

Qualities of Life-Giving People

READ: 1 Peter 3:8-12

⁸ Finally, all of you should be of one mind. Sympathize with each other. Love each other as brothers and sisters. Be tenderhearted, and keep a humble attitude.

⁹ Don't repay evil for evil. Don't retaliate with insults when people insult you. Instead, pay them back with a blessing. That is what God has called you to do, and he will grant you his blessing.

¹⁰ For the Scriptures say,
"If you want to enjoy life
and see many happy days,
keep your tongue from speaking evil
and your lips from telling lies.

¹¹ Turn away from evil and do good.
Search for peace, and work to maintain it.

¹² The eyes of the Lord watch over those who do right,
and his ears are open to their prayers.
But the Lord turns his face
against those who do evil."

REFLECT & RESPOND: NewDay Community Questions

1) What does God want to do in us and through us to continue to experience and share the life-changing difference that comes from knowing and following Jesus?

2) "Where" does God want us to be so we might be effective in living out our mission, vision, and core values together?

"Make a careful exploration of who you are
and the work you have been given, and then sink yourself into that!"
(Galatians 6:4 MSG)



NewDay Leadership Team Candidates

Dale Christensen

I have been retired since 2016, having spent 39 years working as a chemist at IBM. I enjoy studying books and articles on creation and seeing His fingerprints on all that He has made. One of my favorite pastimes is fishing where I can be out in nature and sensing God's presence in his creation. I also enjoy do-it-yourself activities around the house and usually have some home improvement project going. I have two adult children who live in the area with a total of nine grandchildren and spend as much time as I can with them and attending their activities. I feel I have been truly blessed to have such a close relationship with them. One of the things I enjoy most when I am with my grandkids is that they love to talk about God and are not afraid to ask good questions. This has become one of my ministries. I am looking forward to being on the leadership team because I believe NewDay is going through a lot of changing circumstances, and it will be an exciting time to see where God is leading us.



Julie Cunningham



I've been a member of the NewDay congregation for approximately the past 10 years with my family; husband, Jim, and now grown children Abby, along with husband Jacob, and our son Nick. I love spending time with my family and friends through travel or hobbies such as dog walking, biking, golfing, and quilting. We are a dog loving family and appreciate the joy they provide us through their unconditional love. In the fall, we regularly travel south to Iowa City to Kinnick Stadium to cheer on our beloved Hawkeye football team- this is one of my happy places. One of the things that especially fills my cup is the opportunity to give back through volunteering and the few mission trips I've been fortunate to join. I hope for the opportunity to travel to Addis Ketema to visit our mission partners someday. My work has also been a source of pride and joy. I've been at the Mayo Clinic in the pharmacy department for the past 30 years. First as a pharmacist and now as an administrator.

I'm looking forward to being a leader at NewDay because of the opportunities to help lead our church family over the next several years when big changes will occur. I have a lot of experience at work with leading in an environment of change and learned many lessons over the years.

This is an opportunity for me to experience deeper growth in my relationship with each of you and Jesus.

As I reflect on how Jesus has been making a difference in my life, I realize it's often through my relationships and times when I've given of myself when he most blesses me. I've prayed for greater awareness of opportunities in my life and believe the next 3 years working with the leadership team at NewDay is an important journey in my walk with God.

Cindi Halleen

My work has been varied over the years. I have worked with the elderly, raised a family, taught preschool and currently provide daycare for my grandchildren. When my cup is low, a ride in the country with my husband Richard, a get together with a friend, or getting my hands in the soil fills it. Over the last few months as we have been corporately listening for God's voice concerning New Day, I believe God has assured us that He has made us ready to lead others to an encounter with Jesus...first time encounters and ongoing, more intimate encounters. Encounters with Jesus change lives and changed lives change cultures. That is what excites me!



Mickey Hofer

Currently, the word that comes to mind to me is "freedom". Jesus is making the biggest difference in my life by offering me the freedom that comes from following him. At this phase of my life, I still feel faced with many decisions that will shape my life to come. Lately Christ has been showing me the freedom of surrender. I can relax in the chaos knowing that I may not know his purposes, but "his purposes will always come to fruition". This sentiment

gave me freedom. It is also a theme I have loved to explore when reading the bible. There are many stories where God's will is done, regardless of what the people's actions were along the way - the actions cannot change God's direction - it can only make the journey more or less enjoyable!

I am a critical care trained pharmacist who spends most of my time working in the Neurosciences ICU at Saint Mary's Hospital. It is a job that I spent many years training for, and it gives me great joy. It has been fun to reflect and see all the ways that God has worked in my life for me to be where I am today.

(Mickey continued) Things that fill my cup include: time with friends and family (especially nieces and nephews!), animals (I have two cats and an adorable beagle), creativity expressed through crafts (currently I have a couple sewing and cross stitch projects underway), and physical activity (pickleball, hiking, & weightlifting).

I am looking forward to being a leader at NewDay because my faith would not be where it is today without this community. I strongly believe in the mission, and I know Christ will use us for his purposes. Christ created us all uniquely and we have all been shaped in different ways. I desire to bring my Christ-given uniqueness and experiences to lead NewDay.

NewDay Leadership Team

Purpose. The Leadership Team shall be responsible for building, maintaining and overseeing the spiritual welfare of the congregation and for directing and overseeing all ministries and business affairs of the church.

Composition. The Leadership Team will be comprised of not less than 5 nor more than 9 mission partners of legal age, one of whom will be the Lead Pastor (ex officio). The Leadership Team may appoint other pastors, staff, or mission partners as non-voting advisors, and may remove the same.

Qualification. Any mission partner of the church meeting the biblical standards of character and giftedness for church leadership and is of legal age may be nominated and elected to the Leadership Team.

NewDay *Envisioning Our Ministry Values*

- 1. We are a community that has a passion to serve others.**
- 2. We are a community that longs for deeper life relationships with God and others.**
- 3. We are passionate about investing in children, youth, and families.**
- 4. We are a people who have a desire to be led by and experience the power of the Holy Spirit in everyday life.**

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