

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, 7 p.m. – 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.



Dr. Paul Cunningham, G.S.



Dr. Jossie Owens, D.S.

The Mission
of the Church
of the Nazarene:

*To Make
Christlike Disciples
in The Nations*

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Registration, Meal Ticket Distribution, and Housing Assignments

Registration, Meal Ticket Distribution, and Housing Assignments will take place in the foyer of the LaHue Gymnasium during the following times:

Wednesday, May 28th

Registration and Meals: 2:30-5:00 p.m. *and* after the evening service until 10:00 p.m.

Housing: 2:30 until 10:00 p.m.

Note: Anyone who needs housing for Wednesday night only MUST RETURN THEIR ROOM KEY to Ken Stanford by NOON on Thursday. (Please return the key in the key envelope!)

Thursday, May 29th

Registration and Meals: 8:30 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. *and* 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. *and* after the evening service.

Housing: 8:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. *and* after the evening service until 10:00 p.m.

Friday, May 30th

Registration and Meals: 8:30 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. Lunch tickets will be available in the church foyer.

Housing: Ken Stanford can be found in the front, left section of the Sanctuary during District Assembly.



*Note: **ROOM KEYS** are to be placed in the key envelopes and dropped off in the locked boxes at one of the following locations - Young Apartments foyer area; Security station at Munroe; or in the slot of the outside Facilities door located near the trash compactor/loading dock (as you look at the loading dock, the door is to the right).*

Unfurl Those Church Banners!

Dr. Owens has asked us to **march with our church banners** at the beginning of the opening session of District Assembly again this year. Here's what we need—

1. Meet on the steps of Gardner Hall at ENC (The building opposite the front entry to Wollaston Church, on the big granite steps!) 15 minutes before the start of the evening service.

2. Bring your own pole, if possible, to carry your banner.

3. Make your pole detachable, so we can then mount your banner along the balcony rail of the church during assembly.

People who march with the banners will be able to find seats in the assembly at the conclusion of the opening processional. There will not be a roll call this year, simply a procession to mark the beginning of the assembly.

An RSVP to say you will partici-



pate would be appreciated!
(danwhitney@whcamp.org)

Thanks!!



Pastors Annual Reports Due April 28th

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

Chaplaincy News

Chaplains, please join us for breakfast at District Assembly. We will meet at 7 a.m. in the President's Dining Room on Saturday May 31. Come and enjoy the fellowship, the sharing, and hear details of coming events that you will want to be part of. Just go through the cafeteria and pick up your breakfast and then go to the back of the room where you will find the President's Dining Room.

Don't forget to save the dates of August 8 and 9, 2008 for the Field Traumatology Workshop (register through Kansas City). The price is only \$100.10. This will cover two full days of training your meals and one overnight. It is brought to us by Nazarene Disaster Response.

A few of the areas to be covered:

- A brief history of traumatology
- Identify the phases of a disaster

and phases of emergency management

- Identify the risk factors for PTSD
- Recognize symptoms of simple and complex PTSD
- Discuss the impact of trauma on families, co-workers and other relationships
- Learn the phases of recovery from trauma
- Identify the role of spirituality in trauma response and recovery
- Understand the key concepts of field traumatology and four waves of disaster intervention
- Function within the post-disaster incident command system
- Assess the impact of trauma work on the caregiver and identify symptoms of burnout and compassion fatigue
- Who should sign up for this event? Chaplains, Pastors, and lay people who want to be ready for

whatever our troubled world brings.

We have just booked the Inn at Windsor for the next Regional Chaplaincy Retreat. The dates are November 7, 8 and 9. Registration will be once again through Kansas City. We will arrive in time for supper on Friday night and leave after lunch on Sunday. Mark your calendar and plan to come.



Sally Miller
District Chaplaincy
Director

God Bless you and you work for His Kingdom!

District News

Burlington-Williston Dedications



February 3rd was a great day in the Burlington-Williston Church. The building was dedicated following recent renovations, Pastor Nathan Patnode was installed as the new pastor, and Nate and Miranda's new daughter Olivia was dedicated

to the Lord.



Good News in New Bedford

The New Bedford First Church of the Nazarene made the local news with it's plans to take a team of young people to Haiti on April 5-12. The SouthCoastToday.com reported that the church has raised over \$20,000 a year for world mis-

sions by giving up coffee. Pastor Jon Helm noted that \$3 would pay for a child to go to school for one year in Haiti. The mission is the senior class trip for students of Nazarene Christian Academy and a joint effort with Pilgrim United Church of Christ. Good News Indeed!



