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2025 AGM Agenda

- Call to order
- Scripture and Prayer
- Appoint recording secretary and scrutineers
- Roster report and designation of voting bar
- Adoption of minutes of Sunday, March 30, 2025 Annual Business Meeting
- Board Elections
- Receive 2025 Ministry Reports
- Receive 2025 Financial Report
- Approve 2025 Ministries Budget
- Approve 2026 Missions Goal
- “State of the Union” - P. Sam
- Motion for adjournment
- Closing Prayer

NEW LIFE ASSEMBLY
2024 ANNUAL GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING
Sunday, March 30, 2025 at 6:00pm

Call to Order: Pastor Ron Hughes

Devotional and Scripture: Pastor Ron Hughes

- Luke 22:31-32 - "... but I have prayed for you"
- Luke 19:46, Job 42:10, Acts 4:31, Luke 3:21, Luke 22:32b

Motion to Move the Acceptance to Approve Nancy Metcalfe as Recording Secretary

Motion: Ron Hughes; **Second:** Patti Helps **CARRIED**

Motion to Move the Acceptance to Approve Pastor Bobby Archibald, Mark Abernathy, Jeremy Giles, Brian McDonald as Scrutineers:

Motion to Move: Ron Hughes **Second:** Camille Langstaff **CARRIED**

Members voting bar was established - 73 members present

Motion to Move the Acceptance to Approve the March 24, 2024 NLA Annual General Business Meeting Minutes

Motion to Move: Dan Helps **Second:** John Churchill **CARRIED**

- The date of AGM was documented as March 24, 2043 and should read March 24, 2024

VOTE:

Deacon Nominations (require 2 elected): Steve LaLonde, Doug MacLaren, Nancy Metcalfe

- **First Vote** - Doug MacLaren and Nancy Metcalfe

Motion to Move the Acceptance to Approve the 2024 Ministry Reports

Motion to Move: Don Skolly **Second:** Camille Langstaff **CARRIED**

- Heather Skolly commented on the positive changes to the CLC and the oversight provided by Pastor Tim Brown. She is happy to see the great things happening with this ministry.
- Pastor Tim stated that Heather Skolly and the volunteers are amazing. Commended Barb Hyatt on recruiting several volunteers to meet a variety of needs. Not only are practical needs being met, but ministry to those in need.
- Dan Helps noted that there have been many new people coming to NLA and how God is working in their lives. Dan also expressed how blessed NLA is with Pastor Bobby and the youth leaders, and Dean Welten and young adults leaders. NLA continues to invest in young people.
- Margie Goodacre acknowledged Richard and Karissa Teskey's professionalism as they gave oversight to the Christmas pageant. Pastor Janelle Archebald spoke of

how the children in the pageant were impacted and are now leading in worship with their peers.

- Camille Langstaff commended Pastor Janelle and her Kids Ministry team for the effect this ministry is having on her children.

Motion to Move the Acceptance to Approve the 2024 Financial Report

Motion to Move: Doug MacLaren **Second:** Lorrie Tigner

CARRIED

Questions by members regarding the 2024 Financial Report were answered by Doug MacLaren (Treasurer):

- General Tithes & Offerings giving was higher in 2024. Doug thanked NLA for their generosity
- Missions giving was higher in 2024 - includes special giving for coal (John Wright) and support for Margaret Pfeiffer (Honduras)
- See Supplemental Clarity (attached) for further clarification of the Financial Addendum included in 2024 NLA Annual Report. The Additional Addendum shows further breakdown for Christian Education, Next Gen, Online Ministries, Pastoral Care, Leadership Training
- Chris Braet inquired where monies were taken to pay the \$150,000 Members Loan. This loan was paid through general funds / additional donations, Personal Line of Credit
- Dan Helps noted that the Congregational Equity is not a current assessment and should be updated at a later time

Motion to Move the Acceptance to Approve the 2024 Ministries Budget

Motion to Move: Doug MacLaren **Second:** Glenn Williams

CARRIED

- Moises Rodriguez questioned why the Women's Ministry budget is more than Men's Ministry budget. Women's ministry tends to be larger events.

Motion to Move the Acceptance to Approve the 2024 Mission's Goal

Motion to Move: Kendra Giles **Second:** Dan Helps

CARRIED

Pastor Sam Welten presented the Mission's Goal:

- Margaret Pfeiffer (Honduras) will be supported
- Possibilities International (Welten) will no longer be supported
- Mission's Goal remains at \$45,000

PAVING PROJECT 2025 Fundraising Goal - Dan Helps:

- Dan encouraged NLA that throughout the paving project fundraising, God will do work in people's lives that they do not know about yet.
- At the 2024 AGM, the go ahead was given for the Paving Project and it was agreed Sev-Con Paving will complete the Paving Project. NLA members approved \$500,000 financing.
- Dan met with South West Credit Union and CIBC to discuss financing. SW Credit Union agreed to lend \$500,000 at 4.99% interest (mortgage) which was better than CIBC could offer.

- NLA property was transferred from PAOC to Trustees per conditions for SW Credit Union loan. Trustees are: Jeremy Giles, Brian McDonald, Nancy Metcalfe
- Project costs increased to \$650,000
- Currently, the finance lending is a Personal Line of Credit, once the project is completed the PLC will be converted to a mortgage at 4.99% interest. 20% can be paid on the mortgage annually
- To date, there is \$50,000 on the PLC.
- A *Go Fund Me* page will be set up on behalf of New Life Assembly
- It is important to be prayerful in giving and for the Paving Project
- Glenn Williams requested an ongoing update on the fundraising and project. Dan will be providing monthly updates.
- Currently, \$20,500 has come in for the project. Ensure that donations for the project are designated to the Paving Project.

