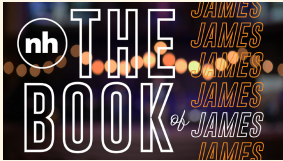


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## [ SENIOR PASTOR LETTER ]



Dear Friends,

What a strong year we have enjoyed at New Hope Church! And what a hopeful and exciting stretch of months we have in front of us. How thankful I am to be part of this genuine and beautiful community with you.

Allow me to highlight three items for which I am especially grateful.

**Plenty of New Faces.** There has been a notable increase in people's attendance and engagement with New Hope Church. We have said repeatedly, and true it is, New Hope Church is a safe community where people, through Jesus, are made new and find hope. What an opportunity for meaningful connections.

**Solid Stewardship.** Our ministry and business models are strong. Expenses remain below receipts. We have no debt. Our staff ratios reflect best practices. Our ministry programs are focused, accessible and built around a shared goal of seeing people know Jesus and make Him known. Let's grow together, reach out and give all!

**A Milestone Birthday!** This year New Hope Church turns 75 years old. What began as a gospel outreach for kids in 1946 turned into an established church in 1949. God has been faithful all these years to use our church family to lift high the name of Jesus across our community and around the world. As 2024 continues to unfold, there will be important moments to pause and celebrate together. Let's party!

As we step forward my heart echoes for you the words of the Apostle Paul found in Colossians 1. "We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven."

Sisters and brothers, let's keep our eyes on Jesus.

Pastor Matthew St. John  
Senior Pastor



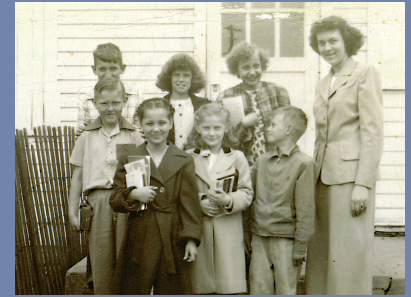
**PASTOR MATTHEW ST. JOHN**

# 1946

- A young couple in Crystal, MN had a vision for a Sunday School.
- Eljane Sandberg and Wilbur Matheson
- 500 invitations, five weeks, no one came!
- On week six, two children came and that started the Sunday School that became New Hope Church of today.



**ELJANE SANDBERG**



**EARLY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS**

# 1949

- Sunday School and morning worship were held in the City Hall.
- \$1 rental
- Sunday evening service, youth group and mid-week prayer were at the Sandberg home.



**REV. ALBERT SANDBERG**



**CRYSTAL CITY HALL**

## CHARTER MEMBERS

### APRIL 1949

Mrs. Ole Berg  
 Mrs. Harold Boman  
 Miss Lois Boman  
 Mr. & Mrs. Everett Clinton  
 Miss Audrey Frederickson  
 Mr. & Mrs. Paul Gilquist  
 Mr. & Mrs. Forrest Gorsuch  
 Mr. & Mrs. Delmar Hedlund  
 Mr. & Mrs. Harold Hilden  
 Miss Alice Hilden  
 Miss Genevieve Hilden

Miss Grace Hensel  
 Mr. & Mrs. Earl Johnson  
 Mr. Wesley Johnson  
 Mr. & Mrs. Charles Nelson  
 Mr. & Mrs. Walter Nelson  
 Mrs. Frank Paul  
 Mr. Rudy Pierson  
 Mr. Wally Pierson  
 Mr. & Mrs. Paul Reynolds  
 Rev. & Mrs. A. G. Sandberg  
 Miss Carol Sandberg

# 1950

- The first new Crystal Evangelical Free Church building on 42nd and Florida
- The first work subsidized by the EFCA Home Mission Dept. was to purchase this property (\$2500 for 1 acre).
- The first worship service was on Easter Sunday, April 9, 1950, in their own building after a 1-mile walk from Village Hall on West Broadway.
- Just four years after that first little Sunday School started!



