

Be Humble. Love God. Make Disciples.

NLC Statements, Strategy, and Structure

1.) Where did the name New Level Church come from?

Last January 2016, we started praying for a vision and a name for our church. In one accord, our founding families established the following prayer list:

- It must align with the mission and vision that God has commanded us to fulfill (Matthew 28:18-20; Proverbs 29:18).
- It must allow us to operate in our spiritual gifts and release us according to our Fivefold graces/gifts (Ephesian 4:11).
- It must represent every Christ-centered, Bible-based, Spirit-filled, Family-oriented Christian believer (John 14:6; John 4:24).
- It must emphasize the Lord's two greatest commandments: "to love God and to love others" (Matthew 22:34-40).
- It must unite multicultural, multiethnic, and multigenerational followers of Christ (Galatians 3:28).
- It must bring a challenge of transformation and reformation for each believer (2 Corinthians 3:18; Psalm 84:7; Romans 1:17).
- It must be easy to remember yet propound; contemporary yet Spirit-sensitive; simple yet prophetic.

After five months of prayer and fasting, God spoke to us in a vision through our Founding Pastor. The Lord told him, ***"I will give you a new level of ministry as you learn to humble yourself"*** (Luke 14:10). New Level Church was born from this vision!

2.) When was the New Level Church's legal entity established?

Upon receiving the vision from the Lord, we immediately looked up if the name "New Level Church" was not in use. Amazingly, it was available indeed! Without delay, we acquired the online domain name and applied for the legal entity in the State of California. **Last July 15, 2016, the New Level Church was birthed.** Within a year, the 501(c)(3) tax exemption was approved at the state and federal levels. Glory to God! Hallelujah!

We celebrate the church's anniversary every October since the soft launch of New Level Church was held last October 15, 2016, three months after our legal entity was established. Our name, New Level Church, is also known as NLC!

3.) What is NLC's life verse?

"But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your Host comes He may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you" Luke 14:10 (ESV). The Lord wants His disciples to "move up higher." He wants to give us a new level of ministry (John 14:12) as we learn to humble ourselves.

"God desires each follower of Christ to be promoted from one level to the next: from a believer to a disciple, and from a disciple to a disciple-maker, and the key is humility + love! The Lord wants His children to receive a new level of faith, blessings, anointing, power, and fire on a regular and recurrent basis, and the key once again is humility + love!" ~ Dr. Ronnie Tejada

4.) What is NLC's Mission Statement?

OUR MISSION

New Level Church is committed to fulfill the Great Commission globally, to evangelize to people, to disciple them, and to commission them. We promote Jesus, His ministry, and the Body of Christ.

IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS!

5.) What is NLC's Vision Statement?

OUR VISION

WHAT: EveryOne to Fulfill the Great Commission

WHERE: EveryWhere to Share the Gospel

WHEN: EveryDay to Live Like Christ

WHO: EveryPeople to Disciple and Be Discipled

WHY: EveryBody to Experience God's Promises

HOW: Five E's of Discipleship

ENCOUNTER (Matthew 22:37-39)

- To be in line with Jesus' Ministry and Scripture.
- To care for the needs of all in spirit, soul, and body.

EVANGELIZE (Acts 1:8)

- To share the Gospel and the love of Christ to all.
- To reach all in God's ways, will, statutes, and ordinances so that all can receive the promises of His Word.

ESTABLISH (Matthew 7:24-25)

- To be transformed by God's Word and by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- To work as one body, communicating with one another to accomplish His will.

EQUIP (Ephesians 4:11-12)

- To build each member of the body in their purpose and calling so each can fulfill the Great Commission and walk in God's blessing.
- To speak prophetic words of life into all and seek God's will for everyone that God sends.

EMPOWER (Matthew 28:18-20)

- To duplicate the efforts establishing Jesus' ministries in all parts of the globe.
- To promote Jesus, His ministry, and the Body of Christ.

Jesus wants to elevate us to a new level of ministry. He proclaimed in **John 14:12**, "**Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in Me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these...**" We believe in Him and understand that "**humility + love is the key to a new level of ministry!**"

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6.) Does NLC believe in the Fivefold Ministry?

Yes! We believe Jesus gave the Church: apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers "*to equip His people for works of service, so that the Body of Christ may be built up*" (Ephesians 4:11-12). As they work together in unity, they become the pillars that hold up the Tabernacle, which is the Body of Christ, the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit.

The focus of the New Level Church is to help each disciple of Christ find their purpose, calling, and position in the Body and then help them fulfill the Great Commission every step of the way. In the Book of Acts, the early Christian Church set an example to follow, which is what the New Level Church continues to do today—all for God's glory!

7.) What is NLC's summary of beliefs?

