

Governing Board Members in Attendance:

*Absent members

Church Leaders	Trustees	Finance Committee	Steering Committee
Joey Croft (Pastor)	Robert Godsey (GB/Chair)	Rod Eddleman (Chair/SPRC)	Kathy Giles (Chair)
Milanda Taylor (Lay Leader)	Keith Hamby	Scott Chandler	Sherry Newton
	Billy Lewis	Apryl Emmons (Sec)	Lana Bruno

Others in attendance:

GB Business Meeting Agenda

1. Opening Prayer

2. Review, update & approve meeting minutes from: 2023_08_15 NLMC GOV BB Minutes.

3. Committee Updates

a. Steering Committee

b. Finance Committee

c. Trustees Committee

- i. Moving forward on trustee work list, from last meeting it is unclear as to if the trustees have any funds to move forward on any projects. If yes what is that budget?
- ii. Daycare door was replaced total cost spent so far was \$720.64
There are still a few things that need to be complete on the door area.
- iii. Had issue in the House on the corner, ceiling collapse, due to water, leakage of drainage, pipe for a conditioning system. The pipe was patched, and the mess created cleaned up, the ceiling and floor still will need to be repaired. I would recommend that the piping for the air-conditioning drain be redone due to the fact of how brittle the pipe was where it was repaired.
- iv. Robert G provide Church cost sanctuary door security changes One time cost of \$4,605.92 & Monthly Brivo Access Standard Edition \$16.83 & Maint - Access Control (15 months) \$694.17. Is there any feedback?

4. Discussion about a youth director for New Life MC.

5. National Center for Life and Liberty (see attached email)

- a. Membership for NCLL needs to be renewed, set to expire in in 60 days of Sept 5.
 - i. Recommend a check for \$1,000 sent to NCLL to renew NLMC membership.
National Center for Life and Liberty
PO Box 5076
Largo, Florida 33779
888.233.NCLL (6255) | info@NCLL.org

- b. NCLL did send more paperwork to dissolving NLUMC. All paper work has been completed and signed. been received at NCLL for dissolving in NLUMC.
- c. Request approval for another \$104 for filling fees, we have sent \$100 so far for the filing fee.

- i. On 9.13.23 I received new email from NCLL with the following message:

From the email below: (or see attached email)

The filing fee to file the Dissolution documents is another \$104.00.

For the Articles of **Dissolution** and **Notice of Intent** it is \$100.00 each. The Portal charges an additional \$4.00.

- ii. Person working on the paper at NCLL:

Song Tarr

Paralegal for National Center for

Life and Liberty and Gibbs Law Firm, P.A.

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Office: (888) 233-6255

Direct Line: (727) 755-8542

- 6. **On September 10th Church Bylaw was approved** 34 yes to 3 no's and 1 non-vote. updated bylaws on web link to the updated bylaws: <https://newlifemethodistchurch.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Bylaws-NLMC-upd-9.10.23.pdf>

- a. Robert C put Original bylaws in church safe at the Bank..

- 7. **Bluehost web hosting for church website, they have Increased the cost of limited storage to six dollars a month. If we keep the current plan items will be removed after three years.**

- a. Between now and October 13th, you can upgrade to a 3-year Pro Hosting plan for only \$6 more per month. In addition to unlimited storage, you will get these features reserved for our best plan:

Unlimited SSD Website Storage

Premium SSL Certificate

Optimized Server Performance – Faster Page Load Speeds

Highest level of Concurrent Connections

Daily Website Backups

Domain Privacy

- b. Robert G recommend moving forward with since we've been storing documents for the governing board. If not we need another solution to keep up with electronic file storage and another way to share files. Request approval.

- 8. **Open Discussion.**

Next GB Meeting Tuesday October 17th 2023 @ 6:30 PM

Closing Prayer

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Opening Prayer: Pastor Joey Croft

