Join a Small Group:** Small groups are a vital way to connect and grow spiritually with others. Fill out your interest in connecting to small groups and our communities here: [bit.ly/connectingatnewlife](https://bit.ly/connectingatnewlife).

**Lead a Small Group:** We are looking to train and equip new leaders for the Fall and have an informational meeting for anyone who wants to know more about what it takes to lead a group. Come to GroupLead on Tuesday, July 20th from 7pm - 8pm on Zoom. Sign up on our website at [elmhurst.newlife.nyc](https://elmhurst.newlife.nyc).

**Attend our "Fun In The Sun" All Church BBQ:** It's becoming a tradition to host one each summer in July or August. It's an opportunity to eat, play, and get to know other New Lifers. Visit our website in July at [elmhurst.newlife.nyc](https://elmhurst.newlife.nyc) to sign up.

**Interested in serving in a way that supports community-forming events?** Please sign up at [bit.ly/servingatnewlife](https://bit.ly/servingatnewlife).

## stories of new life

"The trust and love we have developed as a small group enhanced our ability to provide a safe space to talk openly during the God & Our Bodies discussions. We're thankful to NLF's leadership for taking on this tough subject and are blessed to be a part of a supportive and encouraging group." Terrence Banks & Lanette McNeil, Growing in Grace Leaders

"Our intention is to cultivate an atmosphere of safety, kindness, and respect for each man's unique experience. Many men in our group take the lead with respect to openness, honesty, and transparency about their struggles, and together we fulfill the commandment to 'rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep' (Romans 12:15)." Jay Feld, Sunday Morning Men's Group Leader

"I often refer to how God has been caring for me as Him massaging my heart, and Grace and Andrew's small group has definitely been a tool for God's massaging. We have had the most engaging and loving conversations, as well as very difficult ones, and all of them have been done with so much grace and care." Maria Elizabeth Beltran, Astoria 32nd St. Small Group Member

## stories of new life

"My men's small group is the only place that I can confidently share who I am (brokenness, hurts, frustrations, stink'n think'n, scars, rough edges) and all. I don't feel alone in my struggles as well as my joys primarily from hearing how other men have experienced what I feel." Ed Podlovits, Sunday Morning Men's Group Member

"I know for a fact that God put me with the people I needed to be with at the right time. My experience with my group has been of love and support. We keep in touch with WhatsApp for any prayer requests or just to talk. I can count on them during the sad, bad, and happy times." Esther Zuniga, Forest Hills Tuesday Group Member

"Our group, Journey Through the Valley, has been a lifeline. I often struggled with how to take what I was learning about myself in counseling and workshops and live it out in *community* with other men. This group, with its emphasis on how my family systems impacted my relationships, sexuality, and spirituality, was a way for me to journey into the deepest abyss of my own "iceberg" with other fellow journeymen. The group has helped me begin to grieve my past and move into a community of trust and ongoing healing. I now know that I am truly not alone." Mike Betancourt, Journey Through the Valley Leader

# stories of new life

"My life has been deeply impacted by being in relationship with these guys. The genuine community I'm experiencing through this group is extremely encouraging and life-giving." Jesse Goins, Member of New Life Brothers

