



Southwestern Ohio District News

October 17, 2025

DISTRICT COMMUNICATION



CONGRATULATIONS SNC HISPANIC CONGREGATION!

The SNC Hispanic Church celebrated 16 years on Saturday, October 11, 2025. They celebrated in their new building location in Lockland. There was a joy-filled service which was followed by a wonderful dinner—the place was packed! Congratulations to Pastor Arnoldo and Fermina on this incredible milestone!

SYMPATHY EXTENDED TO LEE VAN HOUTEN (District Treasurer) in the passing of his mother, Ellen Van Houten. Lee's mother passed last Saturday. She was 97 years of age. (Obituary [CLICK HERE](#))

CONGRATULATIONS TO LIBERATION CHURCH AND PASTOR HEATH COUNTRYMAN who have completed the purchase of their new building. The opening date is Sunday, November 2nd. Their new home is located in Beavercreek, just south of route 35 at 696 North Fairfield Road. For two years they have met at a movie theater and recreation center. It will be so nice to have a location that can be used twenty-four/seven without set up and teardown. Way to go Liberation!

PASTOR'S LEADERSHIP DAY IS NOVEMBER 11TH AT MVNU:

Our school is making great strides and seeing growth. This will be a great time for you to hear three key leaders discuss what the heartbeat of a Christian University is planning. More information is given in this newsletter.

ADVENT RESOURCES:

Journey with your faith community through this devotional book for all ages that offers discussion questions following each reflection as well as a space to journal a prayer each day. *Hope of all the Earth* provides resources for pastoral, youth, children's, and Spanish ministries that will bring all ages in your faith community on a journey together through Advent. [CLICK HERE](#) to reserve your copy.

BRINGING PEOPLE TO JESUS:

[CLICK HERE](#) for resources to share Jesus with your community and become a Christlike Disciple. Have additional questions or need training? Contact Sam ssenica@nazarene.org or Kristi Senica ksenica@nazarene.org.

SWO LEADERSHIP CHRISTMAS BANQUET 2025:

What: Christmas with Craig Adams

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

When: Monday, December 8, 2025

Where: Higher Ground Conference & Retreat Center

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

Cost: \$22 per person, make payment to: HGCRS

When you RSVP, please indicate how many people want Grilled Marinated Chicken OR Roast Beef.

RSVP **ON OR BEFORE 11/26/25** by emailing highergroundservice@gmail.com or by calling 812-637-3777

RSVP **ENTRÉE: Grilled Marinated Chicken OR Sliced Roast Beef with Gravy**

For More Information: Click on [FLYER](#) [MENU](#)

PASTOR'S LEADERSHIP DAY:

When: Tuesday, November 11, 2025

Where: Foster Hall, Ariel Arena – Mount Vernon Nazarene University

Time: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Topic: What does the future of theological education look like?

Speakers:

Dr. Colleen Deer – EVP & CAO @ MVNU

Dr. Doug Matthews – Chair for the Division of CM

Dr. Carson Castleman – President @ MVNU

Cost: \$49

Registration: [CLICK HERE](#)

DISTRICT CALENDAR – October/November:

10/30 – 12/04/25 – NMDC Philosophy of Religion, 6:00 PM, (Thursday's) District Office

November

11/01/25 – SWO NYI Quiz Meet, 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM, West Carrollton Nazarene

11/03/25 – NYI Council Meeting, 6:30 PM, District Office

11/04/25 – District Advisory Board, 7:00 PM, District Office

11/11/25 – Pastor's Leadership Day, Mount Vernon Nazarene University [REGISTRATION](#)

11/11/25 – PrimeTime Council, 10:30 AM, District Office

11/12/25 – 11/19/25 – District Office Closed

11/13/25 – NDI Council Meeting, 6:30 PM, District Office

11/14 – 11/16/25 – SWO Fall Retreat, Cross Oak Camp, St. Mary's Ohio [REGISTRATION](#)

11/15/25 – Children's Quiz, 10:00 AM, TBA

11/16/26 – NMI Council Meeting, 9:00 AM, District Office

11/21 – 11/22/25 – NYI Tri State Quiz, MVNU

11/27 – 11/28/25 – Thanksgiving, District Office Closed



NDI QUICK LINKS:

