



Southwestern Ohio District News

July 10, 2026

DISTRICT COMMUNICATION

THE WEEK AHEAD IS HUGE FOR SWO!

Tomorrow morning at 9:00 AM we begin Nazarene Missions International Convention. We will express appreciation to Dr. Kurt Johnson for his leadership and elect a new president. You will hear reports of what has happened this year and hear from our missionaries.

At 1:00 PM, the President of Nazarene Discipleship International, Pastor Kalyn Vogelmann will call the Disciples Gathering to order and we will be privileged to hear from our Global NDI President Sam Barber. There will be two sessions of workshops with great speakers helping us understand and improve our discipling abilities.

Sunday evening at 6:00 PM will be the Ordination Service where three will be ordained by General Superintendent Christian Sarmiento and one will have his credentials recognized from sister denomination. You won't want to miss this inspiring service.

Monday morning at 9:00 AM is the start of District Assembly. You will see what has taken place on the district for the 2025-26 church year. There will be elections of new district boards, delegates for General Assembly which will be in June of 2027 in Kansas City. The assembly will elect a new District Superintendent. There will be special guests from Mount Vernon Nazarene University and representatives from Global Headquarters. You will meet our newest pastors and enjoy the fellowship of our district family. We expect to finish the assembly at 4:00 PM, so a lot will happen in the seven hours (including a lunch break).

West Chester Church will be the location for the Saturday through Monday events.

Camp Meeting will begin on Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM. Dr. David Busic, General Superintendent, will be our preacher and the theme is "A Lifestyle of Holiness." Please plan to attend a great camp meeting and bring your friends. You won't be sorry! This is an opportunity to grow closer to our Lord. Thursday is Prime Time Day, Friday evening will feature our youth. Every morning and evening service will be great times of worship and hearing the Word.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE TIMES TOGETHER!!! MAKE PLANS TO JOIN US FOR EACH OF THESE GATHERINGS!

SOUTHWESTERN OHIO IS A GREAT DISTRICT!!! ...BECAUSE WE HAVE GREAT PEOPLE AND A GREAT GOD!!!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

District meeting information and reports are available at www.swonaz.org under "DISTRICT MEETING INFORMATION." In addition, NMI and NDI also have information for your review. Sample ballots and personal bio information will be available in the delegate packets the morning of Assembly. Please alert your folks that they should bring whatever device they most often use (smartphone, tablet, or laptop) in order to access the documents at Assembly. A QR code will be available.

CHILDCARE AT DISTRICT MEETINGS: [FLYER](#)

NMI Convention: [MAP](#)

Nursery – 6th grade: 9am-12:00pm (Check-in is in South Foyer at entrance to Kid's Ministry area)

NDI Convention: [MAP](#)

Nursery – 6th grade: 1pm-5pm (Check-in is in South Foyer at entrance to Kid's Ministry area)

Ordination Service: [MAP](#)

Nursery – 6th grade: 6-8pm (Check-in is in South Foyer at entrance to Kid's Ministry area) **Pick up kids after the service, before heading to the reception.**

District Assembly: [MAP](#)

Nursery – 6th grade: 9-4pm (Check-in is in South Foyer at entrance to Kid's Ministry area). Note: **We will NOT serve lunch, children must be picked up at the lunch break!**

Questions: Contact Kim Coffing at kim@wcn.church.

ATTENTION – ALL ORDAINED & DISTRICT LICENSED MINISTERS:

Greetings Pastor!

In just a few days we will be gathering at West Chester Church of the Nazarene for our annual District Assembly and Ordination Service (which is on Sunday, July 12, this year). As part of the Ordination Service, we will again look forward to using a ministers choir. All ordained and district licensed ministers are invited (and encouraged) to join us.

This year we are planning to do “I Speak Jesus” by Charity Gayle. It is a strong statement of the name of Jesus which will be a powerful addition to the service. You can find the recording [HERE](#). Please take a moment to listen to it before Sunday’s rehearsal. We will **meet on the platform for rehearsal at 4:30 PM**.

This email is being sent to all senior/lead pastors on the district. We ask that you **please help us by forwarding it to all in your church who are ordained or district licensed**.

