

# New England Ministers' News

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*But he said to me,  
"My grace is  
sufficient for you,  
for my power is made  
perfect in weakness."*

~ 2 Corin. 12:19a

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## 2007 - The Mission – The Vision

Greetings Saints! I trust that all is well with you and your families. I have just recently returned from Kansas City and New York City. In Kansas City a new mission statement was recently released by the General Church. I like it. It will be helpful in guiding us in telling the Story of Jesus Christ. Only seven words. In Matthew 28:19, Jesus gives us the Great Commission by saying, "therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. In Luke 5:9 (NKJV) Jesus says to the Simon Peter, "**Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men.**" Eleven words of instruction.

Jesus presented a compelling vision, using assuring terms (do not be afraid), familiar pictures (you will catch), and a challenging goal. He cast His Vision in *one sentence of 11 words!* A vision or mission statement should be *short,*

*sharp,* and *shaped* to fit the people. OUR new mission statement is *short,* (only seven words), *sharp* and *shaped* ready to fit the generation of people who are constantly and continually on the go and ready to receive information quickly!

### To make Christlike disciples in the nations!

If you were to go onto our Nazarene Headquarters website, just above the new mission statement are two words SPREADING HOPE. Each and every one of us is called to spread hope and "To make Christlike disciples in the nations." I saw this vision, this mission statement being carried out in a train car in New York City. If you have ever ridden in a transit train car, you would know that there are many, many crazy things that happen in and on a subway system. I was sitting in a fairly crowded train car and all of a sudden, a man started to say "ladies and

gentlemen, this is the Word of the Lord!" I looked and thought for a moment that perhaps he was crazy, as I am sure everyone in the train thought that he was.

I looked and listened a little closer, no, a lot closer, and realized that this place, this time, was this man's church. He was attempting to make Christlike disciples in the nations. He was reciting scripture from memory and he was doing what God had called him to do: to put forth the message and to make Christlike disciples in the nations! What better place than a subway car? In this particular car, which normally

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holds 175 people, there were close to perhaps 250 in my car... this was his church...250 people. I looked around the transit car and saw the Harvest: many different people, many different cultures, many different needs and he was proclaiming the

Word. As we each go about the mission of “making Christlike disciples in the nations” today, let’s remember what our Lord says to us:

Do not be afraid when God gives you an opportunity to speak!  
Do not be afraid to speak

the Word!

Do not be afraid to put forth the Challenge of the Word!

Blessings and much love  
“To the best district in the Whole Wide World!”

~ Jossie

## Becky Turcott Appointed Chair of Ministerial Studies Board

We are happy to announce that Rev. Becky Turcott has been appointed Chair of the Ministerial Studies Board. She is the first woman in the United States and Canada to hold this position.

Born into a Nazarene parsonage, Becky had been “in training” for ministry from her earliest days. But it wasn’t until she was almost 40 that she recognized God’s call to full-time ministry. She was ordained as an Elder in the Church of the Nazarene in 1996. Becky has held various pastoral positions at Community Chapel in

Nashua, New Hampshire since 1990 and is currently serving there as Senior Associate Pastor.

She summarizes her desire as a minister of the gospel and pastor to His people in the words of the Apostle Paul: *“As apostles of Christ we could have been a burden to you,<sup>7</sup> but we were gentle among you, like a mother caring for her little children.<sup>8</sup> We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us.<sup>13</sup> And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which*

*you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe.” I Thes. 2:6b-8, 13* And she adds: “The church is also in existence to go beyond its walls and be in a relationship with its community whereby the lost can see authentic love in action and those things done in the name of the Lord break down walls and create bridges to Him. So be it!”

Join with us as we support Becky Turcott in this new position of responsibility on the New England District.

## Andy Belokur Appointed SDMI Chairperson

We are happy to announce that Rev. Andy Belokur has been appointed as Chairperson to the newly renamed Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries International\* for the New England District.

Andy has served as Senior Pastor in the Fitchburg Church since 2000. There he has worked diligently to nearly double attendance and increase membership by 60%. In addition he has experience with small group ministry,

teacher training, and community outreach programs.

Join us in welcoming Andy Belokur to this position of leadership in Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries.



