

Congregational Meeting 12/18/16

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New Light

A Metropolitan Community Church

"A New Light For A New Tomorrow"

Congregational Report 2016

December 18, 2016



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Metropolitan Community Churches

TRANSFORMING OURSELVES AS WE TRANSFORM THE WORLD.

Board of Directors Report- Vice-Moderator

2016 was a year full of blessings that culminated with the selection of Rev. Deb Coggins as our Spiritual leader. Our Church continues to thrive, a testament of God's hand in our past, present and future and the commitment of our members and friends of the church as well as the strength of our faith.

Rev. Kelly Crenshaw and Rev. Sherry Miller, our co-pastors, provided us with extraordinary Spiritual leadership during the last two years. Their leadership and vision allowed us to go from a place of uncertainty and upheaval, characteristic of a church in transition, to a place of optimism and renewal.

The God Bless US Everyone transitional meetings allowed us to reflect and discern on who we are as a church and what we wanted in our pastor. Thanks to those meeting we were able to hear and move forward. After months of soul searching we reached the point where we were prepared to call a pastor. We chose Rev. Coggins as she seemed to embody what we were looking for in a Spiritual Leader.

The Outreach Committee did an excellent job of keeping New Light involved in the community. We attended several of the major pride events in the area, reaching out to the LGBTQ communities in Maryland. The 20th Anniversary celebration was a success. Our founding pastor Rev. Robert Griffith was the guest pastor and was pleased to see how the church he planted 20 years ago is still flourishing and serving God and the community.

The foreclosed home was donated to our Church by Wells Fargo and is being renovated and will be ready to sell in Spring of 2017. The money gained will go towards church operations and pastor's salary.

Through budget adjustments we made it through another year. We have actively decreased the amount of expenditures to allow the operations to run close to the approved budget. We are still operating with a deficit but God willing we should be able to continue to provide a Spiritual home to our congregation.

I am proud to be a member of this community of believers and to be of service to it.

Yours in Christ,

Arlene

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Building report:

Board of Directors Report-Vice-Moderator
Building needed repairs and upgrades continued this year.

We finished the trim around the new social hall air-conditioning unit which looks and functions much better. The repairs to the social hall roof seems to have fixed the leak that plagued us for a number of years. Now we can proceed with tile replacement and cleaning the grid. There was some rodent damage to the alarm system above the social hall ceiling. After repairs and placement of additional controls by the pest control company there have been no more problems.

We have eliminated the paid cleaning staff and want to thank Rosalie for doing an excellent job of keep our building clean and sparkling all year, even during her medical problems. Also thanks to all who helped her with this cleaning.

Thanks to many volunteers, especially Rev. Sherry and Charlotte Ashton and painters Bruce Brooks and Charlie Kline, we have undertaken the task of remodeling the upstairs apartment for the use of our new pastor. They have worked week after week on this and we could not have afforded to have a contractor do all of the work. Also Rev Sherry donated the kitchen cabinets and countertops used. We have had to have a contractor handle some of the plumbing, flooring and tub surround issues. Thanks to an anonymous donor most of the cost of this work has been covered.

The Board of Directors decided to purchase a flat screen TV for the sanctuary. Harold Gress and I installed the TV on the front wall and Harold has continued to develop programing for our services.

I think we should all be proud of the many improvements made to our building over the past four years, both seen and not so evident. With the new ceilings in the sanctuary and library, new flooring and painting throughout the first floor and the major electrical improvements, we have a much safer and more pleasant place to worship.

Terry L. Schilt

OFFICE ADMIN. REPORT

Continuing to put together the bulletin and reading papers every week. Had several weeks I was unable to come into the office but did the bulletins at home and sent in and Rev. Kelly and Harold Gress printed them out. My volunteer work was up to other volunteers those weeks.

We are working on the portable phone system but somehow (maybe) blew a fuse with the electrical and had to do an alternative with electricity so that the router and modem continued to work. Terry Schildt said he'd take a look at it this past week. The portable phone would get the phone out of the Pastor's office, as Rev. Deb suggested and have a phone in my office.

Last month we saved \$40.00 on ink due to our recycling and I use those rewards from my personal card to do the purchases. We need a yellow cartridge to replace in the color printer that Arlene donated. At Staples it is over \$315.99, same as other retail office stores. InkTonerStore.com has it for \$44.95 for a rebuilt, reconditioned one. I never dealt with them so need advice. We saved similar money throughout the year. Our change bucket reaps about \$78.00 a month and the soda/water ministry continues to bring in funds due to donations of items.