Terry Blosser

“Ministers Choir Director”

513-260-2510 (I’m safe to call any night until 11:00 PM with questions)

*****IMPORTANT NOTE FROM YOUR DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD*****

Next week the district family will be gathering at West Chester for our annual meetings...NMI (July 11), NDI (July 11), Ordination Service (July 12), and District Assembly (July 13). This year will be slightly different than normal for us in that we will be saying goodbye to our current district superintendent and friend, Bob Mahaffey, and will prayerfully be electing our future leader. As we have been planning for Bob’s final district assembly with us, we want to celebrate him well. We will primarily accomplish this in two ways. Throughout the day on Monday, we will have brief presentations. At the end of the day there will be a reception held in his honor, much like we do at the conclusion of the Ordination Service each year. There will be finger foods, cake, and drinks available.

We hope many of you can join us for this day. We believe the reception will begin around 4:00 PM. If you wish, cards can be brought to the reception or mailed to [West Chester Church of the Nazarene](#), 7951 Tylersville Rd., West Chester, OH 45069.

Please write BOB on the back of the envelope.

Terry R. Blosser (513-260-2510)

SWO District Advisory Board Secretary

OUT OF THE OFFICE:

Pastor Bob will be out of the office July 20th through July 25th. If this is an urgent matter, please contact the District Office at 513-777-5600 or Pastor Dave Crofford at 513-429-8535.

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 – July:

07/11/26 – NMI Convention, 9:00 AM, West Chester Nazarene, 7951 Tylersville Road, West Chester, OH 45069 [MAP](#)

07/11/26 – NDI Disciples Gathering, 1:00 PM, WCN, 7951 Tylersville Rd., W. Chester, OH 45069 [FLYER](#) [SCHEDULE](#) [MAP](#) [CHILDREN](#)

07/12/26 – District Ordination Service, 6:00 PM, West Chester Naz., 7951 Tylersville Road, West Chester, OH 45069 [MAP](#)

07/13/26 – District Assembly, 9:00 AM, West Chester Nazarene, 7951 Tylersville Road, West Chester, OH 45069 [MAP](#)

07/15 – 07/19/26 Camp Meeting, Higher Ground Conference & Retreat Center [SCHEDULE](#)

07/16/26 – PrimeTime Day, Higher Ground Conference & Retreat Center PRIMETIME DAY [PRIMETIME DAY 2026/27 EVENTS](#)

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

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 Website [CLICK HERE](#)

SWO NDI DISCIPLES GATHERING:

SWO Disciples-

Join us this Saturday at 1:00 PM for The Disciples Gathering following the missionary convention in the morning. Please see attachments that you can send to all in your church to remind them that this Disciples Gathering is for them. We will begin at 1:00 PM with a great plenary session led by Dr. Sam Barber, our global NDI Director followed by many excellent workshops on discipleship.

When: Saturday, July 11, 2026 @ 1:00 PM

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)

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

For more information: Click on links [FLYER](#) or [SCHEDULE](#) or [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 2026/27 EVENTS](#)



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)

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)

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.



NYI QUICK LINKS:

Calendar: [CLICK HERE](#)

Communication: [CLICK HERE](#)

Facebook Page: [CLICK HERE](#)

Instagram: [CLICK HERE](#)

Website: [CLICK HERE](#)

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 PM 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

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT:

Be Hope Church is honored to host the Global Leadership Summit on August 6–7, 2026, and I'd love for you to join us for this impactful leadership experience because I see leadership in you.

You have influence, and that's exactly why I wanted to personally invite you. The Global Leadership Summit is a two-day event designed to inspire and equip leaders at every level through practical teaching, powerful storytelling, and insights from globally respected leaders.

Event Details:

- Dates: August 6–7, 2026
- Location: Be Hope Church, 1850 N. Fairfield Rd, Beavercreek, OH
- Registration Information: www.behope.church/summit

I'm confident this experience will encourage and equip you to lead with even greater clarity, confidence, and impact. Please let me know if you have any questions. We hope you'll join us!

JC Slone, Executive Administrator
Be Hope Church, 937-426-3926

Have a great weekend!

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