Southwestern Ohio District News

November 13, 2026

DISTRICT COMMUNICATION

Thank you to Shahne Stone and the West Chester Church for hosting the district-wide men's conference on Saturday. There was great attendance and the morning was filled with spirit-lead challenges for each of us. This week I have met with the auxiliary presidents, the NYI council, and the District Advisory Board. Thursday-Saturday, Sheila Slone, and I will attend a church planting assessment. We will be participating in assessing candidates who show interest in planting new churches. These are candidates in various parts of the region. Please pray for the weekend as we do this important work. Pastors, please call in your numbers for the Christmas banquet that will be held on December 7. We look forward to seeing you there. Have a blessed weekend. Daryl

SWO QUICK LINKS:

District Website CLICK HERE
Facebook CLICK HERE
Newsletter Signup CLICK HERE

PRAYER PROMPTS:

--Nancy Kidd (wife of retired pastor Terry Kidd) had a heart attack on Tuesday afternoon and was readmitted to the hospital. She is now at home recovering.
--Retired pastor Jim Barringer (Blanchester) had a very successful surgery last Friday. Please continue to pray for a complete healing.

SURVIVAL KITS FOR MVNU STUDENTS:

MVNU Women's Auxiliary is pleased to offer Survival Kits (goodie bags) this semester to ease the stress of final exams. Kits include popcorn, cookies, candy bars, chips, granola bar, etc. Cost is $15 each. **Orders must be received by Nov. 20, 2026**. You can send to a student to go along with the kit and the order form. Orders can also be made online at https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=7a0c2f. You can either send a kit to a specific student or send it to any student, and we will get it to a student that could use an extra boost and is not already getting one. All proceeds from kits go to benefit the MVNU Women's Auxiliary Student Scholarship Fund. For questions, please contact Trinia at thuddles@mvnu.edu.

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.

TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH: 24 HOURS OF PRAYER:

Join Nazarenes around the world on November 20-21, 2026, for a powerful time of united prayer.
From sunrise to sunset in the Americas, the global church will gather on Zoom for 24 hours of continuous prayer. Let's believe together that God will move to the ends of the earth.
USA/Canada Region Times:
November 20: 3:00 p.m. PT

November 21: 7:00 a.m. PT
***Please do not share the link publicly on social media.**
Link: CLICK HERE

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
Cost: $30 per person, make payment to: HGCRC
****RSVP****ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1ST by emailing highergroundservice@gmail.com or by calling 812-637-3777
****RSVP****ENTRÉE: Prime Rib, Pecan Chicken, or Baked Ham**
For More Information: Click on BANQUET

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR 6/20-6/27, 2027

Love Your Neighbor is a missions service opportunity connected to General Assembly that allows churches to actively serve communities while gathering as a global family.

Serve in Kansas City

- Travel to Kansas City
- Serve in 23+ ministry projects across the city
- Examples: construction projects, sports ministry, Vacation Bible School, community outreach, and food distribution
- Support two new church plants in downtown Kansas City
- Serve alongside Nazarenes from around the world
- Begins on Sunday upon arrival and concludes with the final General Assembly worship service
- Cost is $595/person, which includes housing

Global LYN

- Participate locally if travel is not possible
- Organize ministry projects in your church, district, or community
- Serve neighbors through practical acts of compassion and outreach
- More information coming

For more information, contact LYN@nazarene.org or CLICK HERE

SAVE THE DATE GENERAL ASSEMBLY & CONVENTIONS:

When: June 25 - July 2, 2027
Where: Kansas City, Missouri

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

The District Office will be closed November 25th, 26th, and 27th for the Thanksgiving holiday.

DISTRICT CALENDAR – November/December:

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

NEXT QUIZ MEET – 11/14/26:

11/14/26 Quiz 1 – Dig Sites 1-5, Xenia Church, 1204 West Second Street, Xenia, OH 45385
Questions? Contact Rick Current at rickyc4866@gmail.com or rickcurrent@acresecurity.com. Text or call 937-545-9058

NMI FALL NEWSLETTER: CLICK HERE

COMING IN SPRING 2027:

- NMI Book Club – (2) adult mission books & (2) children's mission books.
- New Children's Passport to Missions

HOW YOU CAN HELP THE INTERNATIONAL NMI DELEGATES AT GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

- Share the Table – Each church is invited to give $250 toward the cost of meals for non-USA/Canada delegates.
- Blessing Shawls – To help delegates feel warm, comfortable, and welcomed. Light weight--knitted, crocheted, quilted, or sewn 24" x 60". Contact Pam Carroll by email pamcarroll1021@gmail.com.

NYI QUICK LINKS:

Calendar: CLICK HERE
Communication: CLICK HERE
Facebook Page: CLICK HERE
Instagram: CLICK HERE
Website: CLICK HERE

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/pCLudzgm (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 UCNYI LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2027

When: March 1-2, 2027
Where: Olivet Nazarene University I Bourbonnais, IL, USA
What: UCNYI Leadership Conference is an annual gathering for District NYI Presidents and other youth ministry leaders throughout the USA and Canada Region. This conference provides space for NYI leaders to connect with one another and engage in conversation around current youth ministry topics and trends. In addition to seeing NYI 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:
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

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE – WEST CHESTER NAZARENE

West Chester Nazarene is having a Blue Christmas service on December 20th at 6:00 PM. Blue Christmas is designed to provide comfort, support and hope for all experiencing grief, sadness, or loneliness during this Christmas season. It acknowledges that not everyone experiences the joy and celebration often associated with Christmas and offers a space for reflection and healing. You may have a great loss, lost a job, no family near, or just need to find hope again. This service is a safe and welcoming space for individuals to acknowledge their pain and find solace in the message of hope through Jesus Christ. Even in darkness, there is a promise of light and healing through faith. For more information, 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.

CHAIRS AVAILABLE:

The District Office has (6) **FREE** green chairs with arm rest that are not being used. CLICK HERE to view. If you are interested, please contact the District Office at the phone number or email below.

CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT OF PASTOR MACK (& SYLVIA) BOTTORFF:

What: After 22 years of faithful ministry, loving service, and dedication to the Xenia church family, Pastor Mack is retiring! Stop by anytime between 5 and 7 PM to enjoy refreshments, share in fellowship, and show Mack & Sylvia some love as we celebrate their years of service. A card box will be available for you to share your blessings and wishes. The church family is thankful that Mack & Sylvia will continue to be part of the Xenia Church family, and we look forward to celebrating them with you!
Where: Xenia Nazarene, 1204 W. Second Street, Xenia, OH 45385
When: Sunday, November 29 | 5-7 PM | Fireside Room

Have a great weekend!
SWO District Office
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