



Southwestern Ohio District News

October 2, 2026

DISTRICT COMMUNICATION



I returned Wednesday night from the General board meetings in Kansas City. I have been honored to sit as one of 51 board members from around the world. Many of the meetings provided updates. I sit on the Local church committee which covers NDI, NMI, NYI, the Foundry and NPH. Lots of acronyms! There were 31 missionaries that were commissioned in the Tuesday night plenary session. Congratulations to Pastor Laurent & Nicole Muvunyi from Valley Hope Church who are moving to Africa to be missionaries. They are waiting on further next steps. We heard a lot of updates regarding the upcoming General Assembly and Conventions in 2027. The location will be Kansas City. Nazarene Theology Seminary has a name change. "Nazarene School of Divinity" is the new name. I am not sure when it will be officially advertised but there are many changes happening there and this is one of them. There are new six District Superintendents included in the photo above and a total of 78 in the USA/Canada region. October is pastor Appreciation month. Please take time this month to recognize your pastor and staff AND their Spouses! They work hard throughout the year, and your appreciation of their efforts will go a long way. Have a great weekend! Pastor Daryl

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PRAYER PROMPTS:

-- Please pray for Pastor Mark and Cindi Steves of Target Dayton.

- Charlene Crisp, Pastor Paul's wife (Blanchester) who is recovering at home from her surgery last week.
- Cindy Crofford, Pastor Dave's wife who is recovering from a recent surgery that she had in September.

*****SAVE THE DATE***SWO DISTRICT LEADERS' CHRISTMAS BANQUET 2026:**

Who: Pastors, Associate Pastors, and SWO District leadership teams along with their spouses

When: Monday, December 7, 2026

Where: Higher Ground Conference & Retreat Center

Time: Hors d'oeuvres at 5:45 PM with dinner at 6:15 PM

For More Information: Click on [BANQUET](#)

NCM 2026 CHRISTMAS PROJECT:

The 2026 NCM Christmas Project, *Room for Every Child*, highlights the ways local churches are caring for displaced children around the world. These ministries do more than meet immediate needs. They help children find stability, experience belonging, continue their education, receive emotional and spiritual care, and discover that God deeply loves them. Displacement can leave children feeling invisible and forgotten. But through the work of local churches, children are reminded that there is room for them at the table, room for them in the classroom, room for them in the community, and room for them in the family of God. For more information on how to give or become an ambassador [CLICK HERE](#). **Have questions?** Email [Hayley](#) or [JP](#).

DISTRICT CALENDAR – October/November:

10/01/26 – Camp Board Meeting, 7:00 PM, District Office

10/03/26 – NYI Teen Quiz Meet, 9:30 AM, Amelia Nazarene, 1295 West Ohio Pike, Amelia, OH 45102

10/03/26 – NDI Children's Quiz, 10:00 AM, Monroe, 400 Macready Avenue, Monroe, OH 45050

10/03/26 – Munch N Music, 12:00 PM, Xenia Nazarene, 1204 W 2nd Street, Xenia, OH 45385 [MUNCH N MUSIC](#)

10/18/26 – SWO NYI Night Out, Doors Open @ 4:45 PM, Starts @ 6:00 PM, 4701 Far Hills Ave, Dayton, OH 45429

10/21/26 – Retired Pastor's & Spouse Lunch, 11:45 AM, Hawks Hall, West Chester Nazarene [LUNCHEON](#)

November

11/02/26 – District Advisory Board, 7:00 PM, District Office

11/03/26 – Pastor's Leadership Day, Mount Vernon Nazarene University

11/07/26 – NYI Quiz Meet, 9:30 AM, TBD

11/09/26 – NYI Council Meeting, 6:30 PM, District Office

11/10/26 – District Advisory Board, 7:00 PM, District Office

11/14/26 – NDI Children's Quiz, 10:00 AM, Xenia, 1204 W 2nd Street, Xenia, OH 45385

11/15/26 – THRiVE Leaders & Mentors Meeting 5:00 PM, Location TBD

11/19/26 – NDI Council Meeting, 6:30 PM, District Office 11/20-21/26 – NYI Tri-State Quizzing, MVNU

11/20 – 11/21/26 – NYI Tri-State Quiz Meet, MVNU

11/20 – 11/22/26 – SWO NYI Fall Retreat, Cross Oak Camp, Saint Mary's Ohio

11/25 – 11/27/26 – Thanksgiving, District Office Closed



NDI QUICK LINKS:

NDI Facebook [CLICK HERE](#)

NDI Calendar [CLICK HERE](#)

NDI Hub Newsletter Signup [CLICK HERE](#)

NDI Website [CLICK HERE](#)

SAVE THE DATES: SWO CHILDREN'S BIBLE QUIZZING 2026/27:

What: SWO Children's Quiz

Who: Two levels - **Red Level** grades 1-3, **Blue Level** grades 4-6

Time: 10:00 AM

Quizzing Dates (subject to change)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LESSONS</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
10/03/26 Quiz 1 – Dig Sites 1-5		Monroe
11/14/26 Quiz 2 – Dig Sites 1-10		Xenia
01/09/27 Quiz 3 – Dig Sites 1-15		TBD
02/20/27 Quiz 4 – Zone Quiz Dig Sites 1-20		TBD
03/13/27 Quiz 5 – District Final- Sites 1-20		Living Hope
June 2026	World Quiz	Kansas City

For More Information: Contact Rick Current at rickyc4866@gmail.com or rickcurrent@acresecurity.com. Text or call 937-545-9058



LINKS:

We have the following missionaries for Links on the district. Please contact them directly by email. They will let you know if they can receive anything at their location and how. Please send any funds through our district NMI treasurer, Vickie Rocheleau, as we must follow Nazarene global instructions.

