

Northern Lights



NORTHERN MICHIGAN DISTRICT
CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

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2024 Ordination Class



What a great District Assembly and Conventions weekend we had at Clare Church! On Friday our three auxiliary conventions were held and we received excellent reports from Mrs. Jill Rice (District NMI President), Rev. Cody Rhode (District NDI Director), and Rev. Gil Thibault (District NYI President). Dr. Rick Rice received a Distinguished Service Award noting his steadfast ministry promoting missions on our district through years of faithful service. Rev. Carlos and Robin Rodi were our missionary speakers. I am so thankful for the dedicated leaders God has given us to lead our auxiliary ministries.

Friday evening was a highlight of our Assembly under the great leadership of Dr. Carla Sunberg, our presiding General Superintendent. The delegation approved and was blessed to participate in the ordination of Rev. Nancy Grody, Rev. Maureen Jones, Rev. Rebecca Komlassan, and Rev. Cody Rhode. We also approved the granting of three new district licenses and five district license renewals. It is exciting to see the great leaders God is raising up in our midst.

Dr. Sunberg also led the Saturday morning business session which included my report, a report from Olivet President, Dr. Gregg Chenoweth, and greetings by Dr. Ron Blake from Nazarene Bible College. We presented Distinguished Service Awards to Mr. Jeff Ek and Rev. Tim Fall. Both of these men have labored for the district in various ministries through multiple years. Thank you Jeff and Tim for your faithful service!

There is a link below to the written pastors' reports to the 2024 NMD Assembly. Please take the time to read them. You will be blessed. Thank you to all who labored to make our 39th Assembly a success. Thank you, Clare Church, for hosting our event again this year and as always with excellence! Also, a particular "thank you" to Rev. Jeremy Gomez, our District Secretary.


In this newsletter there is an announcement about the upcoming [Creating a Culture of Calling](#) event hosted at Cadillac First Church on Saturday, June 22, 2024. This event is open to all and is an excellent training event to help us understand and respond to God's call, and to help others do so as well. Please plan to be a part and bring a friend.

Our district camps are coming soon. See the promotional information in this newsletter and plan to join us for a great time together!

Finally, take note of the resource links and other helpful items to assist us in [Blessing Our Community](#). This is the target of our revitalization efforts in 2024 for USA and Canada.

Rev. Dan Gilmore
District Superintendent

[Pastors' Reports](#)

 "A special thank you for each one in our ministerial choir during the ordination service. It was a privilege to sing with all of you!" -Pat Osborne

BLESSING OUR COMMUNITY



Our Call to Prayer last year was a unifying and powerful experience for our church leaders and laity across the region. The entire Church of the Nazarene in Canada and the United States came together in a journey of prayer from Easter to Pentecost. Our journey included a From Mission to Vision to Mobilization Prayer Journal with daily devotionals.

This year, our Call to Prayer is themed Mobilized for Blessing Our Community. We will have another prayer journal with daily devotionals. The journal will start on Easter (March 31) and complete on Pentecost (May 19). Will you join the Half-Million Mobilization in 2024?

[webinar](#)

[website](#)

[video](#)

Praying from Easter to Pentecost

You're invited to join the USA/Canada Half-Million Mobilization 2024! Watch this inspirational Call to Prayer [video](#) and share it with your congregation.

Prayer journals are now shipping from The Foundry



The journals contain 50 easy-to-read daily devotionals written within our Nazarene family by a wide variety of authors. They are excellent, and they are short. Order your hardcopy journals by clicking on the image to the left or by clicking [here](#). They come in packs of 10 for \$15. Download the 8.5"x11" or booklet-sized PDF versions of the journal to print yourself. Spanish, Portuguese, Haitian Creole, and Korean languages are available. Click [here](#) for access.



Children's curriculum to engage our youngest church members! This year we are excited to partner with the team that brought us General Assembly Kids! They have created a children's curriculum to use in parallel with the sermon series! You can download these resources [here](#) or by clicking on the image.

The Discipleship Place Launches New Website

[The Discipleship Place](#) has launched a new website! The new website is searchable, has discussion forums, features discipleship stories, and has chat functionality. The plans for future development will include allowing pastors to create discipleship plans for members of their congregation with insights into their progress. Create a free account today at [DiscipleshipPlace.org](#). Email us at DiscipleshipPlace@Nazarene.org with any questions or ideas that would help you and your local church.





