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The Mission
of the Church
of the Nazarene:

*To Make
Christlike Disciples
in The Nations*

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Holy Moments of District Assembly!

We are building a wall of faith within the New England District:

The Best District in the Whole Wide World!

God truly met us in so many holy moments!

We had an awesome 100th District Assembly!

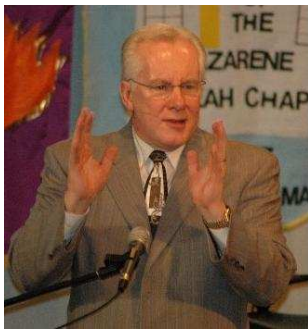
He restores, He saves, He refreshes!

We (on the best district in the whole wide world) will serve HIM
together as a unified army of saints!

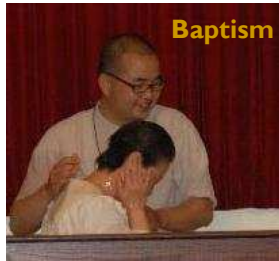
Blessings,
Jossie



Assembly 2007 - Celebrating 100 Years of the New England District!



Celebrating 100 Years and a Brand New Church!



Baptism



Reports of Lives Changed by God!



Ordination



Worship

July Challenge - International Ministry, Bible Schools and Seminaries

“The challenge for July focuses on prayer for educational leaders, preachers, and Nazarene educational institutions outside of the U.S.A. and Canada. Currently there are 45 colleges and seminaries between the six World Mission Regions (in addition to the 11 institutions in North America). The power of a praying church on their behalf is vital to their ongoing ministry.

Arrange for a special time of prayer for the ministry of the church around the world and for faculties and students in our 45 institutions. Ask God to build His kingdom through their efforts.

An insert “Nazarene Educational Institutions in the world Mission Regions” is

available at NPH at 1-800-877-0700. Product X-32. The cost is 15 cents each. Give this to your congregation as a reminder to pray all month long for our schools”. - Heartline

This would be a good month to take a wave offering (each one pulls out a \$1.00 from their pocket or purse and waves it) for the International Student Scholarship Fund (ISSF). These funds help third world students to get an education.

Other prayer needs:

* Pray for 91 college students who are involved this summer in Youth in Mission programs. Our district participants are Patrick Lane (Lowell) and Arielle Mathers (South

Weymouth).

* Pray for the work of Nazarene Compassionate Ministries in Somalia as they assist families returning from refugee camps.

* Pray for the youth attending Nazarene Youth Congress. Approximately 120 youth and adult chaperones will be attending from our district.

* Pray for the children and youth attending camp this summer and for Christy Sunberg, Missionary-in-Residence.



Gerry Perry
District Missions
President



Heartfelt Thanks



We had a great convention with Dr. Daniel and Carol Ketchum, General NMI

Director. We thank all who had a part in this special time. Thank you pastors for your support of World Missions! However, we are still around \$7,000. short in World Evangelism Fund. Many of you indicated that you have paid in full but Kansas City does not have that record. Please check with your treasurer and see if the money has been sent in and mark it 2006-2007

church year.

Again we thank you for your support in reaching the world for Christ.



Looking Ahead ... Eastern Regional NMI Conference

Register by July 1

The Eastern Regional NMI Conference will take place on October 7-9,

2007. It will be a time of information, inspiration, networking, idea sharing and encouragement. It will be very informative for your president to attend. Changes in NMI will be presented. **PASTORS PLEASE LET US KNOW** if you or your NMI Presi-

dent will be attending the Regional Conference, Camp Taconic, New York. Information is on page 81 in the District 2007-2008 NMI Handbook. Please register by July 1 if at all possible to insure a place to stay.

August Challenge: LINKS



Every church has been assigned a LINKS missionary. The district NMI Handbook page 29 will list your missionary. Pages 28-43 will give you information about your LINKS missionary. Please include them in your greetings and treat them as if they are a

part of your church family for this coming year.

Also, Furlough Fund and Christmas Fund are great ways to support our missionaries. It is a small amount but adds up when we all participate.

Having a Plan for Action



Kim Richardson
Mission
Strategy
Coordinator

Colleagues in Ministry, Were you able to be at Assembly? What did you think of "my" polar bears and "my" penguins?" Were you impressed with our G.S. (Dr. Jessie Middendorf) as he spoke on the difference between a mission statement and an action plan to fulfill that mission statement? I love this definition of a plan that I first heard from Dr. Bill Sullivan, "A plan is what you do if you don't do something else." This definition leaves lots of

room for the Holy Spirit to work both at the planning level and as/when new situations arise.

