



Southwestern Ohio District News

April 17, 2026

DISTRICT COMMUNICATION



CONGRATULATIONS! LIBERATION CHURCH (PASTOR HEATH COUNTRYMAN) WAS ORGANIZED ON SUNDAY, APRIL 12TH. Nearly 70 were in attendance as 24 charter members were received. Excitement was high and the people were THANKFUL for our Lord's blessing on the new church.

PRAYER PROMPTS:

- Carmen Herdman (Be Hope) underwent tests and will have a heart procedure in the near future.
- Pastor Mark Stevens (Target Dayton) Please continue to pray for Pastor Mark's cancer.
- Pastor Bob Highley (West Chester) Pastor Bob will undergo new treatments beginning next week.

IMPORTANT!

DISTRICT CONVENTIONS AND ASSEMBLY ARE JULY 11-13 AT WEST CHESTER. PLEASE BE PRAYING FOR THESE IMPORTANT MEETINGS!

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 1st.**

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.

MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALS RETREAT APRIL 24-25:



This coming Friday-Saturday, over 50 people who are either seeking their first-time District License, who are renewing their District License, or are seeking ordination will gather at Higher Ground for a very special time of Retreat. This time is vital in the formation of our ministers, as they meet with the Board of Ministry, spend time in fellowship, learning, and growing in their capacity as those God has called to a lifetime of ministry. These men and women are your current (and future!) pastors, staff, and servants of the church. Thank you for praying for them....supporting them....and investing in their lives and ministries!

--Dave Crofford, District Secretary

*****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:

04/17 – 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



NDI QUICK LINKS:

NDI Facebook [CLICK HERE](#)

NDI Hub Newsletter Signup [CLICK HERE](#)

NDI Upcoming Events: [CLICK HERE](#)

NDI Website [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, click on link [PRIMETIME RETREAT](#)

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-6th (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 | **REGISTRATION CLOSES June 7th!**

Questions: Contact Bekah Clark at bclark@shelterchurch.tv

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



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



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

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

NEXT QUIZ MEET – 5/30/26:

MVNU Field Quiz (Regional)

Questions? Contact Rick Current at rickcurrent@acrescurity.com

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.

"OFFLINE" – SWO CAMP 2026:

When: June 15th-19th

Where: Higher Ground Conference & Retreat Center

What: Make plans to join us for **SWO Camp**! This is an incredible week to leave the distractions of everyday life behind and connect with God in a powerful way.

Cost: Students – \$240 | Counselors – \$150 | **The price increases to \$265 on May 19th and registration closes June 8th**

We're excited to have Eastpointe leading worship again this year, and Antonio Marshall will be our camp speaker! More details to come soon!

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! To register, please visit: www.swonyi.org

Have a great weekend!

SWO District Office

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