

2026 DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

WHAT THEN SHALL WE



RECEIVE

GRACE IS A GIFT, NOT EARNED.
OPEN HANDS. OPEN HEART.



BECOME

WE ARE BEING MADE NEW.
GRACE TRANSFORMS WHO WE ARE.



DO

GRACE MOVES US TO ACTION.
FAITH IS LIVED,
NOT JUST BELIEVED.



SAY

WHAT WE DECLARE
REFLECTS WHAT WE BELIEVE.
SPEAK LIFE. SPEAK TRUTH.

Indian Lake Nazarene Camp July 12-13, 2026

Section 1

General Information

2026

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Greetings from Pastor Brad Dyrness

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NAZARENES
FROM
THE MICHIGAN DISTRICT
• GATHERING FOR ASSEMBLY •

I'm so glad you are part of our annual gathering for District Assembly and Family Camp. This year is especially meaningful as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of Indian Lake Nazarene Camp. Reaching a century of faithful and effective ministry is a remarkable milestone. At a time when many church camps have closed, ILNC continues to thrive. Happy 100th birthday, ILNC—some things are simply worth celebrating!



This gathering will also highlight the ministries of the MINaz family. Our churches represent an eclectic mix of ministries, all seeking to demonstrate the grace, mercy, and love of God in their communities. Several pastors will report in person, and ALL reports are included in this handbook. I encourage you to read about the transforming work happening across the district.

- Six pastors will be ordained. Eleven first-time minister's licenses will be granted.
- Two new churches are being launched: Benton Harbor Iglesia del Nazareno and Muskegon Primitive Haitian Church of the Nazarene.
- Grand Rapids Northeast Community Church has closed, and we are seeking God's direction as we reimagine ministry in that community.
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Dr. Fili Chambo, our Jurisdictional General Superintendent, will be with us, and I know you will be blessed by his leadership. Our assembly focus is this question: "What then shall we receive, become, do, and say as a result of God's grace being extended to us?" We cannot remain only receivers of grace; we must allow His grace to move us into mission.

One of the highlights of assembly will be celebrating the baptisms that have taken place across our MINaz churches. Few things better represent life transformation than people publicly declaring their faith through baptism. During our time together, you will also hear updates from Olivet Nazarene University, vote on the renewal of your District Superintendent, elect delegates for next summer's General Assembly, and leave better informed about all things MINaz.

Above all, my favorite part of assembly is connecting with you. I love our MINaz family, and I look forward to celebrating all that God is doing among us.

Join us for Family Camp, beginning Monday night and continuing through Saturday morning. Our own MINaz worship team will lead us in worship, and **Tim and Shawna Songer Gaines** will bring the Word. Stay for the week if you can, or come back and join us when you're able for a wonderful time together.

Love ya lots,

Pastor Brad



CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Board of General Superintendents

David A. Busic • Gustavo A. Crocker • Filimão M. Chambo • Carla D. Sunberg • T. Scott Daniels • Christian D. Sarmiento

July 11, 2026

Rev. Jeffrey Hodge, Executive Director
Indian Lake Nazarene Camp
8258 Victory Street
Vicksburg, MI 49097

Dear Rev. Hodge,

Congratulations to you and the people of the Michigan District as you celebrate 100 years of holiness ministry at beautiful Indian Lake. I pray that this will be a week of great joy as friends and loved ones gather to celebrate God's faithfulness. May the result be refreshed connection with the vital mission that founded this campground so many years ago.

As you reflect on the challenges and victories of the past, be encouraged by the countless examples of God's presence with you, blessing your ministries. He has led you through the early days of weeks-long tent meetings alive with the Holy Spirit. He has provided for you when other holiness camps slowly surrendered to the realities of economics and changing tastes in family vacations. He has gifted you with a deep and steadfast commitment to scriptural holiness, which you have used to glorify Him. By God's grace, you have witnessed countless individuals giving their lives to the Lord, being saved and sanctified. Rejoice that Christ our Lord will lead you into the bright future He has in store for the Indian Lake Nazarene Camp, just as He has led you to this milestone anniversary.

Thank you for holding high the banner of holiness and remembering the commission of God to win the world to Christ. Your faithfulness is deeply appreciated. May God bless this day with a special sense of His presence and empowerment for all that is yet in store!



