



NW District January News en español



Worship Through Giving

During the pandemic, when it was necessary for churches to make adjustments to their regular patterns, many churches stopped passing offering plates and made ways for people to give through other means. Churches were creative and that was fantastic! However, a byproduct of that season is that many churches have removed a dedicated time to worship through giving in their Sunday services. I believe that needs to be corrected.

Worship is more than songs and sermons—it's surrender. We have the great opportunity to place all we are and all we have at the altar of our Lord and Savior. Weekly worship services offer a chance for a regular, unhurried time for tithes and offerings that makes surrender tangible. Worship through giving teaches our hearts that money is not our master, and that God's mission matters in our community and around the world. When we give our "first-fruits," we're not tipping the church for a good service, we're worshiping and trusting in God. Giving is a regular practice throughout the Bible and must be a regular practice for God's people today. I am praying that our churches are places where we celebrate full surrender to Jesus in every way.

Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the first-fruits of all your crops. Proverbs 3:9

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give... for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

Grace and peace,

DS Dave Mowry
Northwest District Superintendent

NEW NORTHWEST DISTRICT LEAD PASTORS



DEER LAKE LAKESIDE
Pastor Christina & Ben Proffitt, Noah



DEER PARK
Pastors David & Rhonda Ackerman, Shan



HARRINGTON
Pastor Gene & Terri Haas



RITZVILLE
Pastor Trevor & Jennifer Farnsworth
Kristine, Aliyah, Natalie

2026 DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

April 8-10, 2026

at Spokane Valley Church of the Nazarene

Mark your calendars now and plan to be there!

2026 SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION

All camps will be at Riverview Bible Camp

KIDS CAMP

3-5th grades

Monday - Thursday, July 20-23, 2026

MID-HIGH CAMP

6-8th grades

Thursday - Sunday, July 23-26, 2026

SENIOR HIGH CAMP

9-12th grades

**SAVE
THE DATE!**



LEAD RETREAT

For all licensed ministers on the Northwest District

April 27-29, 2026

At Ross Point Camp, Post Falls, Idaho

PASTORS' & SPOUSES' RETREAT

September 21-23, 2026

At The Enzian, Leavenworth, Washington



EQUIP YOUR VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE

Please be reminded that in the Church of the Nazarene, everyone who works with children, teens and vulnerable individuals is required to have **training** and a **background check** prior to serving in any area of church and district ministry. An excellent resource for churches is [Ministry Safe](#).



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.

Check for available dates on the district calendar [here](#).



NAZARENE
COMPASSIONATE
MINISTRIES

Find the latest Nazarene Compassionate Ministries newsletter [here](#).

Find the latest NMI Central newsletter [here](#).



NW District NYI

DISTRICT NYI COUNCIL MEETING

10:00am - 2:00pm February 21

At Grandview Nazarene

(500 N. Elm St., Grandview, WA, 98930)



BREAKTHROUGH 2026

March 13-15 at Grandview Nazarene

Cost: \$65

Speaker: Kenton Lee

Breakthrough is for youth ages 5th - 12th grade.

Register [here](#).



NYC 2026

Registration for this once-in-a-lifetime event is open from now until January 15th, 2026. Our trip for Nazarene Youth Conference will take place June 29th - July 9th, 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 nwnyi.com/nyc.



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](#).

CYCLE OF RESURGENCE

God's mission is our mission;

God's vision is our vision.

Bringing People to Jesus Grants will soon be available. These grants are designed to help churches create **intentional opportunities that introduce people to Jesus as a part of our Cycle of Resurgence**, whether through outreach, special events, Alpha groups, or other creative efforts. An informational video is available [here](#).

Learn more about the Cycle of Resurgence [here](#).



LILLY ENDOWMENT GRANT

Northwest Nazarene University (NNU), in close collaboration with Nazarene Theological Seminary (NTS) and the network of Nazarene universities across the United States, has received a \$9,995,846 grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. to support a multi-year, collaborative initiative focused on strengthening and reimagining graduate theological education for the Church of the Nazarene.

As part of this grant-funded work, NNU and NTS—both accredited by the Association of Theological Schools (ATS)—will lead a collaborative effort to explore closer alignment between Nazarene Theological Seminary and NNU's Divinity School, along with strategic partnerships involving graduate theology programs at:

- Mount Vernon Nazarene University (MVNU)
- Olivet Nazarene University (ONU)
- Point Loma Nazarene University (PLNU)
- Trevecca Nazarene University (TNU)

Read more [here](#).



"ENGAGE" NEWSLETTER

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

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

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



DISTRICT CALENDAR

A calendar is now available on the district website under the "[Events](#)" tab. District-wide events, auxiliary council meetings, and other activities are included for your reference and planning.



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](#).



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.



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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