

This application is designed for people who believe they are called to serve at New Life Community Church. These answers will be kept confidential by the New Life Leadership Team. Thanks for your honesty and openness. Our desire is to help you find the best place for you to serve. May His blessing and grace be upon you and your family.

– The New Life Pastoral Leadership Team

**Personal Information:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently married? \_\_\_\_\_\_ Have you ever been divorced?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Family Information:**

Spouse’s name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's current occupation \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Names and ages of children \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Education and Credentials *(High school and beyond)*:**

*Any information is available in an attached resume, it does not need to be duplicated here*

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| School | Location | Years Attended | Major/Minor | Degree/Diploma Earned |
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**Work Experience:**

*Any information is available in an attached resume, it does not need to be duplicated here*

Previous work experience. Begin with your most recent employer going back.

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| Name of Company with location |  |
| Start & end date of employment |  |
| Position |  |
| Responsibilities |  |
| Name of Supervisor |  |
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Have you ever been fired? Why?

Have you ever been promoted in your work? Explain.

**Church and Ministry Information (If applicable):**

*Any information is available in above in “Work Experience” or an attached resume, it does not need to be duplicated here*

Are you ordained and/or licensed for ministry? Include date and name of church, ministry, and/or denomination.

Give the ministries (including volunteer, leadership, and/or staff positions) that you have you served with beginning with the most recent.

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| **Name of Church/Ministry** |  |
| Church/ministry’s website |  |
| Start & end date of serving |  |
| Your Role |  |
| Your Responsibilities |  |
| Who did you report to? |  |
| **Name of Church/Ministry** |  |
| Church/ministry’s website |  |
| Start & end date of serving |  |
| Your Role |  |
| Your Responsibilities |  |
| Who did you report to? |  |

**Short Essay Questions:** *please keep your answers brief*

**PERSONAL**

Briefly explain the story of when, where, and why you surrendered your life to Christ?

Describe your personal habits of deepening your walk with God?

How do you keep yourself learning and growing? Give specific examples.

Where were you raised and/or where have you lived for extended periods of time?

What are your three greatest strengths?

What are your three greatest weaknesses?

What causes you the most frustrations, tension, and pressure? Why?

What brings you the most pleasure, joy, & fun? Why?

What is the key to understanding the “real you” that most people miss?

What really motivates you? Why?

As one church that meets in many locations, what do you feel like you can add to the entire church that will make it better?

**SPOUSE & FAMILY**

Where was your spouse raised and where has he/she lived?

What are your spouse’s three greatest strengths?

What are your spouse’s three greatest weaknesses?

What are his/her feelings about New Life?

Describe how your spouse sees himself/herself being involved in the church?

**MINISRY (If applicable):**

**Calling**: Describe your personal calling to the best of your ability.

Describe specific ways you have been involved in leading people to faith in Christ.

What churches, ministries, and leaders do you most admire? Who would you like to imitate in ministry? (May include both current examples and people from the past.)

What have you started in the past (inside and outside of the church)? List anything from churches, campus ministries, neighborhood Bible studies, clubs, to businesses, and/or teams. Include info about growth of organization, reason for leaving, and current status.

What areas or tasks in ministry do you need to delegate? Why?

If you sense a call to a particular group of people, please describe.

**THEOLOGY**

*Theological Affirmation - At New Life our commitment to sound doctrine is very important to who we are as a church and as leaders. After reading through our doctrinal statements, please indicate whether you are in agreement or not with them by highlighting your response.*

