

New England Ministers' News

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Our Calling II

I have just returned from a District Superintendent Leadership training class in Texas. I have to say it was hot! I am excited about being back on “the best district in the whole wide world!” I am still reflecting on our calling and what it means to me! I continue to listen to Him and learn how He teaches us to be obedient to our calling! He compels us to be faithful! If we are obedient to our calling, He will be faithful to be in everything and through everything that we go through in this life! In our calling, there will be times that we will have “desert” experiences. *There will be times when days don't seem quite so bright!*

I am reminded of the Apostle Paul and what he shared in Acts 20:22: *And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there. I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me. However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me--- the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace!* What a powerful scripture!

Our Lord calls us to specific tasks and He will help us each to finish the assignments that He has given us! I am reminded that He uses all of our life experiences to help us in our anointed tasks. When I graduated from Eastern Nazarene College, the Lord led me to work at Blue Cross Blue Shield! Actually, He showed me the job in the newspaper! He literally led me to the page and compelled me to call for an interview. I thought it was a crazy idea.... because I was going to teach in a high school. I thought I would work at the company for only three months during the summer. The three months turned into almost thirteen years! I never thought in a million years that the responsibilities that I held at that organization would be utilized in my current role and responsibilities.

God does not waste anything and if we are called to the task of testifying to the gospel of His Grace, He will *use everything!* Sometimes, you might think that you are going four steps back and less than one step forward... Trust me, if we are obedient to Him, He will use *every experience and every situation* to His honor, to His glory, and to His purpose. The Apostle Paul was not crazy; he knew what waited for him at the end of the road. He knew that time was short for him, but he also knew something that we sometimes forget! He knew that Jesus would be with him through the journey and at the end of his journey! He was sure about his calling! Don't doubt your calling! May we each have a double portion of faith and may we continue to reflect on the *privilege and the honor* of serving in a calling *that affects the entire universe and everyone in it!* **“The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call!”** He continues to call you and me *to be faithful, to be listeners, and to be obedient to HIS Calling!* Have a great month in the Lord!

Blessings and many prayers for you,

Jossie



The Mission
of the Church
of the Nazarene:

To Make
Christlike Disciples
in The Nations

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District News: "Great Things Are Happening!"

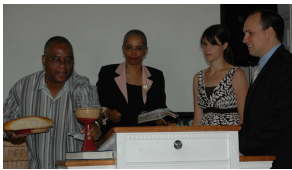


Installation Services

Every Sunday in September was slated for the installation of another pastor on the New England District.*



On September 2, 2007, Jeffrey & Kelley Lane were installed in the **West Somerville Church of the Nazarene.**



Jeffrey & Kelley Lane

Jeffrey Lane grew up in New England in the Lowell First Church. Jeff is a graduate of ENC and Nazarene Theological Seminary. Since 2001, Jeff had served as associate pastor at Lowell First.

He has been active in the NYI on the NE District and prior to moving to West Somerville, he was active in the city of Lowell serving as pastoral representative with S.H.I.F.T. coalition in the effort to end chronic homelessness in the greater Lowell area.

Jeff and Kelley Lane have four foster children.



On September 9, 2007, Silas & Elizabeth Almeida were installed in the **Providence First Church of the Nazarene.**

Silas Almeida was born at the Nazarene Seminary in Cape Verde Islands. He



Silas & Elizabeth Almeida

sensed God's call to ministry at a youth camp. Silas received his district license in 2002 and was ordained in 2006. He holds a B.A. in religion and an M.Ed. from ENC and currently teaches in both Brockton and Boston.

Silas previously served as an associate pastor at the Nova Alianca Church in Brockton and was their minister of music for over 20 years.

He and his wife Elizabeth have 3 children.

More Pulpits Filled!

We continue, by the anointing of the Holy Spirit, to fill open pulpits! We serve a great God!

New Bedford International

JR Chavier was elected and has accepted the call to be the Senior Pastor at New Bedford International. He and his wife, Almeda, have



JR and Almeda Chavier

two daughters, Jessica and Monica. JR was ordained in 1994. He served as senior pastor of the Bermuda Church of the Nazarene and then returned as an associate under his father Manny Chavier, Sr. in 1996.

JR has a passion for evangelism and is known for his community work in the City of New Bedford.



James & Deanna Murray

Framingham

Jim Murray has been appointed as pastor to the Framingham Church. Jim grew up in New England. He received his B.A. in Ministry from Nazarene Bible College in 2004. He has come to us from the Owego, NY Church of the Nazarene where he served as minister of music and worship, outreach and evangelism. He previously served in a variety of pastoral roles in Colorado Springs, Malden, MA, and Lakeville, MA.

