



# Southwestern Ohio District News

April 2, 2026

## DISTRICT COMMUNICATION



### **CONGRATULATIONS PEEBLES CHURCH & PASTOR TY BEAM!**

Sunday morning was the installation service for Pastor Ty Beam. Pastor Ty's family include his wife Ashley, sons Asher and Oakley, along with daughter Harley. Please notice in the picture, the number of children and young people. These are exciting days for the Peebles Church family. We welcome the Beam family to our district family!

### **DISTRICT CONVENTIONS AND ASSEMBLY ARE 102 DAYS FROM TODAY!**

Please pray each day for our Lord's blessing on these gatherings. We will be electing a new NMI President, New District Superintendent, all officers, and General Assembly and Convention delegates. This is a BIG year for SWO! Camp meeting will follow with General Superintendent David Busic. Please plan and challenge your church to be part of these special times.

### **PRAYER PROMPTS:**

- Please pray for Pastor Mark Stevens of Target Dayton who is facing health challenges.
- Please pray for Brookville, Evangelical, Springdale, and Victory who are searching for new pastors.
- Continue to pray for Pastor Bob and Jan Highley.

APR...Annual Pastors' Reports are due in just two months. Wouldn't it be GREAT if all our pastors submitted their reports on time!!! The APR is a requirement for every lead pastor in the Church of the Nazarene. Please help us be on time!

**PASTORS...**Please remember to send the district office requests to renew contracts from all of your associate pastors. These must be done in compliance with the MANUAL **before June 1<sup>st</sup>**.

Your request should include the following:

- Description of position (title and job description)
- Paid or volunteer
- Hours per week expected to complete the tasks assigned...please note one of the following: 10, 20, 30 or 40 hours.

### **FROM YOUR DISTRICT SECRETARY—**

83%. In most circumstances, getting an 83% isn't too bad. It's a B or B-.

Right now, our District Licensed ministers are at 83% reported for the church year. We're missing 7 out of 41. Among the 7 are 3 pastors. Reports were due March 20. Wouldn't it be great to see that percentage go to 100%? We can do it!

--Dave Crofford

### **DISTRICT OFFICE CLOSED:**

The district office will be closed on Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> and Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. If this is an urgent matter, please contact Pastor Bob at 513-348-0085 or Pastor Dave Crofford at 513-429-8535.

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

**When:** June, 25 - July 2, 2027

**Where:** Kansas City, Missouri

### **\*\*\*SAVE THE DATE \*\*\*MEN'S MINISTRY EVENT:**

Attend in person, host the livestream, or encourage men to participate from home.

This July 17–18, 2026, the 1613 Men's Conference will gather thousands of men in Cincinnati, Ohio—or through a nationwide livestream—for two days of biblical teaching, courage, and clarity rooted in **1 Corinthians 16:13–14**. More than 1,400 men from 40 states and Canada are already registered to attend in Cincinnati, and nearly 100 churches have already signed up to **HOST** the livestream (Central, Mountain and Pacific friendly) as an **equipping and outreach** opportunity.

Your church can participate in three ways:

- **Attend in person** with your men in Cincinnati
- **Host the livestream** at your church as a men's event or outreach
- **Encourage individual men** to attend or stream from home

Every speaker will be **present in-person in Cincinnati**, bringing powerful, Christ-centered messages designed to challenge, encourage, and equip men to lead with strength and humility.

Featured speakers include Pastor Joby Martin, Wes Huff, Brian Dawkins, Anthony Muñoz, Joel Salatin, Nick Freitas, John Lovell, and more. If traveling isn't feasible, hosting the livestream allows your church to gather men locally while participating in a larger national movement—without the logistics of travel or overnight costs. You can learn more, explore hosting options, and to register

[CLICK HERE](#).

### **DISTRICT CALENDAR – April/May:**

04/03/26 – Good Friday, District Office Closed

04/05/26 – Easter

04/06/26 – Easter Monday, District Office Closed

04/07/26 – Nominating Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM, District Office

04/11/26 – Children's Quiz, 10:00 AM, Living Hope, 1150 West Spring Valley Pike, Centerville, OH 45458

04/16/26 – NDI Council Meeting, 6:30 PM, District Office

04/17 – 04/18/26 – Middle School Only, MVNU [CLICK HERE](#)

04/17 – 08/18/26 – Women's Auxiliary Spring Conference, MVNU [CLICK HERE](#)

04/18/26 – NMI Council Meeting, 9:00 AM, District Office

04/24 - 04/25/26 – Credentials Retreat, Higher Ground Conference & Retreat Center

04/24/26 – **REPORT DUE:** Annual Reporting Forms (Non-Sr. Pastors)

04/24/26 – **REPORT DUE:** All Other Minister's Reports (For those not filing a Sr. Pastor's Report)

04/28/26 – District PrimeTime Council Meeting, 10:30 AM, District Office

### **May**

05/03/26 – SWO Night Out, 6:00 PM, West Chester

05/06/26 – Retired Pastor's & Spouse Lunch, 11:45 AM, Hawks Hall, West Chester Nazarene [LUNCHEON](#)

05/08 & 05/09/26 – MVNU Graduation, Mount Vernon Nazarene University

05/10/26 – Happy Mother's Day!

