



NW District July News

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MESSAGE FROM THE DS' WIFE GUEST WRITER: MELISSA MOWRY

For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever! Amen. Romans 11:36

Not long ago, I read a devotional written about the familiar story in Luke 5:17-26. Jesus heals the sick in a very crowded house, where apparently the only way in was right down through the center of the roof. The author of the devotional commented that the friends of the paralyzed man were the stars of the story. I thought, "Hold on, I can't agree with you there. Who is the only One in the story with the power to forgive sins and make a paralyzed man walk?!" The paralyzed man's friends are

commendable supporting actors, but make no mistake. The star of the story is Jesus.

Dave and I often have the privilege of hearing amazing stories across the Northwest District. For example, Republic Church of the Nazarene is currently partnering with Ferry Conservation District and Washington State University to create a fully-funded community garden that will benefit many in need. Like any good story, the process has included obstacles, plot twists, and a villain or two, yet Pastor Jennifer Sampsel relies on God. Meanwhile, Jennifer's husband, Daniel, is using his God-given talent to refurbish vintage arcade games, providing the town's youth with healthy recreation and an open door to a church that cares. The Sampsel's ministry methods are as creative as lowering the paralytic through a roof, yet they are quick to point to God as the One to receive all credit and praise.

This month's district newsletter is filled to the brim with exciting events and announcements. We have upcoming camps, retreats, conferences, and trips. We offer resources, we honor our chaplains, we look ahead to NYC 2026. But make no mistake. Jesus is the heart, the passion, the reason for all that we do as a district. Apart from Him, we can do nothing. Collectively and individually, we all have roles as supporting actors in God's grand story. And Jesus is always the star, front and center.

Blessings,

Melissa Mowry



OFFICE CLOSED JUNE 30-JULY 4

The District Office will be closed June 30-July 4. We will be back in the office on Monday, July 7. Pastors - if you have an emergency, please get in touch with your cluster coach.

NEXT STEPS GRANTS



An Opportunity for Your Church and Your Community to Grow Together

The Next Steps grant program supports church as they expand ministry into their communities. Do you want to reach a broader audience? Meet a need in your surrounding area? Encourage your neighbors? To learn more, visit the Northwest District website for a grant application and instructions ([Next Steps Grant](#) under the Ministries tab). *Applications are due by July 15* Questions? Call (509-466-0452) or [email](#) Sonya at the district office.

PALCON 2025

July 29-31, 2025



ALL PASTORS AND THEIR FAMILIES FULLY FUNDED

PASTOR SUPPORT FUNDING

We want every pastor, spouse, and family to be able to attend. The District will provide the following:

- Pastor: \$500
- Spouse: \$500
- Each child or teen: \$100

Step 1: Register at palcon.org. Please note: registration includes on-campus housing and some meals.

Step 2: Email confirmation of registration to office@nwdistrict.org.

Step 3: The district will send a check to you or your church according to the above funding. No other receipts will be required (funding exceeding registration fees can be applied to travel and meal expenses).

For example:

A family of four (2 parents, 2 kids) would receive \$1,200 in pastor support funding. Registration cost would be: \$638. The "extra" \$362 is for the family travel and meals.

Registration now open in English and español

Late registration ends July 15

NU's PALCON event is family-friendly, and has been designed with pastors, staff and their families in mind. The event culminates in a PALCON block party on Thursday, July 31. **General Superintendents Dr. David Busic & Dr. Scott Daniels** are the plenary speakers and teachers. **Rev. Ryan Gage** will be leading worship. **Trey & Candice Brooks**, co-directors of Equip to Engage, will be leading our fast-paced PALCON Kids discipleship experience this year. **Rev. Rich Vasquez** has recruited some of the best youth ministry voices from the NU educational field, along with members of the **NU Collective** to engage our young people in worship.

The final menu of workshop options, including pre-conference and Mega Workshop opportunities, will soon be posted on the [NU Palcon website](#).



Hi Everyone,

I trust your summer is off to a wonderful start!

I wanted to make sure you all are aware of the Young Clergy Pre-Conference happening on the very first day of PALCON at NNU on July 29.

The conference theme is “On Purpose: Called on Purpose, Here on Purpose,” and the cost is included in your general PALCON registration. Starting at 2:00pm on July 29th we will explore this idea of call and ministry through worship, fellowship, and conversation. We will end at 5pm, in time for dinner (which is covered in your registration cost).

When you register for PALCON make sure you check the box that also registers you for the Pre-Conference.

If you are bringing kids please let me know, I am working on arranging childcare for our time together. But please know, if I do not secure childcare your kids are more than welcome to stay with you.

You can register here: palcon.org.

If you have any questions please let me know via email (lesley@kennewicknazarene.org).

I am looking forward to spending time with all of you.