In addition, Jim has worked in the printing industry since 1984.

Jim and Deanna Murray have four sons.

* Please note that more installations will be covered in the November NEMN.

October Challenge: Mission Priority One

Thank you for remembering your missionaries with your LINKS, Christmas Fund and Furlough Fund. See pages 29 and 30 in District NMI Handbook if you have not responded yet. Last year only 53% of our churches participated. Let's do better this year.

OCTOBER IS MISSION PRIORITY ONE MONTH
Missions – Still a Priority

CHECK UP TIME! How is the health of NMI in your church? "Do you not say, Four months more and then the harvest? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest." John 4:35, NIV

Gail Swarie, NMI Editor, writes: "The harvest ... why missions is so important to the Church of the Nazarene. Millions of souls are rushing headlong into eternity...many of them never hearing of God's love, Jesus' sacrifice, or the Holy

Spirit's comfort. The harvest...this is why we pray, learn, involve, and give. The harvest...it is our responsibility, and it is ready now!"

Books/tapes/CDs are excellent resources for creating a well-rounded global awareness program. We have past book/tapes to share with churches that do not have reading books. Please contact Joy Tucker Joy.Tucker@hp.com and she will see that you get them. Every person who reads is inspired to reach the world for Christ.

Prayer Requests:

- Regional NMI Conference October 7-9, 2007.
- Missionaries on the field
- Neal Estey (cancer) and John and Sandy Estey
- Hurricane damage in Honduras and Nicaragua and Caribbean
- Council member Richard Jarvis (four way bypass surgery)

Did You Know!

✎ The *JESUS* Film Project (a ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ) celebrated the 1000th translation of the *JESUS* film recently. In fact, as of July 10, 2007, the original *JESUS* film is available in 1004 languages. The children's version of the film is now in 123 languages, and the audio-drama version is available in 404 languages.

www.jesusfilm.org

✎ The 2007 *International Mission Education Journal* has been translated into Thai and French. Both are available for download on the NMI web site—

www.nazarenemissions.org/imej.

Thanksgiving Offering

Promotion materials for the 2007 Thanksgiving Offering for World Evangelism can be found at

www.stewardship.nazarene.org.



Gerry Perry
District Missions
President



District Announcements

☛ **IMPORTANT: There will NOT be an Equip-
ping Day this fall** on November 10, 2007. The District office is working with district leadership to revise and improve this training event in preparation for fall 2008.

☛ **Dorchester Second Church of the Nazarene**

will be a regular on WEZE 590 on the AM dial. They can be heard at 4:30 p.m. every day right before Focus on the Family. Congratulations to Second Church!

☛ The fall **clergy 24-hour retreat** will be held on November 6-7, 2007. It will *not* be held on October 2-3.

☛ The fall **Mission Area gatherings** will take place for all pastors & staff and spouses as follows.

October 9:

10 a.m. NH - brunch
6 p.m. Vermont - dinner

October 16:

10 a.m. Uxbridge - brunch
6 p.m. Wollaston - dinner



Larry Ogden
Executive Director
Reynolds Institute

Reynolds Institute Will Raise Tuition September 2008

The Reynolds Institute Board of Trustees voted in the 2007 Annual Meeting to significantly increase the instructor honorarium, effective with the summer semester, 2007. In order to make this possible, the board also voted to raise tuition **effective September 2008**.

The Finance Committee was authorized to determine the amount of the new tuition. The tuition will be raised from the present \$270 per course

to \$340 per course. Please note that supplemental funds will be received to make it possible to delay the increase until the next academic year.

We encourage all churches to help their Reynolds Students financially if at all possible. In addition, scholarships are available through Reynolds Institute for students in financial need. (Scholarship applications for 2007-08 were due to be postmarked September 1st.)

It should be noted that the tuition rate for a single course in 2003-04 was \$400, with a reduced rate for multiple courses.

New Church Plant ... Henniker, NH



Community Christian Fellowship: Henniker, Hillsboro, Hopkinton

On August 25th, plans were announced to begin preparations to plant a new church in Henniker, NH. Several families have been meeting since last winter for Bible Study in the home of Heather Marino, formerly of Malden, MA, now relocated in Henniker. Because several of these Henniker families have been traveling long distances to attend Nazarene churches in other cities, it seemed good to consider a work in our own town.

