

NORTHERN MICHIGAN DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE



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Let us consider one another to strengthen our love and good works. And not forsake our assembling together (as some have done) but all the more let us exhort one another, as we see the day of Christ approaching (Hebrews 10:24-25 CKJV).

We had a great Family Camp this year, and thank you to all who planned, served, and attended! ONU Chaplain Tone Marshall powerfully proclaimed our victory in Jesus, focusing on Belonging to the Family of God. Our worship attendance, including the children's service, averaged 168 for the five services. We enjoyed fun and fellowship for the whole family throughout the weekend. Thank you camp committee team leader, Rev. Martin Hodge, and the NMD Family Camp Planning Team for all your great work in planning a great weekend for our district family!

Children's Camp was led again this year by Brandon and Sandy Metzger. We had 56 children enrolled for the week of Camp and 45 of them responded to the altar call. Thank you Brandon and Sandy and the 22 staff that labored to make Kid's Camp a success again this year! Also a special "Thank you" to the Beaverton Church for their great effort in the success of both our Children's and Family Camps!

Dan Gilmore
District Superintendent

Northern Michigan District is pleased to announce that we are a covenant partnership scholarship initiative district with Nazarene Bible College.



COVENANT PARTNERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP INITIATIVE

NBC is pleased to offer up to half-tuition scholarships for our English degree and certificate programs and full-tuition scholarships for our Spanish degree and certificate programs to students who come from covenant partner churches AND districts. This will be a life changing blessing to many of our students and the churches they serve.

Covenant Partners districts make a good faith commitment for the NBC Annual Offering of 1/10 of 1% of the combined church income of all the churches on the district. For example, a district whose combined church income is \$10,000,000 will set a district NBC Annual Offering goal of \$10,000. This is not an amount pledged in addition to local church giving; it is the sum total of the local church annual offering giving. For further details, see the District Covenant Partner Proposal below.

Covenant Partner churches contribute 1/10 of 1% of their annual church income to the NBC Annual Offering. For example, a church that raises \$100,000 will give at least \$100. This giving counts toward the district composite goal.

Beginning in the 2023 Fall term (August 1) every NBC student who is a member of a covenant partner church AND district will be eligible to receive the covenant partner scholarship. See the District Covenant Partner proposal [here](#) for details on student eligibility.

Pastors, please inform all of your NBC students of this scholarship and for further information click [here](#).

Northern Michigan District Online Giving

If you are interested in giving to the Northern Michigan District to help with the following ministries - District General Fund, PACE (Pastors and Churches Emergency) Fund, Benevolence Fund, Church Planting, District Camps, etc. Simply scan the QR code or click [here](#) to access the online giving site .



Alabaster Offering 75th Anniversary

Following the end of World War II, in the late 1940s, the Church of the Nazarene was experiencing a need for more missions funding. At a meeting of the Global NMI Council, Elizabeth Vennum was asked to find a way that could be used to raise funds for land purchases and building construction needs around the world. As she rode the train home from that council meeting, she said the Lord gave her the details for the Alabaster Offering.



The offering was based on the story of the woman pouring perfume on Jesus from a container carved from soft alabaster stone. Building on that biblical story, Nazarenes were asked to put off buying new perfume for themselves or postpone purchasing something for themselves and to give that money in the Alabaster Offering instead. In much the same way that the woman gave her bottle of perfume to Jesus, we have been called to pour out a lavish offering for others. Alabaster was first promoted using this phrase: "Give up a want to meet a need."

Alabaster, an offering that for 75 years has been a hallmark of Nazarene generosity and sacrifice, was one of the primary emphases in the 24th Global NMI Convention.

NMI is entering into a yearlong celebration, June 2023 – June 2024, where every church, everywhere, will participate in giving to Alabaster at some time during this anniversary year. To help churches encourage giving, in the third week of NMI Central during this 13-month period, rather than highlighting a country, we will share an Alabaster video. Stories of changed lives, stories of sacrifice, stories of Kingdom impact.

