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2022
ANNUAL
REPORT

MOVING TOWARD JESUS

TAKING OTHERS WITH US

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Senior Pastor's Report: Matthew St. John

Dear New Hope Church family,

During the tumult of sea and sky, the gospel accounts tell us our Lord Jesus commanded, *"Peace! Be still!"* With those simple words calm immediately descended upon the elements, as well as the disciples whose fears were palpable. I cannot help but think of Jean Sibelius' lyrics to *Be Still My Soul*. Consider:

*Be still, my soul, thy God doth undertake
To guide the future as He has the past
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake
All now mysterious shall be bright at last
Be still, my soul, the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below*

Timely, for sure. After all, as we sail out of Covid's shadowy harbor, we find ourselves now facing the rough seas of inflation, war and continued cultural drama. These days seem to find everything unstable—our families, our jobs, our schools, our confidence and even our churches.

New Hope Church is by no means immune from these dynamics. While there are exceptions, churches across the country are seeing an average of 40% drop in attendance. There are staffing transitions in nearly every sector, including our own church. Budgets are tightening, ministries are fine-tuning and aspirations are being clarified. To the extent these are matters seen and felt in our own church family, know we are by no means unusual.

Yet in these swirling waters and erratic winds, our Lord Jesus stands at the helm of New Hope Church and cries out, *"Peace! Be still!"* And we know it! There is so much good that is unfolding within our church family. Remember our Ministry Centralization Project? This past year saw us sell the Extended Campus, move staff and ministries to our main campus, completely re-outfit much of our main campus to accommodate such, and without any debt incurred. Our various ministries are easily accessed, there is greater collaboration among our staff teams and a new level of energy within our church family. God has been so kind to us in this regard.

Additionally, while we hate seeing staff leaders we love head into different directions, God's good hand is providing new voices who are already making great strides with our various ministry areas. Talk about wind in our sails! Our Lord is so faithful. He knows our every need

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and provides *"far more abundantly than all that we ask or think"* (Ephesians 3:20). Indeed, our entire staff deserves credit for navigating these challenging days with integrity, faithfulness and skill. They, along with a wise and steady Elder Leadership Team, embody the love and care of Jesus and we are most blessed because of each one.



Throughout these past months we have enjoyed many new people stepping into our church family. Scores of women and men and boys and girls have confessed Jesus as Lord and Savior. Nearly every week we see folks finding their way back to our in-person worship gatherings and our online community is finding a solid core of participants.

In our preaching, we have explored the heart of Jesus as displayed through the Song of Solomon, portions of Hebrews, Galatians, Psalm 103 and more. Beyond Sunday gatherings, we have enjoyed rich learning experiences including studies of Paul's New Testament writings, conversations about gospel-shaped reconciliation, explorations about how men can walk with God and lead their families, teaching on how students might value and champion the mission of Christ through His church, and reflections on the theological convictions that ground us as believers. Growing together toward Jesus is a high value at New Hope Church.

Our ministries of care and outreach remain strong. New Hope Church's food shelf continues to meet significant needs in our broader area. It is as busy as ever! And our intentional comfort and care toward the grieving, the sick, the financially burdened and relationally stressed keep us very busy and ever dependent on *"the God who sees"* (Genesis 16:13).

Of course, much of the good that has unfolded could not have been accomplished without your generosity. Your financial faithfulness has proven to be one of the beautiful stories of this past year. In the face of many challenges, our church family has repeatedly responded with a generous spirit. We have been able to carry on life-changing ministry in a tumultuous season, retaining missionaries and staff, caring for those in need in our church and in our community, and doing so with a posture of joy and faith. The words "thank you" are not strong enough.

As we step forward, I want to ask you to do two things. First, believe with me that Jesus is powerfully leading and loving our church family. *"He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent"* (Colossians 1:18). Secondly, follow Him with me—humbly, boldly, lovingly, trustingly, joyfully, eagerly, and gratefully. *"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him"* (Colossians 3:17).

After all, in this stretch of time marked by so many heavy clouds and scary waters, He remains steady, trustworthy, faithful and in total command of our lives. He's got you. He's got me. He's got New Hope Church.

