



Northern Michigan District  
Church of the Nazarene

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# Northern Lights Newsletter

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## Better Together

*Ephesians 4:13, 15-16 - Till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ... [That we,] speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things unto Him who is the head, even Christ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by that which every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.*

We have just celebrated a wonderful District Assembly together and these corporate meetings help to remind us that, indeed, we are 'Better Together'! Truly, we must work together in order to accomplish the vital priorities that Christ has set for His Church. And by dwelling in loving relationship together we give the strongest testimony to the world of Jesus Christ's identity and purpose. (*John 17:23 - I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.*) Thank you for being a member of Christ's Church, and thank you for allowing the Holy Spirit to flow through you to bless His Church and to light the world!

At assembly this year delegates received a district prayer calendar (attached at the end of this newsletter) with each day highlighting a church and pastor (and other leaders). I encourage you to make this prayer calendar a regular part of your daily devotions. Prayer changes things! Let's hold one another before the Lord in prayer that His blessings, grace, and power might abound to and through us in these days.

Rev. Dan Gilmore





Seventy-two people attended the first pre-launch service of Petoskey Upper Room Church of the Nazarene. It was a great time of worship together. Please continue to pray for Pastor Josh and Stefanie LaRoque and this new church plant. The next monthly services are May 11, June 8, July 20, and August 17 at the Petoskey High School Auditorium.

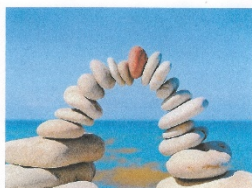


## Nazarene Missions International - NMI

### Northern Michigan District NMI Convention - May 18, 2019



Prayer: Bridge to the Nations



"... my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations."  
Isaiah 56:7

**NMI Convention - May 18, 2019**

Registration 9:00 a.m./Convention begins 9:30 a.m.

Kalkaska Church of the Nazarene

**Special Speakers: Missionaries David and Sylvia Potter**  
Progressive Lunch and Mini-Workshops  
Lunch - \$6.00

#### Lunch and Mini-Workshops

**THE MISSION OF PRAYER:**  
SUPPORTING WHEN YOU CANNOT KNOW  
Randy and Judy Owens, Former Missionaries to  
Jordan, Egypt and Senegal  
*Island Fruit Kabobs*

**NEW NAZARENE MISSIONS**  
Jill Rice and Ron VanSyckle, NMI Council  
*Crunchy Polynesian Salad*

**JESUS FILM:**  
TAKING JESUS TO THOSE WHO DO NOT KNOW  
Jan Fleming, Jesus Film Partnership  
*Coconut Bread and Sliced Cheeses*

**MINISTERING ON THE ISLANDS OF VANUATU**  
Missionaries David and Sylvia Potter  
*Chicken Lap Lap*

**2019-2020 DISTRICT PROJECTS:**  
CLASSROOMS FOR AFRICA NAZARENE UNIVERSITY, ANU ENDOWMENT AND  
WORK & WITNESS TRIPS TO GUATEMALA, TRINIDAD AND AFRICA  
Jan Crockett and Jennifer Imery, NMI Council  
*Fried Plantains with Vanilla Ice Cream*



**JILL RICE**  
District NMI President



**David and Sylvia Potter**

# Nazarene Youth International - NYI



**JEREMY GOMEZ**  
District NYI President

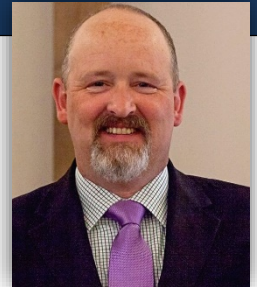
NMD NYI will be joining other districts throughout the US on June 27th through July 4th 2020 to be the hands and feet of Christ in Guatemala. We will be partnering with local churches to provide VBS programs, medical clinics, beauty clinics, sports clinics and light construction. Lodging has been secured with our Central America Seminary and plans are already underway with local churches on projects. This mission trip is for teenagers on up and is a great opportunity to see Jesus' calling to be his witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the ends of the earth. For more information go to [nmdnyi.com](http://nmdnyi.com) or contact Pastor Jeremy Gomez at [revjgomez@icloud.com](mailto:revjgomez@icloud.com)



## Sunday School & Discipleship Ministries International – SDMI

District Assembly was a powerfully uplifting and challenging weekend last Friday and Saturday! SDMI and NYI were able to have our conventions on Friday night and we appreciate the support we received and the fellowship! Thank you to the Alanson Church for being such gracious hosts.

Our Council for the coming church year is all set and we are excited about working together with our local SDMI Directors in our churches to continue to find ways to teach God's Word and make disciple makers. Our council members are: Pastor Brandon Metzger, Sandy Metzger, Pam Fowler (secretary), Pastor Josh LaRoque, Pastor Matt Gunderman, and Pastor Ann Salyer (treasurer). Pray for this Spirit-filled group of servant-leaders as we seek to make a real impact this year. What a privilege to serve with them.



**BRIAN FARMER**  
District SDMI President



I encourage all SDMI Directors, teachers, small group leaders and pastors to "Like" our Facebook page, "NMD Naz SDMI." We will use this to communicate and post events to share. Also we'd love for you to post pictures or things you're doing at your churches that involve discipleship, children's events, VBS pictures, etc. We want to celebrate with you for all God is doing where you worship and serve.

