



# Southwestern Ohio District News

February 27, 2026

## DISTRICT COMMUNICATION



### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Jenna Gordon and Pastor Matthew Gordon (Bridge Church) on the birth of Eliza Lou Gordon who was born December 16th, 2025.

### **PRAYER PROMPTS:**

- Pastor Gary Morgan (Franklin Journey) Surgery at Ohio State today. Hopefully Pastor Gary and Ronda will be home tonight.
- Veda Horton (Wife of retired pastor Harold Horton-Xenia) now in a rehabilitation center.
- Please pray for Elevate (NYI talent and sports festival) next weekend. Details are included in the NYI section.
- Please pray for THRIVE which happens on March 13-14 at West Chester.



### **CITY OF MASON AND WAYNESVILLE CHURCH CELEBRATE PASTOR TERRY KIDD:**

Last Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> was a HUGE day for our Waynesville Church and their interim pastor. A normal crowd at Waynesville is around 10-20 people. There were nearly 70 in attendance! The reason for the special day was the honoring of Pastor Terry for his service to the community of Mason. Mayor Diana Nelson presented a proclamation from the city of Mason making October 7<sup>th</sup> Terry Kidd Day in Mason, Ohio. The award celebrates his 40 years in ministry and his 10 years serving with Woodhaven Alcohol and Drug Treatment Center. It was reported that Pastor Terry has driven over 2.1 million miles in company vehicles giving over 32,000 rides to clients from all over Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, and Kentucky to Woodhaven for treatment. These were dangerous situations transporting people from prisons, drug houses and other locations to receive care. Pastor Terry was faithful to share the hope of Christ with these struggling people. Praise the Lord, 369 prayed the sinners' prayer to accept Jesus! These ten years of service began as Pastor Terry retired at age 76 but wanted to keep serving. In the crowd were approximately 40 of the Kidd family, including the first time in church for his new great-great-grandson- Will. It was a FABULOUS day! We CONGRATULATE Pastor Terry and Nancy Kidd!!!

### **DR. CHRISTIAN & MARGIT SARMIENTO WILL CELEBRATE THEIR 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY ON MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup>.**

Dr. Sarmiento is our Jurisdictional General Superintendent for the next two years. He will be with us for District Assembly. If your or your church would like to send an anniversary card, their address is: 7543 Belmont Drive / Shawnee, KS 66227-2180.

### **BIG DAYS AHEAD:**

--Please make reservations and plan to join your Southwestern Ohio family at the Communion Dinner and worship at Higher Ground on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Paul Crisp will be sharing with us.

--Retired Pastors' Luncheon is Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>.

**HOLT STREET MIRACLE CENTER** will begin using the Daytonview Church for their services to rehabilitate released prisoners. This will allow the district to share the building as we are able to begin a new church in the facility.

**JEFFREY JOHNSON REPLACES STAN REEDER AS USA/CANADA REGIONAL DIRECTOR.**

Announced on February 20<sup>th</sup> from USA/Canada [CLICK HERE](#) to read article.

**DAILY DEVOTIONALS & PRAYER:**

The **Half-Million Mobilization App**, provides a daily resource for devotionals and prayer from **Easter to Pentecost**. Your church can access daily Scripture readings, reflections, and a unique focus on **Becoming Christlike Disciples**. Pastors, leaders, and congregations are all invited to download the app and join in prayer during this special season.

**With the app, you can:**

- Engage in daily devotionals from Easter to Pentecost
- Reflect on selected scriptures and grow as Christlike disciples
- Participate in a season of united prayer with churches across the region

To download the app [CLICK HERE](#)

Let's join together in daily prayer and devotion, drawing closer to God and one another this season.

Grace and peace, USA/Canada Regional Team

**FROM YOUR DISTRICT SECRETARY:**

For those who intend to retire from active ministry at this year's Assembly—Please let us know this is your intention. We can help with next steps! Dave Crofford, District Secretary

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

Forms are due. Please send them to: [swodistsec@swonaz.org](mailto: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

**DISTRICT OFFICE CLOSED:**

The district office will be closed on Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> and there will be no newsletter. If this is an urgent matter, please contact Kelly Blowers at [kblowers@swonaz.org](mailto:kblowers@swonaz.org).

**OUT OF THE OFFICE:**

Pastor Bob will be out of the office March 19<sup>th</sup> through March 23<sup>rd</sup>. If this is an urgent matter, please contact the District Office at 513-777-5600 or Pastor Dave Crofford at 513-429-8535.