The USA/Canada Region is excited to connect you to some amazing ministry partners! One of those partners is **Upward Sports**. They are offering Nazarene churches some exclusive benefits for those who have identified sports ministry as a way to connect to their community. You can read all about them [here](#).

GIFTED AND Called

Creating a Culture of Calling

This event is open to all and is designed to teach pastors and congregational leaders how to identify, develop, and send people to places of ministry in the church and beyond. This training will help local and district leaders build up their leadership pipeline.

*Engaging the whole people of God
into the whole mission of God.*

Where: Cadillac First Church of the Nazarene
1125 E. Division Street
Cadillac, MI 49601

When: Saturday, June 22, 2024
10:00am - 4:00pm - Lunch is provided

Who: All are welcome

A donation of \$20.00 per person is suggested for this event.



scan the QR code to register

NORTHERN MICHIGAN DISTRICT CHILDREN'S CAMP JULY 29 - AUGUST 2 | MANTON CHRISTIAN CAMP



In the
beginning
was the
Word, and
the Word was
with God,
and the Word
was God.
John 1:1

More information and applications for campers and staff can be found [here](#) or scan the QR code



NORTHERN MICHIGAN DISTRICT

SUMMER CAMPS

Manton Christian Camp | 9528 E 16 Rd. Manton, MI

Join your district family for
a great time of worship and
fellowship.

Activities

- volleyball tournament
- cornhole tournament
- prayer walk
- ice cream social
- bonfires
- yard games
- swimming
- silent auction

CHILDREN'S CAMP
JULY 29 - AUG 2

FAMILY CAMP WEEKEND
AUG 2-4



Camp Speaker - Dr. Michael Thompson
General Counsel, Church of the Nazarene

reserve campsites & cabins [here](#)
or scan the QR code →



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SUMMER CAMPS



Upcoming Events

2024

MAY 11 - OLIVET COMMENCEMENT

MAY 16-18 - REGIONAL CELEBRATE LIFE

JUNE 22 - CREATING A CULTURE OF CALLING - CADILLAC 1ST COTN

JULY 29-AUG 2 - CHILDREN'S CAMP

AUGUST 2-4 - FAMILY CAMP WEEKEND

SEPTEMBER 13-15 - PASTOR AND SPOUSE RETREAT

DOUBLETREE - BAY CITY, MI

OCTOBER 11-12 - WOMEN'S RETREAT

OCTOBER 25-27 - OLIVET HOMECOMING AND FAMILY WEEKEND

DECEMBER 7 - DISTRICT PASTORS CHRISTMAS GATHERING

PARK PLACE HOTEL, TRAVERSE CITY

2025

FEB 10-12 - M25 CONFERENCE - KANSAS CITY, MO

APRIL 11-12 - DISTRICT ASSEMBLY - CLARE COTN

2026

JUL 1-5 - NYC - SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

Northern Michigan District Online Giving

If you are interested in giving to the Northern Michigan District to help with the following ministries - District General Fund, PACE (Pastors and Churches Emergency) Fund, Benevolence Fund, Church Planting, District Camps, etc. Simply scan the QR code or click [here](#) to access the online giving site.



SAVE THE DATE



T W E N T Y - F I V E

JOIN US AS WE GATHER
TO LEARN MORE ABOUT
BRINGING PEOPLE TO JESUS

SAVE THE DATE
FEBRUARY 10-12, 2025
KANSAS CITY, MO



TWENTY - FIVE

February 10-12, 2025 in Kansas City

M25 is a USA/Canada Regional quadrennial Nazarene conference focused entirely on evangelism and the regional Cycle of Resurgence: Bringing People to Jesus vision. This conference is intended to be the kick-off for learning, networking, and a call to action for Bringing People to Jesus in 2025. The agenda will include plenary speakers, break-out workshops, affinity group meetings, and corporate worship time. In short, this conference is for connecting and growing. Participants will leave this conference encouraged, equipped, empowered, and challenged to engage in new ways to bring people to Jesus.

[video](#)