Filimão Chambo
General Superintendent in Jurisdiction

FMC: mls

GLOBAL MINISTRY CENTER

www.nazarene.org 17001 Prairie Star Parkway Lenexa, KS 66220 913-577-0516

MICHIGAN DISTRICT

Rev. Brad Dyrness

DS Pastor's Report

Michigan District Supplemental Combined Report

All Budgets Paid In Full	pending	Number Called to Ministry (this year)	42
Participation in World Evang. Fund	YES	Number of New Believers	824
Participation in Pension & Benefits	YES	Number of Baptisms	393
Participation in ONU Allocation	YES	Number of New Nazarenes	332
Participation in Dist. Fund Allocations	YES	Membership Total	6,292
Raised for all Purposes	\$14,902,161	Average Morning Worship Attendance	6,888
Participated in Compassionate Ministries	YES	Average Online Attendance	1,515

Michigan District Statistical Report

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Membership	8,648	8,511	8,162	7,949	7,844	7,636	7,442	6,829	6,387	6,292
SS Enrollment	16,329	22,555	16,062	17,009	11,315	12,791	11,629	15,682	13,311	12,444
SS Average	6,731	6,485	6,622	6,700	6,031	4,947	5,754	5,686	5,931	6,247
Worship Avg.	8,203	7,874	7,658	7,589	6,736	6,315	7,767	7,590	7,847	8,403
Conversions	577	577	448		270	402	440	581	701	824
Baptisms	240	298	241		176	212	216	310	362	393
New Nazarenes	262	311	349	351	190	185	312	267	267	332
Org. Churches	74	70	68	68	65	67	65	65	64	64
Org. This Year	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
Church Plants	8	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2

Michigan District Financial Report

	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2025-26</u>
Total Church Income	\$14,971,026	\$14,138,854

Total Given to District, Regional and Global Interests

(Funding the Mission as of 6-23-26)

	Given in <u>2024-25</u>	Given in <u>2025-26</u>
District	\$696,031	\$696,238
Olivet Nazarene University	\$313,233	\$311,197
NBUSA	\$254,922	\$255,214
World Evangelism Fund	\$703,543	\$699,229

Michigan District Missional Areas

NORTHEAST MISSIONAL AREA

Missional Area Leader: Justin Hayes (justin@midlandnaz.org)

Churches: Alma, Bay City Faith, Bay City Living Hope, Journey of Grace, Midland Bethel, Midland Naz, Midland Nease Memorial, Mount Pleasant Faith Indian, Mount Pleasant First, New Lothrop, Saginaw First, Saginaw Valley, Sumner Center

NORTHWEST MISSIONAL AREA

Missional Area Leader: Tyler Hubbell (tyler@spartanaz.org)

Churches: Connection Point, Ebenezer, Elmdale, Grand Haven, Grand Rapids Clyde Park, GRIF, Grand Rapids West International, Greenville, Hastings, High Pointe Community, New Life, Lowell, Muskegon Breakwater, Namuna Nepali, Primitive Haitian, Sparta

SOUTHEAST MISSIONAL AREA

Missional Area Leader: Crystel Watts (crystelwatts@jaxnaz.com)

Churches: Albion, Eaton Rapids, Found, Hillsdale, Jackson First, Mason First, New Faith, Spring Arbor

SOUTHWEST MISSIONAL AREA

**Missional Area Leaders: Brian & Ashley Robbins
(brilawrob@gmail.com & ashleyelizabethrobbins@gmail.com)**

Churches: Battle Creek First, Benton Harbor, Buchanan, ChapNaz, Coldwater, Corey, Cross Community, Kalamazoo South Side, Lighthouse, Nashville, Sturgis, Three Rivers

CAPITAL MISSIONAL AREA

Missional Area Leader: Jesi Myers (jmyers@southnaz.org)

Churches: Corunna, Durand, Grand Ledge, Holt, Lansing First, Lansing International, Lansing South, Lansing Woodview, Okemos, Owosso City, Owosso First, Perry, Portland, St. Johns, Williamston

Video Links

GA 2027



Global Missions & NMI Greetings



Holiness Today



NBC



NBUSA



Nazarene Foundation



NDI



NTS



ONU



THE FOUNDRY SLIDE SHOW



USA-CANADA REGION



WEF-MESSENGERS OF HOPE



Important Dates for Pastors—2026-27

Fiscal Year—June 1, 2026—May 31, 2027

September 14-16, 2026—Fall Workshop—Indian Lake Nazarene Camp—“Pastoring Your Community” Speakers: Teanna & Jay Sunberg

December 5, 2026—Christmas Party—10 AM—Ministerial Staff & Their Families—GRIF

April 21-23, 2027—Spring Retreat for Ministerial Staff—Crystal Mountain Resort, Thompsonville—Cost \$100/couple

May 2027—Church Elections—Refer to Manual 201.2 to determine how many LAY delegates you can send to District Assembly. Your NMI, NDI, NYI and any active clergy members are automatically delegates.

