

Missionary Convention New England District Assembly

Please come and be a part of a truly great Time of Worship
and being in His Holy Presence!

MISSIONARY CONVENTION
May 28 – 29, 2008

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT ASSEMBLY
May 29 – 31, 2008

101st Anniversary of the New England District!
“The Best District in the Whole Wide World”

Thursday Evening – Celebration of What God Has Been Doing

**Friday Noon – Celebration of Our Fellowship with an
Assembly Picnic for All**

Friday Evening, 7 p.m. – Celebration of Communion & Music

**Saturday Morning – Celebration of Ordination with a Noontime
Reception for our Ordinands**

Please be in prayer ... that the Holy Spirit would preside over every meeting and
event ... and over our General
Superintendent and District Superintendent and all those
making preparations for this great
gathering of God's people.



The Mission
of the Church
of the Nazarene:

*To Make
Christlike Disciples
in The Nations*

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Dr. Paul G. Cunningham



Paul G. Cunningham

Dr. Paul G. Cunningham is a general superintendent in the Church of the Nazarene with an office at the International Center of the denomination in Kansas City, Missouri.

He was chosen for the highest elected office in the church at the 23rd General Assembly at Indianapolis, Indiana, in July 1993, after serving for 30 years as senior pastor of the College Church of the Nazarene in Olathe, Kansas.

Dr. Cunningham went to Olathe in 1964 as pastor of the local Church of the Nazarene. The church grew

from 46 members in 1964 to a constituency of more than 3,000 when he left in 1993. The total giving rose from \$11,000 in 1964 to over \$3 million. The congregation built three sanctuaries and education units under his leadership with the third sanctuary seating 4,000. Dr. Cunningham was instrumental in bringing MidAmerica Nazarene College (now MidAmerica Nazarene University) to the Olathe area.

Dr. Cunningham served as chairman of the Board of Trustees of Nazarene Theological Seminary and was a member of the general church Book Committee for 16 years. He served as secretary of the Board of Trustees at MidAmerica Nazarene University and was a member of the Kansas City District Advisory Board. At the 1985 General Assembly he was elected president of the General Board of the International Church and was re-elected to that post in 1989.

In 1991 he was selected Citizen of the Year by the Olathe Chamber of Commerce and in 1993 was presented with the quadrennial award

for contributions to education by MidAmerica Nazarene University.

Also in 1993, Dr. Cunningham was presented with the J. T. Barton Award from the city of Olathe for distinguished service to the city. This recognition represented the city's highest award.

In addition to his work as College Church pastor, he has served as special speaker in revivals, district conventions, camp meetings, rallies, and retreats throughout the country and various world areas.

Dr. Cunningham is a graduate of Olivet Nazarene University and Nazarene Theological Seminary. In 1975 MidAmerica Nazarene University conferred upon him the doctor of divinity degree.

Dr. Cunningham's wife, Connie, frequently serves as a speaker at retreats and seminars. They have three married children, Paul Mark, Lori, and Connie Jo, all living in the Olathe area.

Chaplaincy News



Sally Miller
District Chaplaincy
Director

The Chaplains that met before the *Gathering of the Saints* had a wonderful time of fellowship as well as a devotional and a time for planning out the District Assembly report.

The *Gathering* afterwards was a blessed event ... if you missed it, you really missed a great blessing.

Chaplains will be meeting during the District Assembly. We will send out notification as to when and where the meeting will take place.

Get your applications in to Kansas City for the Tramatology Workshop on August 8 & 9 at ENC.

The Regional Chaplaincy will be having a Retreat this fall. We are making plans to have it at Windsor Hills Camp. More details will be coming in next month's news.

Blessings to you and your family during this Holy Season, He is Risen!!!

Amen,
Chaplain Sally Miller
NED Director



District NMI Convention

THE CROSS – SEIZE IT! SHARE IT! SPEAK IT BOLDLY

May 28, 7:00 p.m. Wednesday evening – May 29, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Wollaston Church of the Nazarene
23 E. Elm Avenue, Wollaston, MA

Speaker: Dr. R. Franklin Cook
Missionaries: David & Rhoda Restrick

“Franklin Cook grew up in India as a MK. Served as assistant to world Mission Division Director E.S. Phillips for several years. Served for 15 years as Eurasia Regional Director. Noted as one of the church’s most outstanding missiologists.”

Special Events: Presidents and Pastors Reception, Childrens’ choir and possible mini-convention, Teens poster contest & Pizza party and much more.