**\* Sunday School Ministries Expands Its Name**

By action of the General Board of the Church of the Nazarene, the Sunday School Ministries (SSM) department of the General Church has expanded its name to Sunday School and

Discipleship Ministries International (SDMI). The new name coincides with the release of the denomination's new statement of mission "To make Christlike disciples in the nations." ... Commenting on the name change, SDMI Director Woodie

J. Stevens said, "This action validates thousands of ministries occurring each day of the week around the world. Our ministries have moved beyond Sunday to everyday and beyond membership to discipleship." (from the website: www.ncnnews.com)



SDMI Director,  
Woodie J. Stevens

## Nazarene Missions International - April

### **World Evangelism Fund - Easter Offering For Evangelism**

Even though Easter Sunday (April 8) falls after the church year closes, you can still use your Easter Offering to pay your World Evangelism Fund. When submitting funds make sure they are credited to the 2006-2007 church year.

Overpayment of the WEF is used to open new works. You can also help a struggling church pay their WEF obligation. Just contact Dr. Jossie Owens or Gerry Perry if you wish to help in this way. Your church will still get credit and the church receiving the gift will have help getting their WEF paid.

Last fall the Rhode Island Mission Area held a Thanksgiving service and took an offering. They donated the offering to help two struggling churches in the mission area pay their WEF in full.

### **April Emphasis : Mission Education**

Wes Eby, former General

NMI Office staff, writes and I concur, "Mission Education is vital to the health of every community of faith, for **without ongoing mission education, the Great commission will not be a priority.** Every NMI leader must ensure that mission education is included in the life of every local Nazarene church."

### **Mission Priority One Changes Announced...**

A directive has come from our General NMI Director that MPO requirements have been changed. **The use of Adult, Youth and Children's Curriculum has been changed from a requirement to recommendation.** All societies are encouraged to use the curriculum for Mission Education but it is no longer a requirement. The use of the Curriculum will become part of requirement #4 in Mission Education.

Other sources of education include Global Glimpses, World Mission DVD, Mission Connec-

tion, New England Missionary Messenger, Mission Books, tapes and CDs to name a few.

### **NMI Yearly Reports**

NMI reports will be mailed to churches on April 1 and will be due back to the district NMI secretary by April 31. Remember that you have BOTH Church reports and NMI reports - These are two separate reports.

### **May Emphasis: Missionary Health Care**

Do you have loved ones from your church who have passed on? How about honoring their memory with a Memorial Roll Certificate. Do you have someone who has done distinguished work for your church for several years? A Distinguish Service Award would be an excellent recognition to them for their work.



Gerry Perry  
District Missions  
President





## New England District NMI Convention - May 23-24, 2007

Delegates include Pastors and full time associates, lay members of the district advisory board, Local NMI Presidents (outgoing and

newly elected), local NMI delegates, missionaries on the district, past district presidents who reside on the district they served.

Pastors please encourage your folk to put these dates on their calendars and make it a priority.

*Speaker:* Dr. Daniel Ketchum, General Director of Nazarene Missions International.

*Where:* Wollaston Church of the Nazarene and Eastern Nazarene College

*Schedule:*

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Pre-service music

7:00 p.m. - Service begins

Following evening service – President's Reception and Teen Pizza Bash

Thursday 8:00 a.m. Communion and Prayer time

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Business Sessions

Noon – Work and Witness Luncheon

*All pastors will be recognized.*

## Meet Dan and Carol Ketchum



Dr. Dan and Carol Ketchum

■ Disciples of Jesus Christ, committed to make Christlike disciples in the nations, especially among gen-next emerging leaders.

■ Global director of Nazarene Missions International (NMI), coordinator of global prayer initiatives, World Mission Communications, deputation, large church relations, regional partnerships, and writer for global movements.

■ Until 2006 Daniel and Carol were missionaries on the Eurasia region as field strategy coordina-

tor on the South Asia field with 25% of world population in eight nations, 1,500 organized churches on 14 districts, and 1,400 students enrolled in SANBC.

■ Prior to that they also served as field strategy coordinator on the Western Mediterranean and Southeastern Europe fields, including 20 nations across northern Africa and southern Europe.

■ Before becoming missionaries, the Ketchum's served as senior pastor, last at Nampa College

Church in Idaho. Daniel also served as global president for Nazarene Youth International (NYI) and university trustee. Both Daniel and Carol are graduates of Northwest Nazarene University. Daniel completed an M.Div. at Nazarene Theological Seminary and a Ph.D. at the University of Idaho focused on Christian formation and spiritual disciplines.