With abiding love for you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Matthew St. John". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pastor Matthew St. John

PURPOSE

New Hope Church
is a Christ-centered
community for all peoples,
moving toward Jesus and
taking others with us.

STRATEGIC VALUES



Multiplication.

We seek to reach the spiritually hungry with the saving message of Jesus.

Connection.

We aspire to cultivate shepherding communities where people grow together as they move toward Jesus.

Serving.

We seek to be the hands and feet of Jesus by serving our local community so that they may experience His merciful love.

All Peoples.

We aspire to reflect heaven by honoring the dignity of fellow image-bearers from all cultural and ethnic backgrounds.



AVERAGE WEEKLY
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE
ONLINE + IN-PERSON

1,319



322

NEW BELIEVERS
THROUGH THE
NEW HOPE
CHURCH FAMILY

\$82,408

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

\$41,204

ARRIVE MINISTRIES

27 NEW
MEMBERS

For upcoming class dates, visit
newhopechurchmn.org/membership



789

E-PRAYER & PRAYER WALL
REQUESTS PRAYED FOR

387

PRAYER & COUNSELING
APPOINTMENTS



320

PARTICIPANTS IN
LIFE GROUPS

18
BAPTISMS



FALL KICKOFF EVENT



CARE MINISTRIES

127

CLIENTS HELPED

\$8,570

GIVEN THROUGH
THANKSGIVING/CHRISTMAS
GIFT CARDS

\$19,493

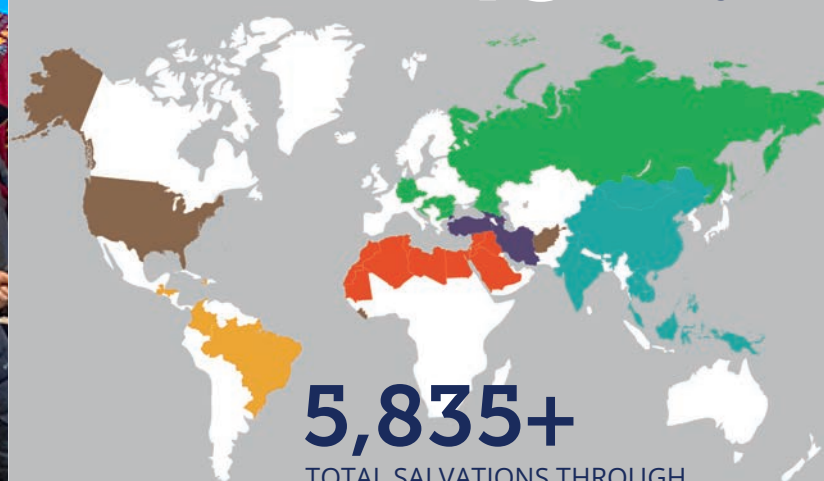
GIVEN THROUGH OUR
CARE & LOVE FUND

6 CARE
GROUPS

4 CARE
SEMINARS



49 SUPPORTED
GLOBAL
PARTNERS



5,835+

TOTAL SALVATIONS THROUGH
GLOBAL OUTREACH & PARTNERS

elder leadership team

Matthew St. John
Saado Abboud
Cort Cieminski
Enrique Fernandez
Derrick Grow
Ron Jones
Armando Mazon
Jason McNutt
Tony Ringsmuth
Chris Shedd
Ken Wright

senior staff

Senior Pastor Matthew St. John
Executive Pastor Paul Schoolmeesters
Executive Director Ryan Fair
Executive Assistant Randi Soderstrom
Care Julie Andersen
Community Outreach Cassie Davison Bair
Creative Jeff Velasco
Global Outreach Chris Jones
Latinos Pablo Cachon
Life Groups David Myles
Next Gen Jon Ditty
Worship Dayton Dodge

Full ministry team list at
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new hope church
en español

104

AVERAGE WEEKLY
ATTENDANCE

14 LATIN AMERICAN
COUNTRIES
REPRESENTED

Thank you
volunteers!