Our church's bylaws and constitution outlined the Tenets of Faith of New Level Church. The following is the summary of our beliefs:

The Bible - The Bible is God's Word to all people. It was written by human authors under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. Because it was inspired by God, the Bible is truth without any mixture of error and is completely relevant to our daily lives.

Deuteronomy 4:1-2; Psalms 119:11, 89, 105; Isaiah 40:8; Matthew 22:29; John 5:39; 16:13-15; 17:17; Romans 15:4; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; Hebrews 1:1-2; 4:12; 1 Peter 1:25; 2 Peter 3:16

Trinity - God has existed in relationship with Himself for all eternity. He exists as one God in three persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Although each member of the Trinity serves different functions, they each possess equal power and authority.

Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 61:1; Matthew 28:19; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 1:35; John 5:21-23; 14:10, 16; Romans 8:9-11; 1 Corinthians 8:6; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Hebrews 1:8-10; James 2:19

The Father - God is great: He is all-powerful, all-knowing, ever-present, unchanging, completely worthy of our trust, and above all, Holy. It is in Him that we live, move, and exist. God is good. He is our Father. He is loving, compassionate, and faithful to His people and His promises.

Exodus 3:14; Numbers 23:19; Leviticus 11:44-45; 19:2; Psalm 11:4-6; Malachi 3:6; John 3:16; 4:24; 5:26; 14:1; Acts 17:28; Romans 3:3-4

The Son - Jesus Christ is completely human but, at the same time, completely God. He is the only plan for bringing people who are far from God back into the right relationship with God. He lived a perfect life so that He could be a substitution for us in satisfying God's demands for perfection. He defeated death in His resurrection so that we can have life.

Isaiah 7:14; 53; Matthew 1:18-23; 3:17; 8:29; 14:33; 16:16; 28:5-6; Luke 22:70; 24:46-47; John 1:1, 14; 10:30; 11:25-27; 17:1-5; Acts 1:9; 2:22-24; 7:55-56; Romans 1:3-4; 3:23-26; 8:1-3; 10:4; 1 Corinthians 8:6; 2 Corinthians 5:19-21; Gal 4:4-5; Philippians 2:5-11; Colossians 1:15; 2:9; 1 Timothy 2:5-6; 3:16

The Holy Spirit - The Holy Spirit's presence assures us of our relationship with Christ. He guides believers into all truth and exalts Christ. He convicts people of their sin, God's righteousness, and the coming judgment. He comforts us, gives us spiritual gifts, and makes us more like Christ.

Genesis 1:2; Psalm 51:11; 139:7 ff.; Isaiah 61:1-3; Joel 2:28-32; Mark 1:10; Lk 1:35; 4:1; 11:13; 12:12; John 15:26; 16:7-14; Acts 1:8; 2:1-4; 13:2; Romans 8:9-11, 14-16, 26-27; 1 Corinthians 3:16; Ephesians 1:13-14; 2 Peter 1:21; Revelation 22:17

Eternity - Man was created to exist forever. He will exist either eternally separated from God by sin or in union with God through forgiveness and salvation. To be eternally separated from God is Hell. To be eternally in union with Him is Heaven. Heaven and Hell are places of eternal existence.

John 3:16, 36; Romans 6:23; 1 John 2:25; 5:11-13; Revelation 20:15

Man - Man is made in the image of God and is the supreme object of His creation. Man was created to have fellowship with God but became separated in that relationship through sinful disobedience. As a result, man cannot attain the right relationship with God through his own effort. God wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

Genesis 1:26-30; 2:7, 18-22; 3; Psalms 8:3-6; 32:1-5; 51:5; Isaiah 6:5; Jeremiah 17:5; Acts 17:26-31; Romans 1:19-32; 3:10-18, 23; 5:6; 6:6; 7:14-25; 1 Corinthians 1:21-31; 15:19, 21-22; Ephesians 2; Colossians 1:21-22; 3:9-11; 1 Timothy 2:4

Salvation - The blood of Jesus Christ, shed on the cross, provides the only way of salvation through the forgiveness of sin. Salvation occurs when people place their faith in the death and resurrection of Christ as sufficient payment for their sins. Salvation is a gift from God, and it cannot be earned through our own efforts.

Isaiah 1:18; 53:5-6; 55:7; Matthew 1:21; 27:22-66, 28:1-6; Luke 1:68-69; 2:28-32; John 1:12; 3:16, 36; 5:24; Acts 2:21; 4:12; 16:30-31; Romans 1:16-18; 3:23-25; 5:8-10; 6; 1 Corinthians 1:18; 2 Corinthians 5:17-20; Galatians 2:20; 3:13; Ephesians 2:8-10; Philippians 2:12-13; Hebrews 9:24-28; Revelation 3:20

The Church - The Church is a local community of baptized believers unified through faith in Christ. It is committed to the teachings of Christ and obeying all of His commands, and it seeks to bring the Gospel to the world. The Church works together in love and unity, intent on the ultimate purpose of glorifying Christ.

