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of the Church
of the Nazarene:

To make
Christlike disciples
in the nations

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Missionary Convention NE District Assembly

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

MISSIONARY CONVENTION
May 23 – 24, 2007

Come and experience the greatest Centennial Event of 2007!!!

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT ASSEMBLY
May 24 – 26, 2007

100th Anniversary of the New England District!
“The Best District in the Whole Wide World”

Thursday Evening – Celebration of What God Has Been Doing

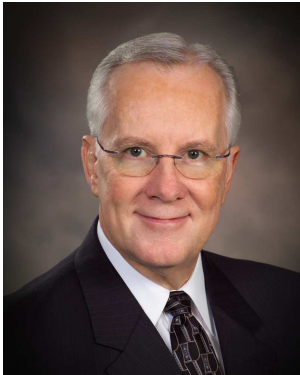
**Friday Noon – Celebration of Our Fellowship with an
Assembly Picnic for All**

Friday Evening, 7 p.m. – Celebration of Baptism & 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 Su-
perintendent and District Superintendent and all those mak-
ing preparations for this great gathering of God's people.





Dr. Jesse C. Middendorf, General Superintendent

Dr. Jesse C. Middendorf 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 25th General Assembly at Indianapolis, Indiana, in June 2001, after serving for ten years as senior pastor of First Church of the Nazarene of Kansas City, Missouri.

Dr. Jesse Middendorf was born in Nashville, Tennessee. He has been preaching since age 16, was first district licensed while a student at Trevecca Nazarene College (now University)

on the Tennessee District, and ordained an elder in the Church of the Nazarene in 1969 on that district. He received his bachelor of arts degree from Trevecca Nazarene University in 1965 and his master of divinity degree from Nazarene Theological Seminary in 1968. In 1989 Southern Nazarene University conferred upon him the doctor of divinity degree. He earned a doctor of ministry degree from Nazarene Theological Seminary in 1999.

He has pastored Nazarene churches in Clarksville, Tennessee; Ashland, Kentucky; Albuquerque, New Mexico; Richardson, Texas; and Kansas City, Missouri. During the years

1985-1991 he was superintendent of the Northwest Oklahoma District Church of the Nazarene.

He has written numerous articles for various religious periodicals, has authored chapters in several books, and is author/editor of *The Handbook of Christian Ritual* published in 1997.

Dr. Middendorf's hobbies include playing golf and flying single-engine aircraft. He and his wife, Susan (nee Marlowe), have three children: Jon, Marlo, and Jim; and four grandchildren.



**SUNDAY
SCHOOL**
Make the Connection

Reporting Sunday School Stats

All stats for Sunday School Attendance should be sent to churchsecretary@verizon.net. Please contact Andy Belokur if you have any questions.

Connecting People with God

Last month was the first time I noticed the phrase "Connecting People with God" on the Nazarene.org website. It's one of many thoughts that has challenged me lately. *How do we connect with a generation that is disconnecting from the church? Conversely, how do we help people who walk through our doors to connect with God*

and with the fellowship of believers? How do we help people stay connected? These thoughts have in turn generated a vision of a church filled with "greeters" who are not only friendly, but also make it their mission to help people connect. These "greeters" invite the newcomer to attend Sunday School or small group

with them, they follow up with a phone call or email. The "greeter" prays for and shows God's love for the newcomer. And, he or she works to find a place where the newcomer feels at home ... and connected. Connecting people with God. The idea is not new; the need is great. Pray for a body of "greeters."

Nazarene Missions International - May

New England District NMI Convention May 23 – 24, 2007

There are only five weeks until we gather as a church family to report on the mission involvement in each of our churches. We trust every church will come to welcome to New England our speaker, the newly elected General NMI Director and his wife, Dr. Daniel and Carol Ketchum.

We pray each church has been able to pay their WEF and DMEA assignments for this year. It is not too late. If you cannot pay it before May 23 bring it with you to the District NMI Convention and we will celebrate together.

Here is the schedule once again.

Location: Wollaston Church of the Nazarene and Eastern Nazarene College

Schedule:

Wednesday 5:30 p.m. Pizza Party and practice for Children's Choir

6:30 p.m. Pre-service music

7:00 p.m. Service begins (*music by Pawtucket Band, Cambridge Betesda, "Know Greater Love" trio & New Bedford International Choir, Quincy Chinese Church and Reading Korean*)

Following evening service President's Reception and Teen Pizza Bash

Thursday 8:00 a.m. Communion and Prayer time (*an olive wood souvenir communion cup from Israel will be given to the first 100 to attend*)

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

Noon Work and Witness Luncheon

All pastors will be recognized.



Gerry Perry
District Missions
President



Dr. Dan and Carol Ketchum

TWO Reports Due: NMI Report and the Pastor's Report

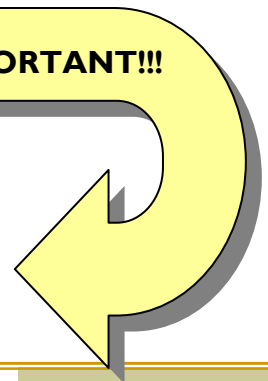
Please! Please! Please!
Every Pastor or NMI president must complete the NMI President/Pastor report and mail it to Joyce Klittich by **April 31**.