05/11 – 05/13/26 – PrimeTime Retreat, Higher Ground Conference & Retreat Center [PRIMETIME RETREAT](#)

05/14 – 05/16/26 – East Central Field Quiz, Mount Vernon First

05/25/26 – Memorial Day, District Office Closed

05/31/26 – End of the Church Year



### **NDI QUICK LINKS:**

NDI Facebook [CLICK HERE](#)

NDI Hub Newsletter Signup [CLICK HERE](#)

NDI Upcoming Events: [CLICK HERE](#)

NDI Website [CLICK HERE](#)

## **DISTRICT QUIZ 4/11 & MVNU FIELD QUIZ (REGIONAL INFO):**

If you have quizzers or adult volunteers (scorekeepers, setup, teardown) that are interested in attending; please [CLICK HERE](#) to email me the forms **prior to 4/11** or bring forms to District Quiz on 4/11. I will need one check from each church for the Total. **! must have checks made out to NDI-SDMI and received by me by 4/24.** If you have the ability to combine individual forms into one Google or Excel spreadsheet that would be great. Qualification is 70% Correct at District quiz. I would like to get a confirmation of number of Red and Blue and Names of any 6-year quizzers. Thank You, Rick Current.

**MVNU Field Quiz Agenda & Forms:** [AGENDA](#) [ADULT REGISTRATION FORM](#) [QUIZZER REGISTRATION FORM](#)

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL ONLY (MSO):**

**When:** April 17-18, 2026

**Where:** Mount Vernon Nazarene University, 800 Martinsburg Road, Mount Vernon, OH 43050

**Who:** 6<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> graders | **Time:** 10 PM to 6 AM

**Cost:** \$15 at the door (No cost for youth pastors, check, cash, or credit card accepted)

**Note:** One submission per church

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

## **SWO DISTRICT PRIMETIME RETREAT:**

**When:** May 11-13, 2026, begins Monday with dinner at 5:00 PM

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

**Cost:** \$225 per couple (double occupancy)

\$115 per person (double occupancy)

\$150 per person (single occupancy)

\$100 for Retired or Active Ministry Couples

One meal & service \$15 / Two meals & service \$25

**RSVP:** 812-637-3777

**Music:** Pastor John Stone

**Speakers:** Dr. J.K. Warrick, Revs. Paige Graves, Gary Morgan, Jared Horne, and Dr. Mark Lail

**Questions??** Contact Rev. Gary Morgan at [pastorg.journeynaz@gmail.com](mailto:pastorg.journeynaz@gmail.com), click on link [PRIMETIME RETREAT](#)



## **LINKS:**

We have the following missionaries for Links on the district. Please contact them directly by email. They will let you know if they can receive anything at their location and how. Please send any funds through our district NMI treasurer, Vickie Rocheleau, as we must follow Nazarene global instructions.

**Doug & Jennifer Mann** ([rpc@eurasiaregion.org](mailto:rpc@eurasiaregion.org))

**Matt & Fay Wagner** ([mattandfaywagner@gmail.com](mailto:mattandfaywagner@gmail.com))

**Michael & Cailyn** ([mikeandcailynw@protonmail.com](mailto:mikeandcailynw@protonmail.com))

**Mitchel & Marnie Modine** ([mmodine@apnts.edu.ph](mailto:mmodine@apnts.edu.ph))

## **2026 SWO JUNIOR PROJECT:**

This year's Junior project for 2025-26 will be Playgrounds for Venezuela. We are going to help get into action where churches can have a welcoming space for families in the community. This will help remove barriers, allowing churches to develop deeper relationships with the families they serve and reach their souls for Jesus! This year's goal will fund the construction of two playgrounds. **Goal:** \$5,000

**Submit Offerings to:** SWO NMI, Vickie Rocheleau, 316 Macready Avenue, Monroe, OH 45050

**Children's NMI Coordinator:** Elizabeth Bennington [ebennington2004@gmail.com](mailto:ebennington2004@gmail.com)



### **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](#)

### **SWO NIGHT OUT/NYI Convention:**

**What:** Join us for a night of worship, hearing from the Word, and voting for next year's council and NYI Convention delegates. We'll also have food, games, and lots of fun throughout the night!

★ Dress up like a character from *High School Musical*! ★

You won't want to miss it!

**When:** May 3, 2026 @ 6:00 PM

**Where:** West Chester Nazarene, 7951 Tylersville Road, West Chester, OH 45069

**For More Information:** Contact Pastor Teresa Bowden at [teresa@wcn.church](mailto:teresa@wcn.church)

### **MVNU FIELD BLAST:**

**When:** June 3rd-6th at MVNU

**Who:** Those who qualified for BLAST while participating at Elevate?

Didn't come to ELEVATE, but want to still participate? There's a place for you! Come and defend our Championship FLAG!

Make plans to register for BLAST!

**Cost:** \$160 for students and \$120 for adults. **Please make checks payable to SWO NYI.** Unfortunately, no online payment option is available due to the nature of the FIELD BLAST Registration process.

For more information: Visit <http://www.mvnu.edu/BLAST> for medical release forms and BLAST Handbook access to rules.

**Registration:** (Opening soon!)

**Questions?** Email the Field BLAST Coordinator, Johnny Mohnasky, at [john.mohnasky@mvnu.edu](mailto:john.mohnasky@mvnu.edu).

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## **CHURCH COMMUNICATION**

### **NEW RICHMOND PRAYER MEETING 4/3/26:**

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.

### **RISE AND SHINE 5K RUN/WALK:**

Middletown Naz is having a 5K Run/Walk on, April 4<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:00 AM until Noon. All ages, all paces! Everyone's invited to our church 5K and kids fun run! Run or walk, together we're raising funds for critical building repairs so our church can continue serving for years to come. Participants get a T-shirt, key chain and celebratory meal! For additional information, [CLICK HERE](#), or email Leslie at [leslie@middnaz.org](mailto:leslie@middnaz.org).

Have a wonderful Easter!

SWO District Office

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