

## **Board of Stewards Report 2021-2022**

“And let us not grow weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up” Galatians 6:9 (NIV)

The realities of this pandemic may have thwarted some plans, but we are grateful to see the planting of some new seeds, and hopeful for the harvest.

Stewards provide oversight and support at various levels in our church community, and the privilege of serving despite challenges, is only by God’s grace. We offer our time and gifts in service and administration, in cooperation with the pastoral team and staff to promote the cause of Christian stewardship.

### **Prayer:**

Sister Sharon Davis and team continue to lead our monthly virtual third Saturday prayer and fasting, with active engagement of Latino, men, women, married and children’s ministries. As of 12 am February 20, 2022, a new 24-hour prayer line started with a focus on children and youth; it has organically grown with reading of scriptures, prayers, testimonies, music, and sharing among the brethren.

Daily morning, Friday and Saturday prayers continue, and we are encouraged with the growing participation of men in these forums.

### **Compassionate Ministry:**

Practical support to members of our church and wider community continues through Bronx Bethany Community Corporation (BBCC), Nazarene Missions International (NMI) and many volunteers. Thank you.

### **Membership Assimilation:**

The GROW team under the leadership of Sisters Shyrrill Powell and Francine Palmer-Mullings coordinates the membership assimilation process through Fresh Start, Bridge, and Spirit Filled classes. Thanks to the team of leaders who facilitates these classes.

Stewards participated in the preparation of candidates for baptism and reception into fellowship.

A team continues to coordinate and maintain the database of our church community.

### **Care for Sick & Shut:**

Thanks to the group of committed members who serve our sick and shut-ins, we are grateful and continue to encourage wider congregational participation.

Special thanks to Sis Frances Williams, Claudette Daley and Danielle Baptiste for your assistance in this area.

**Pastoral Support:**

We continue to pray for and support members of our pastoral staff and their families; some anniversaries and birthdays were recognized, and there was a presentation of gifts for pastoral appreciation in October 2021.

**Bereavement Acknowledgement and Support:**

Thanks for the faithful assistance of the pastoral and church staff including Sisters Pansy Thomas, Everitt Palmer and Coleen Mendes who coordinate support to families with loss of immediate family members.

**Challenges:**

Youth engagement continues to be a challenge, but we are hopeful for better times as new plans are implemented.

**Acknowledgements:**

We thank our Lead Pastor, Dr. Richard Griffiths, David Vassel, our Executive Director, Pastoral team, staff, and everyone who served in the various ministries within our church.

Thank you for allowing us to serve in this capacity, the work continues, and we are assured and “confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion, until the day of Christ Jesus” Phil 1:6 (NIV).

Respectfully submitted,

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