LEAD PASTOR ANNUAL REPORT DEADLINES:

1. **June 1, 2027—Handbook Written Report Due—Topic will be sent prior to deadline.**
2. **June 10, 2027—APR Due—General Church’s report and deadline for any budget payments.**
3. **June 10, 2027—District Reports (including Directory, Certificate of Election for Delegates, Deceased Church Members Report, NMI Delegate Information).**

June 25-July 2, 2027—The 31st General Assembly and Conventions—Kansas City, MO

Sunday, July 18, 2027—Ordination Service—Indian Lake Nazarene Camp—Dr. Filimão M. Chambo, GS Presiding

July 18-19, 2027—District Assembly—Indian Lake Nazarene Camp—Dr. Filimão M. Chambo

July 20-24, 2027—Family Camp—Indian Lake Nazarene Camp

Michigan District Registered Compassionate Ministries Centers

Beacon of Hope

166 S River Ave
Holland, MI 49423
Website: www.beaconhope.net
Email: beaconmail@beaconhope.net
Phone: 1 616-594-5380

Clothing INC

1114 W High St
Mount Pleasant, MI 48858-2223
Email: info@clothinginc.org
Phone: 1 989-323-3332

CommunityLink (GRIF Community Resource Center)

3765 Kalamazoo Ave SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49508-5513
Website: [CommunityLink \(GRIF Community Resource Center\)](http://CommunityLink (GRIF Community Resource Center))
Email: mdehollander@grifonline.org
Phone: 1 616-245-2151

Compassionate Ministries of Jackson County

3905 Clinton Rd
Jackson, MI 49201-8270
Website: Compassionate Ministries of Jackson County
Email: terry.williams@cmjackson.org

Gratiot County Hope House

1001 W Monroe Rd
Saint Louis, MI 48880-9742
Website: Gratiot County Hope House
Email: housing@gchopehouse.org
Phone: 1 989-681-8486

His Hand Compassionate Ministry Center

12866 Beadle Lake Rd
Battle Creek, MI 49014-7505
Website: His Hand Compassionate Ministry Center
Email: myfirstnaz@gmail.com
Phone: 1 269-979-4565

Nazarene Community Resource Center

2270 S. Mill Iron Rd.
Muskegon, MI 49442
Email: office@connectionpointmi.com
Phone: 1 231-773-2812

Section 2

Assembly Organization & Elections

2026

Electronic Ballot

<https://vote.electionrunner.com/election/fSZps>

Please register at the Information Booth in the Tabernacle
Sunday, July 12th—4:00—5:30 PM or
Monday, July 13th—8:00—9:00 AM

Please use the
Voter ID and Voter Key
provided on the back of your nametag that you will receive
at registration.

Voting hours:
Sunday, July 12, 2026 after Ordination
through
Monday, July 13, 2026 at 11:00 AM



Ballot for DS Renewal

Ballot
District Superintendent
Rev. Brad Dyrness

Renewal—4-year call

_____ **Yes**

_____ **No**

*See D. S. Review on Page 24.

31st General Assembly Resolution Information

31st General Assembly, Church of the Nazarene Resolution Information

A **resolution** is a proposed change in government, practice, or organization of the church.

Michigan District may submit resolutions for consideration of the 31st General Assembly. Below is the process by which resolutions will be submitted by Michigan District.

The District Advisory Board recommends the 2026 elected General Assembly delegates (both clergy and laypersons), the District Superintendent, and the District Secretary will be appointed as the “Michigan District Resolutions Committee.” This committee will review and recommend 2027 General Assembly resolutions for consideration to the District Advisory Board (DAB) to send to the 2027 General Assembly on behalf of the Michigan District. [Recommendation from the Michigan District Advisory Board Report]

1. Submissions will be accepted from: Local churches on the Michigan District, individual members of the Michigan District churches and district committees and boards.
2. Submissions should include the proposed changes to the *Manual* with paragraph references and reasons for the proposed changes.
3. **All submissions for resolutions to the General Assembly must be submitted to the District Secretary (districtsecretary@minaz.org) by September 1st, 2026.**
 - a. Each submission must be on a separate form and must include its subject. **(Form can be found at the QR code at the bottom of the page).**
 - b. Proposals for changes in the *Manual* must clearly state the paragraph and section of the *Manual* being changed, along with the proposed text.
 - c. All resolutions that involve costs must include an estimated amount required to complete the action.
 - d. If reasons or explanations of the resolution are helpful, please follow the statement of your resolution with:
FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:
Then list the reasons briefly and clearly.
4. All submissions will then be presented by the District Secretary to the Michigan District Resolutions Committee. The committee may amend or substitute resolutions.
5. Submissions approved by the committee will be submitted to the District Advisory Board (DAB) for consideration. The DAB may recommend amendment and refer the resolution back to the resolutions committee.
6. Only submissions approved by both the resolutions committee and the DAB will be submitted from Michigan District. These resolutions will be submitted to the General Secretary's office no later than December 1st, 2026.



Board of Tellers

The board of tellers will be called upon for the DS renewal paper ballot and the final electing paper ballot for the delegates to the General Assembly, and may be needed in case of a tie on the electronic ballot.