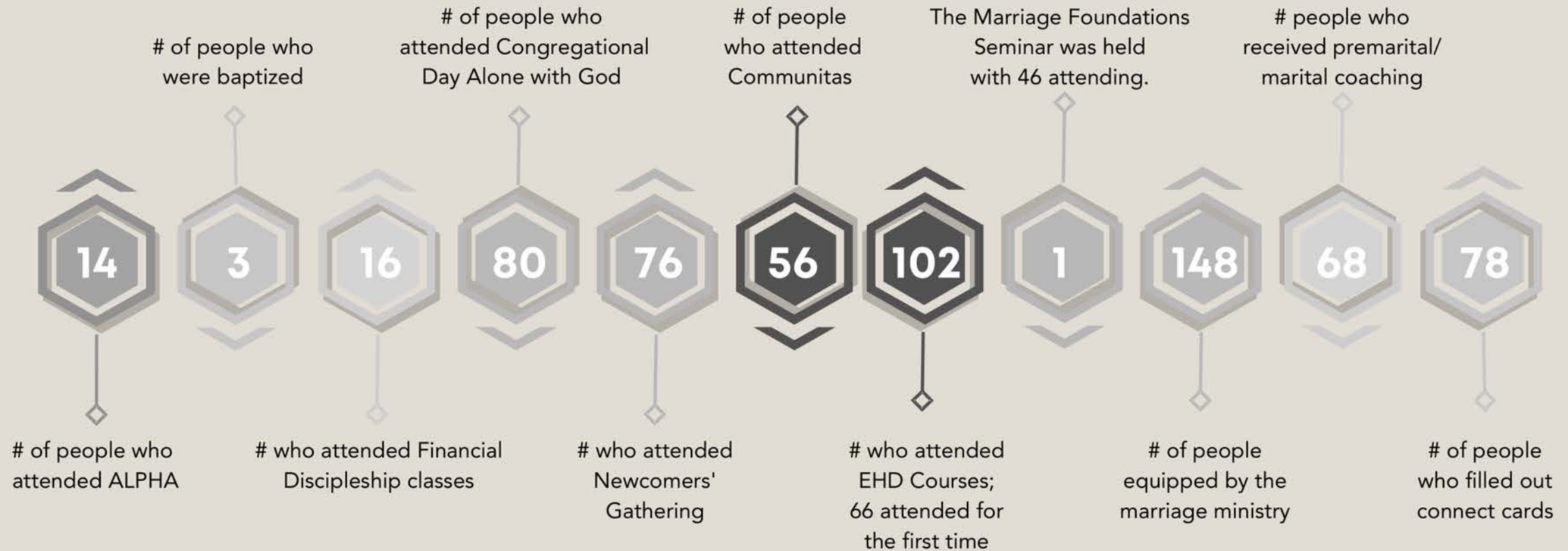
"Being part of our Latter Rain leadership team is a joy and a gift. I'm ministering with an amazing group of people who have a heart to serve. Together we are growing in fellowship with our community, doing life together. Learning, contributing to the life of our church, and breaking generational stereotypes." Carroll Oliver, Leader of the Latter Rain 50+ Community



# FORMATION

Maturing As Followers Of Christ

*We value deep, beneath-the-surface life transformation.  
We desire to respond to God's love and grow more 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.*



# FORMATION

Maturing As Followers Of Christ

## more highlights

- At the end of each service, we have been inviting New Lifers to consider taking the next step after making a decision about baptism. This has led to helpful conversations and next steps.
- Start Here is piloting this spring. Pastor Sherin will teach the basics of the Christian walk, and together we will practice the habits and rhythms that help us remain connected to Jesus like prayer, reading the Bible, and service.
- Breathing Room was 7 Wednesdays in Fall 2022 that provided meaningful space for 263 New Lifers from Elmhurst and East campuses to pause and process the impact of the pandemic through prayer exercises and connecting with fellow New Lifers.
- A Leader's workshop was held with Dr. Korie Lee Edwards to unpack culture, race, and ethnicity as a way to grow in our Multiracial "M".
- Jason Gaboury provided a well-attended meaningful workshop on "Ancient Perspectives: Finding Hope in Loneliness."

## goals for 2023-2024

- See 12 people be baptized
- Build a small team to help in the discipleship of new believers.

## how you can get involved

**Attend our EHD courses:** Emotionally Healthy Spirituality and Emotionally Healthy Relationships will be held this fall in person on Sundays! If you have had trouble attending on Wednesday nights, or simply miss the in-person connections, 2023-24 is your chance to take the EHD courses at New Life.

Are you a mature Christian **interested in helping new believers grow in their faith and relationship with Jesus?** Email [sherin@newlife.nyc](mailto:sherin@newlife.nyc) to learn more about how you can support the discipleship of those who are new to the faith.

## stories of new life

“Over the years, I have personally survived violence and suffered unexpected losses, and each time, Jesus’s presence in my life has gotten only stronger. Earlier this year (2022), I almost died during a 22 day-hospitalization due to chronic illness, and I prayed to God for healing, mercy, and forgiveness. With the support of my loved ones, and the guidance of my dear friend, Judith Rapley, I am certain that I am supposed to take this step toward Christ in my life. I am being baptized today because Jesus has constantly shown me so much love and light during many dark passages. He continues to guide me on my path towards justice and healing.” Anonymous

“I feel more and more breakthrough and that the Lord is touching my heart.... I don't think that I could do it without the table leaders, small groups, and listening to other people practice the skill, me practicing the skill. It's one thing to read it on the pages of the book or one thing to watch on a video, but until I take the step of actually practicing and implementing it - and then having the table leader encourage me to practice them during the week - it is providing a sense of breakthrough that I feel like I haven't had for a couple years.”