Have you written your vision/mission on one sheet of 8.5 x 11 paper? Do you have a written plan that shows the next steps in how you will fulfill that mission, that desire to make Christ-like disciples? Can you put on paper and into words how you expect "your" church to make her next six Christ followers? If you need a sounding board, a reflective shield,

an objective voice --- then please be in touch. This is one of the reasons I am here.

God bless you.
Kim Richardson, Mission Strategy Coordinator

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Meet Will and Robyn Winn - Lynn, MA First Church

Will and Robyn Winn have been active laypersons for many years in the Uxbridge Church of the Nazarene. Several years ago Will heard the Lord calling him into ministry – a calling that he had put off earlier in his life. He met his wife, Robyn, as a student at Asbury College. She is a nurse and has supported and shared in Will's call to ministry. Will re-

ceived his first District Minister's License at this year's Centennial District Assembly. He has testified to being willing to follow wherever the Lord leads. Will has been doing pulpit supply across the district and ministering on the streets of Worcester - a passion that emerged from a recent class where he had an assignment to get involved in a compassionate

ministry. He has answered the call to be the pastor at the Lynn, MA First Church of the Nazarene and brings to this urban ministry a breadth and depth of skills from his prior occupations and a humble, passionate spirit for sharing the gospel.



The Winn's: Nathan, Robyn, Will Sr., and Will Jr.

NYI Summer Events

water
fire
wind

Some exciting things are happening for our students this summer! Please keep our youth and adult leaders in prayer during the following events:

- NYC (Nazarene Youth Conference) July 10-15 in St. Louis, Missouri.

- Senior High Camp (July 23-28) will be directed by Nate Patnode and Kelly Miner this year. Jeremiah Bolich will be the featured speaker.
- Junior High Camp (August 6-11) will be directed by Brian Bollinger.

For more information about camp, see the Windsor Hills website: www.whcamp.org.

For other questions, please contact Vicki Clark at: vicmamma4@juno.com.



Victoria Clark
District
NYI President

Chaplaincy News

Chaplains on the New England District have been working to bring the Good News to those outside the doors of the Church. At District Assembly you heard just one testimony of a man whose life was completely turned around because God reached him through Chaplain Stoner Smith. Just think how many other stories of changed lives we could have told.

Chaplains met during District Assembly with 12 in

attendance. It was a great time of networking. We had a guest speaker, Cheryl Bushnell of the Medical Reserve Corp. based at the Dennis and Falmouth Nazarene Churches. Cheryl welcomed chaplains to become involved in the MRC in their area. Her talk was followed by a discussion about training for responding to trauma situations.

I am trying to set up a training for the N.E.D. Chaplains that comes to us

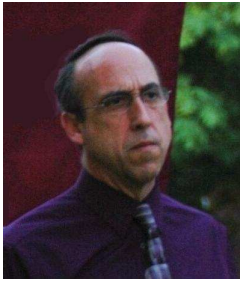
from Nazarene Disaster Relief. When we have a place and a date settled I will notify you. This training will involve knowing what to do in any disastrous situation such as a hurricane, a plane crash, or even a terrorist attack. This opportunity for education will also be open for the pastor's of our district.

Chaplains are busy about the work of the kingdom.

Rev. Sally J. Miller, NED Chaplaincy Director



Sally Miller
District Chaplaincy
Director



Andrew Belokur
District Sunday
School and
Discipleship Ministries
Chairman

One Thing about Sunday School That Cannot Change

I write this letter with a song of praise in my heart. I thank God for His marvelous working in the lives of each of us. I come to you as the newly appointed District Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries Chairman. I was asked by our District Superintendent to consider fulfilling the term of Ron Keller. I want to thank Ron and his able leadership of this important ministry for the last few years, and I would like to thank our District Superintendent for inviting me to join the District Leadership Team as God continues to move in our churches.

I also come to this position, knowing that I really know nothing about how to effectively function in this position. I do, however, know that when we die out to our own strength and let God take over, that by His power we are able to carry on the work of His Kingdom. Philippians 4:13 says, "I can do everything through him who gives me strength."

I believe that now is the time to move forward as never before with the strengthening of our Sunday Schools in each and every church. I ask every Pastor and lay person to begin to pray and to re-establish and re-emphasize

in your churches the importance of the Sunday School. Now is the time to reaffirm our love for the Word of God, our love for others, and our passion for evangelizing through small group relationships.