Rosalie Jones has been helping me with some office needs. She put up plastic sheeting over the windows to keep out the cold winds. We're going to put a shelving unit on the bathtub that holds supplies; a platform will be cut to put over the tub and shelving unit put on it to hold supplies. She also wants to replace the linoleum and mentioned the toilet needs to be replaced but that's more of a building item.

I would like to get decent size plastic tubs to put in the supply closet to hold seasonal decorations and supplies that isn't Christmas season due to that being extensive.

A new system of keeping attendance has been started and will be fully implemented in January so that I may give a report to Rev. Deb and the Board each month.

Making the transition in helping Rev. Deb with updates, labels, names, and helping her make our transition easier to new things.

We received notice that the people who pick up our trash, starting in January, that we'll need to have our trash out by Wed. evening so they can pick it up Thursdays. We had a bit of trouble with trash dumpers but the police have been watching our backyard. We need volunteers who don't mind climbing a ladder to put up No Trespassing or Dumping signs high on the back of the building. Otherwise people tear them down if they can reach them.

Overall, it's been a busy year in the office. And, the volunteer work.

DAVID BRECHBIEL
NLMCC OFFICE ADMIN.

Board of Directors Lay Delegate Report

to be the first of its kind

As I write this report we are no longer in the "new normal" but in a "post-normal" world. The frequency of natural disasters, the rise of artificial intelligence, and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic have all contributed to a sense of uncertainty and fear. In 2016 was an active year for me as Lay Delegate. I attended two Eastern Network Gatherings and MCC's General Conference. The spring gathering was held at MCC Open Door in Boyds MD. This gathering focused on the upcoming General Conference (GC). Information was shared relating to the revised MCC Statement of Faith and the election of a new moderator. The fall gathering was held at MCC Rehoboth in Delaware. At this gathering there were presentations surrounding the ongoing HIV/AIDS crisis and race relations. Both of these gatherings were beneficial in staying updated and connected to MCC locally, nationally, and globally.

Charlie and I had the privilege to attend GC held during July in Victoria, British Columbia. At this conference the revised Statement of Faith was voted on and passed. An election of the Governing Board (GB) brought new leadership to the administration of MCC. The election of a new Moderator, the main event of GC, did not happen. The best way for me to describe that process is that it was politely contentious. After several rounds of voting, it was obvious that no candidate was going to receive a majority of votes from both houses. As a result, the newly elected GB, per MCC Bylaws, was given the responsibility of appointing an Interim Moderator. This interim is to serve for the next 3 years. At GC 2019, to be held in Orlando, we will elect a new Moderator. The GB has since appointed Rev. Rachelle Brown as the Interim Moderator.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Lay Delegate. Please keep New Light and all of MCC in your prayers.

Bruce Brooks

Greeting in the Name of Christ.

As I write this report we are no longer New Light MCC's Co-transitional pastors. Two weeks ago we completed our two year seven month temporary assignment. Our goal was to support you during a time of transition by providing you pastoral care, worship leadership, and transition from past ministry into a future ministry with intentionality and vision. Mission accomplished.

- 2016 started by celebrating the 20th Anniversary of New Light. A Service of Jubilee with a Gala Celebration. A guest preacher Robert Griffin, meal at Gourmet Goat, and concert by Kypin Martin.
- Giant yard sale at Western Md hospital
- Sprint Fellowship event (cookout)
- Attendance of Pride events in Hagerstown and Frederick
- Out and about dinner out fellowship
- Fellowship at Washington County playhouse "Greater Tuna"
- Outreach contacts with local colleges and Universities.
- Rev. Kelly writing articles for Outloud
- God Bless Us Everyone monthly meetings in preparation for pastoral search.
- Prayer vigil for Orlando Pulse Night Club shootings.
- Bible Study gatherings
- Several weddings
- Funeral and Luncheon for Donna Adams
- Funeral and Luncheon for Roger Leroy "Lee" Canfield
- Hospital visits at Harrisburg, Carlisle, Chambersburg,
- Home visits due to health issues in Greencastle area.
- House property
- Apartment renovations
- New Members classes and celebration.