**THE FIRST CRYSTAL EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH BUILDING**

# 1974

- 25th Anniversary
- Sunday school growth:
  - 2 in 1946
  - 235 in 1954
  - 679 in 1973



1990s AREAL VIEW



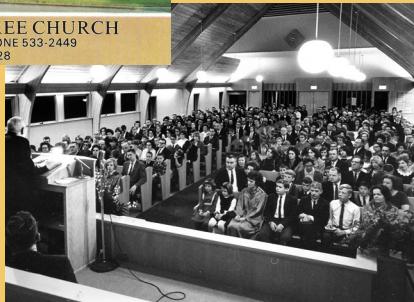
REV. ALBERT SANDBERG  
1949-1956



REV. ARTHUR HEWITT  
1956-1960



CRYSTAL EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH  
6421 45TH AVE. NORTH — TELEPHONE 533-2449  
CRYSTAL, MINNESOTA 55428



# 1984

Original Sanctuary (Ministry Center) seating for 800 became too small. Built the Worship Center addition in 1984 to seat 1600.



# 1975

- By 1975, despite seating for 450 and holding three services each Sunday, it was clear that we needed more space.
- City of Crystal refused further building permits.



BALCONY & CHOIR IN ORIGINAL  
SANCTUARY (MINISTRY CENTER)

The move to New Hope

# 1976-77

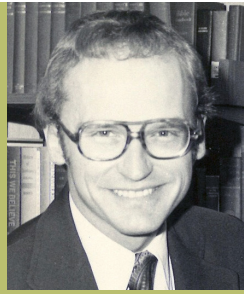
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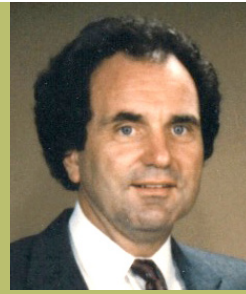
REV. KENNETH MEYER  
1961-1967



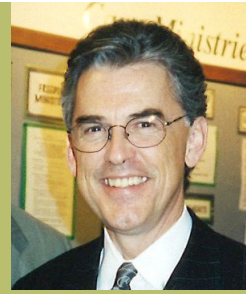
REV. TOM MCDILL  
1967-1977



REV. JIM OLSON  
1977-1985



DR. DAVID FISHER  
1986-1989



DR. STEVE GOOLD  
1990-2014



DR. MATTHEW ST. JOHN  
2015-PRESENT

1999

Celebrated  
50th Anniversary



2014

Latino Ministry  
official launch with  
Pastor Pablo Cachon.



2007

After 30 years in New Hope, the decision was made to change our name from Crystal Evangelical Free Church to New Hope Church.



2024

- Celebrating 75th Anniversary
- 33 people have been baptized this past year.
- We are thankful for 15 new members with an average weekly attendance (online & in-person) of 1,145.

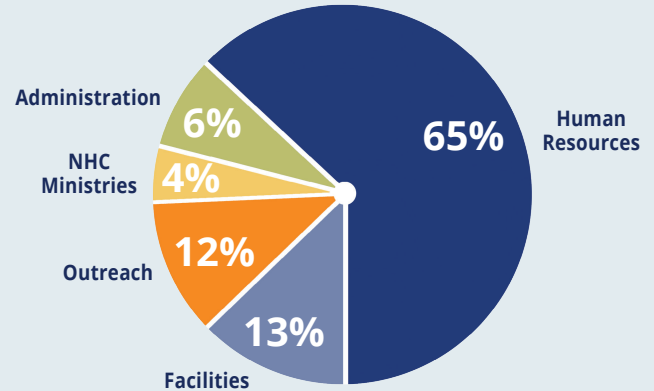


# MINISTRY FUNDING PLAN

This financial proposal represents the faithfulness of God and the commitment of His people. The proposal is a 3.2% decrease from our congregationally-approved 2023-24 commitment.



