



NORTHERN MICHIGAN DISTRICT *Church of the Nazarene*

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The Lord is risen! He is risen, indeed. This holy salutation of the Church, which is believed to be a greeting the very first disciples welcomed one another with, is a holy reminder today of our absolute victory in Christ! Paul the Apostle declared, ***But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you (Romans 8:11).*** We know this promise applies to the resurrection of our mortal bodies at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. But the immediate context of this promise which the apostle is focusing on in this Romans 8 text is the promise in Christ that gives us victory over sin and the world in this life! **We have the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!** Present tense and complete!

It is good to focus our mind and heart on this eternal truth in these crazy, uncertain days. Many are looking at the circumstances surrounding us with fearfulness and anxiety. We, brothers and sisters, have a golden opportunity to be witnesses in our day of the eternal peace of Christ our Lord. Let us continue to hold one another up in prayer, that Christ would make us effective to minister His mighty grace in our troubled world.

I have been so blessed in recent days to see how our pastors and congregations are boldly ministering the hope of Christ in their communities. Nazarenes are reaching out with confidence and love as they serve others for Christ's sake. Praise the Lord! These are exciting days as we witness the promise of our Savior and Lord who said, ***...upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it (Matthew 16:18).***

We will celebrate Easter this year in a different way than we have been accustomed to. Yet Jesus is still risen! He is alive forevermore. And we, in Him, continue to be ***more than conquerors through him that loved us (Romans 8:37).*** *Christ the Lord IS risen today, Hallelujah!*

Dan Gilmore
Superintendent, Northern Michigan District

WELCOME THIBAULT FAMILY

The Thibaults (pronounced tē bō) are our new pastoral family at Cadillac First COTN. Gil and Sarah have been serving as Church of the Nazarene missionaries in Eastern Europe for the past 9 years. In Kosovo, they focused on local leadership development and reaching out to the local community. Gil coordinated theological education for the Albania/Kosovo district, taught at Learning Centers across the field, and enjoyed preaching and leading music worship. Sarah taught English, counseled individuals, and engaged in compassionate ministries to poor and marginalized communities. Gil and Sarah have 3 children. Megan is 22 and attends Trevecca Nazarene University where she is studying social work. Malachi is 10 and in fifth grade. He loves playing with Legos, drawing and reading. Aria is 4 and loves to color and everything pink and purple. We are excited to welcome the Thibaults to our Northern Michigan Family.



Northern Michigan District Assembly

Cherry Grove Church of the Nazarene • 8450 S 29 Road • Cadillac, MI 49601



Dr. David Graves – Presiding
General Superintendent

Friday Evening 7:00pm – Ordination Service

Saturday 7:45-8:30am – Registration

Saturday 8:30-Adjournment – Business Session

CANCELED

Ladies Day



*A man's heart plans his way,
But the Lord directs his steps.*

Proverbs 16:9

NYI and SDMI Conventions will be
held during Family Camp.

SDMI – Sunday, Aug. 2, 6:00pm

NYI – Wednesday, Aug 5, 7:00pm

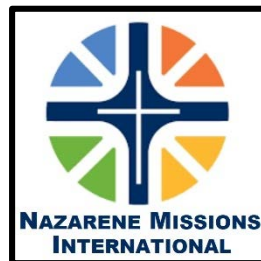
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NMI CONVENTION -2020

EDUCATION: PASSPORT TO MISSIONS



Saturday, May 16
Reed City COTN
5300 220th Ave
Reed City, MI 49677

Registration: 9:00 am

Convention begins at 9:30.

Lunch - \$6.00 – served during the workshops

Speaker: Sherry Shmidt from Asia Pacific
Nazarene University

Guest Missionaries: Gil and Sarah Thibault
from Kosovo

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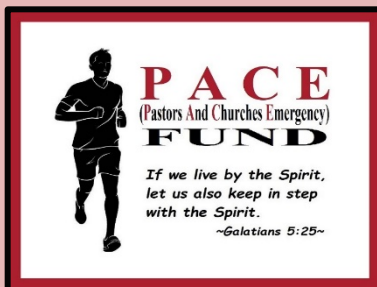
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| April 16 | Camp Board Meeting – ZOOM meeting - 11:00am |
| April 24-25 | District Assembly – CANCELED |
| May 8 | ONU Baccalaureate |
| May 9 | ONU Commencement |
| May 16 | NMI Convention – Reed City COTN - 9:00am |
| July 27-31 | Children's Camp – Manton Christian Camp |
| Aug 2-7 | Family/Teen Camp – Manton Christian Camp |
| Aug 16-30 | District Revival Services with Dan Bohi at various locations throughout the district |
| Aug 28-29 | District Men's Retreat – Lost Valley Camp, Gaylord, MI |
| Oct 9-10 | District Women's Retreat – Lakeside Resort, Houghton Lake, MI |

District events, news, and prayer requests are updated regularly on the district website:
www.nmdnaz.org

Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God

-Corrie Ten Boom



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Pastor And Churches Emergency Fund

The NMD **PACE** Fund exists to provide timely assistance to our district pastors and families for support in times of crisis. Our desire is to be ready when our churches and pastoral families face unexpected financial burdens. The Lord directs us, as His church, to "bear one another's burdens." This is the "Law of Christ". The **PACE** fund has been established so that we may be able to help when needs arise.

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