



Southwestern Ohio District News

December 12, 2025

DISTRICT COMMUNICATION

CHRISTIAN HEALTHCARE MINISTRIES:

If you or your church is concerned about the price of health insurance or does not have coverage, this Zoom meeting could be very helpful to you. The reports from those who use this are great! Just thought you might want to look at this...

Dear Pastor,

There will be a Zoom a meeting for pastors just after the first of the year for any interested party to hear from Christian Healthcare Ministries (CHM) regarding their insurance. I have been on site there with CHM and toured their facilities, and I am beyond impressed with their heart to serve the faith community and to take healthcare worries off the plates of our ministers. I have seen firsthand how difficult this is for pastors/churches, and I believe this is a great alternative. I am simply wanting any of our interested ministers to hear from them directly and am planning a zoom meeting with CHM so that they can answer any questions from ministers regarding healthcare costs and coverages. **This Zoom meeting will be on January 7th at 2 PM.** Let me know if you would like to join in Rev. Wendell Brown wendell.brown@mvnu.edu, District Superintendent, North Central Ohio District.

THANK YOU to all who attended and had a part in the Christmas Banquet on Monday night! Higher Ground was beautiful and the fellowship was wonderful! It is great to be together as a district family! Thank you, Mark Lingle and the HGCRC staff!

PRAYER PROMPTS:

- Melinda Grilliott (wife of Pastor Ray at Oxford) will have surgery on Monday morning. Please be in prayer for Melinda!
- Pastor Clark Castle came home from the hospital on Saturday following his heart attack. Please pray for full recovery.
- The following churches are in pastoral transition: Brookville, Dayton First, Dayton View, Georgetown, Peebles, Springdale, Victory, and Waynesville

FROM YOUR DISTRICT SECRETARY

Our upcoming District Assembly in July will be a very busy one! Besides all of the regular business and activities that happen during Assembly, we will also be electing a new District Superintendent. Dr. Christian Sarmiento, our presiding General Superintendent, has sent a letter about this upcoming election which we're attaching to today's Friday news. Please take a moment and read it. In it, he describes the process we will be following for the election. In the meantime, thank you for already beginning to pray that the Lord will direct us in every aspect of this time of transition. He can, if we will! --Dave Crofford, District Secretary

*****SAVE THE DATE*** CLERGY KIDS RETREAT 2026:**

When: Saturday - Monday, February 14-16, 2026

Who: Teens (grades 7-12) of Nazarene clergy

Where: Kalahari Resort & Water Park - Sandusky, Ohio

Cost: \$125/person for single-student families; \$110/person for multiple-student families

Sign-up: Registration, medical release and **full payment is due January 5** and is completely online this year. **Cancellation after January 5 will result in a \$25 fee.** One very important note is that full payment will be due at the time of registration. This really is meant to simplify the process and reduce confusion. All payments will be made online and no checks from individuals or churches will be accepted. If your church pays part of the fee then they will reimburse you directly rather than MVNU having to handle multiple checks. If your district offers any scholarships, those will automatically be reflected during the registration process.

Details: [CLICK HERE](#)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/5700323398>

Instagram: [mvnu.clergykids](#)

Questions: Phil and Danita Hurlbert, CK Retreat Directors, 216.956.1937 (Phil's cell), 216.956.2532 (Danita's cell)

DISTRICT CALENDAR – December/January:

12/24, 12/25, 12/26/25 – **District Office Closed**

12/31/25 – 01/03/26 – NYI SWO Young Adult Retreat, Cross Oak Camp, St. Mary's Ohio

12/13/25 – SWO NYI Holiday Quiz, 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM, Amelia Nazarene, 1295 West Ohio Pike, Amelia, OH 45102

January

01/01 – 01/02/26 – **District Office Closed Happy New Year!**

01/06/26 – District Advisory Board, 7:00 PM, District Office

01/10/26 – Children's Quiz, 10:00 AM, **NORTH:** Parkview Nazarene; **SOUTH:** Harrison Nazarene

01/17/26 – SWO NYI Quiz Meet, 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM



NDI QUICK LINKS:

NDI Facebook [CLICK HERE](#)

NDI Hub Newsletter Signup [CLICK HERE](#)

NDI Upcoming Events: [CLICK HERE](#)

NDI Website [CLICK HERE](#)

NEXT QUIZ MEET – 1/10/26:

Children's quizzing will be held at 10:00 AM

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*****SAVE THE DATE*** THRiVE 2026:**

What: THRiVE creates an atmosphere for ladies of all ages to gather in worship, prayer, and hearing from His word.

Who: All women including *Teens and Girls grades K-6*

When: Friday, March 13 Appetizers 6:30 PM, Saturday, March 14 Breakfast 9:00 AM

Where: West Chester Nazarene Church, 7951 Tylersville Road, West Chester, Ohio 45069

Theme: Where Your Treasure Is | Matthew 6:21

Video: [CLICK HERE](#)

Speakers: [WEBSITE](#)

Cost: Adults, Littles, & Teens: \$17 online | \$20 at the door | \$45 Family

Registration: [CLICK HERE](#)

THRiVE Teens: [CLICK HERE](#)

THRiVE Littles: [CLICK HERE](#)

For More Information click on the following links: [WEBSITE](#), [POSTCARD](#), or email thriveministrytowomen@gmail.com



GLOBAL MISSIONS:

The Cause: What if your life could transform someone else's eternity? What if God is calling you into something bigger?