**DISTRICT CALENDAR – February/March:**

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 Office Closed

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 – 3/14/26 – 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

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### **NDI QUICK LINKS:**

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

### **NEXT QUIZ MEET – 2/28/26:**

Children's quizzing will be held at 10:00 AM, North & South at Xenia Nazarene

### **THRiVE 2026:**

**What:** THRiVE creates an atmosphere for ladies of all ages to gather in worship, prayer, and hearing from His word.

**Who:** All women including Teens and Girls grades K-6

**When:** Friday, March 13 Appetizers 6:30 PM, Saturday, March 14 Breakfast 9:00 AM

**Where:** West Chester Nazarene Church, 7951 Tylersville Road, West Chester, Ohio 45069

**Theme:** Where Your Treasure Is | Matthew 6:21

**Video:** [CLICK HERE](#)

**Video:** [CLICK HERE](#) to hear how the how THRiVE Ministry began.

**Speakers:** [WEBSITE](#)

**Cost:** Adults, Littles, & Teens: \$17 online | \$20 at the door | \$45 Family

**Registration:** [CLICK HERE](#)

**THRiVE Teens:** [CLICK HERE](#) | **THRiVE Littles:** [CLICK HERE](#)

**For More Information click on the following links:** [THRiVE 2026](#), [POSTCARD](#), or email [thriveministrytowomen@gmail.com](mailto:thriveministrytowomen@gmail.com)



### **UPCOMING WORK & WITNESS TRIPS:**

Hey Everyone,

As you may know, I have a **W&W trip scheduled to ARO Scioto Co. Ohio for August 1-7**. I anticipate that there will be a wide range of work to be done there with something for everyone to be involved in. The cost will be \$550 per person for lodging, food and project materials. **Rest Stop Ministries (Anti Human Trafficking restoration center for women) near Lebanon TN is on the calendar for Oct. 4-10**. We will almost exclusively be painting the inside of the 4500 sq ft residential home while the residents are taken on a family vacation. I am looking for people that can do a nice, quality job painting. I am anticipating that we will only be able to complete one floor in the time allotted to us and depending on how many people we have. The cost for this trip is \$600 which includes our stay at an Airbnb in the area, on-site food (prepared by team members) and project supplies.

Anyone that is interested should contact me at [reindellouis@gmail.com](mailto:reindellouis@gmail.com). I will need their legal name, phone number, address and name of the church they attend. I will then reach out to them and request a deposit of \$100. The balance would be due by mid-summer. Please share this information with as many of your church family as you can. I appreciate your help and prayers for this ministry. Blessings, Louie Reindel



## **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](#)

## **ELEVATE 2026:**

**What:** What is Elevate? It is a district-wide talent competition, designed to share talents God has given to us! Get ready to compete against each other at **Elevate 2026!** Join us for an exciting weekend of competition, worship, and unity with students from across the area.

**Who:** Teens (grades 7-12) or if you like to play sports, sing, and compete!

**Date:** March 6-7, 2026

**Location-March 6<sup>th</sup>:** Kingdom Sports Center, 440 Watkins Glen Drive, Franklin, OH 45005

Guys & Girls Volleyball & Some Basketball, Doors Open 5:00 PM, Coaches Meeting 6:00 PM, Events 6:15-Midnight

**Location-March 7<sup>th</sup>:** Parkview Nazarene, 4701 Far Hills Avenue, Dayton, OH 45429

Talent Competition, Basketball, Hot Shot, Doors Open 8:00 AM, Service begins 9:00 AM

## **New This Year!**

Mixed Team Competitions designed to build unity

Camp Scholarship prizes awarded to winners

**Cost:** \$35 (February 12<sup>th</sup> - March 4<sup>th</sup>)

**Lunch Option:** \$10 Cane's 3-finger combo (includes toast & drink – no need to leave!)

**Registration:** Pay by Credit Card: [CLICK HERE](#)

Pay by Check: [CLICK HERE](#)

**Questions:** Contact Cedric Hart at [cedric@daytonnaz.com](mailto:cedric@daytonnaz.com)

## **YOUTH LEADER SUMMIT:**

**When:** March 26, 2026

**Where:** The Gathering Place, 425 S. Edgewood Road, Mount Vernon, OH 43050

**Time:** Registration 8:30-9:00 AM | Training 9AM to 3:30PM

**Speaker:** Cansandra Smith, Youth Pastor veteran & Founder of *Change Your Narrative*

**Cost:** \$40 (Includes Lunch)

**Registration:** [CLICK HERE](#)

**For More Information:** [CLICK HERE](#)

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## **CHURCH COMMUNICATION**

### **NEW RICHMOND PRAYER MEETING 3/6/26:**

Dinner is at 6:00 PM, Church at 7:00 PM, and Nightwatch begins at 8:00 PM until 1:00 AM. Come and go as you need to. We are praying for the lost and the nation. We always meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month at New Richmond Nazarene 200 Hamilton Street, New Richmond, OH 45157. For more information, call 513-520-7454.

Have a great weekend!

SWO District Office

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