Board of Tellers #1

Anna Adkins
Joe Alderson
Sue Cogswell
Tina Delbridge
Amy Kestner
Dale Knapp
Michelle Redman
Heston Saunders
Dan Seagren
Gary Swartzlander
Sheryl Swift
Kirk Verdevelt

Board of Tellers #2

Bruce Ardelean
Jan Brashaw
Dave Buehrer
Jim Couchenour
Deb Cwierniewicz
Karina Dixon
Vicky Hoag
Crystal Mingus
Jerry Palmounter
Jeff Pasch
Sharri Sackett
Steve Rice

Nominee Profiles

DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD

District Advisory Board—Clergy Vote for 3 Three-year term; expires 2029



Rev. Lonny Bumgardner
SPRING ARBOR
Incumbent/Lead Pastor



Rev. Jimmy Guffey
PORTLAND
Lead Pastor



Rev. Tim Harmon
PERRY
Lead Pastor



Rev. Dr. Justin Hayes
MIDLAND COMMUNITY
Lead Pastor



Rev. Chris Heydenburg
FOUND
Lead Pastor



Rev. Marlene Webster
OWOSSO CITY
Incumbent/Lead Pastor

District Advisory Board—Lay Vote for 2 Three-year term; expires 2029



Kate Connors
MT. PLEASANT FIRST
Incumbent/Exec Dir. LifeClinic



Mike Garza, Sr.
SOUTHNAZ
Retired—Consumers Energy



Steve Lyle
CROSS COMMUNITY
Research Director—Zoetis



Kim Meiste
GRIF
Cornerstone University

CREDENTIALS BOARD

Ministerial Credentials Board Vote for 3 Four-year term; expires 2030



Rev. Jon Croft
MT. PLEASANT FIRST
Incumbent/Lead Pastor



Rev. Dr. Craig Dillman
GRIF
Lead Pastor



Rev. Bryce Gernand
JAXNAZ
Lead Pastor



Rev. Tim Harmon
PERRY
Lead Pastor



Rev. Stu Shattuck
MASON FIRST
Youth Pastor/District NYI President



Rev. Marlene Webster
OWOSSO CITY
Incumbent/Lead Pastor

Nominee Profiles

STUDIES BOARD

**Ministerial Studies Board
Vote for 2
Four-year term; expires 2030**



Rev. Lonny Bumgardner
SPRING ARBOR
Incumbent/Lead Pastor



Rev. Nan Evans
GRIF
Former Pastor to Children & Families



Rev. Ashley Robbins
CHAPNAZ
Co-Lead Pastor



Rev. Gerhard Weigelt
MASON FIRST
Incumbent/Lead Pastor

INDIAN LAKE CAMP BOARD

**ILNC Camp Board—Lay
Non-Leaseholder
Vote for 2
Three-year term; expires 2029**



Mark Baker
SPRING ARBOR
U of M/Talent Acquisition Specialist



Daisy Henderson
GR WEST INTERNATIONAL
Incumbent/GRCC Professor



Kim Meiste
GRIF
Cornerstone University



TJ Tozer
LOWELL
Incumbent

**ILNC Camp Board—Lay
Leaseholder
Vote for 1
Three-year term; expires 2029**



Tyler Delabarre
ADA BIBLE CHURCH
Youth Group Leader



Emily Smith
CHAP NAZ
Worship Team/Children's Ministry

Nominee Profiles

ONU BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ONU Board of Trustees—Clergy
Vote for 1
Three-year term; expires 2029