Motion to Move the Acceptance to Approve the destroying of voting ballots

Motion to Move: Brian McDonald **Second:** John Churchill **CARRIED**

Courtesy motion of gratitude for all of the people who serve at NLA

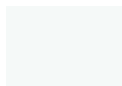
Motion: Jennifer Bennett **Second:** Dan Langstaff **CARRIED**

Motion to Move the Acceptance to Approve the adjournment of the 2024 NLA Annual General Business Meeting

Motion to Move: Tim Brown **Second:** Dan Helps **CARRIED**

Supplemental Clarity to the Financial Addendum included in the NLA Annual Report 2024 (Doug MacLaren - Treasurer):

- 1. Christian Education represents Kids Ministry plus the expenses associated with summer camps. The total is \$28,000**
 - \$15,000 for Kids Ministry
 - \$13,000 for expenses associated with summer camps (covered by camp fees)
- 2. Next Gen represents Voltage, Impact, and Young Adults with a total of \$27,000**
 - \$12,000 for program budgets
 - \$15,000 for Overflo conference – covered through special fund raising, fees to Students
- 3. Online Ministry licenses reads as \$24,500. This should read, Worship/Online Ministry/Tech, where the 2024 budgets have been consolidated**
 - 2024 Media - \$5000
 - 2024 Online Ministry - \$12,000
 - 2024 Worship/Tech - \$7,500



Pastor Sam Welten

Lead Pastor

As we reflect on 2025, I am filled with gratitude for what God continues to do through the people of New Life Assembly. This past year has been marked by faithfulness, generosity, growth, and a deepening commitment to the mission God has entrusted to us.

Throughout the pages of this report, you will read about the many ministries that make up the life of our church, our children, youth, young adults, outreach initiatives, pastoral care, worship, and so much more. I want to encourage you to take the time to read each report carefully. Every ministry area represents people who are serving, giving, praying, and investing their lives so that others can encounter the hope found in Jesus. These reports are not just statistics or summaries, they are stories of lives being touched and transformed.

I also want to take a moment to thank my wife, Vee. Ministry is never a solo journey, and her constant encouragement, wisdom, and unwavering support continue to strengthen both me and the mission we share. I am incredibly grateful for the way she pours into people and stands alongside me in the calling God has placed on our lives.

I also want to celebrate the incredible staff God has assembled here at New Life Assembly. We are blessed with a team that serves with passion, integrity, creativity, and a deep love for people. Their leadership, dedication, and willingness to go above and beyond are a huge part of why our church continues to move forward with strength and vision.

When I look back at 2025, I see a church that continues to respond to God's call. But what excites me even more is not just what God has done, it is what He is about to do.

I truly believe the best years of New Life Assembly are not behind us, they are still ahead of us.

Scripture reminds us in Galatians that we must not grow weary in doing good, because at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. As a church, we have been sowing seeds of faith, love, service, and generosity. We have been building, praying, serving, and believing.

And I believe with all my heart...harvest is coming....harvest is here!

So let us continue forward with faith. Let us keep serving with passion. Let us keep believing that God will do immeasurably more than we could ask or imagine.

The journey continues, and the future is bright.

With gratitude and expectation,

Pastor Sam

Pastor Ron Hughes

Associate Pastor

Dear New Life Assembly Family,

I always begin my annual letter with the word “*family*” because that is what we are, part of **His** family. Being part of a large family brings both blessings and challenges. You know the old saying, “*you can choose your friends but you are stuck with your family*”. Well, I thank God that he has called me to be a part of this family of friends.

It is certainly a wonderful group of people that call New Life Assembly their home church. People of varied background and ages, yet united in their desire for Gods will and favour. What’s not to love?

Throughout **2025**, we experienced a steady and rich diet of God’s Word and Spirit in many forms: Bible studies, music, sermons, online messages, services, lessons, small groups, and events for all ages and stages. Together we shared both the joys and the challenges of God’s work in our church, our community, and our mission endeavours.

So, what now?

Did you know that the latest generation, those born 2010-2025 is called “**Generation Alpha**”? “Alpha” meaning beginning or starting point. And do you know what the first characteristic the experts highlight regarding the Alpha Generation?

Above all else, they value **authenticity**.

Isn’t that great!? In a world filled with Artificial Intelligence, “fake news”, false videos and supporting narratives, the youngest generation is reaching for what is real.

And here is the best news: authenticity is exactly the kind of life Jesus calls us to live.

Authenticity doesn’t mean we need to be perfect (*thankfully*); it means we need to be genuine followers of Jesus, led by His Spirit, grounded in His Word and Love, humble enough to own our mistakes and committed to pressing forward just as Paul wrote..

Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, 14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Phil 3:13-14

I thank God for the blessings of working with our pastoral staff, *Pastor Sam, Tim, Janette, Janelle and Bobby* and all the wonderful people of New Life Assembly.

We Love You

Pastor Ron and Cathy Hughes

Pastor Janette Burmaster

Worship, Communications, Discipleship

This past year has been a meaningful one in the areas of worship, discipleship, communications, and the technical ministries that support our times together each week. I continue to be grateful for the many people who serve faithfully behind the scenes and on the platform. Their willingness to give their time and gifts helps create spaces where our church family can come together and encounter the presence of our living God together.