We cannot effect change from the District level; only individual churches can make the changes needed to reach out and touch your communities through the Sunday School. I will not be able to change anything as the Chairman of the District Sunday School. I simply want to be a resource and an encourager to each one of you. I want you to know that I simply cannot do this ministry on my own, but only as I work with each of you under the power and anointing of the Holy Spirit.

One thing I know for sure is that God is not and will not be kept in a box! I encourage every Pastor, Sunday School Superintendent and Board to actively come up with new ideas and ways in order to reach the lost for Christ. Don't let your Sunday School grow stale. Come up with new thoughts and plans, and don't ever say "it can't be done," or "it won't work because we have never done it that way before." For the Bible says that all things are possible

through Him! Matthew 19:26 says, Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

You know, we don't have to always call our Sunday School classes, Sunday School classes. The name of the ministry and where it meets can always change, the only thing that cannot ever change is the message of Christ. Heaven is the limit. Let's put our thinking and dreaming hats on and let us allow the Holy Spirit to lead us and guide us to vistas that we have never imagined before. We cannot fail if God leads us!

I thank each one of you for the opportunity to address the ministry needs through the Sunday School, but most importantly I thank God that He will guide and direct us as we go forward. In the Spirit of Christ I say that I love each of you. May His Kingdom be advanced this year as never before.

In Christ's Love
Rev. Andrew E. Belokur
*District Sunday School and
Discipleship Ministries
Chairman*



Children's Camp - July 16-21

Speaker: Rev. Brian Bollinger, Recently ordained deacon from the Concord Church

Missionary: Christa Sunberg, "Missionary Kid"

Theme: "God's Got an Army!"

Put on your combat boots and join us for an exciting week of camp! We are looking forward to a fun and spirit-filled time with our district's kids.

Why have a camp for kids?

- Camp provides an environment where kids can get away from the clutter of life and focus on God.
- Camp shows kids that there are many other kids around the district trying to live out their faith, just

like they are.

- Camp helps kids build relationships with new kids and adults that will last a lifetime.
- Camp helps kids experience God in a whole new way.
- At Windsor Hills, doors are opened wide for God's leading.

Staff for this year's camp is coming together nicely, but as always, we need more men who are willing to invest in the lives of young men, many of whom need good male role models in their lives.

Top ten reasons to be a part of the Kids' Camp Staff:
10. Three square meals a day!

9. You get a cool T-Shirt.
8. Swimming every day.
7. No traffic jams at WHC.
6. Pastor Rick won't make you feel guilty at District events.
5. Staff Night!!!
4. Six days of investing in our future.
3. There is nothing like a hug from an ADHD 8 year old.
2. It's free!!!
1. You will never be the same.

Pastors, if you can't come for a week, then try coming for a meal...your church of tomorrow needs to know that you are their pastor today!

~ Pastor Rick Smith
Children's Camp Director



Camp Speaker:
Brian Bollinger



Missionary:
Christa Sunberg

Summer Camping Schedule

Family Camp:

June 30 to July 8. First Service, Saturday evening, Last Service, Sunday morning

Children's Camp:

July 16 - 21

Sr. High Camp:

July 23-28

Jr. High Camp:

August 6 - 11

A big thank you to all of the work teams that came to help on the District

Work days! We really appreciate your labor and support!

Please pray for Windsor Hills this summer:

- The Spirit will touch those involved in the programs here; people will be saved, sanctified and called into service.
- Staffing and Counselor needs will be met.
- Our campers and staff will have a safe summer with no injuries.

- The financial needs of the programs will be met.

Thanks for your prayer support!

Blessings,
Dan Whitney



Dan Whitney
Windsor Hills Camp
Director

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New England District Calendar - July 2007

NMI Emphasis: International Ministry, Bible Schools & Seminaries, and Prayer

- 1-8 Family Camp at WHC
- 8-15 Nazarene Youth Congress
- 7 Mission Area Directors Meeting
- 7 Windsor Hills Camp Board - WHC
- 9-16 Nazarene Youth Congress (NYC) '07 in St. Louis, MO
- 10 District Department Heads - NED office
- 12 District Advisory Board - Quincy
- 16-21 Children's Camp at WHC
- 18-30 Work and Witness Trip to Bulgaria
- 23-28 Senior High Camp