The Cause, a Global Missions movement encouraging a generation to step forward for the cause of the King and the cause of the Kingdom. This is your invitation to GO! To serve, to love, to bring the hope of Jesus across the street and around the world.

Welcome. Your journey starts now. [The Cause](#)

Nazarene Missions International: Studies show that 30-50 percent of missionaries have felt called during their childhood or teen years. NMI places a strong emphasis on involving young people in missions, making it one of our Five Areas of Impact. Engaging children and youth in missions fosters lifelong passion for the lost, deepens faith, and nurtures a heart for service. It also broadens their understanding of cultures and God's global plan. By engaging in prayer, outreach, and education, young people cultivate habits of generosity and service, making missions a natural part of church life. NMI encourages churches to include children and youth in missions activities, community outreach, and prayer. Kids Kaleidoscope and NMI Central offer engaging activities to teach children about missions. Subscribe to NMI Central and Kids Kaleidoscope [Here](#).



NYI QUICK LINKS:

Calendar: [CLICK HERE](#)

Communication: [CLICK HERE](#)

Facebook Page: [CLICK HERE](#)

Instagram: [CLICK HERE](#)

Link Tree: [CLICK HERE](#)

NYC 2026: [CLICK HERE](#)

Nazarene Youth Conference 2026 Facebook: [CLICK HERE](#)

Website: [CLICK HERE](#)

NEXT TEEN HOLIDAY QUIZ – 12/13/25:

The Youth Holiday quizzing will be 9:30 AM at Amelia Nazarene, 1295 West Ohio Pike, Amelia, OH 45102

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

SWO YOUNG ADULT RETREAT:

Who: For all students who have graduated high school through age 25.

Bring your friends and get ready to rest and recharge! You don't want to miss!

When: December 31-January 3, 2026

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

Cost: \$200

Registration: <https://form.typeform.com/to/wpDBZB0j>

Questions? Contact Malachi Dean mdean@snclife.org

SWO NYC 2026:

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

Parent information packet: [CLICK HERE](#)

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

(please note....there is a suggested payment schedule in the parent information packet. Please refer to the link above for reference.)

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 \$675 deposit is non-refundable (which includes the registration cost of \$575 plus your students airline deposit of \$100).



Payment Instructions: To minimize processing fees and to save you money, we'll be collecting payments via check.

How it works: Students turn in payments to their **local church, made payable to your local church.**

Youth pastors/leaders will write **one check payable to SWO NYI**, including a list of students receiving credit.

Our treasurer will be updating payments as they are received into your students' registration account.



Communication Channels

Stay up to date with all things NYC 2026 through:

- District Email
- Facebook Group: [SWO NYC 2026](#) – Encourage parents to join!
- Texting System: Launching soon as we receive phone numbers from registration!



Adult Leader Participation

Due to limited space, only adult youth leaders who:

- Are 23 years or older by June 28, 2026
- Consistently serve in their church's youth ministry...may apply to attend as adult leaders.



Approval will be made by the local youth pastor or leader, in coordination with SWO NYI District leadership.

If your church does not currently have youth ministry volunteers, parent helpers may be considered with approval from the youth leader or senior pastor.

These guidelines help us:

- Manage logistics effectively
- Prioritize students
- Ensure a meaningful, student-focused experience

NYC is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for many students – we're committed to making it count.



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

CHURCH COMMUNICATION

LIVE NATIVITY:

Wilmington Nazarene located at 2193 Wayne Road, Wilmington OH 45177 will have a LIVE nativity on December 16th, 17th, and 18th. Narrated Performances will be at 6:30 PM, 7:00 PM, 7:30 PM, and 8:00 PM. Each evening there will be refreshments available in the Family Life Center. If you have any questions, feel free to call the church at 937-382-8007.

CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF JESUS IN SONG!

Who: Rev. Michael Hancock leading music and Becky Hancock accompanying on the piano.

What: Christmas Hymn Sing, come as you are for a wonderful time of music and songs of the Season.

Where: Brookville Church of the Nazarene, 11511 Upper Lewisburg-Salem Road, Brookville, OH 45309

When: Wednesday, December 17th at 5:00

Questions: Contact Ginny Cable at 941-705-1227

NAZ JAZZ CHRISTMAS CONCERT:

Sunday, December 21st, 4:30 PM will be the last **FREE** performance to hear the Naz Jazz Christmas concert at Monroe Nazarene.

COMMUNION SETS:

Hillsboro Church has two communion sets available for a donation. One is silver and the other is brass (gold finish). Both are in good condition. If you are interested, call 937-393-3545.

Have a great weekend!

SWO District Office

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