



Southwestern Ohio District News

October 23, 2026

DISTRICT COMMUNICATION

Friday greetings on this beautiful fall day. If you haven't already done so, please take this last Sunday in October to honor your pastor(s) and staff for Pastor appreciation month. God will use your kindness and generosity to encourage them.

We had a terrific Retired ministers' luncheon on Wednesday. Thank you, West Chester, for hosting. Pictures can be found on the Southwestern Ohio District Facebook page. A private memorial for Mark Stevens from Target Dayton took place on Monday. It was a beautiful service and very God-honoring. A celebration service is being planned for November 1 at 4:30 at the Dayton Convention center. We will share more details next week. All are invited to attend. Please pray for Cindi and the family during this time.

Pastors! Plan to attend the annual Christmas banquet with your staff on December 7! The menu is planned (Prime Rib, Pecan Chicken, and Baked ham) Special music by an amazing group called Eden. Plan to join your fellow district servants for a joyful evening with fun, food, and fellowship.

Tracy and I are praying for your services this weekend. Blessings to you!

SYMPATHY EXTENDED:

Former District Superintendent, Doug Van Nest, is mourning the loss of his mother. Diane Van Nest, who passed away in Kansas City this week. There are no planned services at this time. Please keep the Van Nest family in your prayers.

SWO QUICK LINKS:

District Website [CLICK HERE](#)

Facebook [CLICK HERE](#)

Newsletter Signup [CLICK HERE](#)

NBUSA'S THIRD ANNUAL BENEFITS FAIR 11/19/26:

NBUSA is excited to partner with your district for our 3rd Annual Virtual Benefits Fair! District Superintendents play an important role in ensuring that pastors throughout their districts are aware of the benefits available to them through NBUSA and understand how to make the most of these valuable resources to support them in their ministry. Join NBUSA, Thursday, November 19, 2026, for a special multi-session webinar event designed to equip ministers with practical guidance for today and the future.

This educational series will feature a variety of topics, including:

- **Making the Most of Your Ministry Benefits**
- **Financial Practices for Ministers**
- **Minister Tax Law and Tax Considerations**
- **Additional resources and strategies to support your ministry journey**

[CLICK HERE](#) to register today so you can join us for our 3rd Annual Benefits Fair on November 19!

To learn more about our upcoming workshops, visit our webpage: nbusa.org

Did you know? You can receive CEU credit for attending this session. The CEU code will be provided in the follow-up email to all who attended.

CAREY NIEUWHOF COMING TO MVNU!

Dear Pastors & Church Leaders,

We are thrilled to announce that Carey Nieuwhof will be joining us for our next Pastor's Leadership Day at Mount Vernon Nazarene University on **Tuesday, November 3!** This year, we are excited to partner with Tragedy into Triumph to make this special event possible. Carey Nieuwhof is a best-selling leadership author, speaker, podcaster, former attorney, and church planter. He is the founder of The Art of Leadership Academy and host of the Carey Nieuwhof Leadership Podcast, which has been downloaded more than 30 million times and ranks among the top leadership podcasts in the world. This Pastor's Leadership Day will look a little different from previous years. Carey will begin the day with a special Pastor's Leadership Day session from 2:00–4:00 PM in R.R. Hodges Chapel & Auditorium, designed specifically to encourage and equip pastors and ministry leaders. Following the afternoon session, we'll gather for dinner on campus before returning to the chapel for a 7:00 PM worship service. During the evening, Carey

will share his personal story of burnout and the season when, despite experiencing tremendous outward success in ministry, his inner world began to fall apart. His story is a powerful reminder of the importance of caring for our souls, recognizing our limits, and pursuing a healthy and sustainable life in ministry. We are incredibly excited to welcome Carey to MVNU and to spend this day investing in pastors and ministry leaders from across our region. **Tuesday, November 3.** Below is the link to register. The page also has the schedule for the day and hotel options in the Mount Vernon area if you plan to spend the night on the 3rd.
<https://mvnu.edu/church-relations/church-events-and-seminars/> -Christa McNichols

MVNU HOMECOMING:

Reconnect with lifelong friends, mentors, and others on November 13 & 14, 2026. For additional information [CLICK HERE](#).