If you did not receive a report call Joyce Klittich at

603-522-9269. Please return your report as soon as possible. **Remember the Pastor's report and the NMI report are two separate reports. (The Pastor's Report is sent to Lucy Bollinger.)**

IMPORTANT!!!

**WE MUST GET AN
NMI REPORT FROM
EVERY CHURCH.**





Special Offering for Work & Witness Partners Fund

We will be taking pledges for the District *Willing Work and Witness Partners Fund* at the District NMI Convention and ask that you come prepared to make a pledge for your church. Some churches include District W/W in their Faith Promise

pledges. Nashua has pledged \$1000 a year for District Work and Witness along with planning several Work and Witness trips locally each year. Talk to Geoff DeFranca and find out the blessing this is for their church. Next year we have district trips sched-

uled for Bulgaria and Russia. Perhaps your church members cannot go but would be willing to help with the project money so others can go. No amount is too small! **Bring your pledges to District NMI Convention.**

May Emphasis - Missionary Health Plan

May is the time to promote the Missionary Health Plan. It can be promoted right now with some fun ideas. Remember the Missionary Health Plan covers four areas: **Memorial Roll, Distinguished Service Award, Gifts from the Heart and Medical Plan Offering.**

Here are some ideas to promote each of these:

Memorial Roll--When a church member dies, honor their memory by placing them on the Memorial Roll. (Each certificate \$50.)

Distinguished Service Award--Recognize church members for their years of service. (Each award \$100.)

Gifts from the Heart--Encourage children to honor their Children's Pastor

Medical Plan Offering--Have your local NMI Council dress up as nurses/doctors and take everyone's blood pressure for \$1 per person OR get teens involved--create a walking mummy! Sell band-aids, gauze, and medical tape for a set price

to plaster on their youth pastor or senior pastor or NMI President.

Another great idea is take a **special "911" offering.** Set a goal of \$911. Encourage donations of \$9.11 from adults and \$.91 from children.

To find more great ideas for promoting the Missionary Health Plan events, see your NMI District Handbook given to you at the 2006 District Assembly.

~Jenny Albertson,
District Missionary
Health Care Secretary



Regional NMI Conference This Fall

Regional NMI Gathering – Camp Taconic, Red Hook, New York. (For inspiration, information, networking, idea sharing, and encouragement). Sunday evening 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. Look for an application in the May Messenger or Email Gerry Perry at gerryperry2@comcast.net.



Looking Ahead ...

World Mission Broadcast - A Testimony

In 2002 Angela Caicedo was the 24-year old pastor of a Nazarene church in Medellin, Colombia. Her daily radio program, *La Hora Nazarena*, was having a tremendous impact on her community. In the midst of this tremendous response, Pastor Angela was diagnosed with cancer. In 2007 the pastor writes...

"A few months ago Cristina was diagnosed with breast cancer. Her fiancé, Alexis, was very distressed, so much so that the man driving

*the taxi noticed his preoccupation. He opened his heart and the young taxi driver told him that on the radio he had listened to the testimony of a woman that God healed from cancer. **The testimony was mine.** The taxi driver told him about the radio program and put he and Cristina in touch with us. It was a true joy to meet them and to be able to pray with them. Alexis told me before it cost him to believe in God, but through Cristina's situation he realized that God is real. What a joy to know that in a taxi, people can hear of God's love."*

*Pastor Angela
Caicedo-Medellin,
Colombia*

Like Cristina and Alexis, listeners are hearing about God's love on World Mission Broadcast (WMB) programs all over the world. WMB is vital to reaching the hurting and lost with the Good News of Christ... even in taxi cabs. (We have 10 countries where the gospel is broadcast that do not have Nazarene churches. WMB goes where missionaries cannot go.)



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NED NYI President's Report

"A man's mind plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps and makes them sure."

~ Proverbs 16:9

With the NYI convention just around the corner on May 5th, our thoughts as a district and as a church are looking forward to a new year with many opportunities of serving Him.

In order to discover what God wants for our lives we must "step out and find out." We must take a step of faith.

Trusting God is like standing before the automatic door at the grocery store. I can choose to stand and look at the door all day but it will remain closed until I take a step forward and trigger whatever gadget is

used to open the door.

Many of us spend our lives in so much fear of making a mistake that we never do anything. In 2 Timothy 1:7 it says "For God has not given us a spirit of fear but of power and of love and of a sound mind."

Be assured that God is leading us one step at a time. If we take one wrong step forward in the wrong direction, He will let us know before we go too far.

Our Convention guest speaker is David Curtiss. He brings with him charisma, passion and knowledge from living the Word of God. All students and sponsors who will be attending NYC 07 will have

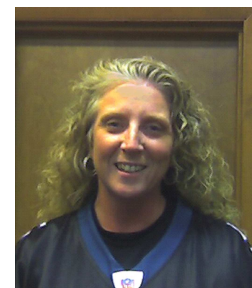
a special lunch seminar with Pastor Jim Abrams and David Curtiss. Be sure to sign up with Doug Milne milned10@aol.com if you plan to attend this meeting.

