

2018 New Life Conference President's Report

I am grateful for God's many blessings on the New Life Conference in 2018. There continues to be an excitement for what God is doing in His Church, and for that we give Him great praise and thanks.

It has continued to be my pleasure to serve alongside Rev. Bruce Burks, Pastor Merle Beal, Rev. Doug Foss, Rev. Derek Irvine, Mrs. Deb Reed, Mr. Tom Zikan on the Conference Board. I am thankful for the spirit of unity that was consistently present in our meetings as well as in our correspondences. By virtue of my position as Conference President, I was also privileged to serve on the Eastern Regional Board of Directors which met several times both in person and via Zoom to strategize regarding ways to best serve the Region.

This past year it was my goal to reach out to each of our Conference Pastors to offer support and encouragement, and to see how we might better serve our Churches. It is my hope to continue this in the future to build solidarity as a Conference and as co-laborers in Christ.

A highlight for our Conference was a Pastor's Brunch organized by Rev. Bruce Burks and the Ministerial Committee where our Pastors and leaders met for a think-tank to discuss relevant ministry-related issues as well as to encourage one another and enjoy a wonderful time of fellowship. I am thankful to Pastor Corey McLaughlin and Sheffield Chapel for their gracious hosting of this event and look forward to more opportunities like this.

With the pastorate vacated in E. Norwalk, CT at the beginning of the summer, Rev. George Karl (in Rev. Twitchell's absence during his sabbatical) and I had the opportunity to strategize with their Board as to the future of their existence. They are currently filling the pulpit each week as they seek a Pastor to serve the congregation there and look forward to continuing their witness for Christ in their community.

By way of update, the Westfield Church is going strong as they have sold their building and relocated to a storefront in the downtown district. Pastor Beal is leading a concerted effort to be a significant Gospel presence in the community in Westfield.

Lastly, the NLC Board has continued its oversight of the Faith Community Church (Windsor, CT) Scholarship Fund where we gave out approximately \$16,000 to various ministries within our Conference. We are grateful for the impact these funds are having and pray that the spirit of Faith Church's emphasis on ministry and service will continue to be a blessing to many for God's Glory.

In His Service,

Rev. Michael F. Tuttle for the New Life Conference Board