Team Haiti '08

Nazarene Missions International

A “Jelly Donut” Look At Missions

Recently I have been reading a book called, “*Picture This...Nine ways to look at mission*” by Sheldon Armitage. His book is thought provoking. Is Missions just another program or activity of the church? Is it just a piece of the pie? Or is it the jelly in the donut?

I would like to share with you some quotes from the book that have caused me to look at missions differently. So many times we look at missions as an auxiliary - a piece of the pie but in reality it is the church. Sheldon Hermitage says missions is the jelly inside the donut (the church)!

Today a lot of churches don't think about a jelly donut when they think about missions, instead they think about a pie. Missions is just another program or activity of the church. Oh sure, we support missionaries, and some of the budget goes to missions but missions is just another slice of the pie.

What this type of thinking does is it creates a separation in our minds and lives about what it means to be a Christian and what it means to do missions. We can be good people without really having to think and act in ways that are missions-focused. It's not our job to go - It's only for those who God calls out into the field. Armitage states, "It's an oxymoron to say you are a Christian but not interested in missions."

You see, in Matthew 28:18-20 we've understood Jesus' words, "Go into all the world," as a call for some people to go to foreign lands as missionaries. However, the true emphasis of that phrase is this, "As you go, make disciples."

If we really believed all of our existence

was missional, our time would no longer be ours, instead it would be the most precious commodity we could invest in the Kingdom. Instead of neatly planning out our lives, we would be open and willing to go and do whatever God wants us to.

Money would not be something we would hold on to but giving to missions would mean a chance to be radical. It could become revolutionary acts of generosity and grace.

Being missional would revolutionize the way we do church as well. Instead of arguing over hymns, choruses etc. we'd start experimenting with new sounds and forms of communication to speak the language of people who'd never usually set foot inside a church. We might look at our communities differently and realize there is so much the church can offer. We'd probably let people belong before they believe: accepting people regardless of their scars, baggage, preferences or sin. People whom we can love and who can be touched and transformed by Christ. That's what Christ did for us?)

True faith in Christ cannot and does not separate mission from belief. It's like the big fat donut oozing with jelly: every bite of life is full of mission and purpose.

I would suggest that if we took this view seriously that we would do both home and foreign missions with a happy missional heart.

May Emphasis – Missionary Health Care

Did you know? North American health insurance companies will not insure people living overseas. The Church of the Nazarene therefore must pay all the medical expenses related to its missionaries, whose expenses total approximately \$2.9 million each year.

Let's work together to increase awareness through the Memorial Roll, Distinguished Service Awards, Gifts from the Heart, and special offerings.

NMI Presidents/Pastors Reports

The NMI Presidents/Pastors Reports went out March 24. Please contact Joy Tucker at Joy.Tucker@hp.com if you did not receive your packet. They are due back to her on April 30.

Youth News

Over \$7000 was given to the hungry during the recent teen 30-hour famine. Praise the Lord!

Poster Contest - The District NMI is looking for young artists to participate in a poster contest depicting this year's NMI Convention 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 have 20 posters submitted so far. If you have artistic teens who would like to participate please have them contact Beth Restrict at krugergirl@aol.com for the rules. All posters must be submitted by **May 1**.



Gerry Perry
District Missions
President

Nazarene Missions International (continued)

District NMI Convention

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

May 28, 7 p.m. Wed. Evening and
May 29, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

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

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

Our speaker: *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, prayer time, Children's choir and possible mini-convention, Teens poster contest & Pizza party and much more.

Bring...

- Buddy Plan and Buddy Plan Plus Offerings
- Willing Work and Witness Pledges for 2008-2009
- Children's Project offerings for the Sunberg Van (if not previously submitted)

Registration cost: \$8.00 per delegate if mailed in or \$10. at the door.

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### **What Are the Buddy Plan and Buddy Plan Plus Offerings?**

We ask each Pastor and church to be prepared for this offering at the District NMI Convention.

Each quadrennium as we come up to the General NMI Convention we are asked to help subsidize the travel costs of delegates in World Mission regions to come to the General NMI Convention in June of 2009. This donation does not pay the total amount of their travel costs it just assists them. All World Region NMI delegates must raise their own support by selling home-made handcrafts, selling pigs or chickens, or promoting concerts and other ministries.

A new component is being added this year to the General NMI Convention called **Global Missions Conference**. The church is wanting to identify emerging leaders in their 40's, 30's, 20's, who might not be considered for delegate election. These non-delegate emerging leaders are passionate and articulate about global mission movements. These leaders will provide their own funds. However, the Buddy Plan Plus offering will help these chosen emerging leaders with some of their travel.

Our goal for our district is \$1000. Every church bringing an offering will help realize this goal.