70

VOLUNTEERS AT
CAMPUS IMPROVEMENT
SERVICE DAY

133

VOLUNTEER AT
THE FOOD SHELVE

COMMUNITY PICNIC



ADULT
MINISTRIES

50

MEN PARTICIPATED
IN DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

227

WOMEN PARTICIPATED
IN WEEKLY GROUPS

LEGACY
GRANDPARENTING

209

PARTICIPATED IN
GRANDPARENT SUMMIT
SIMULCAST

820

GRANDKIDS PRAYED OVER



NEXT GEN MINISTRIES

KIDS

95

MIDWEEK MINISTRY
PARTICIPANTS

180

PARTICIPANTS IN
SUMMER FAMILY EVENTS

STUDENTS

99

GRADES 6-12
PARTICIPANTS

120

STUDENTS & LEADERS
AT FALL RETREAT

335,335

POUNDS OF FOOD
DISTRIBUTED THRU
FOOD SHELF



130

DISABILITY
MINISTRY
PARTICIPANTS



183

CHILDREN RECEIVED
BACKPACKS WITH
SCHOOL SUPPLIES

191

CHILDREN SERVED
AT CHRISTMAS SHOP

FOOD SHELF

745

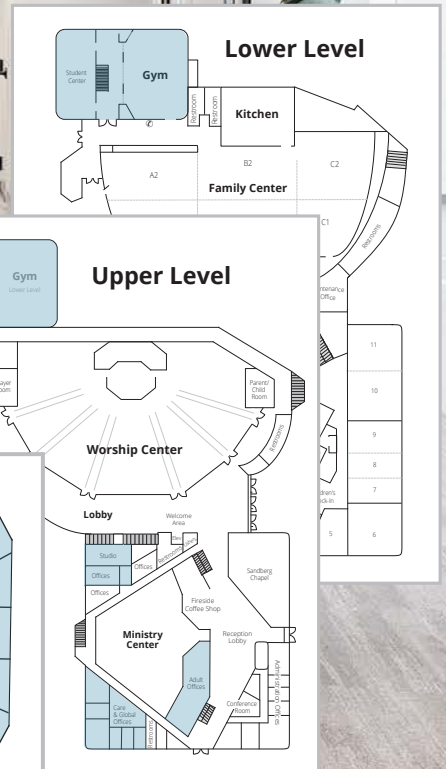
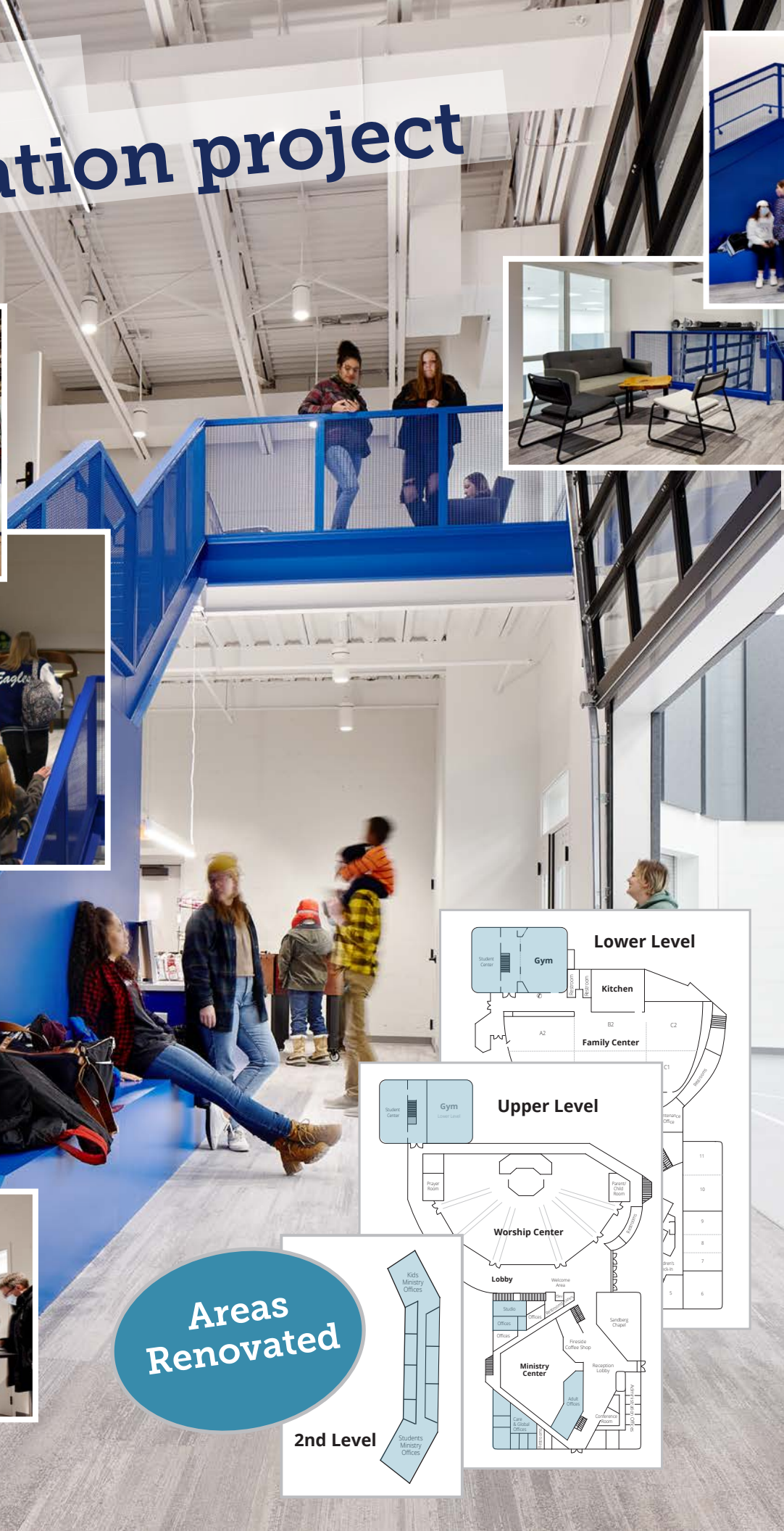
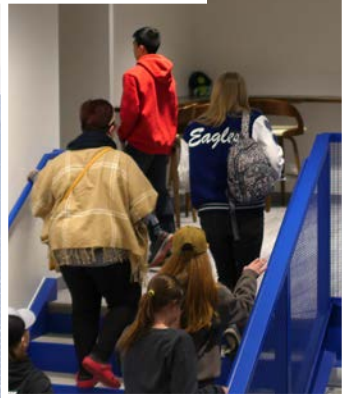
NEW FAMILIES

