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PASTORAL CONTACTS

The other day, a sixteen year old girl told me that she sends 100 text messages a day to her friends, that's three thousand messages a month.

Our world is becoming increasingly impersonal. E-mails and voice mails, while helpful, do not substitute for face-to-face personal contact with people. Spending time with people outside the four walls of the church is still an essential part of being a pastor. I know times have changed. People are busy: both parents working, kids involved in sports, music lessons, etc. It's hard to find people at home, but we must find ways to get out into the community and make contact with people.

Jesus said to all of us: "Go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in.

The first two letters of Gospel is Go!

Summer is over, Fall is here, school begins in one week. Now is the time to get out and make some contacts for God and the church: the local store, gas station, downtown, in the coffee shop, at the football game, the community fall festival - wherever people are gathering, go there and make a connection.

There are people in every community looking for hope; something new in this life, a life with meaning and fulfillment. Jesus is the answer!

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

On The Road

Thursday, Deb and I headed to Escanaba. It was great to be with George and Debbie Chouinard on Thursday night. Rev. Chouinard has pastored Escanaba for five years and good things are happening as they minister to the Escanaba area.

Friday night, we spent the evening with Tim and Lorie Hall. Rev. Hall has pastored at Iron River for eighteen years. On Saturday, we had a potluck at the church and enjoyed good fellowship with the people of the church. I preached Sunday, and again, we enjoyed a great time with the people of the church. The Holy Spirit was there in a powerful way.

Let's plan for a great Fall! Kids are back in school and people are back home from vacations, weekends away, etc.

Mark your calendars for the District Superintendent's Zone tour. The times, places and dates are in this newsletter.

I pray for you every day! May this week you be touched by God's mighty power!

Also, please announce the District Men's Retreat and the District Women's Retreat. All the information is in this newsletter.

Pastors

If you have not called in your attendance stats for August, please do so by Tuesday, September 1.

HOLINESS TODAY New Holiness Today Pastors Program

We received the following information from the *Holiness Today* Editor in Chief regarding changes to the *Holiness Today* subscription drive for 2010. They need your help! Here's how the program works:

1. You may promote *Holiness Today* through your bulletin. Simply order as many *Holiness Today* order forms as you need and insert them into your bulletins or worship folders. These will be sent to you free of charge. Please see the *Holiness Today* Pastors Program order form for the details.
2. You may order as many *Holiness Today* posters as you like to create some awareness within your congregation. We will send them at no charge. Please see the Pastors Program order form for details.
3. We can also send you a free *Holiness Today* DVD that can be played after church encouraging people to subscribe. The DVD has two videos of contemporary music and images that are targeting younger readers. Present the videos wherever your congregation gathers.

Church group subscriptions are available. Your price is \$10.00 per family which is a savings of \$2.00 (20 percent) per subscription.

Contact Customer Service

If you are not sure if your church has a consolidated group subscription, please e-mail *Holiness Today* managing editor, Carmen Ringhiser, at holinesstoday@nazarene.org or call the customer service department at 1-800-877-0700 (M to F, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. C.S.T.). Also, for any questions you may have about the program, or to order promotional materials, cards, posters, videos, and forms, please contact the customer service department.

Renewal notices will be sent directly to the subscribers' homes and they will mail their checks and renewal notices directly to the publishing house in Kansas City. The local Church of the Nazarene that is listed on the renewal form will still receive credit for the subscription.

2009 Church Renewal Campaigns

Some churches are still working on their 2009 renewal subscription drive. Please finish up on your renewal campaign and mail your checks and renewal orders to:

Holiness Today, P.O. Box 419527, P.O. Box 419527, Kansas City, MO 64141-6527
800-877-0700

Beaverton

"FOR BETTER, FOR WORSE, FOR KEEPS"

On Saturday, September 12, Dr. Moeller will hold a marriage seminar at our Beaverton Church of the Nazarene. Seating at the Beaverton seminar is limited to the first 60 couples. Please make your reservations by calling the church office at 989-435-7708 by Sunday, September 6. There is a recommended offering of \$10.00 per couple, which includes breakfast and lunch.

On August 23, Pastor Mark Moore baptised 10 people. Following the baptism, the church had a cookout at the parsonage and had 60 people there on a Sunday night.

