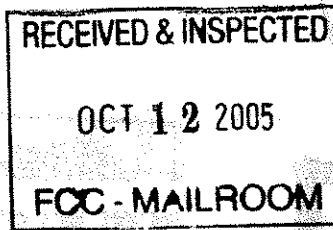


CGB - CC-0006



# NEW LIFE WORSHIP CENTER

915 Douglas Pike, Smithfield, RI 02917 • Phone 401-232-5200 / Fax 401-232-0015

October 5, 2005

## PETITION FOR EXEMPTION FROM CLOSED CAPTIONING

To Whom It May Concern:


Your office has instructed us to apply for an exemption from closed captioning under the Undue Burden Clause and requested that the following information regarding our program and situation be submitted.

Program Title:	Life In Christ
Program Length:	28:30
Program Type:	Religious, local area origination, non-profit
Broadcast Station:	WNAC FOX Providence
Day/Time:	Sundays 7:30a and 10:30a
Program airing cost:	\$800 per week, production staff \$600 per week

Since our audience is quite small and our program does not generate any income but provides a religious service to the community, we feel the additional cost per week (\$200+) for captioning would bring an increased burden on us. The additional cost for us to provide captioning would cause us to discontinue airing of this broadcast.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

  
Brian Cooney  
New Life Worship Center Staff

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February 27, 2006

Amelia Brown, Disability Rights Office  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Case Identifier Number CGB-CC-0006

Dear Ms. Brown:

On February 9, 2006 New Life Worship Center submitted a petition for exemption from closed captioning requirements. Closed captioning requirements for the program "Life in Christ" would place an undue financial burden on the church. Your office notified us our petition did not include sufficient information. Here is additional information to support the request of New Life Worship Center for a full exemption from the closed captioning requirements on its television program "Life in Christ."

## **Nature and Cost of the Closed Captions**

New Life Worship Center is a non-denominational Christian family church solely supported by the contributions of its members. New Life Worship Center operates under a 501c3 tax status and supports the video program called "Life in Christ" which airs weekly on a local television network. The program is a blessing to the community and especially to people who are unable to physically attend church, including many elderly people and the disabled.

Over the past two years, 2004 and 2005, the "Life in Christ" television program (the program) operated at a financial loss of \$26,576 and \$36,425, respectively. Donations towards the program do not support its operating expenses. Close captioning will result in an additional financial burden of over \$10,000 per year. The fund statement for the New Life Worship Center television program "Life in Christ" is enclosed.

The Life in Christ program does show text from time to time with scripture readings and various graphic displays, but these items do not pose any additional expense to the church.

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**Impact on the Operation of the Provider**

New Life Worship Center is attempting to have the "Life in Christ" program become self supporting, but to date, the program operates at a financial loss to the church. The additional cost of closed captioning may result in the inability to continue the Life in Christ television program.

**Financial Resources of the Provider**

New Life Worship Center is the provider of the "Life in Christ" television program. The church is on cash basis of accounting and uses fund accounting to report the activities of its various departments. The church is solely supported by the contributions of its members and from loans from its bank. Enclosed is the fund statement for the television program that shows its annual deficit. For the year 2004 and 2005, the church has subsidized the losses of the Life in Christ program as reported earlier through bank credit.

**Type of Operations of the Provider**

New Life Worship Center is a Christian Family Church that has many community ministries including benevolence ministries to the needy, children's and youth programs, missionary outreach, a food pantry and television ministry. The ministries of the church strengthen the community, family and individuals.

The television program of the church, "Life in Christ" provides the community a Sunday morning video presentation of the church service. This is extremely beneficial to people who may have challenges physically attending the church. The cost of close captioning places an undue burden on the church.

Should you have any questions, you may call Cindy Albanese or myself at 401-232-5200.

Sincerely,



Ron Termale  
Associate Pastor

*Enclosure*



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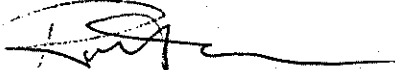
New Life Worship Center, a Christian Family Church, is hereby petitioning an exemption from the closed captioning requirements for the program "Life in Christ" based on the undue burden standard set forth in the Commission's rules.