## Proposed Allocation of Funds July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025



# AUDITOR'S REPORTS

## 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, 2023 and 2022 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 herein present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of New Hope Church *efca* as of June 30, 2023 and 2022 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 in synchronization with the Independent Auditors. We audited the checks issued to vendors, the internal expense reports and the journal entries 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*

ASSETS	2023	2022
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$1,284,140</b>	<b>\$2,177,031</b>
Property & Equipment	14,693,782	14,449,489
Less Accumulated Depreciation	9,158,508	8,631,855
<b>Total Property &amp; Equipment</b>	<b>5,535,274</b>	<b>5,817,634</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$6,819,414</u></b>	<b><u>\$7,994,665</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Total Current Liabilities	\$200,369	\$168,610
Total Long-term Liabilities	0	0
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>200,369</b>	<b>168,610</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Without Donor Restriction	6,363,075	7,498,153
With Donor Restriction	255,970	327,902
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>6,619,045</b>	<b>7,826,055</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$6,819,414</u></b>	<b><u>\$7,994,665</u></b>

*Extended version of financials available from NHC financial services.*

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE MINISTRIES</b>	<b>2024-25 PROPOSED</b>	<b>2023-24 APPROVED</b>	<b>INCREASE/DECREASE</b>	
Staff Salary & Benefits	2,060,324	2,158,139	-97,815	-4.5
Senior Pastor Ministries	25,550	29,900	-4,350	-14.5
Office Support	83,385	142,435	-59,050	-41.5
Property	351,770	355,900	-4,130	-1.2
Food Service	10,000	-2,489	12,489	501.8
Vehicles	2,155	2,165	-10	-0.5
Capital	58,000	58,000	0	0
General	-10,600	4,000	-14,600	-365.0
Technology	117,802	103,086	14,716	14.3
<b>Funding from Reserves</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-76,446</b>	<b>-76,446</b>	<b>-100.0</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL ADMIN. MIN.</b>	<b>2,698,386</b>	<b>2,774,690</b>	<b>-76,304</b>	<b>-2.8%</b>
<b>DEPARTMENTAL MINISTRIES</b>				
<b>ADULT MINISTRIES</b>				
Care & Adult General	15,130	18,925	-3,795	-20.1
Life Groups	0	8,000	-8,000	-100.0
Latinos	12,292	13,442	-1,150	-8.6
Men	1,200	1,200	0	0
Women	450	1,230	-780	-63.4
<b>Adult Ministries</b>	<b>29,072</b>	<b>42,797</b>	<b>-13,725</b>	<b>-32.1%</b>
<b>NEXT GEN MINISTRIES</b>				
Kids	10,500	10,500	0	0
Students	13,100	9,500	3,600	37.9
CrossRoads	0	0	0	0
<b>Next Gen Ministries</b>	<b>23,600</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>3,600</b>	<b>18.0%</b>
<b>OUTREACH MINISTRIES</b>				
Community Outreach	82,100	90,400	-8,300	-9.2
Global Outreach	284,800	284,800	0	0
<b>Outreach Ministries</b>	<b>366,900</b>	<b>375,200</b>	<b>-8,300</b>	<b>-2.2%</b>
<b>WORSHIP MINISTRIES</b>				
<b>Worship Ministries</b>	<b>72,772</b>	<b>74,043</b>	<b>-1,271</b>	<b>-1.7</b>
<b>Funding from Care &amp; Love</b>	<b>-62,930</b>	<b>-54,875</b>	<b>8,055</b>	<b>14.7</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL DEPT. MINISTRIES</b>	<b>429,414</b>	<b>457,165</b>	<b>-27,751</b>	<b>-6.1%</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL MINISTRIES</b>	<b>\$3,127,800</b>	<b>\$3,231,855</b>	<b>-\$104,055</b>	<b>-3.2%</b>
<b>WEEKLY AVERAGE</b>	<b>\$60,150</b>	<b>\$62,151</b>	<b>-\$2,001</b>	<b>-3.2%</b>

# 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



**TODD BENSON**  
40+ years

It's exciting to bridge the past with a God-blessed future. We're in the midst of changing times but our wonderful legacy of a Bible-believing and Bible-preaching church is truly a Christ-centered community for all peoples moving toward Jesus and taking others with us.