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| **God** God is the Creator and Ruler of the universe. He has eternally existed in three persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. These three are co-equal and are one God. Genesis 1:1,26,27; 3:22; Psalm 90:2; Matthew 28:19; 1 Peter 1:2; 1 Corinthians 13:14 | 1. Full Agreement 2. Agree, need clarity 3. Do not agree |
| **People** We are all made in the spiritual image of God, to be like Him in character. We are the supreme objects of God’s creation. Although mankind has tremendous potential for good, we are marred by disobedience toward God called “sin”. This state separates us from God. Genesis 1:27; Psalm 8:3-6; Isaiah 53:6a; Romans 3:23; Isaiah 59:1-2 | 1. Full Agreement 2. Agree, need clarity 3. Do not agree |
| **Eternity** We all were created to exist forever. We will either exist eternally separated from God by sin, or in union with God through forgiveness and salvation. The place of eternal separation from God is called Hell. Heaven is the place of eternal union and eternal life with God. John 3:16; Romans 6:23; Revelation 20:15 (hell); Matthew 25:41; Revelation 21:27 (heaven) | 1. Full Agreement 2. Agree, need clarity 3. Do not agree |
| **Jesus** Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He is co-equal with the Father. Jesus lived a sinless human life and offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all by dying on a cross. He arose from the dead after three days to demonstrate His power over sin and death. He ascended to Heaven’s glory and will return again to earth to reign as King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. Matthew 1:22,23; Isaiah 9:6; John 1:1-5; John 14:10-30; Hebrews 4:14,15; 1 Corinthians 15:3,4; Romans 1:3,4; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Timothy 6:14,15; Titus 2:13 13 | 1. Full Agreement 2. Agree, need clarity 3. Do not agree |
| **Salvation** Salvation is a gift from God to mankind. We can never make up for our sin by self-improvement or good works. Only by trusting in Jesus Christ as God’s offer of forgiveness can we be saved from sin’s penalty. Eternal life begins the moment we receive Jesus Christ into our life by repentance and faith. Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8,9; John 14:6; John 1:12; Titus 3:5; Galatians 3:26; Romans 5:1 | 1. Full Agreement 2. Agree, need clarity 3. Do not agree |
| **Eternal** **Security** Because God gives us eternal life through Jesus Christ, the believer is secure in their salvation for eternity. Salvation is maintained by the grace and power of God, not by the self-effort of the Christian. It is the grace and keeping power of God that gives this security. John 16:29; 2 Timothy 1:12; Hebrews 7:25; 10:10,14; 1 Peter 1:3-5 | 1. Full Agreement 2. Agree, need clarity 3. Do not agree |
| **The Spirit** The Holy Spirit is equal with the Father and Son as God. He is present in the world to make mankind aware of our need for Jesus Christ. He also lives in every Christian from the moment of salvation. He provides the Christian with power for living, understanding of spiritual truth, guidance in doing what is right, and spiritual gifts. 2 Corinthians 3:17; John 16:7-13; John 14:16,17; Acts 1:8; 1 Corinthians 2:12; 1 Corinthians 3:16; Ephesians 1:13; Galatians 5:25; Ephesians 5:18 | 1. Full Agreement 2. Agree, need clarity 3. Do not agree |
| **The Bible** The Bible alone is God’s word to all mankind. Its sixty-six books were written by human authors, under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is the supreme source of truth for Christian beliefs and living. Because it is inspired by God, it is truth without any mixture of error. 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20,21; 2 Timothy 1:13; Psalm 119:105, 160; Psalm 12:6;Proverbs 30:5 | 1. Full Agreement 2. Agree, need clarity 3. Do not agree |
| **The Church** All who are truly saved are a part of God’s worldwide church, and those who are truly saved are to be joined to a local church - a family of believers. The Bible calls believers to gather together to devote themselves to one another, to the teachings of Scripture, to worship, to prayer, to generous giving to the needs of others, and to celebrating baptism and communion. The church congregation is to respectfully submit, support and follow its God-ordained leaders. Its leaders are to guard, feed and lead the flock, especially in the work of evangelism and discipleship. All this is for the ultimate purpose of glorifying Christ. Acts 2:42-47; Romans 12:9-13; Ephesians 4:11-16; Hebrews 13:17 | 1. Full Agreement 2. Agree, need clarity 3. Do not agree |

**Financial Questions:**

Are you open to raising support to supplement your income?

Are you currently in debt? How much and what type of debt?

**Personal:**

**Brief Life History**

* Give a brief life history, highlighting major transition points, or crisis that have impacted you in a significant way. Include important events not otherwise reflected in this application. For example, if you have lost a family member, had a parent who was an alcoholic, you have had a serious illness, etc.
* Include a brief description as to what your family life was like growing up. How did you get along with each member of the family? What were the main problems in your family? Include a paragraph on your current family situation. What is really good about it? What major problems do you face in your family?

**Background Information**

*Answering yes to the following questions does not immediately disqualify you from residency*

Have you, at any time, been involved in or accused, rightly or wrongly, of sexual abuse, maltreatment, or neglect? Yes or No

Have you ever been accused or convicted of possession/sales of controlled substances or of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs? Yes or No

Have you been arrested or convicted for any criminal act more serious than a traffic violation? Yes or No

Is there anything in your past or current life that might be a problem if we found out about it later? Yes or No

If the answer to any of the above questions is yes, please attach another page and write a full explanation. These will be discussed confidentially during your interview.

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List 3 people that we may contact to ask about your application to be a pastor at a New Life Church Location.

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| Phone |  |
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| How many years have you known them? |  |
| What’s your relationship? |  |
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| What’s your relationship? |  |
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| What’s your relationship? |  |

Congratulations on finishing this application!

Please Email to Irene Vasquez at irenev@newlifechicago.org