Our worship leaders, musicians, and AVL teams continue to serve week after week with dedication. There are always challenges that come with coordinating teams and technology, but this year we watched people grow in confidence as they serve the church in this way. We have added new people to our teams this year, and that has strengthened our teams as well. Special thanks to Doug and Dawn MacLaren for helping oversee the band, to Dennis Fair and Mark Abernethy for all the work on livestream and lighting, and to everyone who shows up early on Sundays and puts in the work throughout the week. We are incredibly blessed to have the number of skilled musicians and the AVL members that we have!

In September, we gathered our teams for a Team Night, which gave us the opportunity to pause and reflect together on the heart behind our serving. It was a helpful reminder that when we serve in ministry, there can sometimes be a quiet drift away from what matters most. That evening was an invitation to remember that our service flows first from our relationship with Christ, and from a desire to love and serve people well.

There have been a few new developments this year, starting with the formation of a photography team led by Andrew and Kay Park, along with Heidi Williams and Mark Graham. Their work is helping capture moments from the life of our church and preserve the story of what God is doing among us. I have also spent a lot of time creating Ignite, a ten-week worship discipleship initiative for ages 10-16. Ignite launched the start of 2026 to help our youth grow not only in musical ability, but also in their understanding of worship and their relationship with the Lord. Try saying ‘Do-do-

do-do ya know-know-know do ya know what that words means?’ to any of the kids who participated, they’ll quickly be able to tell you some Hebrew and Greek worship words and why they’re important to us as followers of Jesus. It is one of my most favourite things to be part of at New Life with a great team of Mark Graham, Shane Metcalfe, and Mike Krogman.

Another new opportunity I was given this year was to partner with Dean Welten this Fall, focusing on a discipleship pipeline for our church. Through small groups, next steps, weekly connect cards, and opportunities, like working toward discovering our church’s kingdom assignment, we want to help people move from simply attending to actively growing as followers of Jesus. It has been a privilege to work alongside Dean in strengthening these pathways.

In the area of Communications, I am currently working toward launching a new church website. The hope is to create something that feels cleaner and more welcoming, while also making it easier for people to discover what is happening at New Life. The vision is for the website to function more like a digital magazine, where people can explore the life of the church and find ways to get involved. It has also been meaningful to help produce testimony videos for water baptisms along with a year-end testimony service, which allowed our church family to hear and celebrate the stories of what God is doing in people’s lives.

Behind the scenes, several practical improvements have been taking place in our technical spaces. This year the livestream room was moved out of my office and into a dedicated space closer to the main AVL room. A team led by Jim Eastman helped build and organize this new space, and it is already serving the livestream team well. There are still a few finishing touches to come, and we are grateful for the ongoing help and expertise of Rob Welch as we continue refining the setup. We are also working toward improvements in lighting for the Main Auditorium, along with the development of a video room in the CLC that will help support video production and creative projects in the future.

As a staff team, we spent time this year reflecting on the book *A Church Every Community Needs*, written by church leaders across North America. I was also shaped by *Emotionally Healthy Discipleship* by Peter Scazzero, which has prompted important conversations about spiritual formation and healthy leadership. On a personal note, I completed PAOC’s Leadership Coaching Level I and am currently continuing into Leadership Coaching Level II with Pastor Janelle. This training is helping me grow in how I support and develop leaders within our own church community.

The words of **Ephesians 4:12** come to mind as I reflect on this past year, where the work of ministry is described as “*equipping his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.*” In many ways, that has been the heart behind the work happening in these ministries—helping people discover their gifts and use them to serve the church and one another.

Finally, I want to say thank you to the New Life Assembly family. Thank you for seeing my family and for caring for us so well. We have felt the kindness of this church in so many ways, and we are deeply grateful for how you continue to extend the hands and feet of Jesus to us and to others. It is a privilege to serve here, alongside some incredible people who truly love Jesus, and I look forward to seeing how God continues to lead our church in the year ahead.

Pastor Janette Burmaster

Mason & Elizabeth Hyde

Young Adults

2025 has been a big year for our Young Adults ministry.

Before we (Mason & Elizabeth) get into where Young Adults currently stands, we want to thank Dean & Rebecca, as well as John Teskey for where they got the ministry to over the past few years. They have made an incredible foundation of a faith-based group that connects young adults to the church exactly how they needed to be. They've made our job taking over as the new ministry leaders much easier because of the time and passion they put into it, so thank you for what you've done for this group, and thank you for trusting us to keep God's plans rolling at YA.



Oct 2025 - Changes to Young Adults

In October 2025, the group began to experience some changes. We took over as the new leaders, the meeting location moved from the auditorium, to the upper room, and the goal for young adults shifted to meet the new needs of the young adults. As the 2025-26 school year began, we had an extremely large group of students leave youth ministry, meaning getting them connected into Young Adults was priority number one.

Our goal became creating a welcoming, faith-centred environment where first year college students would feel welcomed walking into a room where most of the people in the room were older, graduated, and beginning life as an “adult” out in the workplace. It was an initiative to retain those from the community that had just graduated youth with no church background, and meet them where they were through social events, and social media content, while also deepening their faith at a level more appropriate to their new stage of life.

For our more seasoned young adults, we met with them beforehand, asking for them to partner with us in this new season, by providing feedback to help the

vision of the group, help welcome the new members of the group, and taking on some responsibilities in making the transition in leadership, smooth. I can say with confidence, that they excelled at it. As a church, we should be proud of the generation of church members that is coming up. We've relied on them to speak, play on our YA worship team, run the tech side of worship nights, take lead on certain nights when we (Mason & Elizabeth) are away for the week, assist us in our social media content, greet people by serving at our new YA coffee bar, and more!