**JERRY HOFFMAN**  
27 years

I love encouraging people in their daily walk of following Jesus. I am excited about how God is using ordinary people to draw others (from our own backyards and across the globe) into a personal relationship with Him. I see God transforming NHC into a church of all peoples.



**ANDREA KESSLER**  
12 years

I am excited about how the generations are coming together at NHC—having youth involved in church-wide ministry and their inviting everyone to join what they are doing. I also am encouraged by how God is moving in and providing for Food Shelf clients.



**GINNY MCMILLAN**  
72 years

I am thankful that we as a church are encouraging discipleship and obedience to the Lord in living out the Great Commandment ("Love the Lord your God . . . and your neighbor as yourself") and the Great Commission ("As you go, make disciples").



**KATHY SEVERSON**  
22 years

I love that the message preached is grounded in Scripture. I see concern and love for our kids, students and young adults to prepare them for the world today. I am thankful for the various prayer offerings available within our church.



## [ 2024 CANDIDATES ]



### **GIFT MATEMBA-MUTASA**

**12 years**

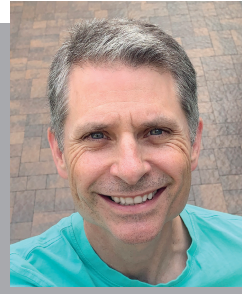
I am excited about our purpose and how it informs every aspect of our strategy and what we do. I am especially impressed by the humility and authenticity demonstrated by those in leadership at NHC. I sense the Spirit of God working through many believers at this church.



### **DAVID QUON**

**17 years**

I love praying for our church family. It excites me that NHC continues to be intentional about being a multi-ethnic church for all peoples. Seeing my kids and the NHC kids grow and mature in their walk with Jesus has been a blessing. I look forward to see the growth of our Next Gen model.



### **TONY RINGSMUTH**

**21 years**

I care deeply about New Hope Church and I'm willing to use the gifts and talents that God has given me to serve my church family. I want to see the lost reached for Jesus. I want to see believers disciplined and grow in Him and become laborers in the ministry. I see that happening here at NHC.



### **CHIP UPHAM**

**14 years**

I love hearing the gospel preached and sharing life with those the Lord has called (and is calling) to be a part of this local body. The emphasis on community outreach and engagement is also important to me.



### **GINA SIGRIST**

**16 years**

I am excited to see how our church has been seeking God's will for our future and how that has opened up new opportunities for more people to volunteer and serve within our church.

# NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE



Responsible for choosing and presenting candidates for all elected positions



# INTERNAL AUDIT COMMITTEE

Proactively, regularly evaluate the financial activities of the church



**STEVE BROWN**  
27 years

I am thankful God is continuing His work here at NHC and we are blessed to be able to serve Him and grow in community.



**JANAN CAVANAUGH**  
38 years

I'm excited to see the students grow and get involved in the church.



**RANDI SODERSTROM** *CLERK*  
33 years

I am happy to use my administrative gifts to support our church leadership and congregation. I have seen a lot of changes at NHC and I am always thankful 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.



**PAM LUNG** *VICE-CLERK*  
32 years

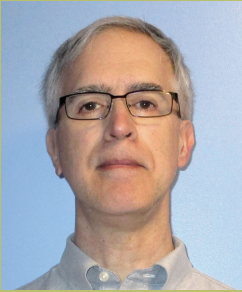
My desire is to assist the Clerk as needed and help to maintain accurate NHC data. I am excited that NHC is reaching out to all peoples in our community and the world sharing the good news of the gospel, making disciples and teaching them to live and love like Jesus.

# CHURCH CLERK & VICE-CLERK



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

[ 2024 CANDIDATES ]



**TIM CONKLIN**  
33 years

I appreciate the importance given to running our church with integrity. I appreciate the openness we show to new attendees and that our mission reflects the mission of God.



**DON SAYLER**  
4 years

I am thankful for how the Lord has faithfully brought us to new opportunities for growth—in every way!



**JESSE SIGRIST**  
16 years

I'm excited about the people in our neighborhood coming to our church, discovering new hope in Jesus and Christ being glorified!



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