Twenty-eight people attended the opening picnic, with a good number of teens as a part of the group. The plan is to begin rehearsals for a worship band in the town Community Center on September 16th. Prayer and Bible study will continue in the same building, and when the team is ready to lead worship, the services will begin.

Because the church will be anchored by members of the Windsor Hills Camp staff, services will be held on Sunday nights, probably at 6:00 or 6:30 PM. Teen ministry will be in

the plans right from the beginning.

Please pray for us as we begin this ministry in Henniker. There are many things to prepare: websites, musical lead sheets, prayer teams and leadership groups. If you know of folks in our geographical area that might be interested in attending this church, please forward their contact information to danwhitney@whcamp.org.

Pictured is the building on Main Street, Henniker, in which we will begin services.

R.E.A.C.H.

Reaching Every Available Community Household. If you did not receive a packet from Headquarters concerning this, please go to <http://www.nazarene.org/ministries/ssm/display.aspx>

Is your church reaching out and growing? If the answer is yes, praise the Lord!

Unfortunately, too many of our churches have become lethargic and inwardly focused. We need a new spiritual "heartset" based on scriptural principles and practical experience in the local church. I have had the privilege over the last year to train over 1,500 churches and over 6,000 people in the R.E.A.C.H. church growth strategy.

R.E.A.C.H. (Reaching Every Available Commu-

nity Household) has been used by God in a variety of cultural contexts and churches of various sizes.

By combining the teaching of God's Word, intentional prayer for the lost and for the church, and a church-wide prayer and outreach strategy, R.E.A.C.H. presents a tool worth examining and implementing. The resulting discipleship and evangelistic opportunities can transform your church and community.

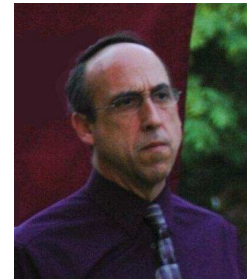
R.E.A.C.H. includes a church growth strategy that delegates church-wide prayer and outreach responsibilities to the Sunday School or to the open small group ministries. It leads members to be involved in outreach, Bible study, fellowship, ministry, and discipleship.

If you believe that God

wants your church to grow and you are seeking a plan that is biblical, proven, and can fit into your regular weekly church programming schedule, consider R.E.A.C.H. The unsaved of your community are waiting!

During this Sunday School emphasis you will have the opportunity to reach people for Jesus Christ and your church. If you have implemented the R.E.A.C.H. strategy, these weeks will help to refocus and reenergize all age groups. If you have not implemented R.E.A.C.H. you can still organize your church for effective outreach and intercessory prayer during the emphasis.

May God bless you as you lead your people to reach lost people for Jesus Christ.



Andrew Belokur
District Sunday
School and
Discipleship Ministries
Chairman

Chaplaincy News

What a blessing it is to work for the Lord as a Chaplain. God is so active out here beyond the church doors.

The only news this month is a change in our workshop date. Because we will not have the

District Equipping Day this year the Chaplains will meet in February. The church pastors will be getting together and we will too. That will be our next workshop. Details will come in next month's newsletter.

Blessings to you during this beautiful time of year.

Rev. Sally J. Miller,
District Chaplaincy
Director



Sally Miller
District Chaplaincy
Director

Pastors & Spouses Renewal



Pastors, if you haven't already done so, register now for the **Pastors and Spouses Renewal** scheduled for October 26-28, 2007. The Renewal will take place at the Bedford Glen Hotel (same place as last year).

We are looking forward to getting together and having some great worship, food, relaxation and fun!

The speakers include: Rev. Aaron Blanche, Rev. Eudo Almeida, and Rev. Herb White.

A special luncheon will be held on Saturday, October 27 at 1:00 p.m. for all senior pastors and their spouses who have been on the district two years or less.

And, back by popular demand ... TNT Night! We are planning another "explosive" night of fun and laughter on Saturday evening. Please share with us your serious and/or wacky talents. Skits, music, juggling, funny songs or whatever are welcome.

Don't forget to bring snacks to share on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Other info:

Time: Begins 7:00 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27 through Sunday Oct. 29.

*Cost: \$340 per couple
\$270 (one person, single occupancy)
\$170 (one person, double occupancy)
\$45 (Saturday banquet only)*

Note - Friday dinner, Saturday and Sunday lunches are NOT included in the price.

Dress Code: VERY casual.

