**New Life Church of Central Michigan**

### Church and Community Overview

### We are a Word driven, prayer focused church who’s purpose is to be and make disciples of Jesus Christ. Our single Sunday worship service offers a blend of contemporary and traditional music. Our members are involved with many local ministries and organizations.

### New Life Church of Central Michigan is nestled in Mid-Michigan between the communities of Mt. Pleasant and Shepherd. We are uniquely positioned near a large University (CMU) and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. Mt. Pleasant offers fabulous parks, highlighted by the Chippewa River, many family activities, and a vibrant downtown shopping district. It has the appeal of a big city combined with the charm of a small town. The Village of Shepherd is a small and friendly town with strong community involvement. It hosts the Maple Syrup Festival each year in which we enjoy participating.

### Formerly known as Shepherd Church of the Brethren, New Life Church of Central Michigan was founded in 1915 in the Church of the Brethren denomination. We have always been a strong family church with some current members related to the church founders. We sponsored the first Vacation Bible School in Isabella County the summer of 1927 and this has been a strong ministry of ours throughout the years.

### A college and career ministry was initiated in 1996 called Standing in the Gap. While starting at Central Michigan University it spread to Ferris State University, Saginaw Valley University and Northwood University. This ministry was birthed out of New Life but is not now a current ministry of our church. We currently support the CRU college ministry at CMU and Mid-Michigan Community College.

### In 1997 the church name was changed to New Life Christian Fellowship. Around this time, we had two Sunday morning worship services for about 6 years before returning to one. Over the years many improvements and several additions were made to the building but in the early 2000’s we decided to build a new building on the same property. In 2009 we had the first service in our new building and a few years later the original building was demolished.

### Due to changes within the Church of the Brethren regarding their stance on scripture, we as a church left the denomination and joined with Converge MidAmerica as an independent church in 2016. We also changed our name again to New Life Church of Central Michigan. Our reliance on scripture for direction drives us to fulfill our purpose as the body of Christ.

### Find us on the web at [newlifemtp.com](http://newlifemtp.com/).

### Job Overview

We are looking for a servant leader, who is highly relational, with a clear vision for local, regional and global ministry. He will need to have strong communication skills (both in the pulpit and inter-personally), a calling for developing new leaders, a passion for reaching people far from God, and the ability to motivate others to be a part of God’s redemptive cause. He will need to understand and work with our existing partnerships with Converge MidAmerica and Converge Worldwide.

**Formal Responsibilities**

**Leadership Skills**

* The creativity to envision new possibilities for the ministry of New Life Church of Central Michigan.
* The ability to think strategically about opportunities and challenges.
* Identify and communicate clear goals and eﬀective strategies to achieve them.
* Realistically assess situations and take appropriate actions.
* The awareness of and ability to employ current technology for eﬀective ministry.
* Shepherd and lead Elders and Deacons and ministry leaders.

**Communication Skills**

* + Strong biblical preaching for life transformation.
	+ The ability to teach and communicate God’s Word in a variety of settings.
	+ Promote and communicate the vision for New Life Church of Central Michigan.
	+ Be involved with written communications throughout the church.
	+ Oversee worship planning and preparation to inspire the church and reach the community.

**Relationship Skills**

* A strong encourager and lover of people.
* Eﬀective at interpersonal communication both as a listener and a speaker.
* Able to develop and employ the unique strengths of others.
* Able to be a healing presence in conflicted relationships both personal and corporate.

# Qualifications

## **Personal Qualities**

* Meet the New Testament requirements for office as listed in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:6-9.
* A strong devotional and prayer life.
* An inherent grace orientation in their relationship to God and other people.
* Energy and passion in implementing ministry.
* Attitudes and behaviors guided by biblical principles

**Professional Qualities**

* Embrace and hold the Affirmation of Faith of Converge MidAmerica & New Life Church of Central Michigan.
* Maintain a perspective in theology and policy that is creedally orthodox, and historically Protestant and evangelical.
* Have a Master of Divinity degree, Master of religious Education degree, or Theologically based Master’s Degree from an accredited seminary or Bible College.
* A minimum of ten years of pastoral ministry is preferred.
* The willingness to relocate to the mid-Michigan area for the indefinite future.

**Application Process**

Interested applicants should apply by visiting *https://* [*www.convergeplacementnetwork.org/*.](http://www.convergeplacementnetwork.org/)

## No need to email a resume or cover letter.

Please contact Kirsten at Converge MidAmerica with any questions.

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