Rev. Lesley Hansher
Kennewick Nazarene Church, Lead Pastor
Young Clergy Council, NNU Representative
BOM Secretary, Tri-Cities Region
lesley@kennewicknazarene.org

NAZARENE MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL

NW DISTRICT PROJECT:



MAUI, HAWAII

Over 8,000 people are displaced after the 2023 wildfires, increasing the housing crisis. The Northwest District is partnering with Pukalani Community Church of the Nazarene (Puka Naz), working to rebuild, restore and renew a community devastated by the wildfires.

DATES: August 15-26, 2025

COST: \$2,050 (includes airfare to/from Seattle, food, lodging, local transportation)

DEPOSIT DUE BY MAY 1: \$300 (Payable to NW District NMI and sent c/o Pat Borgens, Grandview Church of the Nazarene, 500 N. Elm St., Grandview, WA 98930)

CONTACT: Doug Jones (revdoug2000@gmail.com), 509-481-0550.

An informational flyer is [here](#).

The latest NMI Central Newsletter is available [here](#).



TRAILER OF FUN

District Children's Ministry Director, Cindy Reynolds, has some open dates for her Trailer of Fun this summer! **Reach out to Cindy** about scheduling a weekend of fun for your church and community.

Cindy will provide the trailer and lots of fun, but also training and equipping for you and your volunteers.

CHAPLAINCY MINISTRIES

CHAPLAIN SPOTLIGHT

For our chaplain focus this month, it seems appropriate (as it always is) to be sharing about and praying for our military chaplains. In light of recent events around our nation and globally, our military and military families will have added needs, endure further stress, will continue to have very real concerns and need prayer and spiritual guidance.

We have 2 chaplains who are serving our United States Military.

- Ryan Hicks (former Grandview Nazarene Associate) is currently serving as Chaplain with the United States Army.
- Josh Williamson (Ordained this year) is serving as a Chaplain Candidate with the United States Airforce. He is in the process of ([read more](#))

Thank you for continuing to support, encourage and pray for our chaplains across our NW District.

Rev. Jim Beattie, Lead Pastor, Yakima Bethel Church of the Nazarene
NW District Chaplaincy Ministries Director
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NAZARENE YOUTH INTERNATIONAL



TEEN CAMP JULY 22 - 26, 2025 RIVERVIEW BIBLE CAMP

Speaker: Stephanie Lobdell
Theme: *"Experience Joy"*
Worship Team: NNU Collective

WHO: All incoming 7th - 12th graders
COST: Early Bird Registration: \$299 BY July 1, 2025
Standard Registration: \$315 AFTER July 1, 2025
Registration Closes July 14, 2025

Stephanie Lobdell is a pastor from Ohio, currently traveling the country for a variety of speaking engagements. Stephanie is instrumental in the world of Young Adult Ministry for the USA/Canada Regional office.

NOTE: Please register through your teen's church.

Register [here](#).

A packing list is available [here](#).

More information about camp and other NYI opportunities available [here](#).



NYC 2026

Registration for Nazarene Youth Conference 2026 opens this summer! NYC will be held July 1-5, 2026 in Salt Lake City. Don't miss the opportunity for the high school students in your church to attend this transformational event. To learn more about NYC, visit nazareneyouthconference.com.



YOUNG ADULT SILVERWOOD DAY

Mark your calendars and tell all the young adults (18-30 years old) you know that our NW District Young Adult Silverwood Day is happening Saturday, August 9th! Registration will launch soon on our website (nwnyi.com/youngadults), Instagram and Facebook page (@nw_districtya).



YOUNG ADULT RETREAT RECAP

Moving. Inspirational. Thought Provoking. Encouraging. Holy Fellowship. Words that describe Young Adult Retreat 2025: NAVIGATE. May 30-June 1. Retreat brought 26 young adults together from across the district to share in a formational time of worship, fellowship and discipleship through lifting up our praises and laments in unison, to responding to messages from Pastor Mark McWhorter and going deeper in discussion through small groups, and enjoying new friendships and rekindling old ones. God was moving young adults to ask "What is God calling me to or leading me to?" and, "What have I been clinging to that I may need to let go of so I may trust God more fully?" and they were eager

to draw near and listen. If you have a young adult that attended retreat, I would encourage you to follow up and ask "What are you navigating right now and how can I and/or the church support you?"

Grace and Peace,
Rev. April Manning
Northwest District Young Adult Director



KIDS' & TWEENS' CAMP JULY 28 - AUGUST 1 RIVERVIEW BIBLE CAMP All 3rd-6th graders are invited!

Kids' Speaker: Rev. Casey Wilkerson

Tweens' Speaker: Pastor Austin Petellin

All kids & tweens register [here](#).

Adult helpers register [here](#).

Share the fun with this camp video:





GROWING A HEALTHY CHURCH FREE PASTORS' CONFERENCE

October 4–7, 2025

Oro Valley (AZ) Church of the Nazarene

This free conference is designed for all pastors—lead, kids, youth, connections, worship, and more. The church will cover meals and provide host homes, so the only cost is travel and

local transportation. Spots are limited to 100 pastors. More information and registration are found [here](#).