4,760

TOTAL CLIENT VISITS



ministry centralization project



Areas
Renovated

2nd Level



FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

\$2,000,000

EXTENDED CAMPUS SALE PRICE

\$1,888,155

EXTENDED CAMPUS SALE NET PROCEEDS

MCP GENERAL/ADMIN **\$16,413**

MCP GYM **\$1,549,448**

MCP OFFICES **\$120,549**

MCP RELATED PROJECTS **\$24,575**

MCP TOTAL: \$1,710,985

NHC NET GAIN: \$177,170

TIMELINE

07.18 Feasibility Study of Extended Campus & HopeBridge

07.20 Master Planning by HGA with Concept Designs

02.21 Congregational Info Meetings & Formal Approval

04.21 Office Renovations Begin

05.21 Extended Campus Sold

05.21 Gym Construction Begins

05.21 Care & Global Offices Complete

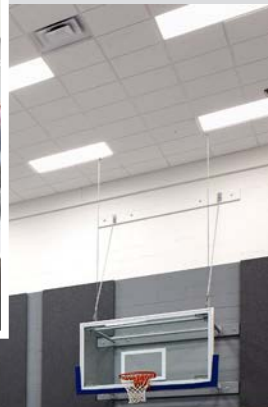
06.21 Creative Offices Complete

08.21 Next Gen Offices Complete

09.21 Gym & Student Center Grand Opening

09.21 Adult Ministries Offices Complete

11.21 HopeBridge Construction Begins



PROPERTY COUNCIL

PROJECTS COMPLETED THIS FISCAL YEAR

Care Ministries & Global Outreach Offices

Creative Offices

Adult Ministries Offices

Next Gen Ministries Offices

Gym/Student Center Renovation

HopeBridge Renovation – Phase 1

Family Center A Storage & Tech

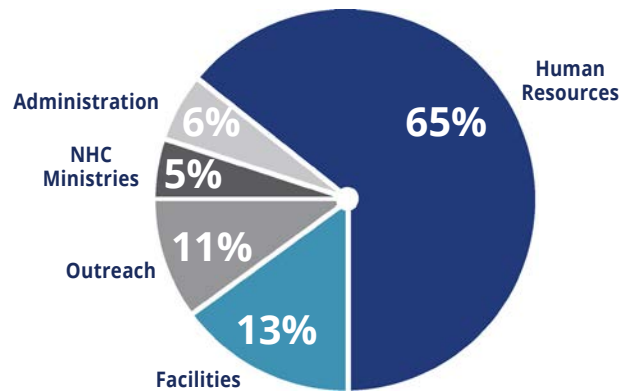
Dumpster Relocation

Construction of Storage/Warehouse Shed

2022–23 Proposed Budget

This financial proposal represents the faithfulness of God and the commitment of His people. The proposal is a 2.4% decrease from our congregationally-approved 2021–22 commitment.

Proposed Allocation of Funds July 1, 2022–June 30, 2023



Auditor's Reports

ASSETS	2021	2020 (Restated)
Total Current Assets	\$4,335,410	\$2,193,009
Property & Equipment	12,715,269	15,045,838
Less Accumulated Depreciation	8,153,491	9,841,869
Total Property & Equipment	4,561,778	5,203,969
Total Other Assets	0	0
TOTAL ASSETS	\$8,897,188	\$7,396,978
LIABILITIES		
Total Current Liabilities	\$594,256	\$899,401
Total Long-term Liabilities	0	0
Total Liabilities	594,256	899,401
Net Assets		
Without Donor Restriction	7,928,409	6,140,616
With Donor Restriction	374,523	356,961
Total Net Assets	8,302,932	6,497,577
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$8,897,188	\$7,396,978

Extended version of financials available from NHC financial services.

Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of New Hope Church *efca* (a non-profit church), which comprise the statements of financial position as of June 30, 2021 and 2020 and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of New Hope Church *efca* as of June 30, 2021 and 2020 and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Froehling Anderson, Certified Public Accountants & Advisors

Internal Auditor's Report

We have reviewed the accounting processes of the church, ensuring synchronization with the Independent Auditors. We audited the counting processes, the checks issued to vendors and the internal expense reports to ensure proper documentation and approvals.

In our opinion, we have found the accounting processes and internal controls in line with generally accepted accounting principles.

NHC Internal Audit Committee

administrative ministries	2022-23 proposed	2021-22 approved	increase/decrease	
Senior Staff	1,110,263	1,210,627	-100,364	-8.3
Senior Pastor Ministries	44,150	45,150	-1,000	-2.2
Office Support	1,654,881	1,600,412	54,469	3.4
Property	640,598	645,668	-5,070	-0.8
Food Service	92,445	90,149	2,296	2.5
Vehicles	1,850	1,850	0	0
Capital	214,320	224,320	-10,000	-4.5
General	22,900	22,750	150	0.7
Technology	76,995	83,873	-6,878	-8.2
Funding from Reserves	-76,446	-50,043	-26,403	52.8
subtotal admin. min.	3,781,956	3,874,756	-92,800	-2.4%
departmental ministries				
Adult Ministries				
Care & Adult General	30,200	25,130	5,070	20.2
Life Groups	12,075	11,900	175	1.5
Latinos	22,064	20,250	1,814	9.0
Leader Development	0	8,400	-8,400	-100.0
Men	6,475	9,150	-2,675	-29.2
Women	7,151	12,585	-5,434	-43.2
adult ministries	77,965	87,415	-9,450	-10.8%
Next Gen Ministries				
Kids	37,400	40,900	-3,500	-8.6
Students	37,350	43,250	-5,900	-13.6
CrossRoads	0	0	0	0
next gen ministries	74,750	84,150	-9,400	-11.2%
Outreach Ministries				
Community Outreach	128,350	89,900	38,450	42.8
Global Outreach	338,300	349,600	-11,300	-3.2
outreach ministries	466,650	439,500	27,150	6.2%
Worship Ministries				
worship ministries	80,220	87,922	-7,702	-8.8
funding from reserves	-117,200	-99,800	-17,400	17.4
subtotal depart. ministries	582,385	599,187	-16,802	-2.8%
total general ministries	\$4,364,341	\$4,473,943	-\$109,602	-2.4%
weekly average	\$83,930	\$86,037	-\$2,107	-2.4%