NDI Facebook [CLICK HERE](#)

NDI Hub Newsletter Signup [CLICK HERE](#)

NDI Website [CLICK HERE](#)

PrimeTime Events [CLICK HERE](#)



2025-26 SWO JUNIOR PROJECT:

This year's Junior project for 2025-26 will be Playgrounds for Venezuela. We are going to help get into action where churches can have a welcoming space for families in the community. This will help remove barriers, allowing churches to develop deeper

relationships with the families they serve and reach their souls for Jesus! This year's goal will fund the construction of two playgrounds.

Goal: \$5,000

Submit Offerings to: SWO NMI, Vickie Rocheleau, 316 Macready Avenue, Monroe, OH 45050

Children's NMI Coordinator: Elizabeth Bennington ebennington2004@gmail.com

FALL 2025 MISSIONARY DEPUTATION:

Matt and Fay Wagner

Guatemala

Our own missionaries available: now through Mid-December

mattandfaywagner@gmail.com

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)

Matt & Fay Wagner (mattandfaywagner@gmail.com)

Michael & Cailyn (mikeandcailynw@protonmail.com)

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



NYI QUICK LINKS:

Calendar: [CLICK HERE](#)

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Website: [CLICK HERE](#)

NEXT TEEN QUIZ MEET – 11/01/25:

Youth quizzing will be at 9:30 AM West Carrollton Nazarene 550 South Elm Street. West Carrollton, OH 45449

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

FALL RETREAT:

When: November 14-16, 2025

Where: Cross Oak Camp, St. Mary's Ohio

Theme: "Untamed"

Cost: (includes food, lodging, activities, and a shirt):

- \$150 per person — now through **October 31**
- \$165 per person — through **November 7**

Details:

- Speaker: James Heyward
- Worship: Keegan
- Check-in: Friday, 6:30–8:00 p.m.
- Retreat ends: Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

- Activities: Games, activities, paintball, worship, and time to connect with God and each other!

Registration Links:

Students- [Register here](#) (Credit Card)

Students- [Register here](#) (Check)

Adults- [Register here](#) (Credit Card)

Adults- [Register Here](#) (Check)

Questions? Contact Teresa Bowden at teresa@wcn.church

SWO NYC 2026:

🇺🇸 NYC 2026 Registration is Officially LIVE!

👉 Register here: [NYC 2026 Registration](#)

📅 Event Details

Dates: June 28 – July 6, 2026

Location: Salt Lake City, Utah

Cost: \$2,375 – if registered by *January 15, 2026

What's Included: Flights, food, lodging, registration – all-inclusive!

(Spending money and souvenirs not included)

💰 Payment Deadlines

Due Date Amount Notes

Jan 15, 2026 \$575 Late Registration Deposit

Mar 1, 2026 \$900 SWO NYI Payment Deadline

May 1, 2026 \$900 FINAL Payment Due

Note: The \$500 deposit is non-refundable.

🙋 Questions?

Contact: Ross Frank – SWO NYC Coordinator: ross@wcnaz.church

CHURCH COMMUNICATION

FREE ITEMS:

Drexel Nazarene has several items they are willing to give to another church. They are as follows:

Choir books (Mostly Gaither choir books)

Chorus books (Various)

Copier

Desks Qty. 2

File Cabinets Qty. 3 (4-Drawer)

Floral arrangements for different seasons

Hymnals: Praise & Worship (maroon) Qty. 24 (plus approximately 70 are in not very good condition)

Hymnals: Worship in Song Qty. 47

Metal chairs Qty. 10 – 20

Organ

Projector

Painting Supplies (brushes, rollers paint trays)

Pianos Qty. 3

Refrigerator (Full Size)

Sound system with CD player (fairly new)

Sunday school materials with activity sheets, etc.

Vacuum Cleaner

Tables Qty. 6-8

Various missionary books, story books, etc.

VHS player/TV

Wooden offering plates Qty. 2

If you are interested in any of these items, please contact the District Office at 513-777-5600.

Have great weekend!

SWO District Office

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