RightNow Media Studies

With creating a welcoming, social environment, we have begun working through video studies found on RightNow Media. Each video series consists of anywhere from 4-8 videos, and provides scripture based teaching of modern day topics. We typically have a video study session every other week, which consists of the 10-15min video, followed by a series of discussion questions based on the topic of our series. In fall 2025, we worked through a series titled "The Best of Friends" which taught what it meant to create an environment of Christian fellowship, and ultimately teaching that the greatest friendship we can have is with Jesus. The final session of this study led to 3 salvations! As we begin 2026, we are part way through a study called "How Are We Changed?" which looks at different areas of our lives where we should be different from the world after accepting Christ.

Praise Nights

One other style of night we have put into the schedule is our Praise Nights. Our Praise Nights are structured very similar to the Praise & Prayer nights run at the church. They consist of a 10-15 minute devotional, along with a time of worship. We have these planned once per month, and look forward to seeing what God will do through these nights!

Highlights

Some of our key highlights this year include:

- The 3 salvations mentioned at the end of 2025
- Our biggest night of the year seeing 63 young adults attend our Christmas Party



- Valley Pond winter social night which saw 50+ young adults, along with 11 first time attendees (which is the reason we do social nights, invite new people)

Looking Forward

As we look forward to this coming year, we're excited to see what God has in his plans for our group. One of the major plans we have is to attend a young adults weekend retreat at Braeside Camp this summer, so we're super excited for that. We would love for you to partner with us in prayer for the future of our group. Pray for new people to walk through our doors for the first time, pray for our young adults to build a faith of their own outside of their parents, and pray that we connect those with no church background into a Sunday morning service one day.

Thank You

We want to say a huge thank you to Jim & Maggie Eastman who are at Young Adults almost every week pouring into the lives of our group. The impact they make on our young adults through prayer, supportive conversations, friendly interactions, and being a spirit-filled example, makes a huge difference on the ministry. We also want to thank Andrew & Kay Park who put in numerous hours outside of our Sunday nights, editing photos and videos as well as our social media presence, which has helped us bring a lot of new people to YA, and we wouldn't be able to do it without them.

Thank you for your continued support of YA,

Mason & Elizabeth Hyde

Pastor Bobby Archibald

Impact Youth

To the Members of New Life Assembly,

2025 was one of the most exciting years I have experienced in over a decade of youth ministry. I had the privilege of witnessing a full-circle moment, seeing a core group of students who were in Grade 8 when Janelle and I first arrived, graduate from high school in June. We are grateful for the lasting impact they have had on the church and for the example they set for those coming behind them. We continue to pray for them as they move forward into their future endeavors.

This year was also very exciting because we had a chance to bring two buses to Overflow! 56 students and 11 leaders attended the annual youth conference, which was a powerful time of worship, and community. We saw students make the decision to follow Jesus, receive calls into ministry, and have powerful life-changing moments at the altar. As always, Overflow was a defining moment and the highlight of the year.

In the fall, our students attended a Sarnia-Lambton weekend youth retreat, joining five other Western Ontario District youth groups for a weekend of spiritual growth, and fun. This retreat gave students the opportunity to build friendships beyond our church and experience unity within the wider body of Christ.

In 2025 we were also blessed to welcome new leaders to the Impact team: Ben Helps, Dennis Fair, Dominic Raeppe, Emily MacLaren, Mika Braet, and Zach Lalonde. Their willingness to serve and invest in the lives of students has been a tremendous encouragement and asset to the ministry.

This year also marked a leadership transition as Mason and Elizabeth stepped down from youth ministry to take on the role of leaders of our Young Adults Ministry. Although we miss Mason and Elizabeth very much, we are excited to see the work they are already doing within their ministry. We continue to pray for them as they faithfully serve and give leadership in this new season. Thank you Mason and Elizabeth for all you've done for our youth!

With Elizabeth stepping aside from Impact and her role as youth band leader, Emily and Zach stepped into this role. They have been working with students on both Tuesdays and Fridays, training and mentoring them while helping

them understand both practically and spiritually what it means to serve on a worship team. Once again, we thank Elizabeth for the investment she has made with the students.

Youth ministry is a ministry that often goes unseen by the general church population. We offer programming for approximately 40 weeks each year, along with overnight events. Our leaders generously give of their time to invest in the lives of high school students. If you see one of these leaders, please thank them for their willingness and heart to serve, and of course for staying up way past their bedtime on Fridays, more often than they would probably like to admit.

Thank you to all of our leaders: Aisha & Jared Sit, Ben Helps, Dennis Fair, Dominic Raepple, Emily MacLaren, Mika Braet, Mike MacIntyre, Molly MacLaren, and Zachary Lalonde.

In closing, thank you for all of your prayers and support in 2025. Janelle and I are tremendously grateful for the staff, board, and members of New Life Assembly. We look forward to seeing God continue to work in 2026.

In His service,
Pastor Bobby



Chris Helps

Voltage

Hey, welcome to another year and another fantastic report!

Because we know you all read these, I'm sure most of you know who I am by now but just in case you don't... I'm Chris Helps, I'm 35 years young. I think if my math is right, I've been running voltage for almost 8 years. My mom always told me to act my age and not my shoe size but hey the jokes on her because I fit right in with the voltage kids. But on a serious note, I'm married to the coolest wife ever Abby Helps. We both live on the farm and I work full time for my parents, whether it is in the barn, tending the chickens, all the way to working fields or planting and combining. In the line of the family business, I could be a mechanic one day and all the way to a landscaper the next. Abby, my wife, is a full time stay at home mom and fills in whenever we need her to. I love playing sports and I get super excited every Wednesday night when I get to hang out with the voltage kids.