2022 CANDIDATES

Elder Leadership Team

Oversee and promote the spiritual welfare and overall ministry of New Hope Church by being ministers of prayer and encouragement, counselors of wisdom and a prepared crisis team in waiting



Milton Figueroa (6.5 years)

At New Hope Church, I have taught classes for the Latino community, been a Spanish Life Groups coach, and preach one Sunday a month in NHC en Español. A highlight has been the opportunity to travel with Pastor Pablo on a mission trip to Puerto Rico and Texas.

With the help of the Holy Spirit, I want to contribute to the unity of the church, as well as contribute ideas for decisions that affect the spiritual life of the local and global Church.

One of the things that excites me greatly is the love that is experienced every Sunday and being able to see lives transformed by the gospel through salvation, by grace.



Derrick Grow (22 years)

I'm honored to be able to serve and steward the gifts the Lord has given me by placing me in a variety of leadership roles over the years at NHC—Life Groups, Sunday Communities, leadership teams and the food shelf. I've also been honored to serve a variety of leadership roles in Cru over the last 37 years locally, regionally and nationally.

I bring a unique learning experience as Julie and I have recently moved to North Minneapolis and I serve on a Oneness and Diversity extended team with Cru Inner City. I'm making great connections with urban pastors in the Twin Cities. I love getting to live out the Great Commission and Great Commandment both in my job and through NHC.

I'm excited about the progress we're making toward what God has called us to become along with what we're learning about listening to others and sharing our story. I'm excited about how the Lord will position us to innovate as we all learn how "church" works as we come out of Covid.



Doug Hunt (21 years)

I have been a small group leader in men's ministry for two years and, more recently, a part of the men's ministry leadership team. I have served on the Life Builder Sunday School Leadership team for four years and Chairman of the Board for E2:10 Ventures (a Christian disciple-making non profit) for three years.

I love to facilitate small groups and to serve. I have a heart for the lost and for disciple-making.

I am excited for a fresh start for Men's Ministry as we are now meeting face-to-face again and to see how the Lord is going to continue to use New Hope Church in our community and beyond to raise up laborers for His kingdom.

Gift Matemba-Mutasa (11 years)

I have led or facilitated adult Bible studies for the past 18 years and enjoy periodically teaching in our Drawing Near Sunday Community.

Vocationally, I served in the Air Force of Zimbabwe and have held various corporate marketing, sales and business leadership roles. I currently lead marketing for Benedictine, a locally based, faith-based senior living organization.

Being born and raised in Zimbabwe (Africa) gives me a unique perspective on interpreting current and historical events in light of Scripture. I have a deep passion for God's Word and for God's people to demonstrate a living faith. I am impressed by the humility and authenticity demonstrated by those in leadership at NHC and I am excited about the direction that our purpose statement is leading us as a church.



Ken McMillan (39 years)

It was a blessing to serve as student missions leader at Moody Bible Institute, as medical director and church elder in DR Congo, and as a doctor to homeless people in Minneapolis. Currently, I am on the board of the Rosebud House of Prayer (reservation in South Dakota).

Missions and international healthcare have been my professional passions, directed now to several American Indian communities.

NHC has been committed to global outreach for decades. I really appreciate the gospel-oriented teaching and Care/Prayer Ministries to people of all ethnic identities.



Greg Stoesz (23 years)

I currently serve on the Men's Ministry leadership team at NHC. I have also served with Life Groups, Students and on the Guatemala team ten times.