DISTRICT MEN'S RETREAT

September 18-19, 2009
Loon Lake Retreat Center
Hale, Michigan

Rev. Dale Freed, Evangelist in the Church of the Nazarene, will be the guest speaker.

Weekend Schedule:

Friday Night: Check-in anytime after	3:00 p.m.	Saturday: Breakfast	8:30 a.m.
Evening Meal	7:00 p.m.	General Session	9:30 a.m.
General Session	8:00 p.m.	Lunch	12:00 Noon
		Free Time	12:30-3:30 p.m.
		General Session	3:30 p.m.
		Heading Home around	4:30 pm.

Please fill out a registration form for each person attending and mail to East Tawas Church of the Nazarene, 811 E. Bay, East Tawas, MI 48730. Please send registrations by September 11. The cost is \$55.00 per person.

The location of the Loon Lake Retreat Center is 2 miles north of Hale on M-65. Enter the property on the west side of M-65 and proceed until the road ends. The Retreat Center telephone number is 877-264-1004 (for an emergency only).

DISTRICT WOMEN'S RETREAT

October 9-10, 2009
Ramada Inn of Grayling

"Never The Same" - Featuring, Susie Shellenberger

Retreat Fees: \$70.00 Postmarked by September 8th
\$75.00 After September 8th

Registration Deadline: September 22nd. Registration forms will be available at District Family Camp in August. Also, the churches will receive packets with information about the retreat. If you have questions, contact Jennie Bowman at 231-832-2662, or e-mail jenniebowman@juno.com.

Mini Sessions for the Retreat are:

"Working Through the Circumstances" - with Ruth Gregory
"Forgiven and Set Free" - with LuAnn Graf
"Be Encouraged! God Still Reigns" - with Francie Barker

PASTORS' WORKSHOP

Michigan District

Dr. Dan and Vicki Copp will have a pastors' workshop on the Michigan District at the Indian Lake Camp on September 14-16, 2009. Michigan District has invited the Eastern Michigan District and the Northern Michigan District to be a part of this training.

Registration is during the afternoon on Monday. The registration fee is \$25.00 each (fee/meals x 2 if including spouse). The meeting will be Monday evening through noon Wednesday. Food and lodging will be on the campgrounds. Cost for meals and lodging are as follows:

MONDAY (September 14)	TUESDAY (September 15)	WEDNESDAY (September 16)
Dinner - \$7.50 each	Breakfast - \$5.50 each	Breakfast - \$5.50 each
Room/Couple - \$50.00	Lunch - \$6.50 each	Lunch - \$6.50 each
Room/Single - \$50.00	Dinner - \$7.50 each	
Room/Shared - \$25.00	Rooms - Same as Monday	

PASTOR APPRECIATION

October is Pastor Appreciation month. We should appreciate our pastors during each month, but October is a time set aside to let the pastor know how much he is appreciated.

ZONE TOUR

The dates of the September and October Zone Tour are as follows.

- September 28 - Central Zone at Cadillac First, 10:00 a.m.
- September 28 - Lake Michigan Zone at Big Rapids, 2:00 p.m.
- September 29 - South Zone at Clare, 10:00 a.m.
- September 29 - Lake Huron Zone at East Tawas, 3:00 p.m.
- September 30 - Grand Traverse Zone at Traverse City First, 10:00 a.m.
- October 1 - Mackinaw Zone at Charlevoix, 10:00 a.m.
- October 2 - Sault Zone at Pickford, 10:00 a.m.
- October 3 - Lake Superior Zone at Iron River, 10:00 a.m. (Central Time)

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S SCHEDULE

September 6-11	D.S. Conference - Ontario, Canada
September 13	Clare
September 20	Gaylord
September 23-25	NBC Trustees Meeting
September 27	Alanson
September 28-October 3	D.S. Fall Zone Tour
September 28	Central Zone, Cadillac First - 10:00 a.m.
	Lake Michigan Zone, Big Rapids - 2:00 p.m.
September 29	South Zone, Clare - 10:00 a.m.
	East Tawas Zone, East Tawas - 3:00 p.m.
September 30	Grand Traverse Zone, Traverse City First, 10:00 a.m.
October 1	Mackinaw Zone, Charlevoix - 10:00 a.m.
October 2	Sault Zone, Pickford - 10:00 a.m.
October 3	Lake Superior Zone, Iron River - 10:00 a.m. (Central time)
October 4	Pickford
October 5-7	ONU Trustees Meeting

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