



eUpdate

Northwest Indiana District Church of the Nazarene

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TRANSITIONING TO NEW FUNDING SYSTEM

As you know, with the end of this assembly year, we will begin a new and very different system for fund payments for World Evangelism Fund, Pensions and Benefits, Olivet Nazarene, and District Unified Fund. You will be receiving detailed information by February 1 to assist you in making the transition to this new system for “Funding the Mission” of the Church of the Nazarene. A website has been developed by the General Church which will provide important information to assist us in this transition. I strongly encourage you and your treasurer to access this site and begin familiarizing yourself with the information provided. The site is:

www.fundingthemission.org

On February 1, the site will be upgraded with additional information and resources to help orient all of us to the new system. Also, early in February you will be receiving information from the district office to help you begin to anticipate the changes, including calculating fund allocations, and reporting and tracking your progress toward full payment of Fund allocations.

ASSEMBLY YEAR ENDS MARCH 31

We are only two and a half months away from the end of the 2009-2010 assembly year. The MANUAL makes provision for annual meetings to take place anytime within 90 day of the District Assembly. Our assembly this year is June 7-8. The schedule for Assembly, NMI and NYI is as follows:

NYI/Remix: Saturday/Sunday, June 5-6

NMI/District Assembly Kick-off Service: Sunday, June 6, 6:00 p.m.

NMI Convention: Monday morning, June 7, 8:30 a.m. to Noon

District Assembly Session 1: Monday, June 7, 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Ordination Service: Monday evening, June 7, 7:00 p.m.

District Assembly Session 2: Tuesday morning, June 8, 8:30 a.m. to Noon

Our General Superintendent is Dr. Stan Toler

PASTORAL TEAM RETREAT, APRIL 22-24

Mark the date! Make it a priority!! This important annual event is for all pastors, pastoral staff and spouses. It will take place this year in Nashville, IN. We will be staying at the Brown County Inn in Nashville. www.browncountyinn.com Registration information will be available soon on the district website

Guest Speaker: Dr. Harold Ivan Smith

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You recently received information from Work and Witness Coordinator Ben Norton regarding the "Extreme Peru" Work and Witness trip scheduled for June 17-30, 2010. I trust every pastor is sharing this information with your congregation. Additional information can be accessed at www.extremenazarene.org. You can call Ben Norton directly at 574-850-7927 for further information.

Re: HAITI From NMI President Shawn Evans

If you are like me, it is very difficult to get my mind around the devastation that has taken place in Haiti. My first instinct was to get to Haiti and help, do something! At this time it appears that the best thing we can do is RESPOND. . . . Respond by praying for Haiti and sending what resources are available. I know that many local churches have taken offerings and our sending items through NCM. I strongly encourage you to take time and look over the following website that has all the up to minute information on Haiti. The web address is <http://www.ncm.org/HaitiEarthquake> .

I am also working with Marty Hoskins (Mobilization Coordinator) at Global Ministry Center about going to Haiti in the near future to assess potential opportunities for our local churches. Once I return I would like for us to be able to get together and discuss possibilities for churches on the district to collaborate to better assist our brother and sisters in Haiti. If you have any questions or comments, don't hesitate to call or email.

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"FOCUS ON MARRIAGE" IS COMING TO SOUTH LAKE

South Lake will be hosting a "Live via Satellite Simulcast" focusing on marriage on February 27. More detailed information including how to register can be accessed by going to www.southlakeministries.info

ONU ALUMNI AND FRIENDS GATHERING FEBRUARY 5

Valparaiso Nazarene Church is the location of this event sponsored by Olivet Nazarene University. This "Alumni and Friends Dinner" is not only for alumni but for prospective students and their families, parents of former or current students, pastors, church staff and anyone interested in Olivet. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m., followed by a concert with the Olivetians at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$13.00. You can register by calling 815-939-5258 or online at:

<http://www.olivetstore.com/alandfrgava.html>

REGARDING CHURCHES AND PEOPLE



Tipton: It was my privilege to install **Josh Nichols** as pastor at Tipton on January 17. We welcome Josh, Ashley and Jonah to Northwest Indiana.

Noblesville – The Noblesville Church property and adjacent parsonage are now for sale. The sale of the property is part of a plan which is crucial to the future of NobleNaz. Recommendation for sale of the property as part of the master plan for

the future was recommended a couple of years ago by a consultant. Pray for Pastor Mike Ross and the congregation as they take this bold step to secure the presence of NobleNaz in the growing area of Noblesville/Hamilton County

Richard Rich has announced his resignation as associate pastor/worship at South Lake. We wish Rich and Melissa God's very best as they seek His direction for their next ministry assignment.

Frankfort: Pastor Gregg Davis has announced a new initiative at Frankfort First. Beginning March 7, an alternative worship experience referred to as "180" will be held in their Family Life Center. Our prayers and best wishes for this initiative!

Real Life Community: Pastor Dick Emery continues to lead Real Life through the Transitional Interim Process as developed by New Church Specialties. Good progress is being made!

North Communities: Pastor Paul Cole continues to lead North Communities through the challenging process renewal. Two weeks ago Ken Priddy spent the weekend with Paul and the congregation helping evaluate and train. Continue to pray for Paul and the congregation!