1. Review, update & approve meeting minutes from: **2023_07_18 NLMC GOV BB Minutes & 2023.08.08 GM text message meeting.**
 - a. GB discussed the meaning of the term: adherents. Milanda understood the definition to be “members plus those who attend New Life regularly.” Robert understood the definition to be “non-members who attend New Life regularly.” GB agreed to the following definitions:
 - i. Adherents: members
 - ii. Affiliated adherents: non-members who attend New Life regularly
 - b. Kathy made a motion to approve the 7/18/23 and 8/8/23 minutes, with the exception noted in 1a above. Lana seconded. Motion passed unopposed.
2. Committee Updates
 - a. Steering Committee – Report by Kathy Giles
 - i. Kathy asked Billy Lewis to take Rod’s place on Trustees. Kathy made a motion to place Billy on the GB as a trustee. Rod seconded. Motion passed unopposed.
 - ii. Average attendance for July: 62
 - iii. When Regina resigned from GB, Steering Committee was asked to get quotes from an accountant for managing our financials. Kathy stated Cynthia Kenrick can do everything except write payroll checks each month. Cynthia gave a quote of \$450/month. Before we hire someone to take over financials, Rod will see how much time he has to put toward it.
 - iv. Elizabeth spent \$368 of outreach for a mother and her two children who had an issue with their rental property. Elizabeth paid for 1 night and 1 week at American Hotel.
 - b. Finance Committee – Report by Rod Eddleman
 - i. Rod reviewed the previous Profit & Loss (P&L) statement based on Carol’s updates. For the period January through July, we are about \$12,000 behind our budget tithing. By next month, Rod will have a better report on how we are doing.
 - ii. Robert printed the P&L for Jan – Aug 15 shows our tithes have been \$62,414.92 which gives a profit of \$54.51 after expenses. The daycare has paid \$11,097.83 in reimbursements for utilities, fees, etc. With tithes plus daycare reimbursements we have a profit of \$11,152.34.
 - iii. Robert has personally spent funds for trustees’ work. He submitted the receipts to the finance committee; finance committee will determine whether he should submit the receipts for reimbursement or as personal giving.
 - iv. Robert Godsey submitted estimates to the Finance Committee for the following:
 1. Dissolving New Life UMC as a corporation
 2. Quickbooks fees. The daycare was previously paying all the quickbooks fees. The church paid the last fee of ~\$500. Robert recommended that the

daycare and church pay the proper percentage based on their number of employees.

3. New security recommendations for church and daycare doors.

- v. There were concerns that designated funds (i.e., funds donated for a specific ministry) and budgeted funds (i.e., funds assigned to a ministry by the GB) are indistinguishable. Rod suggested perhaps we can use sub-accounts to separate the two types of funds.

c. Trustees Committee

i. Propose security changes for the daycare update.

1. New daycare door ordered. Estimate of \$8,585.41 for updated access system for sanctuary and daycare doors was submitted. This estimate includes a maglock door that controls who can come in and what times they can come in. Limits the times a teacher can be in the building. The system tracks their entry. Workers can enter with a phone app, swipe card, or enter code on keypad. Parents will not be given a code but will be granted access to the building by a worker, same as today. Features: walk up to door and will automatically unlock to leave the building. White button to push to get out of the building. GB members asked Robert to get a separate amount for the sanctuary door specifically, since the daycare board agreed to pay for the daycare door only.

ii. Moving forward on trustee work list, tracked by Robert.

iii. Trustees are working to trap the possums, other critters, etc. that have been in the walls and attic.

3. Bylaw/ Church conference September 10th

a. Questions from Church Member on bylaws: GB discussed questions below from church members who reviewed the bylaws. Pastor Joey will talk with these members regarding their questions prior to September 10.

i. Membership recognition does not appear to exist.

ii. Article 3 Section C

1. (e.g.) Were I automatically terminated, how do the members know? There appears to be nothing to stop me from attending service, participating in the lunches, etc. where I would be treated normally.

iii. Article 3 Section D.8

1. Again it appears that only the Board and the Pastor are aware that a person is only an affiliate.

2. I can see a privacy issue with public disclosure of membership, so is there a plan?

b. The GB determined that we will vote on the bylaws only on September 10 by paper ballot. Only members will be given a ballot, similar to the disaffiliation vote. Joey will facilitate the vote. Apryl will assist with counting the votes.

i. Pastor Joey will announce in Sunday services that the bylaws were approved by our legal counsel and members must be present to vote.

ii. Congregation will be notified that the vote will be a yes/no vote; any questions should be addressed to GB members prior to the vote.

4. Open Discussion and/or Outstanding Business.

a. Worship Committee

i. Movie Night – Another date will be selected due to conflicts.

1. CVLI – GB determined not to pay for CVLI.

b. Church Van

- i. In a previous GB meeting, the daycare relinquished the church van back to the church, noting they had already paid the \$665 annual insurance payment.
- ii. The GB agreed to sell the church van to the entity with the highest offer, with sale facilitated by Robert; any monies returned by the insurance company will then be reimbursed to the daycare.