Bedford Glen Hotel
44 Middlesex Turnpike
Bedford, MA 01730
781-275-5500
<http://Bedford.dolce.com>

Please call the district office to register or if you have additional questions (617-786-9574). Or you may email Karen Fullerton at: Karen@nednaz.org.

Toward Health and Effectiveness



Kim Richardson
Mission
Strategy
Coordinator

How does a pastor lead a church to health and eventual effectiveness in making Christ-like disciples? You will not be surprised to hear this answer --- it begins with personal health. I rarely say, "Everybody should read this book" (other than the Bible!), but --- I believe each of us will prosper by reading and reflecting on *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality* by Peter Scazzaro.

Healthy Pastors leading Healthy Churches that Grow and Reproduce begin with proper self-care and the personal health of the pastor. How are you doing in keeping first things first?

From the "grow and reproduce" perspective. Have you put your church's plan for growth and reproduction on paper? Do you and your church family have a plan

to win and disciple your next ten (10) people for the Lord?

May the Lord empower us to be His people doing His ministry in His way.

God bless!
Kim

News from Windsor Hills Camp

Plan Your Winter Retreats at Windsor Hills – and Get a Free Speaker!

Though fall isn't over, now is the time to think about winter retreats at Windsor Hills. January and February are great times to bring your teen group to Windsor Hills to build unity and cement the relationships within your program.



Some smaller churches, especially those without experienced youth leaders, can get intimidated by the idea of having to create the program for a retreat



weekend. But that doesn't have to keep your group from having a retreat of your own.

This year, we have a special offer to make to any small church that holds a teen retreat in any of our retreat centers. In addition to a great price (\$50/ per-



son – self-cook) we will actually work with you to create the program and we will even provide the speaker for three services, free of charge!

Call us to make arrangements for this special retreat planning service: 603-428-8219

New Office Hours

Starting immediately, the

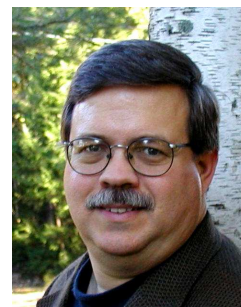
Windsor Hills Camp office will be staffed every Tuesday and Thursday from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. Feel free to call during those hours to talk to a human being! 603-478-3363

Pastors – Free Prayer Retreats

Don't forget, cabins at Windsor Hills are available overnight –free of charge—to pastors on the New England District for prayer retreats. Inn rooms are also available. Furnished rooms with linens and towels cost \$30, which is a 50% discount over the regular rate.

The Nielsen Renewal Wing Suite is also available to New England District Pastoral families for vacations. Check out the details on the website under the tab "For Pastors". www.whcamp.org

Dan Whitney



Dan Whitney
Windsor Hills Camp
Director

One minute each night

In WWII, there was an advisor to Prime Minister Churchill who organized a group of people who dropped what they were doing every night at a prescribed hour for one minute to collectively pray for the safety of England, its people and peace. This had an amazing effect as bombing stopped.

There is now a group of people organizing the same thing here in America . If you would like to participate: Each evening at 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time (8:00 p.m. Central, 7:00 p.m. Mountain, 6:00 p.m. Pacific), stop whatever you are doing and spend one minute praying for the safety of the United States, our troops, our citizens, and for peace in the world.

If you know anyone who would like to participate, please pass this along.

Someone said if people really understood the full extent of the power we have available through prayer, we might be speechless. Our prayers are the most powerful tool we have.

(from Diane Crouse)



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New England District Calendar - October 2007

NMI Emphasis: Mission Award and Prayer
Pastor Appreciation Month

- 5-6 NYI Quiz Meet
- 5-7 District Women's Retreat - WHC
- 7 Worldwide Communion Sunday
- 7-9 Regional NMI Conference for NMI Council and Presidents
- 9 Mission Area Brunch/Dinner - Boston N. & S. NH in Nashua @ 10 AM and VT/N. NH - Johnson @ 6 PM
- 16 Mission Area Brunch/Dinner - Boston W/CT & W. MA/RI Uxbridge @ 10 AM and SE MA/Boston S/RI/Urban Boston - Wollaston @ 6 PM
- 13 District License Candidates and Licensed Minister's Workshop, Nashua, NH
- 20-21 ENC Homecoming
- 26-27 NYI Council Retreat @ Windsor Hills Camp
- 26-28 Pastor and Spouses Renewal
- 27 District NMI Council Meeting - ENC
- 27 Children's Quizzing - Fall Invitational
- 28 Reformation Sunday

