



Cover Letter



NEW VISION CHURCH
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Dear New Vision Members:

“Do not neglect the gift you have.” (1 Timothy 4:14)

Paul’s admonition to his young friend Timothy is a challenge to all of us. There are at least two reasons for us not to neglect our God-given gifts.

First, using our gifts brings personal joy and satisfaction. Each of us is uniquely gifted, and thus using our gifts gives us a sense of identity. In addition, when gifts are used they develop and often spawn other gifts. Using our gifts is a process of becoming all that we were created to be. There is no greater personal satisfaction than that.

Second, you and I were given gifts not simply for our self-fulfillment and development but even more for the sake of others. We were given gifts that God might thereby bless our sisters and brothers. The body of Christ is complete only when all members are using their gifts.

Therefore, you and I must not neglect our gifts, for we need to use them for our sake and others need us to use them for their sake. God’s gifts to us are both for us and others.

This is why we ask you to please complete the enclosed gift inventory form. You are not thereby committing yourself to a specific task. What you are saying is that you recognize your own gifts and are open to considering appropriate opportunities for your service within New Vision or in the larger community. At a later date you will still need to decide whether you have the specific time or interest to respond to specific opportunities. But now, for your sake and the sake of the community, we want to give you maximum opportunity to help us get to know you and your gifts.

If you have completed a similar form previously, we invite you to update it at this time. We know that all of us change interests and continue to develop our gifts.

Shalom,

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