Rev. Nathan Gray
DURAND
Lead Pastor/Incumbent



Rev. Brian Robbins
CHAPNAZ
Co-Lead Pastor

PROPERTIES

Properties—Clergy
Vote for 2
Three-year term; expires 2029



Rev. Christina Bristow
JAXNAZ
Incumbent/Operations Pastor



Rev. Jon Croft
MT. PLEASANT FIRST
Lead Pastor/Incumbent



Rev. Chris Heydenburg
FOUND
Lead Pastor



Rev. Brandon Hird
CHAPNAZ
Associate Pastor/Stryker Corporation

PROPERTIES

Properties—Lay
Vote for 1
Three-year term; expires 2029



Steve Boyce
CHAPNAZ
Master Electrician



Don Pierce
MASON FIRST
Incumbent/Owner Pierce Carter Agency

Nominee Profiles

NDI COUNCIL

District NDI Director Yes/No Vote Two-year term; expires 2028



Rev. Nate Gray
DURAND
Lead Pastor/Current NDI Director

NDI Council—Intercultural Discipleship Ministries Yes/No Vote



Rev. Jean Ambeau
LANSING INTERNATIONAL
Lead Pastor

NDI Council—Clergy Vote for 1 Three-year term; expires 2029



Rev. Jesse Briles
LANSING FIRST
Lead Pastor/Leader of Neurodivergent Clergy



Pastor Corey Lewis
FOUND
Discipleship & Teaching Pastor

NDI Council—Lay Vote for 1 Three-year term; expires 2029



Mark Baker
SPRING ARBOR
Talent Acquisition Specialist for UofM



Sue Miller
CROSS COMMUNITY
Substitute Teacher/Quiz Coach



Deb Wright
SUMNER CENTER
Registered Nurse

Delegates to 2027 General Assembly Nominating Ballot

CLERGY—Vote for 2



Rev. Lonny Bumgardner
SPRING ARBOR
Lead Pastor



Rev. Bryce Gernand
JAXNAZ
Lead Pastor



Rev. James Haldane
EATON RAPIDS
Lead Pastor



Rev. Richard Hand
GRAND LEDGE
Lead Pastor



Rev. Tim Harmon
PERRY
Lead Pastor



Rev. Tyler Hubbell
SPARTA
Lead Pastor



Rev. Andrew Jones
MIDLAND COMMUNITY
Youth Pastor



Rev. Ashley Robbins
CHAPNAZ
Co-Lead Pastor



Rev. Brian Robbins
CHAPNAZ
Co-Lead Pastor



Rev. Arika Shea
BUCHANAN
Children's Pastor



Rev. Crystel Watts
JAXNAZ
Care Pastor



Rev. Gerhard Weigelt
MASON FIRST
Lead Pastor

Delegates to 2027 General Assembly Nominating Ballot

LAY—Vote for 3



Mark Baker
SPRING ARBOR
UofM Talent Acquisition Specialist



Webster Barnes
SPRING ARBOR
High School Spanish Teacher



Greg Bontrager
OWOSSO FIRST
Leadership Consultant/Executive Coach



Jason Fedewa
SPARTA
Database Administrator



Christine Freed
CHAPNAZ
NMI President/District NMI Council



Dennis Graham
GRIF
Grace Christian University



John Harris
GRAND LEDGE
Michigan Department of State



Makenzie Jones
MIDLAND COMMUNITY
Billing Associate/Youth Group



Deidre Marks
CROSS COMMUNITY
Director of Administration & Connection Ministries



Bryan Osbo
LANSING SOUTHNAZ
Retired GM



Kim Meiste
GRIF
Cornerstone University



Don Pierce
MASON FIRST
Owner Pierce Carter Agency



David Prindle
HIGH POINTE
Retired/Volunteer IT Support



Erin Roehm
SOUTHNAZ
Youth Volunteer/Worship Team/NDI



Larry Thomas
NEW LOTHROP
Transportation Industry



Amy Wagner
THREE RIVERS
Children's & Youth Services Coordinator



Avery Weaver
CHAPNAZ
Retired/ILNC Leaseholder Board Pres.

Delegates to 2027 NDI GENERAL CONVENTION

CLERGY—Vote for 3



Rev. Carla Aleman-Shoffstall
SOUTHNAZ
Associate Pastor of Spanish Ministry



Rev. Jean Ambeau
LANSING INTERNATIONAL
Lead Pastor



Rev. Sarah Bawks
SOUTHNAZ
Children's Pastor



Rev. Jimmy Guffey
PORTLAND
Lead Pastor



Rev. PJ Horn
COREY
Lead Pastor



Pastor Corey Lewis
FOUND
Discipleship and Teaching Pastor



Rev. Rich Saunders
THREE RIVERS
Lead Pastor



Rev. Devon Staples
LANSING WOODVIEW
Lead Pastor

LAY—Vote for 3



Greg Bontrager
OWOSSO FIRST
Leadership Consultant/Executive Coach



Sue Miller
CROSS COMMUNITY
Substitute Teacher/Quiz Coach



Erin Roehm
SOUTHNAZ
Instructional Assistant/Lansing Schools



Megan Staples
LANSING WOODVIEW
NDI Director/Children's Ministry Leader



Jackie Surdenik
CHARLOTTE NEW FAITH
Women's Ministry/Small Group Leader



Amy Wagner
THREE RIVERS
Sr. High Sunday School Teacher

Section 3

District Board & Committee Reports

2026

Nominating Committee

2026 Nominating Committee Report

The Michigan District Nominating Committee, Rev. Brad Dyrness (chairman), Rebecca Graham (secretary), Mark Baker, Lonny Bumgardner, Tim Harmon, Andrew Jones, Cindy Kundrat, Jenna Ralston, TJ Tozer, and Richelle Martzke met at the District office on April 13. Chairman Dyrness called the meeting to order and opened in prayer.

The following is recommended:

That all elections be by plurality vote, and that all elections take place on one ballot, with the exception of those that require a separate ballot.

That Advisory Board members be elected to three-year terms, as provided by the *Manual* (paragraph 224).

That four ministerial and four lay members of the Advisory Board be elected as provided by the *Manual* (paragraph 224).

That no incumbent may be re-nominated for the Advisory Board if he/she will have served for eight consecutive years at the time of the election. Any non-incumbent may be nominated.

