

# New Light

A Metropolitan Community Church

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## Congregational Meeting 11/14/21

1. Call to Order and Opening Prayer
2. Vote for rights of non-members
3. Lay Delegates
4. Clerk's Report
5. Building Report
6. Pastor's Report
7. Financial Report
  - a. Proposed Budget for 2020
8. Closing Prayer

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## 2021 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES 11-14-2021

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Pastor Deb Coggin, Harold Gress, David Washington, David Brechbiel, Stephanie Erdice, Connie Bauer-Safko, Dawn Bauer-Safko, Lou Clingenpeel, Eugene Smith, Jamie Coates, George Laney, Les Smith, Bruce Brooks, Charles Kline, Susie Danjulo. Zoom: Natalie Koh. Non-Member: Pat Monahan.

1. **Call to Order and Opening Prayer - Pastor Deb Coggin**  
Moved - David Brechbiel / 2<sup>nd</sup> - Congregation
2. **Vote for rights of non-members - Pastor Deb Coggin**  
Moved – Harold Gress / 2<sup>nd</sup> - Congregation
3. **Lay Delegate Report - Harold Gress**  
Suggested members to get on email list of denomination. Discussion on Cash Flow and denomination tithes reduction (Eugene Smith, Bruce Brooks, Dawn Bauer-Safko, Connie Bauer-Safko). / Moved -? / 2<sup>nd</sup> -?
4. **Clerk's Report - Pastor Deb Coggin**  
Besides written report Pastor Deb thanked David Brechbiel for his work in getting donated items for the Homeless Ministry. Moved – Dawn Bauer-Safko / 2<sup>nd</sup> – David Washington
5. **Building Report - David Washington**  
Besides written report it was reported a siding problem is to be addressed. Moved – Dawn Bauer-Safko / 2<sup>nd</sup> – Connie Bauer-Safko
6. **Pastor's Report - Pastor Deb**  
Moved – David Washington / 2<sup>nd</sup> – George Laney
7. **Financial Report (Proposed Budget for 2022) - Harold Gress**  
Questions about PNC charges (Eugene Smith). Building Fund Designation (Bruce Brooks). Actually funds from Grant for Christmas Extravaganza (postponed till year). Bruce Brooks thanked Harold for the work he does. Motion – David Brechbiel / 2<sup>nd</sup> – Connie Bauer-Safko. Budget – Motion – Eugene Smith / 2<sup>nd</sup> – Dawn Bauer-Safko.
8. **Adjourn - Pastor Deb Coggin**  
Moved – Dawn Bauer-Safko / 2<sup>nd</sup> – Connie Bauer-Safko
9. **Closing Prayer - Pastor Deb Coggin**

## **LAY DELEGATE REPORT 2021**

- **New Light denomination tithes reduced from 10% to 5% to help with cash flow issues.**
  - **Special Fellowship Sunday offering collected in October.**
- **Plans underway for General Conference in 2022. Virtual and on site options to be offered. The conference will take place July 1 –3, 2022. There will be a separate virtual business meeting on July 15 – 16, 2022.**
- **Commission on Communications established to enhance communication with local churches.**
- **Commission on Pathways of Healing and Reconciliation meets monthly.**

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## 2020 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

11-15-2020

**In Attendance:** Pastor Deb Coggin, Harold Gress, David Washington, Bruce Brooks, Lou Clingenpeel, Dee Fenninger-Coggin, Eugene Smith, Les Smith, Jamie Coates. Zoom = Natalie Koh. Non-Member: Keith ?

