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**DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS**

Thursday, April 22, the District Nominating Committee, the District Finance Committee, and the District Advisory Board met for our annual year-end meetings. On Saturday, April 24, the District Ministry Board met from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The Ministry Board will recommend to the District Assembly three candidates to be ordained: Rev. Damon Carpenter, Pastor at Glen Lake; Rev. Bryan McInerney, Pastor at Kalkaska; and Rev. Robert Lyons, Pastor at Big Rapids. If the District Assembly approves, the service will be in the evening on June 1st, at 7:00 p.m.

I was at Oscoda this past Sunday, April 25th. Our Oscoda church is showing gain under the leadership of Pastor Don Bunker. I met many new families. Pastor Bunker preached a great message from Matthew 23. Rev. Bunker has served the church as pastor for seven years.

It's time to call in your stats for the month of April. Also, it is time to fill out your annual pastor's report. Please help us have no delays.

I hope many of you will be able to bring a check for District Budget to assembly this year - that really helps

Beginning next Sunday we will begin 15% of tithes and offerings to be sent in each week. Please, every church begin this Sunday, May 2, and every Sunday thereafter. At the end of the church year 2010-2011 all budgets will be paid. Thanks.

May will be a very busy month: May 8-9 will be ONU Graduation, May 13-15 is Celebrate Life at ONU, May 17-19 will be PALCON, May 22 NMI convention at Cadillac Cherry Grove from 9:00-3:00, and District Assembly will be June 1-2.

With the new church year beginning next Sunday, let's make this the best year ever!

**ADVANCE DISTRICT PAYMENT**

Some have asked about bringing a check to District Assembly for the district budget to help the district at the beginning of the new year. Because of the new system, you have asked "how will we know the amount of district budget?" You won't until the end of the year, but if you feel you will raise about the same as last year just make 5% of that total and pay up front. That will really help our district because with the new plan it will take a few weeks to really get started. Thanks! Also, remember to do your best to pay this past year's budgets by the church year end April 30, 2010.

**TITHES AND OFFERINGS COUPONS**

I have attached coupons for submitting your weekly tithes and offerings so you can make copies for future mailings.

**PALCON**  
May 17-21, 2010  
A Resource for Those in Ministry Preparation

A reminder that PALCON 2010 on the campus of Olivet Nazarene University is rapidly approaching. PALCON is a 3-day conference, including housing and meals. The theme of PALCON 2010 is "Rooted in Missional Passion". For those pastors who are bi-vocational, the second day (May 18) is geared for them, with the cost of only \$49 which includes all conference materials and meals for the one day (no housing or extra meals included).

\*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

\*Bi-vocational Registration - \$49. Due to space restrictions on many campuses, PALCON 2010 registration is limited exclusively to all clergy and those preparing for ministry. Please make your reservation **ASAP** if you have not already done so.

**2010 DISTRICT NMI CONVENTION**  
Saturday, May 22, 2010  
Cherry Grove Church of the Nazarene

Registration and Donuts: 9:00 a.m.

Convention: 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Lunch On-Site - \$6.00

**Workshops**

Meet our New LINKS Missionary via Skype - Ron VanSyckle

The Challenges of Ministering in a Creative Access Area - Our Creative Access Missionary

Answer the Call: Mission Call - Rev. Damon Carpenter

What!!! Me, a Missionary? - Christine M. Bednarczyk

**DISTRICT ASSEMBLY AGENDA**

June 1-2, 2010

Held at Alanson Church of the Nazarene, 7489 Mission Road, Alanson, Michigan 49706. Phone 231-548-5462.

Motel: Crooked River Lodge, 6845 S. US Hwy 31, Alanson - \$60 for each room (1-4 people). Check-in Tuesday 6/1/10: 12 noon - 1 p.m., or after 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 1:   1:30 - 5:30 p.m. - Afternoon session  
                          5:30 - 6:30 p.m. (dinner time at church) - \$7.00 per adult (age 5-12 \$4.00, age 4 and under free. Everyone eats (it's free if needed).  
                          7:00 - 8:30 p.m. - Ordination Service

Wednesday, June 2   7:30 - 8:20 a.m. - Continental breakfast  
                              8:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Morning Session

Motel reservations must be made by David Brantley; call 231-548-5462 or e-mail [nazarene@racc2000.com](mailto:nazarene@racc2000.com). Checks only, payable to NMD, marked "room reservation" and mailed to: David Brantley, 7489 Mission Road, Alanson, MI 49706. Must receive payment of \$60 for each room before your reservation is secured. Need name and address of every person in room.

Note: The Crooked River Lodge has been filled. Another motel in Pellston, Pellston Lodge, has been reserved. the cost is \$55 per room. Please call David Brantley for a reservation as soon as possible.

**DISTRICT MEN'S RETREAT**

September 17-18, 2010  
Leon Lake Retreat Center  
Hale, Michigan  
Phone: 877-264-1004

Guest Speaker: Dr. Harold DeMott, Retired Pastor

Weekend Schedule:

Friday Night:	Check-in	Anytime after 3:00 p.m.
	Evening Meal	6:30 p.m.
	General Session	7:30 p.m.
Saturday:	Breakfast	8:30 a.m.
	General Session	9:30 a.m.
	Lunch	12:00 Noon
	Free Time	12:30 - 3:30 p.m.
	General Session	3:30 p.m.
	Heading Home	Around 4:30 p.m.

We are here to let the Lord work on us, be refreshed in spirit, and go back home a better father, husband, man.

Where is Loon Lake Retreat Center?

Two miles north of Hale, on M-65. Enter the property on the west side of M-65 and proceed until the road ends (about 3/4 of a mile). You should be in a parking area and recognize a few people by then.

What should I bring to retreat?

Sleeping bag, pillow, personal hygiene items, any medications, Bible, snacks for Friday night, any equipment for the activities; i.e., shotgun for clay target shooting, fishing gear, etc.

What is the cost of the retreat?

\$55.00 - Please make your checks out to the East Tawas Church of the Nazarene.

**DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S SCHEDULE**

May 6-8	ONU Trustees Meeting
May 13-15	Celebrate Life - ONU
May 17-19	PALCON
May 22	NMI Convention

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