

2026 New Life Conference
President's Report

"For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him..."
(Ephesians 1:15-17)

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

In Ephesians 1:15–17, Paul explains that upon hearing of the Ephesians' faith in Christ and their love for others, he continually thanks God for them and prays on their behalf. His central request is that God would grant them spiritual wisdom and revelation through the Holy Spirit, enabling them to know God more deeply. The passage emphasizes that genuine Christian growth flows not merely from belief, but from an ever-deepening understanding of God's character and presence in their lives.

In the same way, it has been my continued prayer that God would give our churches an ever-deepening understanding of himself. As we all continue to proclaim the gospel to the communities where God has placed us, may we do so with a greater sense of his character and presence in our lives.

It has been my honor to serve the New Life Conference as president again this year. I'm grateful for those whom I had the opportunity to serve alongside of: Rev. Matt Malinowski – Vice President, Rev. Allen Lattimore - Secretary, Mr. Tom Zikan - Treasurer, Rev. Jim Caron - Ministerial Committee Chairman, and members-at-large, Rev. Bruce Burks and Mr. Brad Rushing. The conference is in good hands under the leadership of such devoted servants of God.

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 ministry to their respective communities. To date, the conference has given out over \$200,000 and we give all the glory to God for his provision!

I continued to be more intentional in checking in and visiting with our pastors. My goal was to continue to strengthen our bond together as conference, as well as minister to the needs of our pastors and churches. As I have traveled around, we continued our discussions on finding ways to gather throughout the year for the purpose of mutual encouragement and support.

As I have come to the end of my term as president of the New Life Conference, I am grateful for your support as I have sought to lead in a manner worthy of an imitator of Christ. Whatever good has happened under my leadership over the last seven years, I give all glory to God. And 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

Addendum:

At the February 28, 2026, annual meeting of the New Life Conference I was elected as president of the conference. There are only 2 additions to President Irvine's report that I want to report to the ERA delegates. First, the conference through the Faith Community Church Outreach Fund, was able to financially support the following ministries: BICS alternative trip expenses, Advent Christian Retirement Community fundraising expenses, Rev. Ciprian Droma and his family's moving expenses to Romania, Rev. Ken Perkins' ministry trip to Malawi, and Rev. Derek Irvine's Israel trip with BICS. The other item to report is that my wife Laura and I served as delegates to the Advent Christian General Conference Triennial Convention.

In His Service,
Rev. George Karl