That the Nominating Committee will present at least four times the number of nominees as the number to be elected in each category on the regular ballot in order to have at least twice the number of nominees as the number elected on the ballot. Those receiving the most votes from the Nominating Committee will be presented on the ballot.

That nominees shall be chosen from churches who display a consistent pattern of giving to Eternal Investment Funds.

That the nominating ballot will reflect the intention to achieve a 50% balance of leaseholders and non-leaseholders on the ILNC board. In addition, the lay and clergy representation must be equal (50% each).

Each nominee is to be contacted, *and the nomination will be ratified upon acceptance of the nominee.*

Ballots will be prepared for district offices and a list of the names on these ballots, with their church membership, photo and bio shall be included in the district assembly handbook.

A draft ballot will be sent to delegates prior to assembly.

Ballots will be accepted as valid if the number of votes is equal to or less than the number of positions that are to be elected.

That the following be nominated:

District Advisory Board (three-year term; expires 2029; Clergy, elect three)

Rev. Lonny Bumgardner	Rev. Jimmy Guffey
Rev. Timothy Harmon	Rev. Justin Hayes
Rev. Chris Heydenburg	Rev. Marlene Webster

District Advisory Board (three-year term; expires 2029; Lay, elect two)

Kate Connors	Mike Garza Sr.
Steve Lyle	Kimberly Meiste

District Ministerial Credentials Board (four-year term; expires 2030; Clergy, elect three)

Rev. Jon Croft	Rev. Craig Dillman
Rev. Bryce Gernand	Rev. Tim Harmon
Rev. Stu Shattuck	Rev. Marlene Webster

District Ministerial Studies Board (four-year term; expires 2030; Clergy, elect two)

Rev. Lonny Bumgardner	Rev. Nan Evans
Rev. Ashley Robbins	Rev. Gerhard Weigelt

ILNC Camp Board (three-year term; expires 2029; Lay, Non-Lease Holder, elect two)

Mark Baker	Daisy Henderson
Kimberly Meiste	TJ Tozer

ILNC Camp Board (three-year term; expires 2029; Lay, Lease Holder, elect one)

Tyler DeLaBarre	Emily Smith
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Olivet Nazarene University Board of Trustees (three-year term; expires 2029; Clergy, elect one)

Rev. Nathan Gray	Rev. Brian Robbins
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Nominating Committee Continued

Properties Board (three-year term; expires 2029; Clergy, elect two)

Rev. Christina Bristow	Rev. Jon Croft
Rev. Chris Heydenburg	Rev. Brandon Hird

Properties Board (three-year term; expires 2029; Lay, elect one)

Steve Boyce	Don Pierce
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General Assembly Delegates (Clergy, elect two delegates and six alternates)

Rev. Lonny Bumgardner	Rev. Bryce Gernand
Rev. James Haldane	Rev. Richard Hand
Rev. Tim Harmon	Rev. Tyler Hubbell
Rev. Andrew Jones	Rev. Ashley Robbins
Rev. Brian Robbins	Rev. Arika Shea
Rev. Crystal Watts	Rev. Gerhard Weigelt

General Assembly Delegates (Lay, elect three delegates and six alternates)

Mark Baker	Webster Barnes
Greg Bontrager	Jason Fedewa
Christine Freed	Dennis Graham
John Harris	Makenzie Jones
Deidre Marks	Kimberly Meiste
Bryan Osbo	Don Pierce
David Prindle	Erin Roehm
Larry Thomas	Amy Wagner
Avery Weaver	

Respectfully submitted,

REV. BRAD DYRNESS, *Chairman*

REV. REBECCA L GRAHAM, *Secretary*

Ministerial Studies Board

2025-26 Annual Report

Graduated from the course of study in 2025-26

From district elder's course of study – Teri Beadle, Elizabeth Hubbell, Sarah Klassen, Victoria Swenson

We recommend the following persons be:

Placed/continued in level one, elder's course of study: Miriam Close, Meg Holton, Sheila Iversen, Doris Orr, Jake Stokes, Preston Woolford

Placed/continued in level two, elder's course of study: John Ashby Jr., Matthew Bair, Aiden Christensen, Isaiah Cole, Joy Guffey, Ryan Hall, Daisy Henderson, Daniel Kasaggoma, Chris Miller, Chrissy Rust, James Schwab, Sara Scott, Daniel Shane

Placed/continued in level two, deacon's course of study: Tracey Saunders, Kamilynn Whitten

Placed/continued in level three, elder's course of study: Michael Krebill, Charissa Langstaff, Corey Lewis, Bart Simpson, Chris Smith

Placed/continued in level four, elder's course of study: Gabe Beelen, Tim Freed, Anna Murphy, Daniel N'Kombo, Leigha Pardee