To download a video to introduce the Alabaster 75th Anniversary celebration, click [here](#).

PRAYER – Pray that the Lord will continue to multiply the generous giving of Nazarenes from across the globe through Alabaster Offerings. Pray for a renewed spirit of generosity in every generation to give to Alabaster to provide places where people worship, heal, and learn.

PRAISE – We praise God for the past 75 years of faithfulness in giving to Alabaster from Nazarenes around the world. We praise God for the significant offering given in the 24th Global NMI Convention "March Offering."

Women's Retreat

Registration brochures are available at each NMD church or on the district website - NMDnaz.org under the event tab.



Putting The Pieces Together

Northern Michigan District Women's Retreat

October 13-14, 2023

**Cadillac Cherry Grove COTN
8450 S. 29 Mile Rd.
Cadillac, MI 49601**

Registration brochures are available at
your local church and on the district
website - NMDnaz.org.



Speaker
Sharon Graves



SAVE
the
DATE

PASTOR & SPOUSE RETREAT

27-29**OCTOBER**
FRIDAY - SATURDAY

Double Tree by Hilton Bay City - Riverfront
One Wenonah Park Place, Bay City, MI 48708

ROOTED TO THRIVE

Clare Church of the Nazarene is hosting a **ROOTED TO THRIVE** conference. All are welcome to attend. The conference sessions include:

- **Setting the Right Priorities in Discipling Our Children**
- **Raising a Generation to Discern and Follow Truth**
- **Training Kids to Think Biblically in a Deceptive World**
- **Preparing Kids to Stand Firm in Their Faith by Recognizing Competing Worldviews**
- **Helping Kids Confront Cultural Issues with Grace and Truth**



ROOTED TO THRIVE
conference
ROOTED IN CHRIST. THRIVING ON TRUTH
Saturday, September 30, 2023
9 am - 3:30 pm
Tickets \$20 each / \$35 for two / \$100 table of six
Lunch provided if registered by September 16.
All tickets will be \$20 after September 16.
Contact Clare Church of the Nazarene to register (989) 386-3381

Speaker
Elizabeth Urbanowicz
from **Foundation Worldview**

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- CRITICALLY ASSESS EVERY IDEA THEY ENCOUNTER
- DISCERN TRUTH WITH A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW

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**FOUNDATION**
Worldview
Fact Sheet

Our Story
Foundation Worldview began with the realization that the Christian youth exodus doesn't begin with teens, it begins with kids.

Our Founder
Elizabeth Urbanowicz (er-ban-o-wits) is a follower of Jesus who is passionate about equipping kids to understand the truth of the biblical worldview. She holds an M.A. in Christian Apologetics from Biola University.

Our Mission
Foundation Worldview exists to equip Christian adults with the resources they need to train children to soundly interpret Scripture, carefully evaluate every idea they encounter, and understand the truth of the biblical worldview.

Our Resources
Foundation Worldview creates curricula, podcasts, webinars, and book clubs that equip Christian adults to disciple the children God has placed in their care.

Our Curriculum
Foundation Worldview offers the Biblical Worldview Curriculum for ages 4+, the Attributes of God Curriculum for ages 4+, the Comparative Worldview Curriculum for ages 8+, the Studying the Bible Curriculum for ages 8+, and the Careful Thinking Curriculum for ages 10+.

Contact
To learn more about Foundation Worldview, contact Renee Reithel, Public Relations and Media Outreach, at renee@foundationworldview.com or (502) 380-6900.

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Upcoming Events | 2023

Aug 30 – First day of classes @ Olivet Nazarene University

Sept 30 – Rooted To Thrive Conference – Clare COTN

Oct 13-14 – Women's Retreat – Cadillac Cherry Grove COTN

Oct 20-22 – Olivet Nazarene University Homecoming

Oct 27-29 – Pastor and Spouse Retreat – Double Tree Bay City, MI

Nov. 5 – International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church

Dec 2 – District Pastors Christmas Gathering – Traverse City