**1. Call to Order and Opening Prayer**

**Pastor Deb Coggin / 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Eugene Smith, Moved by Congregation

**2. Vote for rights of non-members**

**Pastor Deb Coggin / 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Harold Gress, Moved by Congregation

**3. Lay Delegate Report**

**Pastor Deb Coggin for Harold Gress / 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Bruce Brooks

**4. Clerk's Report**

**Pastor Deb Coggin / Motion** – David Washington, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Eugene Smith

**5. Building Report**

**David Washington / Motion** – Pastor Deb Coggin, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Eugene Smith

**6. Vice-Moderator's Report**

**Bruce Brooks / Motion** – Eugene Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Harold Gress

**7. Pastor's Report**

**Pastor Deb Coggin / Motion** – David Brechbiel, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Eugene Smith

**8. Financial Report**

**Harold Gress / Motion** – David Brechbiel, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Bruce Brooks

**9. Closing Prayer**

**Pastor Deb Coggin**

**Motion to Adjourn Meeting by Pastor Deb Coggin / 2<sup>nd</sup>** – David Brechbiel

# **Yearly Building Report**

## **2021**

**Hello Church Members,**

**Grateful to be of service to New Light MCC. These are the highlights of the past year**

- 1. Pest control- We had to switch pest control early this year and luckily was able to get the cost from \$70 a month down to \$40 a month. With the new pest control company, we noticed more dead insects then previously. The company informed us that they have increased the strength of the formula**
- 2. Have been able to move to trash pickup on Fridays or Saturdays.**
- 3. Had an application in for A Day of Caring but the amount of prework needed to paint the side of the building was more than we could do prior to the date they would have been able to perform the services.**
- 4. Put in for volunteers through a Starbucks initiative and got two hits but due to covid-19 we were unable to bring them onboard**
- 5. There is only 1 toilet working and is operational at this time**
- 6. The roof was repaired after a storm came through**
- 7. There were some issues with the alarm being set off on a couple of occasions due to individuals entering the building and not resetting the alarm. We have work to solve this and have had no further issues**
- 8. Church cleaning moved from the second Saturday to the first Thursday 5-7 pm**
- 9. There was an insurance audit and unfortunately the policy went up, the insurance did help with replacing apart of the roof cost**
- 10. Members planted flowers in front of the Church and on the fence along the back parking lot (Thank you, they look beautiful)**
- 11. Currently Food and Friends is delivering food to the only individual that we delivered to. If the number were to increase, they will contact us to see if we would like to resume delivery**
- 12. \* if memory serves me right, and it may not. We had new lights put in throughout the building. We had new night lights outside the front door and on the side of the building**
- 13. We have created a list of projects to tackle throughout the following months**

**We are seeking those that like to clean to join us on the first Thursday of each month from 5-7pm**

**In loving service,**

**The Building Committee**



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## 2021 Congregational Report

**Covid 19 pandemic** continues to dominate our lives as individuals and the life of the church. We continue to create a new normal.

According to Tony Morgan's [Q1 2021 Unstuck Church Report](#), physical church attendance is down 28% from even 2020 levels, which means that a chunk of most congregations has slipped away.

We need to:

### **Embracing Digital Church As Your New Default**

It means embracing the reality that more people will access your church digitally than in-person and that those who access your church personally will also likely have more digital connections with your church than in-person connections.

If you don't embrace digital as your new default, your church will probably continue to function like a mall in the age of Amazon.

Therefore, we spent some of the money that we received from the Open-Door grant on new equipment. This gives us a sharper view on Facebook and YouTube and hopefully gain more viewers.

We have been able to maintain our finances during this difficult time thanks to our members and friends. We are still somewhat behind in giving but we keep striving. We are now able to accommodate more people during service. However, we are limited because of the shape of our space. We must keep a distance of three feet and asking everyone to wear face masks.

A crystal-clear vision for the future is key to keeping people engaged with New Light. Therefore, I have been doing a series of sermons on what it means to be authentic. Our virtual attendance has remained steady. We have new people attend. This is good news.

Our two ZOOM groups continue to grow. Our Bible Study Group studied the Book of Ruth and the Gospel of John. Our Conversations groups is a great deal of fun and lots of laughter.

The Resting Place or New Light New Way Giving Love God's Way continues to be our strongest outreach. We serve between 40 and 50 every week. We provide socks, clothes, and hygiene items. We were given a supply of masks and hand sanitizers. We are giving away wash clothes and hats and gloves as the weather turns cold. I want to thank everyone who gives and help with this ministry.

I look forward to finding new ways to do church in 2022.