MINISTERS IN TRAINING

SUMMER TERM NORTHWEST DISTRICT COURSE OF STUDY CLASSES

July - September 2025

Providing Christian Education for All Ages

Via Zoom

9:30am-12:30pm Saturdays, June 28-September 6 (no class 7/26 or 8/9)

Instructor: Pastor April Manning (april@wenatcheenaz.org)

This course explores the theological roots of Christian education and the education principles and practices that enable our efforts to be effective and relevant. Registration and more information are found [here](#).

Tracing the Story of God in the Bible

Kennewick First Church and Zoom

10:00am Saturdays, July 12 – September 27

Instructor: Pastor Mark Hansher (mark@kennewicknazarene.org)

This course enables the learner to identify the large story of scripture and to describe its overarching theological themes in ways that are beneficial for leading and instructing a body of believers. Registration and more information can be found [here](#).

Examining Our Christian Heritage II

Via Zoom

9:00am Saturdays, July 26 - September 20

Instructor: Pastor Dan Lewis (dan@richlandnaz.org)

This course will concentrate on the history of Christianity from the Reformation era through the 20th century. Students will discover and gain a deeper appreciation for God's redemptive purposes in people,



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"ENGAGE" NEWSLETTER

The summer issue of "Engage," a communication from Northwest Nazarene University, can be found [here](#).

BLESSING OUR COMMUNITY



BRINGING PEOPLE TO JESUS

The Cycle of Resurgence continues with the emphasis on bringing people to Jesus. Prayer journals, sermon outlines, suggested reading and other resources for pastors, volunteers and parishioners are available at the [Blessing Our Community website](#).

PASTOR SUPPORT PROJECT

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR PASTORS

Financial support is available for district ministers (ordained and district-licensed), including paying for counseling for ministers or an immediate family member and funds for debt reduction or retirement savings.

Visit nwdistrict.org/Resources/Pastor-Support for more information.

CONFERENCE SUPPORT FOR PASTORS

Scholarships for Nazarene-Sponsored conferences are available. Visit nwdistrict.org/Resources/Pastor-Support for more information. Please [email the District Office](#) or call (509-466-0452) for scholarship requests.



MINISTERIAL COACHING INITIATIVE

A Partnership with Point Loma Nazarene University

In 2020, the PLNU Center for Pastoral Leadership received a grant for \$1,000,000 from the Lilly Foundation to be used specifically to support the following groups of pastors:

1. Pastors who pastor small churches
2. Pastors who plant churches
3. Pastors who pastor congregations serving communities of color

More information about the coaching initiative is [here](#).

If you would like to be considered for coaching, please email the District Office at office@nwdistrict.org.

NEWS & RESOURCES



WEBSITE ASSISTANCE

Take the guesswork and frustration out of building your church's website! Russ Hansen of [R1 WebDesign](#) is an excellent resource for building and maintaining a simple website (no ads!). Russ is a life-long Nazarene and very interested in helping Nazarene churches have a

winsome online presence for far below industry rates.
For more information, [Email Russ](#) or call /text (509-903-3036).



RESOURCES FOR IMMIGRATION CONCERNS

How can our pastors, leaders and churches respond to the immigrants in our churches and communities in light of the political changes that are occurring? Good news! Find the information you need at the [Immigration Resource Hub](#).

Additional guidance from the Global Ministry Center is [here](#).

OUTREACH + USA/CANADA REGION PARTNERSHIP

The USA/Canada Region has partnered with Outreach to



ANSWERING THE CALL

Missions Experience in North Africa

Are you seeking to discern a call to missions? Do you want to gain valuable missions experience, learn about ministry in North Africa, and become an effective ambassador for Christ? Join a team for an immersive experience that offers a unique opportunity to live and engage in a culturally sensitive field for 2, 4, or 8 weeks.

For more information, contact sendme@nazarene.org or start your application at www.opportunities.nazarene.org.



NTS PRAXIS: BRIDGING THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY

[NTS Praxis](#), as the lifelong learning arm of [Nazarene Theological Seminary](#), exists to equip faithful ministers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ through continued formation, encouragement, and education in the Wesleyan theological tradition.

All God's Children: 2025 Preachers' Conference

September 23-24 at NTS.

More information and registration is available [here](#).

See the details of NTS Praxis events [here](#).



CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE RESOURCES

The USA/Canada Region has resources for churches and individuals, and information about many opportunities for pastors and lay persons alike at their website [here](#).

The latest HUB newsletter is available [here](#).

The latest Nazarene News newsletter is available [here](#).



NW DISTRICT PRAYER TEAM

Prayer team members receive weekly emails listing prayer requests for the district. Only people who sign up are added to this email list.

If you are interested in joining the NW District Prayer Team, please email office@nwdistrict.org.



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