This year has been an interesting one to say the least. A few things look a little different and sometimes changes don't mean it's always easy. But you know what, just because things aren't easy doesn't mean Jesus stops working and so far, this year has been a testimony to that. When you trust God, he answers. I'm thankful for the time you guys as a church have trusted me to run voltage. I'm not to sure what the future has in store but I know God is still awesome even in the valleys.

Some things we did this year was pumpkin carving competitions! We have had amazing guest speakers like Ron Hughes and Tim Brown, Paul, Angela, and Riley. Some other things we did, were trying to get kids to make a difference in our community by donating to the local food bank by bringing in canned goods.

We have tried to encourage the kids to try and remember Bible verses, then telling us the next week what the memory verse was, and if they do, they get to do a scratch off to get cool prizes. Also, we have had like 60 kids show up regularly and out of those kids, not that anyone would know this, but have seen 35+ give their life to serve Jesus. If that isn't what this is about, then call me crazy. When God says to trust him and let him lead you, listen and just go with

the flow. The cool part is, we not only have fun but we make an environment where we can have fun and teach Jesus, where it's fun, by sharing personal stories about how God moved in our lives.

Wednesday night wouldn't run the way it does if I wasn't able to have all the leaders that come out willingly to serve and be the role models they are to the kids every week, and be able to impact their lives. I can't thank the leaders enough and how much it means that they come out and give their time and excitement with the kids. Some of them are Chad Zonneville, Riley Bryce, Angela Prins, Paul Raeppe, Kelsie Metclafe, and Miller. Oh we can't forget about the man himself Mike MacIntyre. We also have had special guest helpers as well, like Tristen, and the Brown twins. The time and effort they put in is awesome, and I'd like to thank them all. Your love for God and the kids is amazing and that's something that they will always carry with them and remember. You guys are awesome!

I would just like to thank you guys (The Church) and Tim for always encouraging me, even when times are difficult and the rest of the staff team, for believing in not only myself, but the team we have that comes out every Wednesday night. It's truly a humbling thing we get to do, especially when you get to see some of the kids grow in their walk with Jesus. We definitely have a unique group of kids this year, and I'm excited to see what God has in store for their lives. I truly believe that exciting times are ahead of us, and I can't wait to finish this year off strong and see what happens from there. Just know I appreciate all the kids that come out, and you guys supporting what we do.

Thanks for reading this and I'll be quizzing you guys about this. I will hand out prizes if you answer them right.

Chris ✌️

Pastor Janelle Archibald

Kids Ministry

This past year in our New Life Kids Ministry, has been a powerful reminder that God is actively at work in the lives of our children. **Our mission is to inspire kids to follow Jesus so they can lead others to follow Him.** Throughout 2025 we saw God answer prayers in remarkable ways, strengthen our ministry team, and draw many kids closer to Him. It was a year where we saw God fight for the hearts of our children and faithfully draw them to Himself.

SUMMER KIDS CAMPS: Spiritual Battles & Breakthroughs

Our summer camps welcomed **188 different campers over three weeks**, creating many opportunities to share the love and truth of Jesus with children in our community. Week 1 of camp began with an incredibly challenging first day with intense special needs and significant behaviour challenges that stretched our leaders in ways we had not anticipated. At times it truly felt like we were holding back the gates of hell while God was working to reach children's hearts. We reached out to the church for prayer and through prayer and the perseverance of our team, God moved powerfully.

By the end of the week, several children chose to follow Jesus and many experienced revelation about God's goodness and love for them. It was a beautiful reminder that even when ministry feels like a battle, God is faithful to work through it. We learned a great deal through that experience, and the lessons from that first week helped the remaining weeks of camp run much more smoothly. Thanks go to **Emily & Montana**, our Camp Coordinators, as well as the rest of our Staff and Volunteer teams for the incredible effort and example they demonstrated



WEDNESDAY S.L.A.M.: Growing in God's Word

Our midweek kids program, S.L.A.M. (Students Living a Mission) launched strongly in September with 100 students registered. We serve roughly 75-90 children each week. Children have been engaging deeply with Bible stories and building a stronger foundation in their understanding of Scripture. As a leadership team, we have also been learning how to better structure our evenings and small-group time so that kids can connect, ask questions, and apply what they are learning.



This ministry simply would not be possible without our incredible volunteer team. We are so grateful for the **30 faithful volunteers** who invest their time, energy, and hearts into discipling these kids each week.

This has been our theme verse for the year:
“Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will never be shaken and my covenant of peace will not be removed.”
Isaiah 54:10



SUNDAY MINISTRY: Working on Worship

In the fall, I felt a strong sense of inspiration to begin live worship for our Grade 1-5 kids. With the support of some amazing volunteers, we officially launched live worship in November. We have been blessed to have live worship on 75% of our Sundays since then. It has been incredible to see children grow more comfortable expressing their love for God through worship. **Thank you to Jamie, Jeremy, Jonah, and Julia!**



Outside of worship, we have an incredible team of volunteers who make our Sunday Kids Ministry possible. We need 11 to 13 volunteers to fill our areas each week for classes to run smoothly. **Deepest heartfelt thanks to our entire faithful team who serve kids from birth to Grade 5!**

MOMS GROUP: Thursday Connection Point

We have been running a group for moms with little ones where moms are able to build meaningful relationships. This was made possible through Erika Merrifield in spring of 2025 and Abby Helps in the fall, both of whom volunteered to assist in connecting with moms. With an increase of new families attending our church, we are actively working to build and strengthen our Moms Group so that moms can connect with one another, build meaningful relationships, and grow in fellowship together. **We meet on Thursday mornings at 10:00 to 11:30am.** All moms with little ones are welcome to join us!