Next GB meeting Tuesday September 19, 2023 @6:30 PM

Closing Prayer: Rod Eddleman

From: National Center for Life and Liberty info@ncll.org
Subject: Your Premier Partner status update with NCLL
Date: September 5, 2023 at 5:00 AM
To: rjgodsey@me.com



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YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS SET TO EXPIRE IN 60 DAYS

Dear Friend,

We're so grateful for the opportunity to stand alongside [your church] in these challenging times. Our office has been privileged to help **nearly 2,000 United Methodist Churches** just like yours through the disaffiliation process.

We are writing now because your membership is set to expire in 60 days. **To continue receiving crucial legal services as a Premier Partner, simply call our toll-free number 888-233-NCLL (6255) or click on this link to renew your membership.**

With a **Premier Partner Membership** today, you'll have uninterrupted access to our dedicated team of legal experts. Join the growing community of UMC churches that have placed their trust in the NCLL!

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Our **Premier Partner Membership** program allows you to focus on fulfilling the Great Commission and doing ministry work with fewer legal distractions, complications, and costs.

With your monthly or annual membership, the NCLL will provide:

- **Expert** counsel for legal questions and concerns
- **Drafting** of documents or contracts
- **Review** of documents and contracts
- **Access** to legal ministry templates
- **Assistance** with any residual issues related to your disaffiliation

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Our goal is always to **maximize ministry while minimizing liability**. Our mission is, as always, to provide guidance, support, and protection to churches throughout America to advance Christ's Great Commission.

Please pray that God would give the attorneys and staff of the NCLL wisdom and discernment this year so we can continue to advance the Kingdom for the glory of God.

Thank you for your continued support of our ministry.



God Bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David C. Gibbs III".

David C. Gibbs III

President and General Counsel

From: Song Tarr starr@ncll.org
Subject: Filing fee-03700-New Life Methodist Church
Date: September 13, 2023 at 9:11 AM
To: rjgodsey@me.com



Good morning-

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I apologize for any inconvenience.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

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BILL TO		JOB LOCATION	
Company: New Life Methodist Church	Company: New Life Methodist Church	Date: 2023-08-16	
Address: 5256 Main Street Grant, AL 35747	Address: 5256 Main Street Grant, AL 35747	Sales Rep: Blake Davis	
Contact: Robert Godsey	Contact: Robert Godsey	Phone:	
Phone: (771) 601 6814	Phone: (770) 601 6814	Email: blake.davis@gorrieregan.com	

TITLE
 Brivo Access Control Sanctuary Door

SCOPE OF WORK

Adding sanctuary door as an Addition to the Brivo 2 Door Controller Panel.

Installation of a keypad/card reader, maglock, p2exit, PIR on sanctuary door.

Network to be provided by NLMC.

Service Contract starts 90 days after signed Purchase Order.

50% Deposit/ 40% When Product Arrives At Warehouse and Project Scheduled/ 10% Upon Completion

PART NUMBER	MANUFACTURER	DESCRIPTION	QTY	
B-BSPKF-B	BRIVO	TRI-TECHNOLOGY READER WITH KEYPAD	1.00	
M62D		MAGLOCK, MODEL 62	1.00	
EEB2	Securitron	Push To Exit Button, 30 sec	1.00	
DS160	Bosch	PIR Request To Exit- White	1.00	
MISC-EXPENSE		Access Control Cable	1.00	
			Installation Services Total:	\$2,310.00
			SUBTOTAL:	\$4,475.96
			COUNTY:	\$43.33
			STATE:	\$86.63
			TOTAL:	\$4,605.92

SERVICE/SUPPORT AGREEMENT		QTY	
B-ACS-RDR-S1	Monthly Brivo Access Standard Edition - Tier 1	1.00	\$16.83
Maint - AMAG & Ccure	Maint - Access Control	1.00	\$677.34
Service Fees Total:			\$694.17

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BUYER: _____ (Print Name) SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

From: Bluehost no-reply@e.bluehost.com
Subject: Important Update to Your Hosting Plan
Date: September 5, 2023 at 12:01 PM
To: rjgodsey@me.com



Storage and website limits to be enforced | [View in Browser](#)



Hi Robert,

On, or after, November 1st 2023, your Bluehost Shared Hosting plan will be updated to include storage and website limits. Meaning, you will no longer have access to unlimited storage. This industry-wide practice is to ensure the highest level of service and uptime, while also maximizing website performance for customers.

To help in the transition, we are extending an exclusive offer to our existing customers that allows you to keep unlimited storage for the next 3 years.

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- Unlimited SSD Website Storage
- Premium SSL Certificate
- Optimized Server Performance – Faster Page Load Speeds
- Highest level of Concurrent Connections
- Daily Website Backups

- Domain Privacy

Take advantage of this special offer** now and increase the features and capacity of your website.

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Sincerely,
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