

# eUpdate

Northwest Indiana District Church of the Nazarene

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**"Making Christlike Disciples in the Nations"**

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**PLEASE GIVE "FUNDING THE MISSION" INFORMATION YOUR CLOSEST ATTENTION**

The transition to the new process for Fund payments can be relatively smooth... IF CLOSE ATTENTION IS GIVEN TO "FUNDING THE MISSION" INFORMATION YOU HAVE BEEN RECEIVING. A follow up memo to the one you received a couple of weeks ago is on its way to you. A careful reading of all of the information at [www.fundingthemission.org](http://www.fundingthemission.org) will help greatly in making the change! Of course we will be available to assist with any questions!

**DISTRICT NYI SPONORS TWO EXCELLENT EVENTS**

NYI President Eric Wood and the NYI Council is doing an excellent job providing quality events for our junior and senior high students on our district. February 12-14 was the annual Winter Retreat. Approximately 250 students gathered at Gull Lake, Michigan for an outstanding event. Dave Brock, youth pastor at South Bend, coordinated this event. Last Saturday, March 6, the annual District Celebrate Life took place at Valpo Nazarene. Again, around 250 students gathered to compete in athletics, talent and art. Preparations are being made for Regional Celebrate Life, which will take place on the campus of Olivet Nazarene University May 13-15. Churches not taking advantage of these well planned, high quality events are missing an opportunity to impact their students for Christ.

**PALCON 2010 – MAY 17-20**

Olivet Nazarene University will be the location for the every four- year Pastors and Leaders Conference (PALCON). The conference is built around the theme "Rooted in Missional Passion". You should have already received an invitation to register for this important event. For further information, go to [www.palcon2010.com](http://www.palcon2010.com)

**DISTRICT ASSEMBLY, NMI AND NYI CONVENTIONS**

**Saturday and Sunday, June 5 and 6 – NYI Convention**

**(Details are in process)**

**Sunday, June 6 – 6 p.m.- Missions Rally**

**Monday, June 7 – 8:30 a.m - NMI Convention**

**Speaker: Mark Holcomb**

**Monday, June 7 – 1:30 p.m.- Opening Session of District Assembly**

**Dr. Stan Toler, Presiding General Superintendent**

**Monday, June 7 – 7:00 p.m.- Ordination Service**

**Tuesday, June 8 – 8:30 a.m. - District Assembly**

**Location for Assembly/Conventions: Valparaiso Nazarene Church**

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER: Details: <http://www.ndptf.org/>**

When: Thursday, May 6, 2010

Theme: "Prayer: For Such a Time as This"

I urge every pastor to lead your congregation in the observance of the National Day of Prayer. Our needs are great. Our God is adequate! Let's call our people to join the congregations around the United States in this special focus on prayer.

**NEW MANUAL AVAILABLE**

The 2009-2013 Manual of the Church of the Nazarene is now available. Hard copies can be ordered from the Nazarene Publishing House. You can also read, print and copy the on-line version by going to <http://www.nazarene.org/files/docs/Manual2009-2013.pdf>

**BILL SCOTT NAME AS CHAPLAINCY DIRECTOR**

I am delighted to announce that Bill Scott has agreed to serve as the Chaplaincy Director for Northwest Indiana. Since his retirement from pastoral ministry, Bill has worked for an organization in a position overseeing a number of chaplains for a chain of hospices. Please let Bill know if you or anyone in your congregation is serving in the chaplaincy role in the corporate, business or health care areas.

**NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES**

**COVINGTON:** Tom Hunter has announced his retirement effective October 2010. Tom and Linda have served the Covington congregation since January 1997. The good news is Tom and Linda purchased a home in Williamsport where they will make their home.

**E. CHICAGO SPANISH:** Alberto Guang has informed me of a major remodeling of a home that they were given a couple of years ago. The home is currently being rented but could conceivably be used as the parsonage in the future. This has been a great accomplishment for the East Chicago congregation.

**FAIRMEADOW COMMUNITY:** Mark DeYoung shared with me that on a recent Wednesday evening youth group, 18 teens confessed faith for the first time. Some of the teens have become part of the youth group as a result of the Friday evening teen outreach ministry. The following Sunday, February 21, there were 4 new professions of faith. Praise the Lord!

**MICHIANA HISPANIC:** The Advisory Board recently approved the request of Pastor Hernan and Lucy Osorio to begin a Day Care to serve up to 28 children in the fellowship hall of the church. They have almost completed the licensing process for the opening of the day care.

**NEW BEGINNINGS:** I recently had the opportunity to take a look at a major remodeling of the basement of New Beginnings Fellowship. Congratulations to Pastor Ben Norton on this major improvement of their space.

**SOUTH BEND FIRST:** Good progress is being made in the major addition to South Bend First. Pastor Dave Bartley recently showed me through the new construction. This will provide a major increase in available space and much room for expansion for ministry at South Bend First.

**SOUTH LAKE:** Pastor Lenny Wisehart has announced that Aaron VanStrien has accepted the position as youth pastor at South Lake. Aaron most recently was youth pastor at Frankfort. Aaron and Diane's first Sunday at South Lake was March 7.

**TIPTON:** Pastor Josh Nichols has recently led the Tipton congregation through the "Nazarene Missional Church Assessment." This has provided some excellent information to assist the Tipton congregation in developing an action plan moving into the future. Information about this assessment can be accessed at:

<http://www.dsldp.org/DSLDP/NMCA/tabid/102/Default.aspx>

**VALPARAISO:** Valpo Naz has recently started a five-day a week pre-school ministry. This ministry has been under consideration for some time.

<p>I would love to receive newsworthy reports to share with the District Team. E-mail them directly to <a href="mailto:jgwoolery@earthlink.net">jgwoolery@earthlink.net</a></p>
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