

# New Covenant Fellowship

May 18, 2025

## Clarifying Our Calling

by Pastor Renée Antrosio



“Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?”  
Simon replied, ‘Yes, Lord, you know I love you.’  
Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my lambs.’”

**John 21: 15 (CEB)**

### ORDER OF SERVICE

#### Instruments of Your Peace

Welcome (Vern Fein)

#### You Say

Sharing (Quentin for Habitat)

Prayer (Mark Foley)

#### I Have a River

John 21:1-14 (Sabas family)

#### O the Deep Deep Love

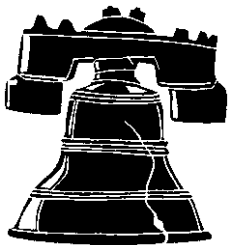
Teaching (Pastor Renée)

#### Walking on Water (Jim Croegaert)

#### Beautiful Things

Benediction (Ron Simkins)

#### More Love, More Power



### BENEDICTION

O God, your Son remained with his disciples  
after his resurrection,  
teaching them to love all people as neighbors.  
Open our hearts to your power moving  
around us and between us and within us,  
until your glory is revealed  
in our love of both friend and enemy,  
in communities transformed  
by justice and compassion,  
and in the healing of all that is broken.  
Amen

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Childcare Needed**—We are looking for 1-2 people to serve in our children’s ministry. Position pays per Sunday depending on experience, or volunteer! This is a great way to get to know NCF kids and serve their families! Contact Pastor Melissa via the Contact List.

**Contact List**—Please view via the newsletter link and help us update our directory! Add or edit your information by emailing Carolyn Vance via the same list.

**Leadership Team**—Studying how Jesus multiplied the gift of a few loaves and fishes to feed everyone with enough, we are encouraged that God provides abundantly even when we are faced with a seemingly impossible shortage. Our 2025 expenditures exceed our income by about \$6000/month, so we have been using our savings from earlier years. As we adjust our MMJ budget to focus on fewer ministries with which we are most involved, we thank God for the gifts we have been given, and pray that Jesus will multiply them to abundantly provide for all of our needs. [Summary here.](#)

**Practicing Contemplation**—*2 more spots!* Join Sher-  
een Arulpragasam and Jim Linder the next 4 Tuesdays

(4-5pm) for meditation/contemplation practices at Jim’s home (409 West Illinois Street). To join, talk to Shereen or Jim (please use the Contact List).

**NCF ‘FAMILY’ Concert:** Yes, the talented musicians of NCF will again have an outdoor concert on Friday June 6th, 7:00-8:30pm at the Kaufmann-Freedman residence (see Contact List). Cost of admission—bring a friend, a snack and/or a chair (last year we had 40 people!). Room for kids or adults to run or jump as well!

#### Upcoming Events:

May 28 Pre-service Prayer NCF Library, 9:45am  
June 5 Reparations Town Hall, 7pm  
June 6 NCF Music Night @Kaufmann/Freedman’s

#### — Happenings Beyond NCF —

**Reparations Town Hall**—The Champaign-Urbana Reparations Coalition hosts a town hall with a panel of Reparations activists, Thursday, June 5, 7 pm, at the Church of the Living God, 312 E. Bradley Ave, Champaign. Pastor Renée will also present on our Reparations Pilot Project.

### CONTACTS

**Leadership Team:** LT@ncf-cu.com, Vern F, Valerie H, Nancy M, Elizabeth R, Pastors Renée & Melissa, Carolyn V (secretary)

**Board:** Walt K, Bob H, Joyce M, Vonne O, Carolyn V (secretary), Paco Z (treasurer)

**Pastors:** Renée, Melissa, & Jeff

**Tithes & Finances:** ncfcutreasurer@gmail.com

**Family Fund:** Renée A, Barbara P, Judy H, Nancy M, & Lehman W

**Reparations Pilot Project:** reparations.pilot.ncf@gmail.com  
Give online at [ncf-cu.com/giving](https://ncf-cu.com/giving). Thank you!

**Income and Expenditures**—April tithes: \$14,645; 1st Quarter (Q1) Income: \$50,731 Expenditures: \$70,789 Thank you!