### **World Evangelism Fund Offering:**

As of March 28 it is recorded that New England District has given 73.78% to the World Evangelism Fund and this does not include, I am sure, the Easter offering from all of our churches. We are expecting (with God's help) payment of at least 90% even in this struggling economy when we all do our part.

One church reported that they are not only paying their own WEF but are helping a struggling church to pay their WEF as well. If you have paid your WEF and would be willing to help struggling churches it would be wonderful. I am sure they would truly appreciate it. We can give you suggestions if you wish to help.

### **Looking Ahead: World Mission Broadcast**

Cell phones, pagers, beepers, internet, television, radio. We have many ways to communicate – how often do you use them to communicate Christ's love? Here's your chance! World Mission Broadcast is communicating all over the world through the use of radio, television, and internet. June is our emphasis month. Let's plan ahead.



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

## Family Camp Less than Two Months Away!

Though it is hard to believe (I still have 2 feet of snow on the ground today!), Family Camp is fast approaching! 2008 will be an outstanding year for the New England District Family, and camping together is a great way to start the summer off on a solid footing!

Camp begins Saturday, June 28, with the evening meal in the Dining Hall, followed by the first services at 7:00 p.m..

Dr. Dan Copp, Clergy Services, KC, will begin the Bible Study on Monday morning and Dr. Don Lain, Christ Community Church, Syracuse, NY will be joining us Monday night. The Children's Program will be anchored by Rev. Donny and Holly Woodbridge – so you know good things are in store.

This year we will be adding three afternoon prayer summits to the schedule. These will run roughly from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Inn sanctuary. The TUESDAY prayer summit is for any district pastors, active or retired. We invite pastors to have lunch on us Tuesday, and then stay for prayer to-



Dr. Dan Copp

gether. The THURSDAY prayer summit is open to anyone who would like to attend. The SATURDAY prayer summit is again for pastors. Dr. Copp will be leading these times of prayer.

For answers to questions, please call the camp office (603-478-3363) on Tuesdays or Thursday, send email ([ricksmith@whcamp.org](mailto:ricksmith@whcamp.org) or [danwhitney@whcamp.org](mailto:danwhitney@whcamp.org)) or call Dan Whitney's home office at 603-218-8219.

### **Summer Camp Registration Process Underway!**

Calendar Days are slipping by and the earlier you register for Summer Camps, the lower the cost! A \$50 deposit holds your reservation and guarantees you get the current rate. To register, download your forms from the WHC website: [www.whcamp.org](http://www.whcamp.org), and click the "applications" tab. All the forms you need for summer camp may be found there!

Counselors for all the camps are also needed. In order to serve as a counselor, you must meet the minimum age requirement, fill out application, health form and criminal background forms, and submit ref-

erences. These applications, as well as instructions, may be downloaded from the camp website.

### **Camp Dates:**

|             |                 |
|-------------|-----------------|
| Family Camp | June 28- July 6 |
| Kids' Camp  | July 14-19      |
| Sr. Hi Camp | July 21-26      |
| Jr. Hi Camp | August 4-9      |

### **District Work Days at Windsor Hills**

We'll need lots of help to get the grounds ready for the summer program this year. There is work of every type for every different skill level. Please consider bringing a group from your church to assist!

**Advance notice**, which tells us what kind of skill sets to anticipate, is extremely helpful!! We'll provide overnight housing for your group, as well as breakfast and lunch for all of your workers on the Saturday you work.



Dan Whitney  
Windsor Hills Camp  
Director

**June 6, 7 and  
June 13, 14  
are Work Days.  
Start planning  
now!**



### **District Pastors Husbands Dinner**

Pictured on the left are: Jeff Beam (Beverly, MA), Paul Goodwin (Hingham, MA), Jack Cocio (Brockton, MA), Dan McCabe (Uxbridge, MA), Jim Owens (Dorchester 2<sup>nd</sup>, MA), Bob Turcott (Nahsua, NH), and Victor Reid (Dorchester 2<sup>nd</sup>, MA). A fabulous dinner was held on March 27th at the Fox & Hound Restaurant in Quincy, MA. There was plenty of laughter, encouragement and fellowship. Jim (Tom) Owens shared a few thoughts with the group on the uniqueness and value of their roles as men who support women in ministry. There are well over 20 Pastors' husbands on our district. This is a first event of its kind to be held in the entire eastern region. Once again, New England is leading the way. It was agreed this should be an annual event and there was discussion on planning another event during the year.

## New Leadership for Reynolds Institute

The Annual Meeting of the Reynolds Institute Board of Trustees was held on Friday, April 4, 2008 at Community Chapel. Reynolds Institute is observing its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Reports were received from each of the staff persons, as well as the financial and educational statistical reports.

