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**DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS**

**PENSION AND BENEFITS**

I really need every pastor to do your best to pay P&B this year. The funds have not been coming in to P&B and we stand the risk of losing our retirement program. Please pray and do everything you can. I know you will. This involves all of us for years to come.

**ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING**

You may have your annual church elections and year-end meeting anytime now. Our District Assembly will be June 1-2 at the Alanson Church of the Nazarene in Alanson, Michigan. Information in this newsletter.

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**DISTRIBUTION OF 2009 GIVING**

Church of the Nazarene

**\$67.9 MILLION WORLD EVANGELISM FUND AND MISSION SPECIALS  
GLOBAL MISSION INVESTMENT**

50.6 Million or 74.4% Global Mission

Regions: Africa, Asia-Pacific, Caribbean, Eurasia, Mexico & Central America, South America, USA/Canada

9.1 Million or 13.4% Mission Support and Delivery

Includes stewardship initiatives, ministry development, missionary payroll, program support, fund raising, technology, web and communication services, donor gift processing, global mission funding allocation, legal fees and insurance premiums and delivery systems to ensure efficiency of and excellence in our global organization.

3.5 Million or 5.2% Higher Education

NTS, NBC, Manchester, and CNC

2.1 Million or 3.2% General Superintendents Ministry

Global travel and support

1.1 Million or 1.6% Discipleship Ministry

.08 Million or 1.2% General Board and General Assembly

0.7 Million or 1% NYI Ministry

## HOLINESS SUMMIT REPORT

Attendance Sunday night was over 700. Had a great attendance in the Monday morning service. There has been wonderful altar times. and a wonderful outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

## MISSIONARY DEPUTATION

David and Kim Hane, missionaries to Asia Pacific Nazarene University, will be available for deputation services on the Northern Michigan District on June 22-29, 2010. The Hanes will be our LINKS missionaries for the years 2010-2012. Please contact Sharon Moore if you would like to have the Hanes in your church during the month of June at 989-435-9838 or 815-685-1024 or sharonmoore@yahoo.com (don't forget the r between n and m). Thank you!

Sharon Moore  
District NMI Deputation Secretary

## M/M GATHERING

Dr. Harold DeMott will be speaking at our M/M Gathering March 25-27, 2010, at the Holiday Inn, 615 E. Front Street, Traverse City, Michigan. Brochures have been mailed to each pastor. Dress is casual. Below is the agenda for the gathering:

### Thursday, March 25

2:00-5:00 p.m.	Registration
5:30-6:30 p.m.	Pizza at Traverse City First Nazarene Church
7:00-8:30 p.m.	Dr. Harold DeMott speaking
8:30 p.m.	Fun time

### Friday, March 26

7:30-8:30 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00-10:15 a.m.	Ministers & Mates meeting
10:15-10:30 a.m.	Break
10:30-12:00	Dr. Harold DeMott speaking
12:00-6:00 p.m.	Free Time
6:00-7:00 p.m.	Banquet
7:00-8:30 p.m.	Dr. Harold DeMott speaking
8:30 p.m.	Games, fun time

### Saturday, March 27

7:30-8:30 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00-10:15 a.m.	Pastor and spouse meeting
10:15-10:30 a.m.	Break
10:30-11:30 a.m.	Dr. Harold DeMott speaking

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for Jerry and Diana Batterbee. Diana's mother passed away.

Please pray for Wynne Schott. Wynne has surgery this Thursday, March 18.

Please pray for the Escanaba Church of the Nazarene and Pastor Chouinard. They had a break-in at the church Sunday morning. A lot of damage was done to the church. Pastor Chouinard walked in on the offenders. The police arrived soon so Pastor Chouinard was not hurt.

## THE STATION

Robert J. Hastings

Tucked away in our subconscious is an idyllic vision. We see ourselves on a long trip that spans the continent. We are traveling by train. Out the windows we drink in the passing scene of cars on nearby highways, of children waving at a crossing, of cattle grazing on a distant hillside, of smoke pouring from a power plant, of row upon row of corn and wheat, of flatlands and valleys, of mountains and rolling hillsides, of city skylines and village halls.

But uppermost in our minds is the final destination on a certain day, at a certain hour we will pull into the station. Bands will be playing and flags waving. Once we get there so many wonderful dreams will come true, and the pieces of our lives will fit together like a completed jigsaw puzzle. Waiting, waiting, waiting for the station.

"When we reach the station, that will be it!" we cry. "When I'm 18." "When I buy a new 450SL Mercedes Benz!" "When I put the last kid through college." "When I have paid off the mortgage!" "When I get a promotion." "When I reach the age of retirement, I shall live happily ever after!"

Sooner or later we must realize there is no station, no one place to arrive at once and for all. The true joy of life is the trip. The station is only a dream. It constantly outdistances us.

"Relish the moment" is a good motto, especially when coupled with Psalm 118:24: "This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." It isn't the burdens of today that drive men mad. It is the regrets over yesterday and the fear of tomorrow. Regret and fear are twin thieves who rob us of today.

So, stop pacing the aisles and counting the miles. Instead, climb more mountains, eat more ice cream, go barefoot more often, swim more rivers, watch more sunsets, laugh more, cry less. Life must be lived as we go along. The station will come soon enough.

## PALCON

\*HOW TO REGISTER: Register online at [www.PALCON2010.org](http://www.PALCON2010.org).

\*FEES AND LODGING: Standard Registration - \$179. Includes meals and breaks, Campus housing (Double occupancy) 3 nights lodging; Complimentary resource materials

\*Bivocational Registration - \$49. Due to space restrictions on many campuses, PALCON 2010 registration is limited exclusively to all clergy and those preparing for ministry.

## DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S SCHEDULE

March 14-15	Holiness Summit - Saginaw Valley Church
March 18	Cheboygan
March 21	Kalkaska Church - 11:00 a.m.
March 25, 26, 27	M/M Gathering - Holiday Inn, Traverse City
April 7-9	DSAC - Kansas City
April 12-13	Eastern Michigan District Assembly
April 14	Fremont Board - 5:30 p.m.
April 17	Beaverton - NYI Meeting - 10:00 a.m.
April 18	Cheboygan
April 22	Year-end Meetings, Traverse City First: Nominating Committee - 11:00 a.m. Finance Committee - 1:00 p.m. District Advisory Board - 2:00 p.m.
April 24	Ministries Board, Traverse City First - 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

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