



Southwestern Ohio District News

February 13, 2026

DISTRICT COMMUNICATION

MISSION TRIPS:

Please let us know of all mission trips that your church is planning. We want to list these so the district family can pray for you! Also, Dress A Girl (Judy Donley) has dresses prepared for your team to distribute and bless those where you witness. Please contact her at judyjumpers@gmail.com.

NAZARENE PENSIONS offers several benefits that I am fearful are being missed by our pastors. Please pay attention to the notices listed below under NBUSA.

PLEASE BEGIN PRAYING FOR DISTRICT ASSEMBLY, CONVENTIONS AND CAMP MEETING!

The meetings this year are of great importance due to the election of a new District Superintendent, General Assembly Delegates, a new Nazarene Missions President and other items. The speaker for Camp Meeting is Dr. David Busic. It would be great for our churches to treat Camp Meeting as a time of spiritual growth opportunities. General Superintendent Busic is one of the BEST! PLEASE make Camp Meeting a priority for you and your church! You will be glad you did!!!

PRAYER PROMPTS:

--Pastor Dan Walters (West Chester) has begun Dialysis treatments three days each week. Please pray for Pastor Dan and Darlene!

--Veda Horton (Xenia) is hospitalized and needs a touch from our Lord. Please pray for Veda and Pastor Harold.

--Pastor David Young (Bethel) is having back surgery on Monday, February 16th. Please pray for Delilah and Pastor David!

TO ALL FIRST-TIME DISTRICT LICENSE AND RENEWAL OF DISTRICT LICENSE APPLICANTS:

Forms are due on **Friday, March 20**. Please send them to: swodistsec@swonaz.org. To download reporting forms [CLICK HERE](#).

Questions? Don't hesitate to contact me, either at the email address mentioned above or by phone: (513) 777-5600.

--Dave Crofford, District Secretary

COMPASS 2.0:

COMPASS 2.0 is a **\$3,000,000 program for Lead Pastors** that will be distributed over the next 5 years! This is a matching grant program designed to help lead pastors in establishing an Emergency Savings Account and is in partnership with NBUSA, COMPASS and all of our USA districts. INTRODUCING... This Emergency Savings Account Match Program is specifically designed to encourage ministers to establish an emergency fund and build financial resilience against unexpected expenses that arise. This program is in partnership with NBUSA, COMPASS 2.0 and districts and is on a first-come, first-served basis. Please check out the links below for more information.

Date Night:

Enjoy a date night with your spouse in celebration of Valentine's Day! The link below, from Focus on the Family Canada, includes 100+ great date ideas that are either free or very inexpensive.

For couples in your congregation seeking to experience the love and security found in financial wellness, the FREE Financial Literacy Video Training Series, linked below, can be used as a small group study.

"We love because he first loved us." 1 John 4:19. Happy Valentine's Day!

COMPASS RESOURCES:

[COMPASS 2.0 Website](#)

[NBUSA & COMPASS 2026 Emergency Savings Account Match Program](#)

[COMPASS Academy Financial Wellness Resources](#)

[100 + Great Date Ideas](#)

[FREE Financial Literacy Video Training Series](#)

NBUSA – TAKE ACTION IN 2026!

In 2025, roughly 66% of eligible US ministers did not receive a 403(b) match from NBUSA. Starting in 2026, NBUSA will match 100% of the first \$250 contributed to an eligible minister's retirement account by the minister and/or his or her local church. Getting started is as simple as completing a contribution agreement form ([English](#) | [Spanish](#)) with your treasurer. Take the next step today on the path to retire well!

NBUSA 2026 Education Workshops:

NBUSA is here to support US pastors from their first ministry assignment to, and through, retirement. Please join NBUSA in 2026 for a variety of educational workshops designed to help you understand your benefits, retirement planning strategies, and other key decisions you may face on that path to retire well. Visit the website at [NBUSA](#) to view the 2026 workshop schedule!

THE CALL STILL STANDS:

The National Black Nazarene Conference will be held July 16-19, 2026, at the Sheraton Greensboro at Four Seasons hotel in Greensboro, NC. The conference theme is The Call Still Stands: Lead - Lift - Love - Liberate.