## Regional NMI Conference This Fall

We have heard from some presidents and pastors that they plan to attend the conference in the fall. We need you to contact us as soon as possible if your NMI president or yourself plan to attend. Again, here's the information... Regional NMI Gathering – Camp Taconic, Red Hook,

New York . Come for inspiration, information, networking, idea sharing, and encouragement. Sunday evening of October 7 through Tuesday noon October 9. District Superintendents, District NMI Presidents, District NMI Council members and Local presidents and pastors

who serve as presidents of NMI on the Eastern Region are invited. PLEASE help your NMI president attend. Registration is \$120 for 6 meals and 2 nights lodging. For questions E-mail Gerry Perry at [gerryperry2@comcast.net](mailto:gerryperry2@comcast.net).





## Church Financial Time Line Leading to District Assembly

March 15<sup>th</sup>—Estimated 2007-2008 District Unified Allocation letter sent from the District Office.

March 31<sup>st</sup>—End of church year for district and local churches ...books close for the 2007-2008 year and should be internally reviewed

April 1<sup>st</sup>— The 1<sup>st</sup> of two “Estimated” NED Unified allocation payments due in the District Office.

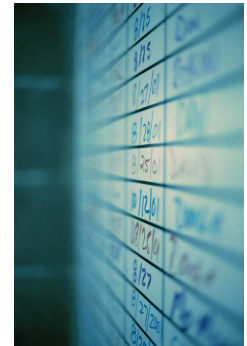
April 15<sup>th</sup>—The annual Treasurer’s Report should be prepared for the Pastor’s Report and Annual Meeting.

April 27<sup>th</sup>—All Pastors’ Reports should be entered into the General Church computer system for use by the District Secretary and District Office.

May 1<sup>st</sup> — The 2<sup>nd</sup> of two “Estimated” NED Unified allocation payments is due in the District Office.

May 15<sup>th</sup>—New Coupon Books with the actual NED Unified Allocation Figures will be mailed to the churches.

May 24<sup>th</sup> --- The 100<sup>th</sup> New England District Assembly begins in Wollaston, MA COTN. Please pray for God’s outpouring on this Gathering of the Saints to do God’s business and celebrate His blessings to NED.



## News from Windsor Hills Camp

### *Work and Witness at Windsor Hills!*

May is a great time to schedule a work trip to Windsor Hills! We’ll provide housing and food for your group on Friday night through lunch on Saturday if you’ll schedule to come help us with the reopening of the camp after winter. There is always a **grate al** of repair and cleaning and trimming and polishing to be done. This will be our first year opening with the short staff, so we will really need the extra help. For those who don’t want to create a special work trip, you can always piggy-back onto the District work days.

### *District Work days are June 1,2 and June 8, 9*

We need lots of workers – skilled and unskilled!

#### Projects include:

Painting  
Roof repair, cabin 9

Shower installation  
Porch painting  
General cleaning and power washing  
Beach restoration, dock installation  
Many Others!!!

**Camp forms** are now available! Forms were mailed to every church during the last week of February, and copies of all forms are on-line at [www.whcamp.org](http://www.whcamp.org). **First Deadline for cheapest camp rates is May 1<sup>st</sup>!**

The NYI had outstanding **Winter Retreats** at Windsor Hills! Youth workers from across the district carried the speaking responsibilities and New Experience led the worship events, with assistance from other friends. Although the Junior High Retreat had very little snow, the Senior High Retreat had tons! 40 Junior High teens took advantage of the skiing at Pat’s Peak on one of the coldest

days of the winter, while only about 20 Senior High Teens skied or snowboarded. Rumor has it that Jonathan Batchelder managed to take his tube completely beyond all the barriers, over the snow mountain and off a thirty foot drop! NO animals were injured in this attempt to entertain the teens.

For the record, the snow hockey results are: Old guys and chaperones - 1, Teens - 1 . . . a mudskipper is NOT a reptile, and Joe Dorion is the first teen ever to sink an ace in the “F at the B” game during regulation play.

Don’t miss the fun next year!



**Dan Whitney**  
Windsor Hills Camp  
Director





Kim Richardson  
Mission  
Strategy  
Coordinator

## Healthy Pastors Leading Healthy Churches

People often ask, "What are you hoping to accomplish?" The answer is this: "healthy pastors leading healthy churches that grow and reproduce."

Yesterday I spent the day meeting and praying with my prayer partner. This morning I slept in, then

walked, then relaxed as part of my Sabbath (which ended at noon). In spite of this. In spite of doing all the right things, the unexpected still happened - I suffered a mild heart attack on Sunday afternoon. But God has been faithful!

Let's all strive to be healthy pastors (emotionally, physically, spiritually, holistically).