**Buddy Plan and Buddy Plan Pus Offering will be taken.
Watch for details!**

Nazarene Missions International

A New Way to Look at Mission

Jesus has commanded us to “Go into all the world and make disciples of all nations,” Matt. 28:19a and he says to his disciples “You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8

Sheldon Armitage writes “Missions today is just the global exchange of Christians doing Kingdom work.” Is our Jerusalem some else’s “ends of the earth” or is our “ends of the earth” someone else’s Jerusalem?

“Missions in the 21st century is about all Christians working and serving to make Jesus and His Kingdom known.”

We are both a sending and a receiving nation. We are not exempt because we are a receiving nation. We still need to go. We still need to evangelize. Your WORLD EVANGELISM FUND is one way we go. As you send in your final payment for the 2007-2008 church year remember you are not fulfilling an obligation but you are in one small

way fulfilling Christ’s command to evangelize to the “ends of the earth.”

April Emphasis Mission Education Why Mission education?

“Knowledge is key to involvement. With an understanding of the needs of



Gerry Perry
District Missions
President

Nazarene Missions International

the world and what the church is doing to meet those needs, we are more likely to commit to the support of missions through prayer, giving, communication, and going.”

Changes in General Church NMI Website

Very soon NMI will launch a new and fresh website. One, we hope, will be more user friendly and more appealing to the user, incorporating the new NMI look. Because the new site has been built from scratch each and every page has a new address or “URL (Uniform Resource Locator)” different from the pages from the old site. When the new site is launched you or the internet person in your church or district should be able to go onto the new NMI site and seek the new page that deals with the subject you linked to before. Capture the new URL and add that to the button. Again...this will only take place when the new site is launched. We wanted this information before you so it would cause the minimum amount of stress for you and others working along side you in the local churches.

Darryl Bennett,
Communications Director

International Mission Journal Is Online

The *International Mission Journal 2008* is available in French, Portuguese, Spanish and English. It can be downloaded from the web or email Gerry Perry at gerryper-ry2@comcast.net for a copy.

NMI End of the Year Reports

will go out April 1. Please contact Joy Tucker at Joy.Tucker@hp.com if you do not receive your packet.

YOUTH NEWS

Poster Contest – The District NMI is looking for young artists to participate in a poster contest depicting the theme “**The Cross: Seize It! Share It! Speak it Boldly**” and/or using scriptures from God’s Word that talk about being a bold witness for our Lord. We are asking for bold colors and large sizes in various mediums – oils, water colors, tempera paints, pencil sketches etc. Contact "Restrict Beth" kruger-girl@aol.com for contest rules.

The Teen Missions Rally at Lowell COTN on Friday, March 7, was exciting and a blessed event to 100+ teens. Rev. Dan Hopkins, Dominica, did an excellent job of communicating to the teens. He challenged them to be the “church of today.” God has a work for them to do for Him TODAY. One teen can accomplish much if they are totally dedicated to God.

M & M KIDS (MISSION-MINDED KIDS) NEWS

2007-2008 Children’s Project – Van For New England District Missionaries In Bulgaria

A letter from Teanna Sunberg written to Connie Coreira follows...

Hi Connie,

I feel very ashamed that I haven't responded to you sooner. We were thrilled to get your email and we laughed at your creative approach. What a wonderful idea!!!!

I wanted to catch you up on where we are in the van process but first I want you to know how deeply appreciative we are of



you and our home district. Really, words are not adequate but I have nothing else to offer as an expression of our thanks.

Regarding the van. Can I just tell you that the old blue clunker was on its last breath. In fact, sometimes we put it on life support and it still couldn't make it around the block. Seriously, we car pool with another family and we were unable to get the kids to school three mornings in a row because of our van. So, we made a deal with our Regional office to borrow the money in advance and we are of late, the new owners of a wonderful Volkswagon Sharon that seats 7! It is beautiful! It isn't brand new but the previous owners took great care of it and it really looks and drives like new.

It's funny but several of my missionary friends have come up to us and said, "Teanna, I just can't get used to seeing you driving around in a nice van." For so long, we have had old beaters that we sort of 'made do' with. The girls are beside themselves because, first of all, it has heat (something our old van didn't have and we went through an entire winter without it last year) and secondly because it has a CD player. They get in the van every morning and discuss which CD they are going to play. Oh what a blessing!

So, to make things even more exciting, this weekend we leave for Budapest, Hungary going to a SHARE conference (education conference) and we are driving in our new van of course! We are so excited! You can pray for us though if you

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think of it. We would go through Serbia but because of the unrest there, we have to go around and it adds at least another 5 hours to our trip (it will be about 14 hours one way).

I wish you could know how much the van means to us. It has made such a difference in the ease of our lives!