Featured speakers are: Dr. Fili Chambo, Rev Jacobi Campbell, Rev. Alfred Glasper, Bishop LeBaron Hedgemon, Rev. James Heyward, and CME Presiding Bishop, Dr. Teresa Jefferson-Snorton.

The conference is open to all, especially those interested in ministering in and through the Black community.

Check out this [video](#) from Rev. Dr. Tillman!

2026 PRAYER JOURNALS:

From Easter Sunday through the week after Pentecost, let us seek the Lord together, praying for a cycle of resurgence that all Nazarenes may be Mobilized for Becoming Christlike Disciples in 2026. To order yours, [CLICK HERE](#).

RETIRED PASTOR'S & SPOUSE LUNCH:

When: March 11, 2026

Where: West Chester Church of the Nazarene, 7951 Tylersville Road, West Chester, OH 45069

Time: 11:45 AM

Cost: \$5.00 per person towards your lunch

RSVP: **The District Office 513-777-5600 by March 4, 2026**

For More Information: Click on link [LUNCHEON](#)

MINISTER & SPOUSE DINNER & COMMUNION SERVICE:

Who: Any pastor and their spouse

When: Monday, March 16, 2026

Where: Higher Ground Conference & Retreat Center, 3820 Logan Creek Lane, West Harrison, IN 47060

Dinner: 6:15 PM | **Worship:** 7:15 PM

Cost: \$12.50 | **RSVP by: Thursday, February 26 – No late reservations will be accepted.**

Register: 812-637-3777 or email highergroundservice@gmail.com

For More Information: [Download attached flyer](#) or click on link [COMMUNION SERVICE](#)

*****SAVE THE DATE*** GENERAL ASSEMBLY & CONVENTIONS:**

When: June, 25 - July 2, 2027

Where: Kansas City, Missouri

DISTRICT CALENDAR – February/March:

02/14/26 – NYI Quiz Meet, 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM, Hamlin Chapel, 102 W. High St., Lawrenceburg, IN 47025

02/14 – 02/16/26 – Clergy Kids Retreat

02/19/26 – Pastor's Leadership Day, MVNU Thorne Performance Hall/RR Hodges Chapel [LEADERSHIP DAY](#)

02/19/26 – NDI Council Meeting, 6:30 PM, District Office

02/24/26 – Prime Time Council Meeting, 10:30 AM, District Office

02/28/26 – Children's Quiz, 10:00 AM, North & South: Xenia Nazarene 1204 West Second Street Xenia, OH 45385

03/02 – 03/04/26 – NYI Leadership Conference (SLC)

03/03/26 – District Advisory Board, 7:00 PM, District Office

03/06/26 – SWO District PrimeTime, 10:30 AM, La Comedia Dinner Theatre, Springboro, OH [LA COMEDIA](#)

03/06/26 – Elevate, 6:00 PM – Midnight, Kingdom Sports

03/07/26 – Elevate, 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM, Parkview

03/11/26 – Retired Pastor's & Spouse Lunch, 11:45 AM, Hawks Hall, West Chester Nazarene [LUNCHEON](#)

03/13 – 13/14/26 – THRiVE Women's Conference, West Chester Nazarene, [THRiVE 2026](#), [POSTCARD](#)
03/14/26 – SWO NYI Quiz Meet, 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM, West Carrollton Nazarene
03/16 – 05/04/26 – (Mondays) NCOS (Previously NMDC), 6:00 PM, District Office, Mission, Ministry & Identity of the COTN [REGISTRATION](#)
03/16/26 – Minister & Spouse Dinner & Communion, 6:15 PM, Higher Ground Conference & Retreat Center [COMMUNION](#)
03/17/26 – Board of Ministry Meeting, 1:00 PM, District Office
03/19 – 05/07/26 – (Thursdays) NCOS (Previously NMDC), 6:00 PM, District Office, Celebration of Women in Ministry [REGISTRATION](#)
03/20/26 – **REPORTING DUE:** First Time District License
03/20/26 – **REPORTING DUE:** District License Renewal Forms
03/26/26 – Youth Leader Summit, MVNU
03/30/26 – NYI Council Meeting, 6:30 PM, District Office