DISTRICT CALENDAR – November/December:

- 11/03/26 – Pastor’s Leadership Day, Mount Vernon Nazarene University
- 11/07/26 – NYI Quiz Meet, 9:30 AM, Springdale Nazarene, 11177 Springfield Pike, Cincinnati, OH 45246
- 11/07/26 – SWO Men’s Conference, 10:00 AM, West Chester Naz., 7951 Tylersville Road, West Chester, OH 45069 [CLICK HERE](#)
- 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 – NMI Council Meeting, 9:30 AM, ZOOM
- 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 – 11/21/26 – NYI Tri-State Quiz Meet, MVNU
- 11/20 – 11/22/26 – NYI Fall Retreat, Cross Oak Camp, Saint Mary’s Ohio
- 11/25 – 11/27/26 – Thanksgiving, District Office Closed

December

- 12/07/26 – SWO Leaders Christmas Banquet, 5:45 PM, Higher Ground Conference & Retreat Center [BANQUET](#)
- 12/11/26 – District Camp Board Christmas Party, 6:00 PM, Higher Ground
- 12/12/26 – NYI Quiz Meet, 9:30 AM, West Carrollton Church, 550 South Elm Street, West Carrollton, OH 45449
- 12/24 – 12/31/26 – Christmas Break District Office Closed



NDI QUICK LINKS:

- NDI Calendar [CLICK HERE](#)
- NDI Hub Newsletter Signup [CLICK HERE](#)
- NDI Website [CLICK HERE](#)

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

DATE	LESSONS	LOCATION
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

Questions? Contact Rick Current at rickyc4866@gmail.com or rickcurrent@acresecurity.com. Text or call 937-545-9058



NMI FALL NEWSLETTER: [CLICK HERE](#)

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)



NYI QUICK LINKS:

Calendar: [CLICK HERE](#)

Communication: [CLICK HERE](#)

Facebook Page: [CLICK HERE](#)

Instagram: [CLICK HERE](#)

Website: [CLICK HERE](#)

SWO TEEN QUIZ MEET SCHEDULE 2026/27:

What: SWO Teen Quiz

Time: 9:30 AM

Quizzing Dates (subject to change)

Dates:

11/07/26 – Springdale Nazarene, 11177 Springfield Pike, Cincinnati, OH 45246

11/20-21/26 – Tri-State at MVNU

12/12/26 – West Carrollton Church, 550 South Elm Street, West Carrollton, OH 45449

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

EXPLORE CONFERENCE:

What: A Conference to Explore God's Call on Your Life

When: November 6-7, 2026

Where: MVNU

Two days of worship, mentorship, and honest conversation about what God is calling you to do next.

What Is God Calling You To Do?

You don't have to have all the answers. Explore is a place to ask questions, hear honest stories, connect with mentors, and make space to listen for where God may be leading you. Come ready to worship, connect, and take your next step.

This conference is open to students and Young Adults.

For more information or to register please visit <https://mvnu.edu/explore/>

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

*****SAVE THE DATE*** UCNVI LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2027**

When: March 1-2, 2027

Where: Olivet Nazarene University | Bourbonnais, IL, USA

What: UCNVI Leadership Conference is an annual gathering for District NVI Presidents and other youth ministry leaders throughout the USA and Canada Region. This conference provides space for NVI leaders to connect with one another and engage in conversation around current youth ministry topics and trends. In addition to seeing NVI in action across the USA/Canada Region, the focus of this LC will be on leadership development through connection and collaboration.

Cost and Registration Details:

Early Bird Registration – \$129 (Deadline: November 2)

Regular Registration – \$149 (Deadline: December 2)

Late Registration – \$169 (Deadline: February 2)

Registration cost includes all conference sessions, materials and three meals.

Housing and transportation are on your own.

Interested in going, but might need some help financially? Please contact Teresa Bowden at teresa@wcn.church

Register: [CLICK HERE](#)

CHURCH COMMUNICATION

MEN'S CONFERENCE:

West Chester Nazarene will be hosting a **FREE** Men's Conference on November 7, 2026, from 10:00 AM until Noon. This conference is open to all churches and is designed to encourage, challenge, and strengthen men in every season of life. Through powerful worship and practical, biblical teaching from **Chris Grainger** and **Pastor Daryl Blank**, you'll be reminded of the courage, purpose, and calling God has placed inside you. Invite a friend—especially someone who's exploring faith or hasn't yet experienced the hope of Jesus. This could be the day that changes everything. Your investment to this moment is your time—and we believe it'll be one of the best investments you'll make this year. Come expecting God to move! To register [CLICK HERE](#). Questions or for more information, contact Pastor Shahne Stone (513) 777-6300, [CLICK HERE](#).

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS:

The holidays are challenging when you are grieving a loss. West Chester Nazarene is holding a 2-hour seminar on Monday, November 16th from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM. Surviving the Holidays provides encouragement, support, and valuable tools to navigate the season. For more information, [CLICK HERE](#), or call 513-777-5600.

HEAVENLY TRUMPET MINISTRIES (11/25/26 STILL AVAILABLE):

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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