Caleb Howard, EHD Course Participant



## stories of new life

"We were attending New Life for a few months and were interested in premarital counseling. We connected with Kelly Ng and he generously made time to connect with us for some counseling sessions. Kelly expanded our perspectives by asking us hard questions and poured into us in such a meaningful way. He suggested attending the Marriage Foundations Seminar and we were so blessed for it." Anonymous

"Dr. Andrew Mercurio, the speaker, challenged us to face how our family of origin affects how we relate to one another and gave us tools to resolve the inevitable conflicts that will arise in marriage. He didn't shy away from tough subjects like sex either, in fact he spent time fielding questions. With the tools we've acquired, we are well prepared to face any challenges that may come our way!" Charles and Chanira Worrell

"This season has been difficult on so many levels and to have this opportunity with others was exactly what I needed to begin to heal. Our pastoral leaders and church staff are wonderful!!! The synergy amongst the pastoral team to execute this opportunity was inspiring and amazing! This is an example of why I love my church and the intentionality of our Pastors. They are all in tune to the needs of God's people and create opportunities for anyone to heal in a collective space (in-person or online to hear from GOD)." -Sharon Chapman, Breathing Room Event Participant

## stories of new life

“The Alpha Course I participated in for six weeks encouraged honest and intimate discussion. I was frankly surprised at how quickly a culture of trust emerged among us, and I quickly felt grateful for the opportunity to share openly with others. What followed almost immediately was my palpable desire for a deeper relationship with God and increased fellowship within a Christian community. For anybody who wonders what “being a Christian” is and means, Alpha offers information, friendship, and guidance. I miss those Friday evenings more than I can say, but I’m grateful to have had such an encouraging experience among supportive people.”

Patricia Milanes, Alpha Course Participant

# MISSION

Making Disciples Of All Nations

We recognize that we have been changed by God's love not only for ourselves, so we endeavor to share this love in word and deed as we seek the flourishing of our community of Elmhurst & Corona, Queens, and beyond.

We held our first-ever *Missional Imagination Panel Discussions*, which featured New Lifers on mission in the world and locally.



# MISSION

Making Disciples Of All Nations

## more highlights

ADVENTures provided a series of opportunities for New Lifers to be on mission together during Advent: a Missions Market to support nonprofits serving underserved and vulnerable women around the world, a Christmas party for migrant families from a local shelter in collaboration with Expansion Church staffed by 43 New Lifers, and for our New Life CDC, 47 New Lifers served in the Food Pantry and 76 provided Christmas gifts for families receiving grocery deliveries.

- Altogether, we had 126 New Lifers serve in these opportunities.
- Many vendors expressed gratitude for high engagement in the Missions market, with several nearly selling out of their goods.
- Nearly \$10,000 was raised in support of the various services including rescuing victims of trafficking, providing hope, counseling, and economic empowerment, and providing homes for orphans.
- Over \$1,100 was raised for the New Life CDC's Women's Health Center through the selling of baked goods provided by New Lifers and art by New Lifer Jefte Valle.

## goals for 2023-2024

- Hold at least one equipping event for missional presence in preparation for ADVENTures 2023.
- Have at least 2 trained leaders to support or teach equipping events as we explore our Missional value as a church in early 2024

## how you can get involved

Is your small group looking to grow in **Missional Presence**? Consider using a short-term curriculum called MomentumYes to better understand some of the unique missional opportunities available to us in Elmhurst and beyond.

**ADVENTures** will come around before you know it... Would you be willing to assist New Lifers by taking the lead on an ADVENTure to address a need in our community during Advent 2023? Planning will start in the fall, and we will support you along the way. Email [sherin@newlife.nyc](mailto:sherin@newlife.nyc) to explore your interest further.

## stories of new life

"The Christmas party was an opportunity to uplift our new neighbors. The children sang, danced, and played and their parents received prayer. One boy remarked that story time was his favorite part of the day because God is always with us and he loves us so much no matter how much stuff we have." Yamile Rose, Volunteer at the Christmas Party for Migrant Families

"I have loved that New Life hosts the Christmas Market annually where we can support and promote businesses that help people in difficult situations AND we get beautiful and handmade items as well! I always look forward to buying meaningful Christmas gifts. I had the privilege of volunteering with Clean Health Body last year, which is a woman-owned body care company that supports trafficking survivors." Renee Vaccaro, Volunteer at the Christmas Market



# NEXTGEN

Partnering With Families to Build An Authentic Faith In The Life Of Each Child

## highlights from 2022-2023

Families have returned! It's been great to see so many families come back to church and a bunch of new families participating in NextGen.