As you can tell by this list - 2016 has seen much ministry. Many blessings for New Lights future into 2017.

Rev. Sherry Miller

NLMCC			
Balance Sheet As of 11/30/16			
Assets			
	Cash and Bank Accounts		
	Building Fund - 3566		\$ 4,916.69
	Escrow - 4577		798.05
	General Fund - 7957		4,264.88
	House - 5205		944.34
	Total Cash and Bank Accounts		\$ 10,923.96
Total Assets			\$ 10,923.96
Liabilities & Equity			
Liabilities			-
	Equity		\$ 10,923.96
Total Liabilities & Equity			\$ 10,923.96

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YTD Income/Expense by Category

30-Nov-16

Category	1/1/2016 - 1/31/2016	2/1/2016 - 2/29/2016	3/1/2016 - 3/31/2016	4/1/2016 - 4/30/2016	5/1/2016 - 5/31/2016	6/1/2016 - 6/30/16	7/1/2016 - 7/31/16	8/1/2016 - 8/31/2016	9/1/16 - 9/30/16	10/1/16 - 10/31/16	11/1/16 - 11/30/16	TOTAL
INCOME												
Fundraising	580.00	1,000.00	50.00	386.00					8.23			2,102.23
Regular Gifts & Tithes	3,349.00	4,811.50	3,409.88	2,839.00	3,085.00	3,018.94	3,282.00	2,593.00	2,573.00	4,971.00	2,763.17	36,695.49
Soda Money	95.00			26.00								150.00
Special Offerings			121.12	84.00		2,025.00			119.00			2,349.12
FROM Escrow - 4577					3,277.95							3,277.95
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 4,024.00	\$ 5,811.50	\$ 3,581.00	\$ 3,335.00	\$ 6,362.95	\$ 5,043.94	\$ 3,282.00	\$ 2,593.00	\$ 2,700.23	\$ 4,971.00	\$ 2,870.17	\$ 41,296.84
EXPENSES												
Advertising					134.02	8.46						142.48
Altar Supplies								568.00		190.96	1,501.87	2,306.81
Building Fund		45.98					31.48					29.94
Cleaning	160.00	6.36					923.40					1,978.4
Conference				743.95								1,667.35
Denomination Tithes	895.04		832.50	364.90	290.21	302.09	187.24	442.98	246.76	245.17	531.13	4,338.02
Electricity	202.81	365.23	296.65	162.60	135.76	106.10	111.64	130.93	142.03	114.92	88.22	1,856.89
Fundraisers		1,035.00		2,534.00								1,035.00
Insurance												2,534.00
Licensing Fees		113.00										263.00
Misc.						45.00						45.00
Mortgage	425.20	425.20	425.20	425.20	425.20	425.20	425.20	425.20	425.20	425.20	425.20	4,677.20
Office Admin Services	500.00	500.00	625.00	500.00	1,125.00		500.00	625.00	500.00	1,125.00		6,000.00
Office Supplies	67.15	187.55	67.12	265.24	166.08	82.92	70.20	129.00	118.82	118.27	60.57	1,332.92
Oil	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	3,800.00
Parking	48.00	48.00	48.00	48.00	48.00	48.00	48.00	48.00	48.00	48.00	48.00	528.00
Pastor Cell Phone	66.67	66.83	66.83	66.83	66.81							333.97
Pastor Salary	1,000.00	800.00	1,100.00	700.00	900.00	800.00	900.00	900.00	500.00	700.00	900.00	9,200.00
Pensions	63.00						63.00			51.75		240.75
Pest Control					684.00							684.00
PNC Bank Service Charge	30.00	30.00	35.00	36.65	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	376.65
Security	99.00			99.00	157.50			255.00				939.50
Snow Removal		100.00										100.00
Special Offering									250.00			250.00
Trash Removal		25.00	84.50			84.50			84.50			278.50
Water & Sewer	82.92		81.60	80.28		81.60	96.24		82.57	119.41		624.62
To Escrow - 4577		175.00	175.00	350.00								700.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 4,039.79	\$ 4,323.15	\$ 4,237.40	\$ 6,776.65	\$ 4,567.58	\$ 2,418.87	\$ 3,890.40	\$ 3,959.11	\$ 2,695.88	\$ 3,603.68	\$ 3,969.93	\$ 43,782.44
OVERALL TOTAL	\$ (15.79)	\$ 1,488.35	\$ (656.40)	\$ (3,441.65)	\$ 1,795.37	\$ 2,625.07	\$ (608.40)	\$ (1,366.11)	\$ 4.35	\$ 1,367.32	\$ (1,099.76)	\$ (2,485.60)