Archived: Zach Caruth, Jonathan Verastegui, Jonathan Young

Respectfully submitted,

REV. JIMMY GUFFEY, *Chairman*

REV. GERHARD F. WEIGELT, *Secretary*

Ministerial Credentials Board

Partial Report No. 1

We recommend that the following transfers be received:

Andrew W. Brashaw from Eastern Michigan
Antonio D. Marshall from Chicago Central
Jonathan D. Scott from SW Indiana

Jose Cervantes from Western Latin American
Christopher L. Miller from N. Michigan (*district licensed*)

We recommend that the following transfers be granted:

Leon A. Empie to Eastern Michigan
Aaron A. Gregory to Los Angeles
David L. McCool to Kansas City
Cheryl R. Young to NW Illinois

R. Mark Green to Chicago Central
Robert W. Lewis to Eastern Michigan
Jeffery D. McVay to Los Angeles
D. Joseph Young to NW Illinois

We recommend the following be removed from the roll of ordained ministers, not by our desire but by having deceased:

Kevin D. Barrett
Gary L. Carr
Clarie B. George

Dwight W. Kingsbury
Cecil D. Tabler
Gary M. Bright

Ronald D. Doolittle
Merle E. Hamblin
William V. Lowe

We recommend retirement status be granted to:

Shelley Fawn Bos
Jerry D. Walden

Duane V. Rensberry

We recommend that the following first time District licenses be granted to the following:

Matthew Bair
Miriam Close
Daniel N'Kombo
James Schwab

Daniel Shane
Preston Woolford
Aiden Christensen
Michael Krebill

Leigha Pardee
Sara Scott
Kamilynn Whitten

We recommend the following to the election of Elder's Orders:

Amy Kay Barber
Thomas Anthony Dixon
Bikram Ranapheli

Teri Lynn Beadle
Andrew Kenneth Jones
Madison Laura-Shae Valentine

We recommend the following for Recognition of Elder's Orders from another denomination:

Victoria Wilson Swenson

Respectfully Submitted,
REV. BRADLEY DYRNESS, Chairman REV. REBECCA GRAHAM, Secretary

Ministerial Credentials Board

Partial Report No. 2

We recommend the following for renewal of District Minister's License:

John T. Ashby Jr.	Daniel Kasaggoma	Jenna G. Ralston
Elizabeth R. Baxter	Sarah L. Klassen	Tracey L. Saunders
Gabriel G. Beelen	Charissa B. Langstaff	Larry Bart Simpson
Isaiah D. Cole	Corey D. Lewis	Christopher T. Smith
Timothy A. Freed	Christopher L. Miller	Taylor M. White
Joy M. Guffey	Anna J. Murphy	
Elizabeth A. Hubbell	Doris A. Orr	

We report on the following who did not apply for district license: **Zachariah Caruth, Jonathan D. Young**

The following district license was not renewed: **Jonathan Verastegui**

The following credentials have been filed: **Amy A. Orban, Brandon L. Metzger, Andrew P. Kring**

The following credentials have been resigned: **James R. Lounsberry, Timothy J. Nelson**

We recommend the evangelism certificates as follows:

Granted commissioned evangelist: **Amanda Pettit, Benjamin Pettit**

Granted registered evangelist: **Michael Garza Jr.**

We recommend the approval of Special Service (SPC) status for the following persons:

Paul R. "Bob" Evans, Jake Gregory, Gerald Greuling, Gloria Johnson, Tim Johnson, Michael Krebill, Michaele LaVigne, Steve Turrell

We report the following name change: Lori R. Harvey to **Lori R. Droscha**

We recommend the approval of Chaplain (CHP) status for the following persons:

Jacob Abbey-Johnson, Greg Boisture, Lori Droscha, William Dulworth, Jay Ott, Marzella Rasmussen, Kyle Thompson, Ryan Wolford, Nathan Workman

We recommend that all licensed ministers on the Michigan District have a background check completed. All newly licensed ministers on the Michigan District will pay the appropriate one-time fee so that a background check can be completed.

Respectfully Submitted,

REV. BRADLEY DYRNESS, Chairman

REV. REBECCA GRAHAM, Secretary

District Advisory Board—Page 1

The District Advisory Board (DAB) of the Michigan District Church of the Nazarene met 6 times during the 2025-2026 church year. Meetings were held in person at the district office with an option for participants to attend remotely. District Superintendent Rev. Bradley Dyrness chaired the meetings except for the November 2025 meeting which was chaired by Rev. Marlene Webster, DAB secretary. Each meeting opened with sharing of scripture and prayer.

The DAB carefully monitors the finances of the district under the leadership of Treasurer Tim Brenner, Business Manager Danielle Haldane, and the District Finance Committee. Tim Brenner was re-elected as Treasurer and Rev. Marlene Webster was re-elected as DAB Secretary at the organizational meeting held July 14, 2025.

