



Southwestern Ohio District News

May 22, 2026

DISTRICT COMMUNICATION

ENJOY a wonderful Memorial Day weekend! Please give 'Thanks' for those who have sacrificed for our freedom and those who have meant so much to you!

CONGRATULATIONS Brookville Nazarene Church who voted to have Pastor Tom Gurschick to become their new lead pastor.

PASTOR, ARE YOU PLANNING ON RETIRING THIS YEAR?

Final preparations are underway to acknowledge those ministers on our District who want to receive retirement status at this year's Assembly in July. Is this you? If you haven't already touched base with me, please let me know that your intention is to take official retirement this year. We want to recognize you well for your faithful service to the Lord Jesus and to His Church! Please contact me either by phone or email: (513) 777-5600 or swodistsec@swonaz.org.

LAKE TAHOE CONDO AVAILABLE:

North Lake Tahoe is waiting for you! Sacramento District Church of the Nazarene owns and operates a condominium in Kings Beach, CA North Lake Tahoe. It has provided a place of refuge and relaxation for our pastors for years. The condominium has recently been updated, and we wanted to let you know it's available to "off-district" Senior Pastors, full-time and part-time Associates, Retired Pastors, Church staff, and lay members of the District Advisory Board as well. All the details are on our website with availability calendar: sacnaz.org/district-condo. Questions and reservation requests can be sent to Bonnie Marroquin, Administrative Assistant & Condo Manager; bmarroquin@sacnaz.org 916-652-1193 ext. 3

2026/27 DISTRICT ALLOCATION COUPONS:

District allocation coupons are now available at www.swonaz.org website under the **Quick Resources**" section or click on link to download. [ALLOCATION COUPONS](#)

STAFF RENEWALS:

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**.

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

When: June 25 - July 2, 2027

Where: Kansas City, Missouri

DISTRICT CALENDAR – May/June:

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

05/30/26 – Children's MVNU Field Quiz, Mount Vernon Nazarene University

05/31/26 – End of the Church Year

June

06/03 – 06/06/26 – BLAST, MVNU

06/04/26 – Executive Camp Board, 3:00 PM, Higher Ground Office

06/04/26 – Camp Board, 7:00 PM, Higher Ground Dining Room

06/05/26 – **REPORT DUE: Year End Reporting Forms**

06/15 – 06/19/26 – SWO Teen Camp @ Higher Ground Conference & Retreat Center

06/21/26 – Happy Father's Day!

06/21 – 06/23/26 – Children's Camp (Grades 1-3), Higher Ground Conference & Retreat Center [KIDS CAMP](#)

06/24 – 06/27/26 – Children's Camp (Grades 4-6), Higher Ground Conference & Retreat Center [KIDS CAMP](#)

06/28 – 7/06/26 – NYC 2025, Salt Lake City, UT



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 – 5/30/26:

MVNU Field Quiz (Regional)

Questions? Contact Rick Current at rickcurrent@acrescurity.com

SWO NDI DISCIPLES GATHERING:

When: Saturday, July 11, 2026

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

Time: 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM (*Registration begins at 12:00 PM*)

Lunch: 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM (City Barbeque)

Cost: \$10 in advance by June 30th /\$12 if purchased on starting July 1st or after

RSVP: **COMING SOON – (email Pastor Kalyn who is attending and if you are having lunch)**

Event Verse: Therefore, go and make disciples (Matthew 28:19-20). The Great Commission

Speakers: Dr. Sam Barber, Dr. Mike Benson, Dr. Scott Rainey, Rev. John Comstock, Pastor Emily Skillen, Pastor Darlene Franks, Pastor Teresa Bowden.

Childcare: Available (child discipleship services and teaching about discipleship for children)

Questions: Contact Pastor Kalyn Vogelmann kalynv73@gmail.com or Eric Johnson, eric.tothej@gmail.com

PRIMETIME DAY:

Who: Those who are 55+

When: Thursday, July 16, 2026

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

Times: Morning Service at 10:30 AM, Lunch at Noon (\$12), Concert at 1:00 PM (Love Offering)

Speaker: Dr. David Busic, General Superintendent

Music: EDEN

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

SWO KIDS' CAMPS:

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



NMI REPORTING (Click on forms below):

[Delegates for District NMI Convention](#)

[Local NMI Council Address](#)

[Local NMI President's Statistical Report](#)

[Lunch Ticket Order Form](#)

[Memorial Role/Distinguished Service Award](#)

[Request to Seat Alternate](#)

SWO NMI CONVENTION:

When: Saturday, July 11, 2026

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

Time: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM (*Registration begins at 8:30 AM*)

Lunch: 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM (City Barbeque) **Click on:** [Lunch Ticket Order Form](#)

Cost: \$10 in advance by June 30th /\$12 if purchased on starting July 1st or after

RSVP: stephaniewagers24@yahoo.com

Special Speakers: Kurt & Holly Johnson, missionaries to Poland

Childcare: Available

Important Items:

- Election of **delegates** for the 2027 General MI Convention
- Election of a **new NMI President** (Kurt Johnson retiring this year)

Please send nominations to: kurt@kdconsulting.com

What to Expect:

- March of Flags
- Presentations on the district NMI ministry
- Celebration of local church mission involvement
- Collection of **Links funds**
- **Deputation offerings** for missionaries

Drawings will take place during lunch, including a Work & Witness (Teams) scholarship. Please send information about your church's mission trips, teams, or activities to: Donis Williams – iliv2wrshp@gmail.com

Schedule Change: Based on last year's feedback, the missionary service will not be held on the same day. Instead, a district-wide missionary service will be scheduled this fall along with a deputation tour. More details to come.

Reminder: NMI reports are due by the end of May



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](#)

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 | **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!

To register: Visit: www.swonyi.org

SWO NYI WORSHIP NIGHT:

When: July 17, 2026

Where: Higher Ground Conference & Retreat Center

Details: We will be gathering as a district at Camp meeting to celebrate what God has done this summer through events like NYC and Camp, as well as what is happening in the local church. This takes the place of our NYI Day at Higher Ground, but this is a way to still be connected and a part. Service starts at 7:00 p.m. in the Graves Center. Worship will be led by our district youth. We will have a special treat afterwards. Make plans to come!

CHURCH COMMUNICATION

MINISTRY DESIGNS:

Devon Shephard from Ministry Designs has the following information to share with you.

Hi Pastor, I wanted to reach out and let you know that our partnership with the Nazarene denomination is still going strong. Over the past few months, more than 250 churches have already signed up to improve their online presence and save money. Throughout the month of June, we will be hosting a webinar every Tuesday at 2:00 PM EST. During these webinars, you'll have the opportunity to hear all the details about this partnership and better understand how it can benefit your ministry. Whether you currently have a website or do not have one at all, we highly encourage you to join one of these webinars. We're confident you will walk away with a clearer understanding of what makes an effective online presence and how your church can use it to better reach and serve your community. To register for a webinar and learn more about this partnership [CLICK HERE](#). We look forward to meeting you!

YOUTH LEADER OPENING:

Tri-County Nazarene is looking for a part-time Youth Leader. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Tom at tom.ward@tcn.church for more information.

Have a wonderful Memorial Day weekend!

SWO District Office

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