I am a company representative at 3M for Mettler Toledo. For fun, I am the Security Supervisor of the Press Box at US Bank Stadium.

God has given my wife, Jesaca, and I a story of beauty, love, redemption and second chances. Through some big, real-life issues, I've learned about grace, love, empathy, hard work and staying the course that Christ has for me. God has equipped me to have the perspective and calling that I do.

We are living in challenging times. We have an opportunity to grow, adjust and recalibrate. The thought that I could be on the front lines of that and join a team in seeking God's will in sculpting the future of NHC is very exciting to me.



Ken Wright (22 years)

Leading always seems to find me. Beginning in high school, I taught Sunday School and VBS. I have taught or led small groups, classes and missions trips. In churches we've attended, I have been Treasurer, Committee Chair and on Elder Boards, including multiple terms as a NHC Elder and am currently the Elder Chair.

In my career and community, I have managed people in work places and have led many projects. Currently, I am the Sourcing Lead to negotiate technology contracts for Target.

I desire to build relationships with people even though we may have different backgrounds. My experience growing up in a missions-minded church gives me passion for being a church for all peoples. My prayer is to seek God and help lead New Hope Church to be relevant for the upcoming generations. I get excited when I hear stories about how God continues to work within our church to be a light in our community.



2022 CANDIDATES

Nominations Committee

Responsible for choosing and presenting candidates for all elected positions



Ginny McMillan (70 years)

I would be glad to serve so that together, as a church body, we can “*make known His faithfulness to all generations*” (Psalm 89:1). I love the strong biblical teaching that emphasizes who we are in Christ, ambassadors for our king, and how and why we are to be constantly involved in “kingdom business,” growing more in love with our Lord, serving and loving others.



Sara McNutt (18 years)

I am so thankful for the godly leaders we have had at our church over the years. I am thankful to be a part of a church body that seeks to love God and love others well. When my family first began worshipping at New Hope Church (2004), we heard about the *High & Holy Calling* and a vision to be a church for all peoples. It is so exciting for us to see that vision happening now at NHC. We love being a part of this church family and are invested in the people, vision and future here.



Cyndi Theisen (36 years)

I recognize the importance of prayer and seeking God’s will in the leadership of our church to keep it Christ-centered and biblically based. I see us as a light on a hill. We are salt and light in our community and I appreciate the hands-on approach taken here at New Hope Church.



Micheal Yee (10 years)

Living out a Christ-centered community for all peoples calling excites and motivates me. It’s been a blessing to have opportunities to serve at the Food Shelf, lead a Life Group with my wife, Heather, and to participate in important conversations such as *Be the Bridge* and *One Blood*, so individuals and the church body can flourish.

Internal Audit Committee

Proactively, regularly evaluate the financial activities of the church



Steve Brown (25 years)

Being on the audit committee gives me an opportunity to use my career training and skills to serve the church. It's exciting to see so many people at NHC with gifts and talents all coming together to serve inside the church and in the greater community, helping to point others to Christ.



JaNan Cavanaugh (36 years)

I am a detail person and feel like I would be able to use that skill. It excites me that NHC does not waver in our biblical beliefs, even if they are not popular with society today.



Wendy McCullough (17 years)

I am excited to be part of New Hope Church and about our mission to look like the neighborhood we serve—to invite all to share the good news of the gospel. I look forward to applying my God-given gift of stewardship to benefit NHC.

Church Clerk

Keep record of proceedings and decisions at congregational business meetings and serve as church representative as needed



Church Clerk Randi Soderstrom (31 years)

I am happy to use my administrative gifts to support our church leadership and congregation. I have been at New Hope Church long enough to see a lot of changes and I am always thankful for being able to witness the ways God has brought us through each season. I love that we are rooted in God's Word, which doesn't change.



Church Vice-Clerk Pam Lung (30 years)

My desire is to assist the Clerk as needed and help to maintain accurate New Hope Church data. I am excited that NHC is reaching out to all peoples in our community and the world sharing the good news of the gospel, making disciples and teaching them to live and love like Jesus.

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