The significant action taken during the meeting was the election of

new leadership:

\* *Executive Director*: Rev. Lisa M. Morrison, assumed her responsibilities immediately.

\* *Director, Center for Education*: Rev. Robbie A. Fringer, assumed his responsibilities immediately.

\* *Director, Center for Support and Finance*, Vanessa Fringer, will assume her duties on or about June 30.

Rev. W. John White was re-elected

as the *Director for the Assessment Center*.

Rev. Gene Hebert was re-elected as *Chair of the Finance Committee*.

Two members for the Board of Trustees will be elected by the Advisory Board for a three-year term.

## Gathering of the Saints

Living Hope Church of the Nazarene (Danvers Location) was the site of the **2008 Gathering of the Saints**. Prayer was lifted, praises and testimonies were raised, and the Word was shared.



Living Hope Church

Music specials included: QCC Worship Team, Wallingford, CT Hispanic Choir, Danielson Praise Band, and Providence, RI First Praise Team.



Rev. Marcella Charles



D.S. Dr. Jossie Owens



Rev. Becky Turcott



A Time for Praise and Worship



Cynthia Atadja



Rev. Jim Murray

Special speakers included: Rev. David Troxler, Rev. Alex Lu, Rev. Marcella Charles, Rev. Juan Rivera, Rev. Dan Hopkins, Rev. Wendy Ambrefe, Rev. Silas Almeida, and Rev. Geoff DeFranca.



Missionary Dan Hopkins



## Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries

### *2008 Discipleship Summit – Manchester, CT – April 5<sup>th</sup>*

More than 133 people (pastors and ministry leaders) from several districts came together at the Rockville Church of the Nazarene for a great day in the Lord. Dr. Woodie Stevens and his team as well as our General Superintendents were there to challenge us to reach the next level (the GS's by video of course).



We were reminded of the great commission...to “go and make the people of all nations my disciples”...to baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”...to “teach them to obey all the commands I have given you. And there is not a day



We were challenged...



It was a great day of sharing...

when I will not be with you to the end of time.” (Mathew 28:19-20, Wm. Barclay translation)

Our relationship to Jesus must be cultivated and intentionally passed on to others.

We were challenged to answer the following questions:

- Who is discipling you?
- Who are you discipling?
- Who is your teacher?
- Who are you teaching?
- Who is your mentor?
- Who are you mentoring?
- Who is your coach?
- Who are you coaching?
- Who is your Paul?
- Who is your Timothy?

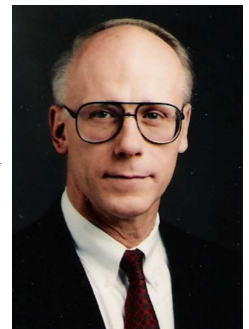
Let each of us strive to answer these questions so that we can be

more effective in carrying out the task that is the “mission of every follower of Jesus ... **‘to make a disciple!!!’**”

We had a special time together. I wish that all of you could have been there!!! Plan now to tap into the Simulcast Global Discipleship Summit, November 1, 2008.

### *District Assembly May 29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>, 2008*

Please be in prayer for the Assembly. Sunday School Ministries will be electing 4 delegates (two ministerial and two lay) to the General SDMI Convention to be held in Orlando, FL, June 24-26, 2009. Since we have not had elections to the board in several years, it will be necessary to elect six members-at-large there as well. Thank you for your prayers.



Dale Minglehoff  
District Sunday  
School and  
Discipleship  
Ministries



### *Stratford, CT Church Organizes*

The Stratford CT Church of the Nazarene was organized and Miriam Mouzan was installed as Pastor on Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. Fourteen were taken in as charter members but over 65 people were in attendance, most of whom worship at the Stratford church regularly. There was much excitement and praise to the Lord for how He brought this ministry into existence. Pastor Miriam and Rev. Jose Cardona have already recruited six students from Connecticut to begin ministerial preparation studies.





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## New England District Calendar - May 2008

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### NWMS Emphasis: Missionary Health Care & Prayer

- 3 Children's Bible Quizzing District Celebration Day (Finals)
- 5 District Assembly Planning Committee - Quincy
- 6 Mission Directors' Meeting - AM
- 8 District Advisory Board - Quincy
- 10 86<sup>th</sup> Annual NYI Convention
- 10 ENC Commencement
- 28-29 NMI Convention - Quincy
- 29-31 District Assembly - Quincy
- 31 Assessment Weekend Testing - Quincy
- 31 NYI Council Luncheon at District Assembly