Matthew 16:18-19; 18:15-20; Acts 2:41-47; 5:11-14; 13:1-3; 14:23; 16:5; 20:28; 1 Corinthians 7:17; 9:13-14; 12; Ephesians 1:22-23; 2:19-22; 3:10-12; 5:22-32; Colossians 1:18; 3:15; 1 Timothy 4:14; 1 Peter 5:1-4; Revelation 21:2-3

8.) What are NLC's core values?

New Level Church has twenty binary Biblical values as follows:

- i.) The Great Commandment + The Great Commission (Matthew 22:37-39; Matthew 28:18-20)
- ii.) Word + Spirit (John 4:24)
- iii.) Grace + Truth (John 1:14, 17)
- iv.) Revival + Reformation (Acts 3:19-21)
- v.) The Kingdom (Basileia) + The Church (Ekklesia) (Matthew 16:18-19)
- vi.) Apostle + Prophets (Ephesians 2:20)
- vii.) Justification + Sanctification (1 Corinthians 6:11)
- viii.) Power + Presence (Acts 1:8)
- ix.) Marriage + Family (Genesis 2:24)
- x.) Honor + Generosity (Proverbs 3:9-10)
- xi.) Tithes + Offerings (Malachi 3:8-12)
- xii.) Kings + Priests (Revelation 1:6)
- xiii.) Servant + Leader (Matthew 20:25-28)
- xiv.) Women + Children (Youth) (Acts 2:17)
- xv.) Jews + Gentiles (Galatians 3:28)
- xvi.) Healing + Deliverance (Mark 16:15-18)
- xvii.) Worship + Prayer (Acts 13:2-3)
- xviii.) Identity + Inheritance (Romans 8:14-17)
- xix.) Righteousness + Justice (Psalms 89:14)
- xx.) Justice + Mercy (Micah 6:8)

9.) What are NLC's affiliations?

Last August 15, 2017, New Level Church was affiliated with Harvest International Ministry (HIM). HIM is an apostolic network committed to fulfilling the Great Commission through church planting, equipping and strengthening leaders, and advancing the justice mandate.

As a member of HIM, we have the following benefits:

- Apostolic alignment and spiritual covering from HIM's apostle and international apostolic team.
- Network with like-minded leaders.
- Equipping and mentoring to further our calling.
- Involvement in an international family in which our ministry is receiving prayer and support.
- Apostolic and pastoral counsel as needed and requested.
- Visitation and ministry from an HIM apostolic member when practical.
- Opportunity to be in relationship with other leaders and national speakers at HIM pre-conference meetings, retreats, and regional events.
- And other benefits...

As a member of HIM, we have three main commitments:

- We are apostolically aligned with the apostle of HIM and the presiding apostolic team.
- We make it a priority to attend our annual LeaderShift Conferences in Pasadena, CA.
- We financially support HIM, being led by the Spirit and by grace.

Aside from affiliation with HIM, we are also part of the apostolic family of River of God (ROG), Mercy International (MI), Endtime Ministries International Bible University (EMIBU), Full Gospel Assemblies International (FGAI) and Chaplaincy of Full Gospel Churches (CFGC).

10.) What is NLC's church's government?

New Level Church has bylaws and constitution that defines her church's government. "While maintaining its inherent rights to sovereignty in the conduct of its own affairs, this assembly shall be governed by the principles, rules, faith, and practices adopted by this assembly." ~ NLC Bylaws and Constitution – Published on October 1, 2016

NLC has three sets of officers: Council of Elders, Board of Trustees, and Fivefold Leadership Team. The Apostolic Leader shall be an ex-officio member, leading and overseeing all of the three:

