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**"OUR LIVING HOPE"**

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade - kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials." (1 Peter 1:3-6, NIV)

The other day, I heard a song from back in the 60s - "Reach Out (I'll Be There)." The song contains these lyrics: "When you feel like your hope is gone...Reach out...I'll Be There." I've got better advice: when you feel like your hope is gone, remember that God has given us a living hope in Jesus Christ. It's not the kind of hope that the world offers - hope in something that we can never be sure will come to pass. Our hope is a living hope, guaranteed by the God of the universe, and secured by his resurrection of Jesus from the dead! In other words, our hope is secure, because God has already proved that he is able to do the very thing that we hope for!

There are a lot of things in this world that can squash our hope. As we begin this new year, don't allow the enemy to steal your hope from you. We have "a living hope, and an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade"!

Dr. Rick Rice, Pastor  
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Nazarene Michigan Districts Working Together  
To Equip, Inform & Inspire  
**TEAM DAY 2010**

Saturday - February 20, 2010  
8:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Perry High and Middle Schools

Early Registration: postmarked by January 25  
Adults and teens: \$25  
Final Registration Deadline: postmarked by February 1  
Adults and teens: \$35  
Late Registrations Not Accepted

The SDM Board is planning to offer a scholarship to every district church to pay the registration fee for their Sunday School Superintendent or their representative.

For more information, forms, and to register online, visit [www.minaz.org](http://www.minaz.org).

**HOLINESS SUMMIT**  
March 14-15, 2010  
Saginaw Valley Church of the Nazarene  
989-754-2000

The Summit will include Eastern Michigan District, Michigan District, and Northern Michigan District. It will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday. There will be three services on Monday: two in the A.M. and one service in the P.M. closing the summit. The keynote speakers will be Dan Bohi, Mark Quanstrom, Brett Rickey, Susie Shellenberger, and the worship leader will be John Mathias. The Summit is free (a free will offering will be taken) Reservations not required. Brochures were passed out to the pastors at the Christmas gathering. If you need more copies of the brochure, please contact the district office.

**DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT SABBATICAL**

The District Advisory Board will be extending a sabbatical leave to the District Superintendent from December 25, 2009 until February 5, 2010. Member Elders on the District Advisory Board will cover for the District Superintendent by Zones. Following is your contact person during the District Superintendent sabbatical leave:

**Dr. Richard Rice - Central Zone**

Cadillac Cherry Grove  
Cadillac Church of Discovery  
Cadillac First  
Frankfort Family of Faith

**Dr. Richard Rice - Lake Michigan Zone**

Big Rapids  
Fremont  
Reed City

**Rev. Christopher DeMott, Grand Traverse Zone**

Buckley  
Glen Lake  
Kalkaska  
Mancelona  
Traverse City

**Rev. David Brantley - Soo Zone**

Pickford  
Sault Ste. Marie Mackety Memorial

**Rev. Jerry Batterbee - South Zone**

Beaverton  
Clare  
Gladwin  
Harrison Temple  
Weidman

**Rev. Jerry Batterbee - Lake Huron Zone**

East Tawas  
Oscoda  
Trinity

**Rev. Christopher DeMott - Mackinaw Straits Zone**

Alanson  
Boyne City  
Charlevoix  
Cheboygan  
Petoskey  
Gaylord

**Rev. David Brantley - Lake Superior Zone**

Escanaba Lighthouse  
Grace Community  
Houghton/Hancock  
Iron River

Please contact these men if you have any questions or concerns during this time. In case of emergency you can reach the District Superintendent.

**DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S SCHEDULE**

December 25 - February 5  
February 3-10  
February 16  
February 17

Sabbatical Leave  
DSLDP/DS Conferences, St. Augustine, Florida  
Kalkaska  
Fremont