LOOKING AHEAD

As we reflect on 2025, we are grateful for all that God has done in the lives of our kids. This year reminded us that ministry is not always easy, but it is always worth it. We are excited to continue building strong biblical foundations, creating meaningful worship experiences, and partnering with families to help children know and follow Jesus. We are so grateful to be seeing many new families attending our church on Sundays and pray that we can be a church that welcomes people, and offers grace, community, and the endless love of Christ.

We look forward to another year of vibrant growth that impacts the lives of children and helps them develop in their relationship with Jesus. Thank you to every volunteer, parent, and church member who supports this ministry. Together we are helping raise the next generation to know, love, and follow Jesus.

Janelle Archibald

Kids Pastor



Pastor Tim Brown

Community Care, Petrolia Ministerial, Men's Ministry, Prime Time

Impacting lives for Christ never loses its lustre even after 23 years. Each prayer, commitment to Christ, and blessing provided makes life have purpose. This year I have witnessed and been a part of some truly amazing things.

Community Care

Our Community Care team visits, calls and encourages our shut-ins, hospitalized and elderly in homes. Lynda Teskey and I lead this team of volunteers who are Christ's outstretched hands to our hurting. Thanks so much to our committed volunteers.

Petrolia Ministerial

I also represent New Life Assembly at our local ministerial group where we meet once a month via zoom and plan out our speaking schedule at Meadowview, Bear Creek Terrace and Continuing Care. We talk about upcoming church events and celebrate what God is doing in our church and community. It's great to have fellow pastors praying and encouraging us along the way.

Men's Ministry

Our Men's ministry called Iron Sharpens Iron meets once a month (second Tuesday) to study the word, discuss our trials and celebrate our victories. We spend time praying for each other's needs and have a time of fellowship together (always with incredible food hahaha). We meet at our farm and Chris Braet's and Moises' this coming year. We also have pick up Men's 2 Pitch starting every June.

Prime Time

Our Senior's ministry is called Prime Time and is for ages 55 plus. We had six big events this year. These events included a Valentines Day Special, Who's Coming for Dinner, Strawberry Social, with guest singer Rodney Hamilton, Pot Blessing and Christmas Banquet with an amazing guest singer Carol Weicker. We have a

great planning team and a set up and take down crew. Lynda and I are so blessed with such faithful servants helping run this ministry. We are encouraging our group to invite others to attend (this is not just for entertainment) but we want to see Christ impact the lives of those we bring out. Our team has also looked to help educate and be an aid in resources to help with Wills, antifraud, next steps in life and grief.

Community Life Centre

The Community Life Center is led by Heather Skolly and me and we have a team of 25 volunteers, some from our church and some from our community.

If the CLC was into making money, it would be classed as a thriving successful business, but through the grace of God, our budget, our community partners and our very generous families who continue to donate to the CLC, we thrive. We are Jesus' hands and feet, assisting the widows, the orphans and the families who could just use a hand making ends meet. We encourage all of our families to donate back, and most do. On average we have 100-150 shoppers, including children, come through on a Shop Day. Our biggest day was in August last year when there were over 230 coming in to get "back to school" supplies for their children. Our Kicks for Kids has 451 pairs of shoes available to help families with new shoes for their elementary aged child's return to school. After the first snow fall, many families were coming in asking for boots, with more of our available money, we were able to purchase over 200 pairs of new winter boots for families. Needs are being met. In fact, often when requests for an item come in, the item requested shows up in the donation shed. God is good.

It's nothing to be pulled aside and asked to pray for hurting people and their needs. There is so many youth that have come up through our programs using this ministry and it is so amazing to reconnect with them.

Many of their kids we see in our programs now and recently three families have attended church. We also invite our shoppers to come out to our church events. Recently we provided Hope and Spark magazines, New Testaments and Daily Breads. We know 8 New Testaments have been taken, God's message is



being shared.

We would just like to thank New Life Assembly for their support, the use of their facility and much needed prayers. A special thank you to Barb and Kim for your hard work and leading your areas at the CLC.

Psalm 37:4-5

“Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord, trust him and he will do this.”

Psalm 37:21

“The righteous give generously”

Pastor Tim Brown

Camille Langstaff

Women's Ministry



When I was first asked to give leadership to the Women's Ministry, I had no clue what it would look like. After some time in prayer, I felt the Lord leading us to two simple pillars: **spiritual growth** and **intergenerational connection**.

Our mission is to create spaces where women of all ages can gather to be nourished by the Word and by one another. This vision has flourished through our monthly Bible Studies and seasonal fellowship gatherings—intentional moments designed for study, laughter, shared meals, and fellowship. It is our team's prayer that these gatherings serve as a vital supplement to the discipleship of the women at New Life, encouraging them as they serve in their homes, workplaces, and communities.

Bible Study

Transitioning to a **monthly Bible Study** has proven to be a sustainable rhythm for busy lives. We are delighted to see consistent attendance and a growing passion for biblical study. For many of us, including myself, these nights serve as an anchor for the month.