- i.) Council of Elders (COE) – In NLC, we believe in a singular Apostolic Leader (Founding Pastor) and a Council of Elders (other Pastors). The role of the Council of Elders is to build and care for the New Level Church. It is the responsibility of the Apostolic Leader to provide spiritual direction for the Council of Elders and the congregation as to the vision of the church. The Council of Elders works together in unity, by the anointing and power of the Holy Spirit, to impart spiritual growth to each member of the church—regardless of their maturity level. There are four levels of "spiritual food" that the Council of Elders provides for everyone at NLC: Pulpit Ministry, Life Group Bible Study, Leadership and Discipleship Training, and Bible School/Seminary. There's always a new level of spiritual growth for everyone at NLC!
- ii.) Board of Trustees (BOT) – The role of the Board of Trustees is to "steer the organization towards a sustainable future by adopting sound, ethical and legal governance, and financial management policies, as well as by making sure the non-profit has adequate resources to advance its mission." (Council of Non-Profits) The Board of Trustees oversees the Finance Team, which shall account for all funds contributed to the church and shall disburse the same as directed by the Council of Elders and Fivefold Leadership Team.
- iii.) Fivefold Leadership Team (FLT) – The Fivefold Leadership Team is made up of the following ministerial offices: Apostolic Leader (Founding/Lead Pastor), Prophetic Leader (Executive Pastor), Evangelistic Leader (Associate Pastor), Pastoral Leader (Associate Pastor), and Teaching Leader (Associate Pastor). The purpose of the Fivefold Leadership Team (and the Ministry Networks) is to promote an environment that equips and releases the members and participants of New Level Church.

11.) What are the standards of membership and the duties of each member in NLC?

- i.) The Standard of Membership in the New Level Church shall be: (a.) Evidence of a genuine experience in regeneration or the new birth (John 1:12-13, 3:3-8; 1 Peter 1:18-25); (b.) Evidence of a consistent Christian life (Romans 6:4, 8:1-4, 13:13-14; Ephesians 4:17-32, 5:1-2, 15; 1 John 1:6-7); (c.) To fully subscribe to the Tenets of Faith outlined in the constitution; (d.) Readiness to be governed by God-given authority and the constitutional rules of order adopted by the church; and (e.) Willingness to contribute regularly—according to their ability—to support the vision and mission of NLC.
- ii.) The Duties of each Member - On becoming a member of New Level Church, each one covenant to love, honor, and esteem the Apostolic Leader, Council of Elders, and Fivefold Leadership Team; to pray for them; and to recognize their authority in spiritual affairs of the church; to cherish a brotherly love for all members of the church; to support the church in prayer, tithes, offerings and with other financial support as the Lord enables; and in accordance with Biblical commands to support through a life-style walk affirmation of the beliefs and practices of the church.
- iii.) Discipline of a Member - Discipline involving two or more members is based on Biblical principles in Matthew 18:15-18 and Galatians 6:1-2.

12.) What is NLC’s “philosophy of ministry” or spiritual DNA?

New Level Church is a “**Spirit-sensitive**” church and NOT a “seeker-sensitive.”

	Seeker-sensitive (others)	Spirit-sensitive (NLC)
Guest Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellence • Good signage • Guest-friendly • Guest cards • Quality child care • Friendly greeters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellence • Good signage • Guest-friendly • Guest cards • Quality child care • Friendly greeters
Service Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hour service • Salvation in seat • Offering in the back 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 ½ hours or more • Salvation in front • Tithes and offerings
Message & Focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark 16:15 • Focused on unbelievers • Purpose-driven • Message: Filling their needs • Jesus is Savior • No offensive messages • Get people to heaven 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matthew 28:18-20 • Focused on all • Presence-driven • Message: Equipping the saints • Jesus is Lord • Whole counsel • Bringing heaven to earth
Spirit-led Expressions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drama & art-friendly • No flags & shofars • No to dancing • No to ministry time • No to prophecy • No to healing • Politically correct • No to apostles and prophets • No to spontaneity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drama & art-friendly • Prophetic flags & shofars • Prophetic dancing • Yes to ministry time • Yes to prophecy • Yes to healing • Biblically correct • Yes to the five-fold • Yes to the Spirit’s lead

NLC Membership Application and Affirmation:

APPLICATION

Name: _____ Birthday: ____/____/____

Address: _____

Telephone: (____) - _____ E-mail: _____

Talents and gifts? _____

In what area of the ministry are you interested in participating? _____

Have you received Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior? Yes No

Have you been baptized as a believer? Yes No

Are you in agreement with NLC’s statements, strategy, and structure? Yes No

AFFIRMATION

Having received Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior and been baptized, and being in agreement with New Level Church’s statements, strategy, and structure, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the New Level Church family. In doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other members to do the following:

I Will Protect The Unity Of My Church

✦ *By acting in love towards others.* ✦ *By refusing to gossip and resolving conflicts using Matthew 18:15-18.* ✦ *By following leaders.*

I Will Share The Responsibility Of My Church

✦ *By praying for its growth.* ✦ *By inviting the unchurched.* ✦ *By warmly welcoming those who visit.*

I Will Serve The Ministry Of My Church

✦ *By discovering my gifts and talents.* ✦ *By being equipped to serve.* ✦ *By developing a servant’s heart.*

I Will Support The Testimony Of My Church

✦ *By attending faithfully.* ✦ *By living a growing and Godly life.* ✦ *By giving regularly.*



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Applicant’s Signature / Date