Doug & Jennifer Mann (rpc@eurasiaregion.org)

Mitchel & Marnie Modine (mmodine@apnts.edu.ph)

Matt & Fay Wagner (mattandfaywagner@gmail.com)

The Wheatley's (wheatleyfamily@pm.me)

2026/27 SWO JR. PROJECT: SWEET SURRENDER CAFE – POZNAN, POLAND:

This year's Junior Project supports the Sweet Surrender Cafe in Poznan, Poland - the coffee-house ministry led by Nazarene missionaries Kurt and Holly Johnson. Sweet Surrender is a real, working coffee house that serves as a non-threatening entry point into the community, where people who might never walk into a traditional church find a warm welcome, genuine friendship, and the love of Christ. The first Sweet Surrender opened in Gdansk in 2008, and the Poznan cafe followed in 2010.

When war came to Ukraine, the Poznan cafe became a refuge. Sweet Surrender has served Ukrainian families fleeing the conflict - offering Polish-language classes, art therapy, women's fellowship groups, children's programs, and a place of trauma recovery and hope.

Give: Sweet Surrender Cafe - Approved Mission Special #154046

Online: give.nazarene.org/donate/154046

District Junior Project goal: \$3,000

Coordinator: Elizabeth Bennington - ebennington2004@gmail.com



NYI QUICK LINKS:

Calendar: [CLICK HERE](#)

Communication: [CLICK HERE](#)

Facebook Page: [CLICK HERE](#)

Instagram: [CLICK HERE](#)

Website: [CLICK HERE](#)

SWO TEEN QUIZ MEET – 10/03/26:

When: October 3, 2026

Where: Amelia Nazarene, 1295 West Ohio Pike, Amelia, OH 45102

Time: 9:30 AM

For More Information: Contact Greg Kindle at gkindle90@gmail.com

SWO NIGHT OUT:

What: Join us for our first district youth worship night! We will have worship, food, and games.

When: October 18, 2026

Time: Doors open @ 4:45 PM, Starts @ 6:00 PM, Wrap up around 7:30 PM

Where: Parkview Nazarene, 4701 Far Hills Ave, Dayton, OH 45429

Theme: Mismatch Night - Don't come with matching clothes. Put your craziest combination together and be ready to win some sweet prizes.

For More Information: Contact Pastor Teresa Bowden at teresa@wcn.church

*****SAVE THE DATE***SWO FALL RETREAT:**

When: November 20-22, 2026

Where: Cross Oak Retreat Center, 272 Jack Oak Point Road, St. Mary's, OH 45885

Speaker: Linsy Stockham

Worship: SWO Young Adults

Cost Per Student: \$175 until 10/31, \$190 until 11/7

Includes all food, lodging, activities, and a T-Shirt

Cost Per Adult Leader: \$115 for the weekend

Registration: See links below

<https://form.typeform.com/to/GB8BPx8E> (Student Credit Card Registration)

<https://form.typeform.com/to/pCLudzqm> (Student Pay by Check Registration)

<https://form.typeform.com/to/r83YTqLy> (Leader Pay by Check Registration)

For More Information: Contact Jacob Glenn at jglenn@ccnaz.org

CHURCH COMMUNICATION

CHRISTIAN TEACHING SEMINAR:

Fairfield COTN would like to invite those on our District who serve as teachers for Sunday School, Life Groups, etc. as a part of local church ministry, to join in a special training seminar.

When: Saturday, October 10, 2026

Where: Fairfield Church of the Nazarene, River Road Campus, 12190 E. Miami River Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45252

Speaker: Dr. David Crofford, District Superintendent Assistant

Time: Registration: 9:30 AM, Seminar: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Cost: The seminar is **FREE**, and a complimentary luncheon will be served

RSVP: Would be greatly appreciated. You can reply either by email: Grynearson@fairfieldnaz.com, [CLICK HERE](#).

HEAVENLY TRUMPET MINISTRIES:

Rev. Rudy Cervantes is a song evangelist out of Cleveland Ohio with Heavenly Trumpet Ministries. Rudy has been in ministry for over 35 years and would love to be a part of your worship for Christmas. The ministry only receives a love offering. Availability is the last weekend in November and a few dates in December. [CLICK HERE](#) to listen to a sample of his ministry with the pan flute, trumpet, and flugelhorn. If your church is interested, [CLICK HERE](#), call or text 775-772-4747 or email htrumpet@aol.com.

Have a great weekend!

SWO District Office

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