- **The "One Another" Series:** We concluded this series in the spring, exploring themes of **Humility** (Philippians 2:1–18); Thank-you Heidi Williams & P. Janette for leading that night; **Forbearance** (Ephesians 4), **Prayer** (James 5:7–18), and



Hospitality (1 Peter 4:7–11). A highlight of this seasons Bible Study gathering, was a powerful night of worship where we participated in foot washing—a deeply moving moment of servant leadership.

- **"Jesus and Women":** This fall, we began a study by biblical culturalist Kristi McLelland. By examining the historical and cultural context of the first century, we are gaining a richer understanding of Jesus' heart for women. These evenings are enriched by small group discussions, prayer, and worship. Thank-you to Julia Dell for leading us in Worship. We look forward to continuing this study through May.



Fellowship

Our goal is to host 2–3 special events each program year that prioritize fellowship and community. These are designed to be "easy" entry points for women to connect:

- **January:** We enjoyed a "Cozy Night In" filled with board games and a nacho bar.
- **September:** Teresa Thomas from *The Creative Junction* led us in a macrame workshop. We paired our creativity with service, by assembling care packages for our first-year university students to remind them they are loved and remembered.



Our Team

I am deeply grateful for the dedicated women who serve on our leadership team: Joelle Abernethy, Kelly Anderson, Nikki Daniel, Donna-May Teskey, and Karissa Teskey. We also want to extend a heartfelt thank you to Nicole Lalonde, who stepped down this past fall after



two years of faithful service.

To the women of New Life: you are a blessing to this church. Please know that there is always a seat at the table for you. Whether you have been here for decades or are just stepping through our doors, you are welcome to join us.

For the Kingdom,

Camie Langstaff

Pastor Sam Welten

Missions

There are moments when you pause, take a breath, and simply say, God, look what You've done.

2025 has been one of those years.

As I reflect on missions support and the impact of New Life Assembly, I am overwhelmed with gratitude—not just for what was accomplished, but for who made it possible. Church family, this is your report. Every mile traveled, every life touched, every hand extended in compassion—it all traces back to your generosity, your obedience, and your willingness to say “yes” when God calls.

Because of you, hope crossed borders. Because of you, families were strengthened, communities were served, and the message of Jesus was carried into places where light was desperately needed. You didn't just give—you invested in eternity. Here is the list of individuals and organizations we invested in during 2025.

Local

Youth Unlimited - Dave Lane

ERDO - Food Grains

Christmas for Everyone

Petrolia Food Bank

CLC - Community Life Center

Global

PAOC - Mark & Val Hazzard (Central America)

PAOC - David & Eileen Courey (Belgium)

PAOC - Kathy Mizen (Honduras)

PAOC - Wayne & Ann Hilsden (Israel)

Gideons (Share the Word)

Loads of Love - Ed Dickson

Loads of Love - Ukraine Church Plant

Possibilities House - Rick & Lisa Bursey (Mexico)

Kyrgyzstan - John & Julie Wright

Kyrgyzstan - Vika Kindergarten(Schooling)

Child Sponsorships - Mexico, Honduras, & Guatemala

I want to say this as clearly as I can: thank you. Thank you for believing in missions. Thank you for sacrificing. Thank you for being a church that refuses to sit still when there is work to be done.

I encourage you to see beyond the words and numbers. See the faces. Hear the stories. Feel the impact. And know that you are part of something far bigger than any one moment—God is moving here at home, and all over the world, and New Life Assembly is right in the middle of it.

And the best part?

We're just getting started.

Pastor Sam

NEW LIFE ASSEMBLY
Financial Information
For the year ended December 31, 2025

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Compilation Engagement Report

To Management of New Life Assembly

On the basis of information provided by management, we have compiled the balance sheet of **New Life Assembly** as at December 31, 2025 and the statement of operations and surplus, and Note 1, which describes the basis of accounting applied in the preparation of the compiled financial information and other explanatory information (the financial information).

Management is responsible for the accompanying financial information, including the accuracy and completeness of the underlying information used to compile it and the selection of the basis of accounting.

We performed this engagement in accordance with Canadian Standard on Related Services (CSRS) 4200, Compilation Engagements, which requires us to comply with relevant ethical requirements. Our responsibility is to assist management in the preparation of the financial information.

We did not perform an audit engagement or a review engagement, nor were we required to perform procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or a review conclusion, or provide any form of assurance on the financial information.

Readers are cautioned that the financial information may not be appropriate for their purposes.

BDO Canada LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants

Sarnia, Ontario
April 1, 2026

NEW LIFE ASSEMBLY Balance Sheet

As at December 31, 2025 2024

ASSETS

CURRENT

Cash and bank	\$ 16,362	\$ 15,291
Short-term investments	69,141	81,089
Accounts receivable	57,292	11,355
Prepaid expenses	9,869	9,869
	152,664	117,604

CAPITAL ASSETS

Building and land	957,890	957,890
Gymnasium	1,083,338	1,083,338
Equipment	171,438	165,982
Land	80,000	80,000
Parking lot	577,441	36,437
	2,870,107	2,323,647

\$ 3,022,771 **\$ 2,441,251**

LIABILITIES

CURRENT

Accounts payable and accrued charges	\$ 275,337	\$ 4,296
Current portion of long-term debt	-	976
Short term debt	349,677	-
	625,014	5,272

LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

Members' loans	-	150,000
Note payable	-	976
Current portion of long-term debt	-	(976)
	-	150,000