Thank you to all who prayed and expressed your love & concern during this time. God bless you as you serve our great God.  
~ Kim

### Important Dates for Those Desiring District Minister's License:

Assessment Testing -  
May 26  
Assessment Weekend -  
September 21-23

## Reynolds Institute - Assessment

All individuals desiring to receive a District Minister's License must first participate in the NE District Pastoral Assessment. This year Assessment Weekend will be held September 21-23, at Windsor Hills Camp.

In order to take part in this process one must hold a Local License and attend the **Assessment Testing Day**. That Testing will be held in the Wollaston Church at 1:00 p.m. fol-

lowing the adjournment of District Assembly, May 26, 2007. The inventories given include: Spiritual Gifts, Personality Profile, Pastoral Perceiver, and the Myers-Briggs Temperament Analysis.

Please go to the website [www.reynoldsinstitute.org](http://www.reynoldsinstitute.org) to download registration forms. Also on that site under the "Assessment" tab, you will locate all the information on materials that need to be completed

and submitted on the day of testing (May 26th).

Please note: the Candidate's spouse also must attend both the Testing and the Weekend in September.

For more information please contact John White at: [wjohnwhite@yahoo.com](mailto:wjohnwhite@yahoo.com) or phone 603-225-1311.



Sally Miller  
District Chaplaincy  
Director

## Chaplaincy Meeting Announced

The New England District Chaplains look forward to District Assembly. They will be gathering together again for networking and support. I will be sharing more of what I brought back from M7. People are dying without the Lord. There is an urgency to bring His Love to the hurting. The chaplain has the

privilege to reach out and touch many people for the Kingdom who would never come to church. But, when life sends a curve ball, they are searching. Thank God that Chaplains are there, in the military, at the hospital, in the prison, in the workplace, beside the hospice bed, and many other

places. Please keep our Nazarene Chaplains in prayer. They deal with pain, suffering, and death on a daily basis and can not do it without God lifting them up through prayer.

May God Bless You,  
Rev. Sally Miller, District Chaplaincy Director

## Pastors' Wives Retreat - April 20-22

It is time once again for the Pastors' Wives Retreat! This year's speaker is Peg Bowen, a pastor's wife and a part of the ministry team at the Lamb's Club Church of the Nazarene. She was a member of the New England District for many years and is a gifted and passionate speaker.

Peg will share on the topic "Putting the Pieces Back

Together." Pastors' wives are often confronted with fragmented lives that seem not to fit until God shows how and where to put the pieces. Peg speaks from the heart of her own experiences as well as the many years that she and her husband, John have ministered to others.

In addition to times of worship, music, prayer and

reflection a weekend full of fun and fellowship is planned. As always, the wonderful staff at Windsor Hills will provide delicious meals and snacks, as well as lovely accommodations.

For more information or to register, please contact Diane Crouse at [dimidcro@juno.com](mailto:dimidcro@juno.com) or 617-472-2262.



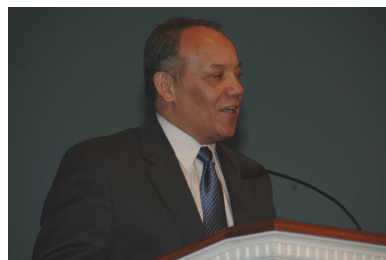
## Installation Services Announced

March 18, 2007: Marcella Charles is returning to the district to take the position of senior pastor at Dorchester Immanuel. The installation service will be held on March 18<sup>th</sup>.

Marcella's father was founder and first pastor of the church over 40 years ago. He would be so proud to see the church continuing to grow in the Spirit and kingdom work.

March 25, 2007: Wendy Ambrefe is being installed as senior pastor in the Danielson Church of the Nazarene during the morning service.

## The Saints Have Gathered!



Photos from *The Gathering of the Saints*, 3-10-2007

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## New England District Calendar - April 2007

NMI Emphasis: Mission Education & Prayer

- 3 Reynolds Institute Board Meeting - Lowell
- 8 Easter Sunday
- 13 District Ministerial Credentials & Studies Boards - Nashua
- 14 Children's Bible Quizzing Area Meet
- 15 District Annual Meeting Sunday
- 20-22 District Pastors Wives Retreat - WHC
- 24 Mission Area Brunches - Boston N. & S. NH - Nashua @ 10 AM and VT/N. NH - Johnson @ 6 PM
- 27 Pastor's Reports are due
- May 1 Mission Area Brunch/Dinner - Boston W/CT & W. MA/RI - Uxbridge @ 10 AM and SE MA/Boston S/RI/Urban Boston - Wollaston @ 6 PM

