



# NORTHERN LIGHTS NEWSLETTER

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## District Assembly

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The thirty-third annual district assembly of the Northern Michigan District is set for Friday-Saturday, April 20-21, 2018, with presiding general superintendent, Dr. Eugénio Duarte. The host church for our assembly is Cherry Grove Church of the Nazarene, Cadillac. Assembly begins Friday evening at 7:00PM with a celebration service. During that service we will hold mini conventions for our District NYI and SDMI. Assembly continues Saturday morning beginning at 8:30AM. District Assembly is a very important weekend in the life of the district. Please come prayerfully and with a spirit of holy expectancy! Looking forward to a great time together!

## Hotel Rooms Blocked

Please pass this information on to your delegation. There are 20 rooms blocked at Days Inn until April 14<sup>th</sup> at \$79.00 per night. Rooms are also blocked at Holiday Inn until April 1<sup>st</sup> at \$99.00 per night.

Days Inn  
6001 East M 115  
Cadillac, MI 49601  
231-775-4414

Holiday Inn Express  
7642 S US 131  
Cadillac, MI 49601  
231-779-4656

## Northern Lights Newsletter

We are currently investigating options to change the processes of district communication. The district website has been updated and improved over the last several months and we would like the website to become the main source of district news. We believe this will be a more effective and accessible way of staying connected. "Northern Lights" may become a bi-weekly or monthly publication in the near future. We would appreciate your thoughts, input, suggestions, etc. If you haven't visited the website recently you may want to take a look, [www.nmdnaz.org](http://www.nmdnaz.org). Thank you Heather Strom for your excellent help with the website layout and upkeep!

## SPECIAL EVENT: New Church Dynamics

Pastors, please mark your calendars for this very important event, and make every effort to encourage your congregational lay leaders (and other interested persons) to attend. I desire that all of our NMD churches will have a full ministry team in attendance! The registration, materials, and meal costs will be covered. Please plan to help your people with travel and lodging costs. I believe this to be a vital event and will provide health and vision for our churches.



Monday-Wednesday, May 7-9, 2018  
Host Church: Cherry Grove

## New Church Dynamics

You do not want to miss this exceptional training event which will focus on vital renewal in existing congregations by examining the successful dynamics of church plants and implementing these dynamics in existing congregations. This event is open to all!

## Other District Dates & Events:

- **Regional Celebrate Life at ONU - May 10-12.**  
For more information please contact Beth Strong at [bsolomo2@gmail.com](mailto:bsolomo2@gmail.com).
- **The District NMI Convention** is set for Saturday, May 19, at Beaverton Church of the Nazarene.
- **Kid's Camp** - Monday-Friday, July 30-August 3, at Manton Christian Camp. Rev. Brandon and Sandy Metzger are the directors of our Kid's Camp. Please contact them if you are able to help or if you know of helpers/counselors.
- **Family Camp** - Sunday-Friday, August 5-10, at Manton Christian Camp. Our camp evangelist this year is Dr. Carl Leth. Dr. Leth is the former chairman of the School of Theology at Olivet. He will also be leading the Family Camp daily Bible studies Monday-Friday. The Bible study times will be registered for life-long learning credits for our pastors. This is a great opportunity for our district. Please plan now and clear your schedule so you can be a part of our camp experience. During camp Rev. Jeremy Gomez will lead the meetings and activities for our district teens and Rev. Brandon and Sandy Metzger will lead our kid's meetings. Please consider helping with these vital aspects of a successful camp.
- **District Men's Retreat** - Fri.-Sat., Sept. 14-15, at Lost Valley Bible Camp, Gaylord. Rev. Kevin Hardy, Michigan District Superintendent, will be the retreat speaker.
- **District Women's Retreat** - Fri.-Sat., Oct. 12-13, at Treetops Resort, Gaylord.
- **Pastoral Ministry Team Retreat** - Our pastors and spouses retreat will be held at Frankenmuth again this year. The dates for the retreat are Friday-Sunday, Nov. 9-11, 2018. Dr. Scott Sherwood, Northwest Illinois District Superintendent, will be our retreat speaker.



- NYI, SDMI Conventions - Fri., April 20
- The Northern Michigan District 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual District Assembly, Friday-Saturday, April 20-21, 2018. Host Church: Cherry Grove Nazarene
- "New Church Dynamics" DCPI Training Event with Dr. Mark Bane - Mon.-Wed., May 7-9, 2018. Host Church: Cherry Grove Nazarene
- Regional Celebrate Life - ONU, May 10-12
- NMI Convention: Sat., May 19 - Beaverton
- NMD Work & Witness Projects, June 2018 Sun Valley, Arizona, and Cactus, Texas
- NYI Guatemala Mission Trip - July 2018
- Kid's Camp - July 30 - Aug. 3 - Manton CC
- Family Camp - Aug. 5-10 - Manton CC
- Men's Retreat - Sept. 14-15, Lost Valley Camp
- Women's Retreat - Oct. 12-13, Treetops, Gaylord
- Ministry Team Retreat - Nov. 9-11, Frankenmuth

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## Prayer NMD



Rev. Ann Salyer is the district prayer coordinator. Please send prayer requests that you would like to share with the district family to her at [prayernmd@nmdnaz.org](mailto:prayernmd@nmdnaz.org).

*"When God has something very great to accomplish for his church, it is His will that there should precede it the extraordinary prayers of His people."*

*- Jonathan Edwards*

*"God does nothing except in response to believing prayer."*

*- John Wesley*