CONGREGATION EQUITY

Operating fund	2,397,757	2,285,979
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\$ 3,022,771 **\$ 2,441,251**

NEW LIFE ASSEMBLY

Statement of Operations and Surplus

For the year ended December 31,	Budget 2026	Budget 2025	2025	2024
RECEIPTS				
General Tithes and Offerings	\$ 635,456	\$ 596,000	\$ 586,748	\$ 576,671
Missions	45,000	45,000	56,523	76,344
Ministry income	17,000	17,000	13,440	15,228
Facility use	-	5,000	2,708	3,153
Other income	-	-	1,275	2,034
Benevolent memorials	40,000	57,000	25,000	695
Summer camps - government funding	30,000	30,000	31,806	35,179
Summer camps - fees	50,000	50,000	43,565	44,168
Special funded - overflow event	20,000	15,000	20,483	18,960
Special funded - baseball league	5,000	5,000	7,140	5,455
Paving project income	-	-	148,123	7,078
	842,456	820,000	936,811	784,965
EXPENDITURES (Schedule - Pages 5 - 6)				
Personnel	420,410	418,500	416,109	430,365
Ministries	193,546	181,000	183,848	172,112
Missions	45,000	45,000	56,523	76,344
Administration	95,500	84,500	86,132	65,269
Building	88,000	91,000	82,421	90,823
	842,456	820,000	825,033	834,913
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ -	\$ -	111,778	(49,948)
Fund balance, beginning of year			2,285,979	2,335,927
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR			\$ 2,397,757	\$ 2,285,979

NEW LIFE ASSEMBLY Note to Financial Information

For the year ended December 31, 2025

1. Basis of Accounting

The basis of accounting applied in the preparation of the financial information is on the historical cost basis, reflecting cash transactions with the addition of:

- short-term investments recorded at cost
 - accounts receivable
 - prepaid expenses
 - capital assets recorded at cost
 - accounts payable and accrued charges
 - Short-term debt
 - long-term debt
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NEW LIFE ASSEMBLY Schedule of Expenses

For the year ended December 31,	Budget 2026	Budget 2025	2025	2024
Personnel				
Salaries, allowances, benefits	\$ 420,410	\$ 418,500	\$ 416,109	\$ 430,365
Ministries				
Tithe - PAOC	\$ 63,546	\$ 59,600	\$ 58,720	\$ 63,158
Kids ministry	13,000	15,000	12,407	12,399
Next generation	15,500	12,000	17,405	15,737
Women's ministry	1,000	2,500	882	2,375
Men's ministry	500	600	128	246
Prime time	1,500	1,800	2,777	1,813
Study group expenses	1,500	3,500	3,024	3,105
First impressions	-	-	621	614
Discipleship	-	-	735	454
Worship/online/tech	20,000	24,500	16,997	12,095
Guest speakers, musicians	2,000	2,000	2,368	1,558
Leadership and training	6,000	8,000	5,855	8,524
Special events and outreach	15,000	15,000	12,566	16,550
Pastoral care	2,000	1,500	2,035	2,021
Benevolent fund	3,000	2,500	2,282	225
Flower fund	2,000	1,500	1,177	2,131
General	-	-	2,476	191
Sr. hHigh - overflow event	20,000	15,000	17,300	16,812
Summer camps	22,000	13,000	21,484	9,477
Baseball	5,000	3,000	2,609	2,627
	\$ 193,546	\$ 181,000	\$ 183,848	\$ 172,112

NEW LIFE ASSEMBLY Schedule of Expenses

For the year ended December 31, Budget 2026 Budget 2025 2025 2024

Missions

Christmas for Everyone	\$	2,000	\$	2,028
Community Life Centre		12,622		7,799
Gideon International		1,200		1,200
Emergency Relief & Development Overseas		2,500		2,083
Honduras Water Project		492		909
Loads of Love - Ed Dickson		3,600		3,600
Loads of Love - Ed Dickson Ukraine Church Plant		1,750		2,015
NLA undesignated missions		-		13,700
P.A.O.C. - Courey		3,000		3,000
P.A.O.C. - Israel - Wayne Hilsden		2,000		1,833
P.A.O.C. - Hazzard		2,400		2,400
P.A.O.C. - Mizen		3,600		3,600
P.A.O.C. - Guatemala		2,400		-
Petrolia Food Bank		1,000		1,000
Possibilities International - Welten		6,015		11,784
Possibilities International - Wright		3,775		11,430
Possibilities International - Wright Siberia		2,500		2,500
Rick and Lisa Burse		3,269		2,897
Ukraine Projects		-		166
Youth Unlimited - Dave Lane		2,400		2,400

	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000	\$ 56,523	\$ 76,344
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Administration

Advertising	\$	1,500	\$	500	\$	3,622	\$	552
Professional fees		25,000		25,000		27,566		22,311
Bank charges		13,000		15,500		14,507		15,409
Bank - loan payments		30,000		17,500		9,960		-
Mileage		500		500		821		-
Office supplies		16,000		16,000		19,586		17,598
Telephone		9,500		9,500		10,070		9,399

	\$ 95,500	\$ 84,500	\$ 86,132	\$ 65,269
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Building

Materials and supplies	\$	10,000	\$	9,000	\$	13,446	\$	13,086
Maintenance and repairs		40,000		45,000		33,363		42,734
Insurance		13,000		13,000		12,571		12,541
Utilities		25,000		24,000		23,041		22,462

	\$ 88,000	\$ 91,000	\$ 82,421	\$ 90,823
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