NDI QUICK LINKS:

NDI Facebook [CLICK HERE](#)
NDI Hub Newsletter Signup [CLICK HERE](#)
NDI Upcoming Events: [CLICK HERE](#)
NDI Website [CLICK HERE](#)

NAZARENE KIDS:

You may have recently seen on social media the exciting unveiling and announcement of the new global look for Child Discipleship. Global NDI proudly presents Nazarene Kids! This image will soon be available for use in 6 different languages. What does this mean for us in the USA/Canada Region? It simply means that we are united with the other world regions to intentionally advocate for and recognize children as vital members of the Body of Christ and in our denomination. Because of this denominational emphasis, USA/Canada Region Kids has been working hard to create and provide resources for churches and families to use to disciple each child. Find them at usacanadaregion.org/kids.

WEBINAR TO DISCUSS THE SPECIAL NEEDS MARRIAGE:

Marriage is challenging; sustaining a marriage while raising a special needs child(ren) is especially challenging. The divorce rate among those with a special needs child is estimated to be as high as 70-80%. With 1 in 6 children diagnosed with some form of disability/special needs, the number of families impacted is staggering. Furthermore, barely 10% of families caring for a child with a disability attend church. Understanding this underserved and unreached population will help the church not only welcome these families but also include them, encouraging their spiritual growth and the sustainability of their marriages and families. Join Brad Lee, LMFT on FEB 17 at 12pm Central Time to discuss [The Special Needs Marriage](#).



GLOBAL MISSIONS:

NAZARENE MISSIONS PROJECT TOOLKIT:

Ready to energize your church around Global Missions? Launching February 14th is the Nazarene Missions Project Toolkit, which makes it easy to inspire prayer, generosity, and action around featured missions projects! The kit includes ready-to-use **FREE**

digital and printable resources like videos, social media posts, newsletter templates, flyers, signage, and more—making promoting a missions project simple and effective! Sign up for the toolkit by emailing missionsprojects@nazarene.org. View the featured missions projects: [Featured Projects](#)



NYI QUICK LINKS:

Calendar: [CLICK HERE](#)

Communication: [CLICK HERE](#)

Facebook Page: [CLICK HERE](#)

Instagram: [CLICK HERE](#)

Nazarene Youth Conference 2026 Facebook: [CLICK HERE](#)

Website: [CLICK HERE](#)

ALPHA YOUTH:

Finding creative ways to disciple students, develop their leadership skills, and equip them to confidently share their faith can be challenging. Our friends at Alpha Youth help youth leaders and students to grow in each of these areas. Through thoughtfully designed resources and experiences, Alpha Youth create welcoming spaces where young people can engage in real, open, and meaningful conversations about life, faith, and purpose. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more!

SWO NYC 2026:

Details are unfolding regarding NYC, and they are exciting! From flying in our own plane, to our Field Event being held at East High (think High School Musical...) this trip will be one to remember! We are in constant prayer for each adult and student who will be attending NYC! God is going to do amazing things in their lives! Stay tuned for more details!

Payment Deadlines:

--March 1, 2026: \$825 SWO NYI Payment Deadline

--May 1, 2026: \$900 FINAL PAYMENT DUE

Payment Instructions:

To minimize processing fees and to save you money, we'll be collecting payments via **check**.

How it works: Students turn in payments to their **local church, made payable to your local church**. Youth pastors/leaders will write **one check payable to SWO NYI**, including a list of students receiving credit. Our treasurer will be updating payments as they are received into your students registration account.

Communication Channels:

Stay up to date with all things NYC 2026 through:

- **District Email**
- **Facebook Group:** [SWO NYC 2026](#) - Encourage parents to join!

Texting System: Launching soon as we receive phone numbers from registration!

- Stay tuned for a **parent meeting in May** to go over finalized details for our trip

Questions: Ross Frank – SWO NYC Coordinator: ross@wcnaz.church

Have a great weekend!

SWO District Office

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