The Life in Christ television program is operated under the non-profit 501 C3 status of New Life Worship Center. The program is completely subsidized by charitable contributions and operates in a deficit position. The cost of close captioning will be an undue burden on the church. For the purpose of this request, financial information regarding the Life in Christ program is included for your review.

For the 12 months ended December 31, 2005, the Life in Christ program operated at a loss of \$36,425 as compared to a loss of \$26,576 for the same period ending December 31, 2004. Charitable donations towards the program do not cover expenses.

Should you have any questions, please call me at 401-232-5200.

Sincerely,



Ron Termale  
Pastor

New Life Worship Center  
**Balance Sheet (UNAUDITED)**  
 TELEVISION FUND 07, December 2005

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	Current Year	Previous Year
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
<b>CHECKING ACCOUNTS</b>		
GE-Sovereign Checking	-\$130,173.70	-\$93,221.90
Television Equipment	27,050.75	26,524.81
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>		
Accumalated Depreciation	108.50	108.50
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>-\$103,014.45</b>	<b>-\$66,588.59</b>
 <b>FUND BALANCE GENERAL</b>		
GE-Fund Balance	-\$103,014.45	-\$66,588.59
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>-103,014.45</b>	<b>-66,588.59</b>
 <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>-\$103,014.45</b>	<b>-\$66,588.59</b>

*Cynthia L. Albanese - Off. Admin.*

New Life Worship Center  
**Income and Expense Statement (UNAUDITED)**  
 TELEVISION FUND 07, January 2005 - December 2005

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	Current Period	Prior Year	Year to Date	YTD Prior Year
<b>INCOME</b>				
<b>INCOME</b>				
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS</b>				
Television Ministry Donat	\$9,740.67	\$12,012.98	\$9,740.67	\$12,012.98
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>9,740.67</b>	<b>12,012.98</b>	<b>9,740.67</b>	<b>12,012.98</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
<b>MINISTRY RELATED EXPENSES</b>				
<b>TELEVISION MINISTRY</b>				
TV-Commercials	\$0.00	\$4,031.00	\$0.00	\$4,031.00
TV-Programs	46,166.53	34,558.27	46,166.53	34,558.27
Subtotal Television Ministry	46,166.53	38,589.27	46,166.53	38,589.27
Subtotal Ministry Related Expenses	46,166.53	38,589.27	46,166.53	38,589.27
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>46,166.53</b>	<b>38,589.27</b>	<b>46,166.53</b>	<b>38,589.27</b>
<b>EXCESS INCOME\EXPENSES</b>	<b><u><u>-\$36,425.86</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>-\$26,576.29</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>-\$36,425.86</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>-\$26,576.29</u></u></b>

*Angela Albanese - Off. Admin.*

Internal Revenue Service

Department of the Treasury

35 Tillary St., Brooklyn, NY 11201

District  
Director

Date: SEP 4 1991

New Life Worship Center  
21 Lake Industrial Parkway  
Smithfield, RI 02828-3024

Person to Contact:  
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Contact Telephone Number:  
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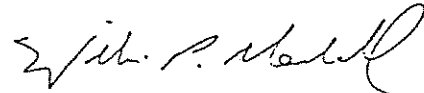
Dear Sir or Madam:

Reference is made to your request for verification of the tax exempt status of New Life Worship Center.

A determination or ruling letter issued to an organization granting exemption under the Internal Revenue Code remains in effect until the tax exempt status has been terminated, revoked or modified.

Our records indicate that exemption was granted as shown below.

Sincerely yours,



William P. Marshall  
District Disclosure Officer

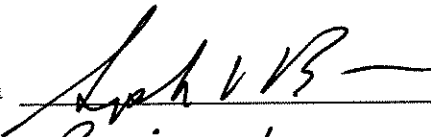
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Date of Exemption Letter: August 1990

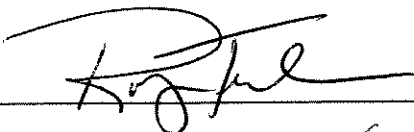
Exemption granted pursuant to section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Foundation Classification (if applicable): Not a private foundation as you are an organization described in sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(i) of the Internal Revenue Code.

We hereby attest that the enclosed facts and information from New Life Worship Center is true and accurate.

Signed   
Title President  
Date 3/14/04

Notary

 Ronald J Termate  
Commission expires 6-17-06