We bought the van through a company who goes to Germany and buys them there - in this way, you get a well-kept van with low mileage at a very reasonable price. Germany has a law that none of their vehicles can be over 9 years old. We spent \$23,000 for the van. This is significantly more than you were aware. We made the decision to make up the difference from our deputation account because it seemed wise to buy something that we knew would last. Unfortunately, the weak dollar didn't help our position. So, please know that we aren't expecting the district to

come up with all of this - we'll be so grateful for what you can raise and we'll make up the rest.

I am attaching a photo of the new Sunberg wheels.

With deep gratitude,

Teanna (for the Sunberg Caravan)

We believe our children can meet our goal of \$20,000. with the help of adults, of course!

CHILDREN & YOUTH CAMPS

Register early for camp. LINKS missionaries Stan and Sherri Hall, Mary Elizabeth and Landon will be our missionaries-in-residence.

Speaking of Camp ...

Windsor Hills Camp is an excellent place to take a Work and Witness team. Groups are needed to help get the camp ready for the summer months. Let Dan Whitney know when you can come. Send me (Gerry Perry) a report of your DAY AT CAMP.

World Mission Broadcast

Promotion packets containing the 2008 WMB materials were mailed

to churches in the U.S.A. and Canada. Please take a moment to look through the materials and then let us know if we can be of assistance as you support World Mission Broadcast in your church. **Let's All Participate and Support World Mission Broadcast!**

MISSIONARIES ON TOUR

Please take note: Mr. & Mrs. Fred Otto, So. Africa, will be on deputation April 26-May 4.

Four Objectives of NMI Are:

1. Prayer: Do you pray for Global needs and our missionaries?
2. Education: Have you read a reading book this year?
3. Giving: Do you have your WEF and DMEA up to date? As of January 28 the District WEF is Over 55% paid. Let's pray and believe that your church can pay 100% of their World Evangelism Fund.
4. Youth and Children: Are you challenging Youth and children to be M&M Kids (Mission-Minded)?

Jesus, command is to **TO MAKE CHRISTLIKE DISCIPLES IN THE NATIONS !!**

Pastor's Wives Retreat

"Be Still and Know that I Am God." Psalm 46:10

The Inn at Windsor Hills will be the gathering place for Pastors' Wives Retreat, April 25-27. The guest speaker this year will be Deb Eddings. Deb is a pastor's wife in Upstate NY and was a long-time member of our own New England District. She is a gifted and passionate speaker with an incredible love for the Lord and a desire to share that love with her Sisters. Cost is \$120.00 per person double occupancy. For more information or to register, please contact Nancy Whitney, 183 Hillside Drive, Henniker, NH 03242, 603-428-8219.



Assessment 2008

Several years ago the New England District Church of the Nazarene made a decision that all candidates for a first District Minister's License and all Licensed Ministers transferring onto the NED need to participate in the Assessment process. (Those transferring onto the NED who have gone through an Assessment on the district they have transferred from may not need to participate in our process).

The Assessment is a positive step in the life and ministry of each candidate.

This year the "Testing Day" is May 31. It will be held in the Annex of the Wollaston Church and will follow the adjournment of the District Assembly. It is necessary that both the candidate and spouse participate in the testing process. This takes approximately 1 ½ to 2 hours.

The "Assessment Weekend" is September 19-21 and it is held at Windsor Hill Camp. It is a great time of learning more about you, your future ministry and the wonderful group of people that the Lord is using on the NED to be encouragers for your journey.

For all the information go to: www.reynoldsinstitutue.org and click on the "Assessment" tab. There you will find registration forms and information that will answer all your questions. But, if you need to speak with a "real" person, contact John White at:
Email – wjohnwhite@yahoo.com
Phone – 603.224.1311



Pastors Annual Reports Due April 28th

Please send reports to:
Melissa Andrew, 57 Maplewood Drive, Townsend, MA 01469

What is Your Plan?

Possibly you were privileged to hear and interact with Missionaries Dan and Brenda Hopkins. The story of Dominica was fascinating as they told of arriving at a nearly neglected country with seven small churches and **no evangelism strategy**.

The unfolding story of finding God's strategy to win and disciple the nation and raise up pastors was exciting to hear.

Every mission field is expected (required) to have a written evangelism strategy. Interestingly enough, those with written strategies consistently do better than those without one.

This month we will begin to gather for our Spring Branches/Dinners and in

less than two months we will gather at District Assembly. It is my prayer that you will attend with a written mission strategy for your local church and it is my desire to sit down with you (or talk by phone or email) to discuss this possibility if you want someone to "bounce your ideas off" outside your local situation.