NLMCC BUDGET				
30-Nov-16				
	Category	Actual	Budget	Difference
INCOME	Fundraising	\$ 2,102.23		
	Regular Gifts & Tithes	36,695.49	41,548.21	(4,852.72)
	Soda Money	150.00		
	Special Offerings	2,349.12		
	TOTAL INCOME	\$ 41,296.84	\$ 41,548.21	\$ (4,852.72)
EXPENSES	Advertising	142.48	250.00	\$ (107.52)
	Altar Supplies	29.94	137.50	\$ (107.56)
	Building Fund	2,306.81	1,100.00	\$ 1,206.81
	Cleaning	197.84	880.00	\$ (682.16)
	Conference	1,667.35	2,000.00	\$ (332.65)
	Denomination Tithes	4,338.02	4,985.75	\$ (647.73)
	Electricity	1,856.89	2,200.00	\$ (343.11)
	Food Pantry		458.37	\$ (458.37)
	Fundraisers	1,035.00	-	\$ 1,035.00
	Guest Speakers		1,100.00	\$ (1,100.00)
	Insurance	2,534.00	2,500.00	\$ 34.00
	Licensing Fees	263.00	200.00	\$ 63.00
	Misc.	45.00		\$ 45.00
	Mortgage	4,677.20	4,677.20	\$ -
	Office Admin Services	6,000.00	5,958.37	\$ 41.63
	Office Supplies	167.69		\$ 167.69
	Internet Access	598.67	472.45	\$ 126.22
	Postage	28.20	68.75	\$ (40.55)
	Printer Supplies	227.22	1,100.00	\$ (872.78)
	Telephone	311.14	169.84	\$ 141.30
	Oil	3,800.00	4,400.00	\$ (600.00)
	Parking	528.00	528.00	\$ -
	Pastor Cell Phone	333.97	327.50	\$ 6.47
	Pastor Salary	9,200.00	11,916.63	\$ (2,716.63)
	Pensions	240.75	231.00	\$ 9.75
	Pest Control	684.00	595.87	\$ 88.13
	PNC Bank Service Charge	376.65	330.00	\$ 46.65
	Security	939.50	458.37	\$ 481.13
	Snow Removal	100.00	80.00	\$ 20.00
	Special Offering	250.00	-	\$ 250.00
	Trash Removal	278.50	333.66	\$ (55.16)
	Water & Sewer	624.62	275.00	\$ 349.62
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 43,782.44	\$ 47,734.26	\$ (3,951.82)
OVERALL TOTAL		\$ (2,485.60)	\$ (6,186.05)	\$ (900.90)

NEW LIGHT MCC 2017 BUDGET

NEW LIGHT MCC 2017 BUDGET			
Income		\$ 40,719	Based on projected total 2016
Expenses			
Advertising	250		
Altar Supplies	50		
Building Fund	1,200		Money in building fund bank account will be used
Cleaning	-		Cleaning is performed by volunteer.
Meetings	500		Expenses for pastor attending meetings
Denomination Tithes	4,886		12% of regular giving
Electricity	2,400		
Food Pantry	-		No longer stocking food pantry
Guest Speakers	500		Based on 1 time per quarter @ \$100 + 1 additional
Insurance	2,500		
Licensing Fees	275		Music (\$113) + Office (\$100) + Antivirus (\$55)
Mortgage	5,102		\$425.20 per month
Office:			
Internet Access	515		\$42.95 per month
Postage	75		
Office Printer Supplies	1,200		
Office Phone	185		\$15.44 per month
Office Admin Services	6,500		\$125 per week
Oil	2,400		\$200 per month
Parking	576		\$48 per month
Pastor Cell Phone	-		Cell phone discontinued in June
Pastor Salary	13,000		\$1082 per month (\$250 per week)
Pest Control	700		
PNC Bank Service Charges	360		\$30 per month
Security	750		
Snow Removal	80		
Trash Removal	364		\$91 per quarter
UFMCC Pension	252		
Water & Sewer	500		Increased from \$300
Total Expenses:	\$ 45,121		
Income Less Expenses		\$ (4,402)	