

2024 New Life Conference

President's Report

“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.” (1 John 4:7)

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

As recipients of the message and ministry of reconciliation, may we continue to endeavor together, as the Eastern Region of Advent Christian Churches, to be about the Lord’s business until he returns! I continue to thank the Lord for our pastors who are preaching, teaching, and living out the Gospel in their communities. I pray that our churches are beacons of hope as they shine forth the light of the Gospel and seek to impact their cities and towns for Christ. “Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works...encouraging one another all the more as you see the Day drawing near.” (Heb. 10:24-25)

It is my honor to serve the New Life Conference as president. I'm grateful for those whom I have the opportunity to serve alongside of: Rev. Allen Latimore - Secretary, Mr. Tom Zikan - Treasurer, Rev. Jim Caron - Ministerial Committee Chairman, and members-at-large, Rev. Bruce Burks and Pastor Merle Beal. Many thanks to Rev. Bryce Whiting (Secretary) and Rev. Adrian Todd (Vice President) for their service to the New Life Conference and I pray for the Lord’s blessing on them in their retirements. After a few years of meeting via zoom, we have begun to meet in person once again and the business of the conference continues on.

The Conference board continues to oversee the Faith Community Church Outreach Fund set up from the sale of the Windsor, CT church. The intention of this fund is to continue the work and vision of Faith Community Church by giving out grants and scholarships to churches and individuals, with preference to those within the conference, to assist in their ministries to their communities. To date, the conference has given out over \$150,000 to this end and we give all the glory to God for his provision!

I have taken it upon myself to be more intentional in checking in and visiting with our pastors. My goal is to continue to strengthen our bond together as conference, as well as, minister to the needs of our pastors and churches.

I would like us to continue to think along the lines of revitalization and church planting within our conference. With the funds we have available, I would like us to explore how we could come alongside and partner with existing churches to this end. Pray for God’s wisdom and direction for the board concerning these discussions over the coming year. May they bear much fruit for the kingdom of God.

Our God is Faithful and True. To Him be all the glory. I give all the praise to the Lord for his faithfulness to the New Life Conference.

All for His Glory,
Rev. Derek Irvine
New Life Conference President