Next month we hope to have info about an event we are planning for the fall. It will be a "Summit" type gathering of SDMI directors, teachers and pastors to talk about what resources you need, share ideas, and fellowship and pray together. Look for details in next month's newsletter.

Keep Spreading The Good News!  
Brian Farmer



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| May 10        | ONU Baccalaureate  |
| May 11        | ONU Commencement   |
| May 16-18     | Regional Celebrate Life - ONU                              |
| May 18        | NMI Convention – Kalkaska Church of the Nazarene           |
| July 8-14     | Nazarene Youth Conference 2019 – Phoenix, AZ               |
| July 29-Aug 2 | Kid's Camp – Manton Christian Camp, Manton, MI             |
| August 4-9    | Family Camp – Manton Christian Camp, Manton, MI            |
| Sept. 5-7     | ONU Theological Conference                                 |
| Sept. 20-21   | District Men's Retreat – Lost Valley Bible Camp            |
| Oct. 11-12    | District Women's Retreat – Evergreen Resort – Cadillac, MI |
| Oct. 23-27    | ONU Homecoming   |

District events, news, and prayer requests are updated regularly on the district website: [www.nmdnaz.org](http://www.nmdnaz.org)

# Northern Michigan District Prayer Calendar

I will give you shepherds after My own heart, who will feed you on knowledge and understanding. Jeremiah 3:15  
Pray also for me, that words may be given me so that I will boldly proclaim the mystery of the gospel. Ephesians 6:19

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| <u>Alanson</u> <sup>1</sup><br>Foster & Charlene Schmitt   | <u>Beaverton</u> <sup>2</sup><br>Martin & Mandy Hodge<br><hr/> General Superintendent<br>Eugénio & Maria Amelia Duarte | <u>Big Rapids</u> <sup>3</sup><br>Bob & Laura Lyons<br><hr/> <u>West Branch</u><br>Les & Linda Barkman                    | <u>Boyne City</u> <sup>4</sup><br>Bryan & Dorcas Cheever   | <u>Buckley</u> <sup>5</sup><br>Jim & Kathy Canfield  | <u>Cad Cherry Grove</u> <sup>6</sup><br>Brian & Cheryl Farmer<br><hr/> General Superintendent<br>David & Sharon Graves | <u>Cad Discovery</u> <sup>7</sup><br>Bryan & Dawn McConnell  |
| <u>Cadillac First</u> <sup>8</sup><br>Brandon & Sandy Metzger  | <u>Charlevoix</u> <sup>9</sup><br>John & Lucy Carr   | <u>Cheboygan</u> <sup>10</sup><br>Jon & Wynne Schott<br><hr/> General Superintendent<br>David & Christi Busic             | <u>Clare</u> <sup>11</sup><br>Tim & Katie Fall (Interim)   | <u>East Tawas</u> <sup>12</sup><br>Jerry & Charlene Wallace  | <u>Escanaba</u> <sup>13</sup><br>Anne & Rod Salyer   | <u>Frankfort</u> <sup>14</sup><br>Bill & Gloria Borton<br><hr/> General Superintendent<br>Gustavo & Rachel Crocker |
| <u>Fremont</u> <sup>15</sup><br>Ron & Genie VanSyckle  | <u>Gaylord</u> <sup>16</sup><br>Mark & Brenda Hoult  | <u>Gladwin</u> <sup>17</sup><br>Mark & Brenda Boyce   | <u>Harrison-Temple</u> <sup>18</sup><br>Bill & Catherine Dyke<br><hr/> General Superintendent<br>Filimão & Samantha Chambo | <u>Houghton-Hancock</u> <sup>19</sup><br>Keith & Sally Snyder  | <u>Iron River</u> <sup>20</sup><br>Tim & Lori Hall   | <u>Kalkaska</u> <sup>21</sup><br>Open<br><hr/> Tenured Evangelist<br>Dale & Marilyn Freed                          |
| <u>Lake Ann-The Rock</u> <sup>22</sup><br>Damon & Jamie Carpenter<br><hr/> General Superintendent<br>Carla & Chuck Sunberg | <u>Mancelona</u> <sup>23</sup><br>Dennis & Susan Burton  | <u>Marquette Grace</u> <sup>24</sup><br>Kevin & Rena Barrett  | <u>Oscoda</u> <sup>25</sup><br>Sam & Corliss Blakely   | <u>Petoskey Upper Rm</u> <sup>26</sup><br>Josh & Stefanie LaRoque<br><hr/> District Superintendent<br>Dan & Jackie Gilmore | <u>Pickford</u> <sup>27</sup><br>Jim and Barbara Heckathorn (interim)  | <u>Reed City</u> <sup>28</sup><br>Chris & Linda DeMott   |
| <u>SSM Mackety</u> <sup>29</sup><br>Eloise Kreml   | <u>Traverse City</u> <sup>30</sup><br>Rick & Jill Rice   | <u>Weidman</u> <sup>31</sup><br>Matt & Michelle Gunderman<br><hr/> USA/Canada Regional Director<br>Bob & Carol Broadbooks |  |  |  |  |