

Today's Featured Ministry Is:

FACILITIES & SECURITY

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The upkeep of infrastructures in proper operating condition in a routine, scheduled, or anticipated fashion to prevent failure and/or degradation is an ongoing activity at NHPBC. Back in 2020, due to the ongoing COVID-19 in New York State (NYS), our facilities were temporary closed for about four months. In the fall of 2020, our facilities (e.g., churches) opened partially for Sunday's Service with a small gathering as part of NYS' Phase 4 implementation. In 2021, we were able to transition to fully open and ease some of CDC's recommendations.

Going forward, some items will remain in place:

- Sanitizer stations in key locations.
- Cleaning of facilities in the afternoon after the service.

Despite all these changes and adjustments, we are thankful for your support, patience, and your care for our church. (i.e. volunteering to maintain, clean, and keep the church in a presentable & safe conditions.)

Projects completed in 2021 are the following:

- Replacement of the fronts steps, handrails, ramp facing the main road, HVAC System replacement in the main office and many other minor facility projects.
- Ongoing Minor pastoral parsonage repairs and appliances replacements.
- Ongoing facilities inspections e.g., fire kitchen suppression, fire sprinklers, fire extinguishers, and sanitary services.

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- Ongoing contracted services e.g., landscape, snow removal, janitorial, and waste management.
- Scheduled and unscheduled maintenance to various support systems of our facilities e.g., HVAC, boiler, electrical, and plumbing.

Finally, although our facilities are fully open with some limited access, it does not diminish a potential threat towards evangelical churches.

Therefore, please remember to:

- 1) Be vigilant!
- 2) Have eyes on your kids and their whereabouts in our facilities.
- 3) Know where the exits are located in our facilities. Be familiar with our facilities!
- 4) Develop a safety and security mindset.
- 5) Know that most entrances are inaccessible from the outside of our church. We have ensured that the exit doors remain unlocked from the inside.
- 6) Be aware that during our service hours, the main doors facing the parking lot and ramp designated as a single point of entrance. All other doors in the gym and the main building will remain locked from the outside for your safety.
- 7) Be familiar with leadership (Elders, Deacons, and Ushers) and follow their instructions in case of an emergency.
- 8) Inform the leadership if you see something out of the ordinary, strange, unfamiliar individual walking around or inside the facilities.

Once again, thank you for your care and stewardship in what the Lord has entrusted us with.

With much gratitude for you,

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