We've reopened the 9AM services for Pre-K and Elementary.

Parent Conference 2022 was a live, in-person event. It was fantastic!!

We've got an incredible staff and volunteer team working together on the ministry.

## goals for 2023-2024

- We'd like to recruit 20 volunteers across all ministry areas to better meet the needs of our kids, teenagers, and parents.
- The return of youth retreats in the Spring of 2024

## how you can get involved

Nextgen is on the lookout for people to **serve across all areas of the ministry**. From small group leading, running tech at our gatherings, hosting, greeting, taking photos and video, and helping with special events or curriculum prep, we want to get you connected and involved. There are ways to serve quarterly, monthly, or weekly. Would you prayerfully consider bringing your time and your gifts to impact the next generation at New Life? If so, contact [nextgen@newlife.nyc](mailto:nextgen@newlife.nyc).







# new life fellowship east

# NEW LIFE EAST

Our Congregation On Long Island (Nassau County)

## highlights from 2022-2023

1

We celebrated our 1st Anniversary as a Congregation on November, 12th, 2022

2

We're welcoming our first formal members- James & Shamaine Francis, Marylou Connolly, Paula Yelland, Amy & Louis Vasquez

3

We continued to expand the table of belonging with an Easter record attendance of 179 & an average Sunday gathering attendance of 125.

## goals for 2023-2024

- Find a new Sunday gathering space as we look to grow
- Have a joyful transition from Launch Pastor, Redd Sevilla to Congregation Pastor, Andre Grey in Fall 2023

## how you can get involved

Get involved by helping expand the table of a new congregation that seeks deep transformation and values service. **Invite a friend, neighbor, co-worker, or family member** who lives in or around Nassau/Suffolk County, Long Island to join our growing community. Visit [east.newlife.nyc](http://east.newlife.nyc)



## stories of new life

We met Natalie 2 years ago when we did a park outreach in Hempstead. She told us she has never felt comfortable enough to call a church her home church. Well 2 years later, she now calls New Life East her home church! She also brings her 2 daughters and occasionally her husband as well. This past Easter, she AND her 2 daughters gave their hearts to Jesus AND all 3 of them got baptized! God is so good isn't He?!





# SCHOOL OF FORMATION

NEW LIFE FELLOWSHIP

# SCHOOL OF FORMATION

Training Leaders To Live And Lead Deeply Formed Lives

## highlights from 2022-2023

1

60 Leaders from New Life and around the country (representing 20 US States & Costa Rica) completed Cohort 2.

2

We held 8 monthly hybrid teaching sessions led by Pastor Rich & 3 guest teachers (Steve Cuss, Sheila Wise Rowe, & Dr. Wesley Hill)

3

15 Mentoring groups guided by New Life Leaders & SoF Alumni walked closely with 60 leaders over the course of 8 months.

4

A 2-night in-person retreat allowed our leaders to rest, worship, play, connect, and spend time alone with God and in community.

## goals for 2023-2024

- Enroll 76 ministry leaders from New Life and around the country for Cohort 3.
- Recruit and develop 19 mentors to walk alongside these leaders for Cohort 3.
- Expand on-location mentor groups in 2-3 different locations around the country (LA, NY, San Francisco).

## how you can get involved

Do you want to join a growing community of Christ followers from New Life and around the country who desire to slow down and do the inner work of anchoring these values deep into their lives?

**Apply before our June 15 deadline for Cohort 3!**  
Visit [newlifesof.nyc](http://newlifesof.nyc) to learn more.

## stories of new life

"Through the School of Formation, I gained new and trusted relationships, healing space to grow, exposure to varied perspectives and influences, and accessible resources and practices to continue pursuing spiritual and relational wholeness." Sarah Godwin, Cohort Participant from Arlington, MA

"Because of the School of Formation, I am a more present leader. Present to myself, present to my people, and present with my God. I have found values that have reshaped my life and leadership in ways that I didn't expect or know I needed. I live and lead differently now as someone who has been deeply formed in these transformative and life-giving values." Nate Berkey, Cohort Participant from Cleveland, OH



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