*Blessings .... Pastor Deb*



NEW LIGHT MCC 2022 BUDGET						
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
<b>Income:</b>						
Tithes and Offerings	\$ 52,500	\$ 49,700	\$ 48,500	\$ 52,000	\$ 50,000	
Fundraising			4,000	4,000	3,000	
Resting Place			1,000	1,000	1,000	
Christmas Extravaganza			500	500	500	
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$ 52,500</b>	<b>\$ 49,700</b>	<b>\$ 52,500</b>	<b>\$ 56,000</b>	<b>\$ 53,000</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>						
Advertising	150	150	-			
Altar Supplies	50	50	50	50	50	
Cleaning Supplies	200	100	-	50	50	
Meetings & Education	250	100	100	100	100	Expenses for pastor attending meetings
Denomination Tithes	5,716	4,970	4,850	5,200	2,500	5% of regular giving
Electricity	2,400	2,000	3,000	3,000	2,500	
Resting Place	600	400	1,000	1,000	1,000	
Guest Speakers	500	200	200	100	100	
Insurance	3,000	3,050	3,624	3,624	4,800	\$400 per month
Dues & Subscriptions	400	351	501	666	365	Music (\$115) + Office 365 (\$100) + Clergy license (\$150)
Mortgage	5,102	5,102	5,102	5,102	5,102	\$425.20 per month
Office Supplies:	100	-				
Internet Access	515	515	515	515	1,395	\$116.26 per month
Postage	75	50	50	50	50	
Office Printer Supplies	400	200	200	-		
Office Admin Services	555	555	555	555	-	
Oil	-	2,160	3,072	3,600	4,116	\$343/month
Parking	576	-		1,296	-	
Pastor Salary	26,000	26,040	26,040	26,040	26,040	\$2170 per month
Pest Control	700	750	816	480	480	\$40 per month
PNC Bank Service Charges	500	500	600	660	660	\$55 per month
Security	750	700	700	600	600	
Trash				360	360	\$90 per quarter
UFMCC Pension	315	360	420	420	420	28 x 1.25 x 12
Water & Sewer	900	900	1,000	1,200	1,000	
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$ 51,034</b>	<b>\$ 49,703</b>	<b>\$ 52,396</b>	<b>\$ 54,669</b>	<b>\$ 51,689</b>	
<b>Income Less Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,465.70</b>	<b>\$ (3.00)</b>	<b>\$ 104.20</b>	<b>\$ 1,331.20</b>	<b>\$ 1,311.48</b>	

<b>New Light Metropolitan Community Church</b>		
<b>Statement of Financial Position</b>		
	<b>October 31, 2021</b>	
	<b>Total</b>	
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
<b>Bank Accounts</b>		
<b>Building Fund - 3566</b>	<b>6,613.50</b>	
<b>Escrow - 4577</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>General Fund - 7957</b>	<b>5,573.35</b>	
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$ 12,186.85</b>	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 12,186.85</b>	
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	
<b>Equity</b>		
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$ 12,186.85</b>	
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 12,186.85</b>	



