



# Southwestern Ohio District News

April 10, 2026

## **DISTRICT COMMUNICATION**

### **THANK YOU NOMINATING COMMITTEE!**

The nominating committee met on Tuesday evening and took care of preparing our ballots for District Assembly. The assembly will be the most voting possible for an assembly. Thank you to those who gave their evening and did great work. Many of you will be receiving notification of your nomination. Please be in prayer and be willing to serve. These are BIG days for our Southwestern Ohio District family.

### **PHOTO ID'S AVAILABLE:**

If you are a pastor, [CLICK HERE](#) to find out how to get your photo ID cards. A pastor in Illinois offers quality ID's for the cost of shipping. These would be helpful for hospital, prison and other visits. We receive nothing from this service but thought you might be interested.

### **INFORMATION REGARDING GRANTS FROM THE GLOBAL CHURCH TO ASSIST IN EVANGELISM:**

Please [CLICK HERE](#) for information and reply quickly if you wish to receive one of these grants.

### **PRAYER PROMPTS:**

- Pastor Mark Stevens (Target Dayton) has an aggressive cancer. Many gathered last night to pray for our dear brother. Please pray and encourage Cindi and Pastor Mark.
- Pastor Bob & Jan Highley continue to need our prayers. Pastor Bob has an important appointment on Tuesday to address ongoing treatments.
- Pastor Mark Lingle (Higher Ground) had a heart procedure on Wednesday and reports are good! Praise the Lord! Also pray for Higher Ground and several important issues they are facing right now. One is the completion of the new front entrance. Please pray for this challenge.
- Springdale has a Mission Team serving in Guatemala. They plan to return mid-week
- Please continue to pray for Conventions and Assembly that will take place on July 11-13. These will be very important formational gatherings.
- Dr. Jim Radcliffe (retired missionary to Papua New Guinea) had a successful heart procedure on Wednesday. Thank you for your prayers and continue to remember Kathy and Jim as he heals.

### **GREETINGS FROM YOUR DISTRICT SECRETARY!**

Here are some important items for first-time District License applicants, District License Renewal applicants, and those applying for Ordination:

- All required applications should already be submitted. Have you double-checked to make sure everything required has been completed? If you're unsure, please contact me: [swodistsec@swonaz.org](mailto:swodistsec@swonaz.org)
- Have you registered for the Credentials Retreat, April 24-26? Registration is online. Just click the following link: [RETREAT](#)

### **TO ALL LEAD PASTORS:**

This year's elections at District Assembly are going to be quite substantial! In addition to our normal ballot, we will be:

- electing a new District Superintendent.
- electing delegates (ministerial and lay) to the General Assembly.

To help streamline this process, ***we are moving to an electronic balloting process.*** More information will be coming your way in the weeks ahead!

--Dave Crofford, District Secretary

### **WOMEN'S AUXILIARY SPRING CONFERENCE:**

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

**Where:** Mount Vernon Nazarene University

**Speaker:** Rebekah Gregory - Boston Marathon bombing survivor, inspirational speaker, and founder of Rebekah's Angels Foundation

**Cost & Registration: See below.**

2 -Day Registration: Friday at 7 p.m. & Saturday at 9 a.m.

\$45 Regular Until April 13

\$50 Walk-In After April 13

\$40 Group Rates/10+ Until April 13

1-Day Registration: Friday or Saturday

\$25 One Day until April 13

\$30 Walk-In after April 13

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

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

### **RETIRED PASTOR'S & SPOUSE LUNCH:**

**When:** May 6, 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 May 1, 2026**

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

### **\*\*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\*\* SWO ORDINATION SERVICE 2026:**

Ordination Service – Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM (West Chester Ohio, 7951 Tylersville Road, West Chester, OH 45069)

### **\*\*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\*\* SWO DISTRICT ASSEMBLY 2026:**

District Assembly – Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM (West Chester Ohio, 7951 Tylersville Road, West Chester, OH 45069)

### **\*\*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\*\* CAMP MEETING 7/15 – 7/19/26:**

**What:** District Camp Meeting starting Wednesday, July 15 at 7:30 PM, Dr. David Busic will be speaking.

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

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

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

**Where:** Kansas City, Missouri

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

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 – 04/18/26 – 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

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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](#)

## **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 KIDS CAMP:**

### **Rookie Camp - Completing grades 1st-3rd (2025-26 School Year)**

**When:** June 21-23, 2026

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

**Cost:** \$150 **by May 30** | \$170 **May 31-June 7**

**Check In:** 3:00-4:00 PM Sunday

**Pickup:** 3:00 PM Tuesday

### **Preteen Camp - Completing grades 4th-6<sup>th</sup> (2025/26 School Year)**

**When:** June 24-27, 2026

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

**Cost:** \$215 **by May 30** | \$225 **May 31-June 7**

**Check In:** 3:00-4:00 PM Wednesday

**Pickup:** 3:00 PM Saturday

**Registration:** Visit [www.swokidscamp.com](http://www.swokidscamp.com) | **REGISTRATION CLOSES June 7<sup>th</sup>!**

**Questions:** Contact Bekah Clark at [bclark@shelterchurch.tv](mailto:bclark@shelterchurch.tv)

**For More Information:** Click on link: [KIDS CAMP](#)

## **\*\*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\*\* NDI DISCIPLES GATHERING:**

**When:** Saturday, July 11, 2026

**Where:** 1:30 PM, West Chester Nazarene, 7951 Tylersville Road, West Chester, OH 45069



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

--Appalachia Reach Out (ARO) Scioto County Ohio; August 1-7, 2026. Home/community restoration work. **Cost:** \$500

--Rest Stop Ministries, women's anti human trafficking center near Lebanon Tennessee; Oct. 4-10, 2026 primarily painting the inside of the residential home. Staying at an area Airbnb. **Cost:** \$650

--Jamaica hurricane restoration and evangelistic opportunities. January 26, 2027-February 6. **Cost:** \$2,550

**For more information:** Email Louie Reindel at [reindellouis@gmail.com](mailto:reindellouis@gmail.com)

### **\*\*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\*\* NMI CONVENTION:**

**When:** Saturday, July 11, 2026

**Where:** 9:00 AM, West Chester Nazarene, 7951 Tylersville Road, West Chester, OH 45069



### **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 NYC 2026:**

There will be a **parent/participant meeting on Sunday, May 17th at 3:00 PM**, West Chester Nazarene in the Clubhouse, 7951 Tylersville Road, West Chester, OH 45069, Enter through door 9 (back by the district office)

This is a very important meeting where we will go over all the details for NYC, so it's important that at least one parent or guardian attends. Please make plans to be there!

#### **Final Payment Due:**

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

**Questions:** Contact Ross Frank – SWO NYC Coordinator: [ross@wcnaz.church](mailto:ross@wcnaz.church)

## **CHURCH COMMUNICATION**

### **HOSPITAL BED:**

An electric hospital bed is available for **FREE**. All you need to do is email Pastor Aleta Amberg to set up a time to pick up. If you are interested, please contact email [aleta.amberg@gmail.com](mailto:aleta.amberg@gmail.com).

Have a great weekend!

SWO District Office

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