



Southwestern Ohio District News

June 5, 2026

DISTRICT COMMUNICATION

THANK YOU AND FAREWELL TO PASTORS JIM AND JANET HIGH!

We are sad to lose the High's! After ten years of ministry to the Eaton Church, Pastors Jim and Janet are moving to Mount Vernon, Ohio. They have three children in that area and want to be near them. Pastor Janet has secured a position at MVNU and Pastor Jim will find a place of ministry in the area. Pastor Jim has served on the Board of Ministry/Credentials and Pastor Janet was a great help to NDI. The Eaton Church family will dearly miss these spiritual leaders!

THE HUB is a newsletter for USA/Canada. It will help you know what is happening on the general level. To read the HUB newsletter, [CLICK HERE](#)

PRAYER PROMPT:

We have been asked to pray that our Lord will protect people and nations from the Ebola outbreak. "Lord, we pray against the spread of Ebola across Africa and other continents. Protect those traveling and serving in hospitals. Bless Your Church as it serves those affected by this disease."

CAMP BOARD MEETING last night received reports about the work on the entrance to Higher Ground. The limestone base which will support the new road is in place. Contractors tell us that the new entrance will be usable for Camp Meeting. Please pray for good weather and the work of this important project. The bridge to Higher Ground is still closed so you will need to go to the next exit and come back to the camp. The current entrance will be closed as soon as the new road is complete.

BECOMING CHRISTLIKE DISCIPLES GRANT:

Thanks to the continued generosity of a donor, we are grateful to offer additional funding and even more grant opportunities for Becoming Christlike Disciples ministries.

It is our prayer that these funds will go toward ministries focused on the Cycle of Resurgence: Bringing People to Jesus, Becoming Christlike Disciples, and Blessing Our Communities. As followers of Christ, we are called to be the hands and feet of Jesus, serving and loving those around us in meaningful and transformative ways.

There are two types of grants:

- **A one-time \$500 non-matching grant** (geared toward but not limited to churches with 100 people or fewer)
- **A \$1,000 matching grant** (your church contributes \$1,000 and we match it with \$1,000)

It does not matter where the \$1,000 funds come from...church budget, donation, offering, etc.)

Before applying, please carefully read the instructions and criteria below.

The purpose of this grant is simple: **To support creative ministries that help people Become Christlike Disciples.** Funds may be used to launch or expand outreach efforts that engage your community and introduce people to the hope of the gospel.

Examples of ministries that qualify include **Alpha, Upward Sports, Ministry Designs, community gardens, Vacation Bible School**, and many others. We know every church reaches its community differently, so we encourage you to consider what opportunity would best help your church connect with those who may not yet know Christ.

Please note that **building-related expenses generally do not qualify**, unless they are directly tied to a ministry specifically designed to engage people outside the church community.

As you consider how your church might use this grant to Bring People to Jesus, here are a few ministry examples to explore (these are simply examples and are not required):

- [Alpha](#)
Alpha creates space for honest conversations about life's biggest questions through a series of interactive sessions. Churches may use grant funds to help start Alpha and provide meals during the eight-week gathering.
- [Upward Sports](#)
Upward Sports uses athletics as a powerful outreach tool, helping churches connect with families while sharing the message of Jesus. Upward also offers a **\$500 start-up grant**, which could be combined with this opportunity. Upward is also currently running a promotion where churches can receive two free soccer goals when starting a soccer league this fall!
- [Ministry Designs](#)
Ministry Designs helps churches create and maintain professional websites. A strong online presence helps people in your community find your church and engage with your ministries. Grant funds could support the **\$25/month website hosting subscription**.

When applying it is very important that you use as much detail as possible. Please only apply for ONE of the two grant opportunities per church, either the \$500 grant or the \$1,000 grant. [Applications are now open!](#)

We are excited to see how God will use these resources to empower churches across our region to reach new people and help them Become Christlike Disciples.

For any additional questions please feel free to email Bailey Friberg (bfriberg@usacanadaregion.org)

NOTE:

**If you do receive a grant, there will be a 10-week wait for the disbursement of funds.*

**If you have applied in the past but were not approved, please feel free to apply again! We receive hundreds of applications, and we would love the opportunity to reconsider your ministry idea in this new round.*

****Applications will close June 15th***

Grace and peace, USA/Canada Regional Team

100% OF BUDGETS PAID?

We are sorry to have to ask this every year, but we want to make sure we give credit to each church who successfully cares for their giving to World Evangelism Fund, Mount Vernon Nazarene University, Pensions and Benefits, and the District Budget. The tracking through the Annual Pastors Reporting sometimes lags behind in reporting, so the best way to list which church has met these obligations is to ask. Please communicate this important information with the district office. Thank you!!!

DISTRICT CALENDAR – June/July:

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 [CAMP SCHEDULE](#) [PACKING LIST](#)

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

July

07/03/26 – Independence Day Observed, District Office Closed

07/04/26 – Independence Day

07/11/26 – NMI Convention, 9:00 AM, West Chester Nazarene, 7951 Tylersville Road, West Chester, OH 45069

07/11/26 – NDI Disciples Gathering, 1:30 PM, WCN, 7951 Tylersville Road, West Chester, OH 45069 [FLYER](#) [SCHEDULE](#)

07/12/26 – District Ordination Service, 6:00 PM, West Chester Nazarene, 7951 Tylersville Road, West Chester, OH 45069

07/13/26 – District Assembly, 9:00 AM, West Chester Nazarene, 7951 Tylersville Road, West Chester, OH 45069

07/15 – 07/19/26 Camp Meeting, Higher Ground Conference & Retreat Center

07/16/26 – PrimeTime Day, Higher Ground Conference & Retreat Center

07/16/26 – Retired Pastor & Spouse Dinner, 5:15 PM, Higher Ground Conference & Retreat Center [PRIMETIME DAY](#)

07/17/26 – SWO NYI Worship Night, 7:00 PM, Higher Ground Conference & Retreat Center



NDI QUICK LINKS:

NDI Facebook [CLICK HERE](#)

NDI Hub Newsletter Signup [CLICK HERE](#)

NDI Upcoming Events: [CLICK HERE](#)

NDI Website [CLICK HERE](#)

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)

For more information: Click on links [FLYER](#) or [SCHEDULE](#)

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](#)



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 / \$12 after deadline

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.



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](#)

"OFFLINE" – SWO CAMP 2026:

When: June 15-19, 2026

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

For more information: Click on links [CAMP SCHEDULE](#) [PACKING LIST](#)

CHURCH COMMUNICATION

NEW RICHMOND PRAYER MEETING 6/5/26:

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 1st 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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