New Light Metropolitan Community Church													
Budget vs. Actuals													
January - December, 2021													
	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	TOTAL		
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget	Over/Under Budget
Revenue													
Fundraising	0.00	55.85	513.30	100.00	457.53	148.00	53.00	198.18	0.00	50.00	1,575.86	3,330.00	-1,754.14
Facebook			475.00	20.00	410.00			65.00		50.00	1,020.00		
Roses		50.00		30.00	42.00	10.00					132.00		
Amazon Smile		5.85			5.53			8.18			19.56		
Microsoft Bing			13.30								13.30		
Pride Items						138.00	53.00	75.00			266.00		
Anniversary Puzzle			25.00	50.00							75.00		
Roof repair								50.00			50.00		
Fellowship Sunday										100.00	100.00		
Resting Place	120.00		180.00	60.00	80.00	100.00	80.00	100.00	80.00	60.00	860.00	834.00	26.00
Regular Gifts and Tithes	3,554.30	3,059.26	4,060.60	3,987.70	3,349.99	4,272.02	4,972.13	6,198.13	3,233.28	3,513.00	40,200.41	42,083.30	-1,882.89
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 3,674.30</b>	<b>\$ 3,115.11</b>	<b>\$ 4,753.90</b>	<b>\$ 4,147.70</b>	<b>\$ 3,887.52</b>	<b>\$ 4,520.02</b>	<b>\$ 5,105.13</b>	<b>\$ 6,496.31</b>	<b>\$ 3,313.28</b>	<b>\$ 3,723.00</b>	<b>42,736.27</b>	<b>46,247.30</b>	<b>\$ -3,511.03</b>
Expenditures													
Altar Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16.47	0.00	0.00	0.00	24.33	40.80	50.00	-9.20
Cleaning	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	-50.00
Denominations Tithes	340.50	0.00	580.57	320.87	0.00	160.33	188.44	209.60	172.63	0.00	1,972.94	2,166.60	-193.66
Electricity	-123.12	237.31	666.52	204.05	106.38	79.34	127.68	145.05	121.17	89.79	1,654.17	2,500.00	-845.83
Fundraiser	0.00	0.00	44.50	44.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	89.00	0.00	89.00
Insurance	737.04	0.00	363.52	0.00	804.30	405.67	0.00	1,202.01	0.00	405.67	3,918.21	3,020.00	898.21
Dues and Subscriptions	0.00	0.00	0.00	105.99	123.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	228.99	516.00	-287.01
Misc.	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.43	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.43	0.00	25.43
Mortgage	425.20	425.20	425.20	425.20	425.20	425.20	425.20	425.20	425.20	425.20	4,252.00	4,252.00	0.00
Office Admin Services	46.25	46.25	46.25	46.25	46.25	46.25	46.25	46.25	46.25	46.25	462.50	462.50	0.00
Internet Access	42.95	42.95	47.48	42.95	42.95	47.48	42.95	42.95	42.95	72.27	467.88	429.50	38.38
Oil	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	252.00	252.00	252.00	252.00	343.00	343.00	2,894.00	3,000.00	-106.00
Pastor Salary	2,170.00	2,170.00	2,170.00	2,170.00	2,170.00	2,170.00	2,170.00	2,170.00	2,170.00	2,170.00	21,700.00	21,700.00	0.00
Pastor Appreciation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
Pensions	0.00	0.00	0.00	126.00	157.50	0.00	0.00	157.50	0.00	0.00	441.00	420.00	21.00
Pest Control	40.00	40.00	0.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	0.00	40.00	320.00	400.00	-80.00
PNC Service Charge	54.60	57.15	56.35	59.20	54.95	57.00	55.60	56.65	55.95	57.00	564.45	550.00	14.45
Resting Place	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	834.00	-834.00
Security	78.00	0.00	0.00	78.00	0.00	0.00	78.00	0.00	0.00	78.00	600.00	333.00	267.00
Trash Removal	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	90.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	90.00	180.00	270.00	-90.00
Water & Sewer	348.99	0.00	0.00	386.95	0.00	0.00	118.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	854.23	1,200.00	-345.77
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 4,460.41</b>	<b>\$ 3,318.86</b>	<b>\$ 4,700.39</b>	<b>\$ 4,375.39</b>	<b>\$ 4,312.53</b>	<b>\$ 3,699.74</b>	<b>\$ 3,544.41</b>	<b>\$ 4,747.21</b>	<b>\$ 3,377.15</b>	<b>\$ 3,941.51</b>	<b>\$ 40,765.60</b>	<b>\$ 43,375.60</b>	<b>\$ -2,610.00</b>
<b>Net Revenue</b>	<b>-\$ 786.11</b>	<b>-\$ 203.75</b>	<b>\$ 53.51</b>	<b>-\$ 227.69</b>	<b>-\$ 425.01</b>	<b>\$ 820.28</b>	<b>\$ 1,560.72</b>	<b>\$ 1,749.10</b>	<b>-\$ 63.87</b>	<b>-\$ 218.51</b>	<b>\$ 1,970.67</b>	<b>\$ 2,871.70</b>	<b>-\$ 901.03</b>

Dues and Subscriptions:	
Office 365	\$ 105.99
CCLI	123.00

Puzzles:	
Received	\$ 75.00
Paid	44.50
	<b>\$ 30.50</b>