Pastors, NYI presidents, Youth directors, Adults, and teens who plan to attend the NYI Convention can send your registration to Nathan Patnode n_patnode@yahoo.com or call 781-321-4230.

I look forward to seeing you at Convention where we will rediscover ...

Living ... On the Edge

In Joyful Service,
Victoria L. Clark



Nazarene
Youth
International
Victoria Clark
District NYI President

New England District NYI Convention

**Saturday
May 5, 2007
8:30 AM ~ 3:00 PM**

*Community Chapel
Church of the Nazarene
5 Saint Laurent St.
Nashua, NH 03064
603~883~8345*



Kim Richardson
Mission
Strategy
Coordinator

Healthy Pastors Leading Healthy Churches

Friends,

It's time for a little "heart to heart" and my heart is doing just fine! Thank you for all your prayers and expressions of love and concern. By the time you read this, I am back to a full schedule and seeking opportunities to assist anyone desiring the same to assess their local churches health, consider ways to increase health and/or consider ways to multiply

the ministry through multi-site ministries, church plants or other innovative methods. If multi-site or church planting is in your future, I am available to tell our story relating to our multi-site experiment and church planting efforts. This might fit perfectly in a Faith Promise Weekend.

Our goal is healthy pastors leading healthy churches that grow and reproduce.

Notice that it begins with our health as pastors. I finished my time alone with the Lord one hour ago and my next walk is scheduled in 30 minutes. With lots of "heart!"

~Kim

Installation Services Held



Wendy Ambrefe
Installed as Senior Pastor
Danielson, Connecticut
March 25, 2007

Marcella Charles
Installed as Senior Pastor
Dorchester Immanuel
March 18, 2007



News from Windsor Hills Camp

Windsor Hills 20th Anniversary Season!

District Work Days at Windsor Hills are June 1-2 and June 8-9, 2007. On these Saturdays, the camp will provide breakfast and lunch to all workers, as well as Friday night cabin accommodations for those who want to get an early start. There are lots of different jobs available – and lots of cleaning and raking and painting to do as well. We need to know who is coming so we can prepare adequate food, so call ahead! 603-428-8219.

Don't forget, applications for all camps are on-line – and deadlines are passing quickly to register for the summer programs. The earlier you register, the cheaper the cost!

Family Camp Details are as follows:
Rev. Bud Reedy, from Stillmeadow Church of the

Nazarene, York, PA, is the featured preacher, along with special guests from across the years. Dr. Mary Paul, Professor at Olivet Nazarene University, will lead a daily Bible study centered around Spiritual Growth topics. Children's ministries will be provided by Rev. and Mrs. Donny Woodbridge, while Teen services will be anchored by Rev. Vicki Clark, new NED NYI President.

Accommodations can be reserved by using the on-line form. Low family rates are available (Special 8 day week rate) and are listed on the right of the form. This rate applies to whomever you have in your cabin with you, so it is possible for two families to join together and pay one low rate.

Both tenting sites and RV sites are still available. In honor of our 20th anniversary, a week-long free tent-

ing site is offered to any newcomer to Windsor Hills!

Meals may be purchased individually or by using a meal pass. All reservations are on a first come -- first served basis, so make your plans early!

A \$50 deposit holds your reservations. Mail form and check to Fern Woodruff at the address listed.

If you have additional questions, feel free to call the camp office at 603-478-3363 or send email to danwhitney@whcamp.org or to Fern at fernw@comcast.net.

Summer Calendar at Windsor Hills

Family Camp ...	June 30-July 8
Children's Camp	July 16-21
Sr. Hi Camp	July 23-28
Jr. Hi Camp	August 6-11
Deerwander/Maine	Aug 11, 13-18



Dan Whitney
Windsor Hills Camp
Director

Chaplaincy Meeting Announced

Nazarene Chaplains are making a difference in the Kingdom of God. As I speak to the Chaplains around the District I hear wonderful stories of people coming to know Jesus through their ministry.

The Chaplains will be getting together during Dis-

trict Assembly for a meal. Please listen to the announcements for the time. We will be using the President's Dinning Room at the back of the cafeteria.

Dwight Jennings, Barry Cook and I were on the Campus of Eastern Nazarene College in April talk-

ing to students about the Chaplaincy ministry. Perhaps the Lord will call some of them into the ministry.

Blessings to you, I'll be looking for you at District Assembly.

~ Rev. Sally J. Miller



Sally Miller
District Chaplaincy
Director

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New England District Calendar - May 2007

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

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

Missions Emphasis: Missionary Health Care & Prayer

- 5 NYI Convention
- 5 Children's Bible Quizzing District Celebration Day (Finals)
- 7 District Assembly Planning Committee - Quincy
- 8 Mission Directors' Meeting - AM - Nashua
- 8 WHC Board - PM - Nashua
- 10 District Advisory Board - Quincy
- 12 ENC Commencement
- 23-24 NMI Convention - Quincy
- 24-26 District Assembly - Quincy
- 26 Assessment Testing - Quincy