The best definition of a plan I have ever heard is; "A plan is what you do if you don't do something else." Our strategies will always be open to change --- flexible --- and they should be. Questions about prayer, the place of worship, how to greet and follow through with guests are some basic questions to get us thinking. Strategies outside the walls stretch us more, but also need our attention as the vision

expands. The reality is --- we are all acting on some strategy, but do we understand it, is it effective, is it intentional?

Dr. Ray Hurn once told me that "a bad plan is better than no plan." Was he right? You decide. Let's invite the Holy Spirit to guide us as we work with our church leaders to develop His mission strategy for our local setting. I look forward to seeing yours.

God bless you.

Kim



Kim Richardson
Mission Strategy
Coordinator

Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries



2008 Discipleship Summit – Manchester, CT – April 5th

Just a couple of weeks are left before the Discipleship Summit that will be held in Manchester, CT. Make sure your church will be represented and that your ministry leaders are registered by April the 2nd to take advantage of the lower registration cost. I look forward to seeing you and your team there. If you have any questions, please call.

For information on the Summit, please visit the following website and click on Discipleship Summit: <http://www.nazarene.org/ministries/ssm/display.aspx>

Sunday School Statistics

There have been some questions regarding the Responsibility List Statistic that you have been asked to report. The following information that was taken from the Nazarene SDMI website (www.nazarene.org/ssm/statistics) will hopefully answer some of those questions.



Dale Mingleorff
District Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries Chairman

What is the Responsibility List?
• The responsibility list contains the names of persons to whom the local church will actively seek to minister with the ultimate goal of leading them to Christ

and nurture them in the Christian life. Adding a person to the Sunday School responsibility list is the church's pledge to work with him/her indefinitely to reach this goal.

Who should be on our Responsibility List?

A. Active Responsibility List:

This list includes all persons who declare their willingness to attend the regular Sunday School session with some degree of regularity, including:

- Those attending weekly Sunday School classes, small groups, and cell groups (including nursery).
- Home Department: Any person physically or vocationally unable to attend a regular Sunday School class who is visited each week and taught an approved Sunday School lesson.
- Nursing Home/Convalescent Center/Health Care Facility: Any resident confined to one of these centers who actively participates in a weekly study of approved Sunday School curriculum.
- Church-type Mission: Any group sponsored by the local church or district with the goal of becoming an organized church, and who meets weekly for at least a half hour in another location to study the approved Sunday School curriculum.
- Childcare/Schools: Students (who are not currently enrolled in a Nazarene Sunday School) who actively participate in a regular weekly study of the approved Sunday School curriculum for at least a half hour.

B. Prospect List: This list includes the names of all people who have the potential of becoming regular attendees of your Sunday School

ministries. Each Sunday School class should consistently strive to bring them into regular attendance.

- Persons who do not attend a Sunday School class, but have contact with the local church, including those who attend only morning worship and those who attend church-sponsored events where the main purpose is not the study of scripture (such as sporting teams or ESL classes).

C. Extended (Outreach) Ministry List:

This list includes all persons who are regularly contacted or involved in an extended (outreach) ministry but not a regular Sunday School session each week including the Home Department, Nursing Home/Convalescent Center/Health Care Facility, Child-care/Schools, and Bible Study that doesn't meet weekly or where SS curriculum is not taught weekly in ministries such as Caravan, VBS, quizzing, and youth groups.

The list(s) should be updated and reported monthly along with your other Sunday School Statistics. Thank you in advance for your prompt reporting so that we can in turn report our District Statistics to General SDMI Headquarters in a timely fashion.

Dale W. Mingleorff

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New England District Calendar - April 2008

NMI Emphasis: Mission Education & Prayer

- 4 Reynolds Institute Trustees / District Ministerial Credentials & Studies Boards - Nashua
- 13 District Annual Meeting Sunday
- 14 Children's Bible Quizzing Area Meet
- 15-22 Mission Area Branches - Boston N. & S. NH - Nashua @ 10 AM and VT/N. NH - Johnson @ 6 PM
- 25-26 Regional Quiz Meet
- 25-27 District Pastors Wives Retreat - WHC
- 28 Pastor's Reports are due
- 29 Mission Area Brunch/Dinner - Boston W/CT & W. MA/RI - Uxbridge @ 10 AM and SE MA/Boston S/RI/Urban Boston - Wollaston @ 6 PM



Let us acknowledge the LORD; let us press on to acknowledge him. As surely as the sun rises, he will appear; he will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth. ~ Hosea 6:3