CREDENTIAL MATTERS

We approved the following transfers of Licensed and Ordained Ministers:

Transfers Received:

Andrew Brashaw (New Lothrop) from Eastern Michigan
Jose Cervantes (Benton Harbor) from Western Latin American
Antonio Marshall (Connection Point) from Chicago Central
Christopher Miller (St. Johns) from Northern Michigan
Jonathan Scott (High Pointe) from SW Indiana

Transfers Granted:

Leon Empie to Eastern Michigan
R. Mark Green to Chicago Central
Aaron Gregory to Los Angeles
Robert Lewis to Eastern Michigan
David McCool to Kansas City
Jeffery McVay to Los Angeles
Cheryl Young to NW Illinois
D. Joseph Young to NW Illinois

Granted Retirement Status:

Shelley Bos
Duane Rensberry
Jerry Walden

We approved the following District Licensed Ministers to serve as Lead Pastors:

Thomas Dixon – Alma (to be ordained at Assembly)
Christopher Miller – St. Johns
Gabriel Beelen – Saginaw First
Teri Beadle – Bay City Living Hope (to be ordained at Assembly)
Bikram Ranapheli – Hastings (to be ordained at Assembly)

We approve the following Local Licensed Ministers to serve as Lead Pastors:

Mackenson Isemaise – Primitive Haitian
Jhon Kerby Gerlin – Primitive Haitian

We approved the dual membership of district licensed minister, Michael Krebill, at Jackson First Church of the Nazarene and Community Church of North Adams where he serves as a lead pastor.

We recommend the approval of Special Service (SPC) status for the following persons:

Paul R. “Bob” Evans, Jacob Gregory, Gerald Greuling, Gloria Johnson, Tim Johnson,
Michael Krebill, Michael LaVigne, Steve Turrell

Those being removed from the Roster of Ministers:

Amy Orban, Brandon Metzger, Andrew Kring, James Lounsberry, Timothy Nelson

PROPERTY AND CHURCH MATTERS

The following churches received 10% OTHERS Grants:

Cross Community
Durand
Eaton Rapids
Ebenezer
Found
Grand Haven
Grand Rapids Northeast
JaxNaz
Lansing Woodview
Mount Pleasant First
Muskegon Breakwater
Saginaw First
Saginaw Valley
Sparta

We granted Rare Circumstance Adjustments to the following:

Elmdale, JaxNaz, Perry and Saginaw Valley

We approved the listing and/or sale of the following properties:

Mason Naz Maple Street property
Battle Creek First to sell second parsonage
Jax Naz donated property

We approved the following loans:

New Lothrop to borrow from Wesleyan Investment Foundation for a new front parking lot.

We granted funds to the following churches:

Benton Harbor \$10,000 to match a HOPE grant from the General Church.
Namuna Nepali \$10,000 to match a HOPE grant from the General Church.
Primitive Haitian Church \$10,000 to match HOPE grant from the General Church.
Bay City Faith for their roof project.
Okemos to match funds for their roof project.
Clyde Park to replace their boiler.

We approved up to \$20,000 to supplement health insurance for pastors who were negatively affected by government changes to health plans.

We approved up to \$20,000 to fill the gap on the Williamston parsonage bid contingent on the local church securing matching funds.

We gifted \$1,000 to support ILNC food director following the premature birth of her baby.

We approved Bay City Living Hope to use funds from their building sale for their rental lease.

We approved the hiring of Rev. James Haldane as Assistant District Superintendent.

We approved \$1000 for ONU Field NYI events.

We approved the official name change from Benton Harbor Church of the Nazarene to Benton Harbor Iglesia, Del Nazareno.

District Advisory Board—Page 3

The District Advisory Board recommends the 2026 elected General Assembly delegates of both elders and laypersons, the District Superintendent, and the District Secretary will be appointed as the “Michigan District Resolutions Committee.” This committee will review and recommend 2027 General Assembly resolutions for consideration to the District Advisory Board (DAB) to send to the 2027 General Assembly on behalf of the Michigan District.

The District Advisory Board recommends a resolution be submitted to the 2027 General Assembly to approve Indian Lake Nazarene Campground as a historical Nazarene Landmark designation.

In September 2025, the DAB reviewed the results of the DS Review. The summary of the results is below.

REV. BRAD DYRNESS, *Chairman*

REV. MARLENE J. WEBSTER, *DAB Secretary*

District Superintendent Review - Summary Completed with DAB 09/2025

While a formal review of the District Superintendent is not required by Nazarene polity, there was a desire to look back at the goals set by the DAB in 2022 and review the effectiveness of the DS and the District Leadership. This was shared with all MINaz Pastors in October of 2025

Top Meaningful Moments

Key highlights included Come to the Table, Family Camp, Pastor/Spouse Retreat, baptisms and conversions, new multicultural churches, and Project 100 camp initiatives.

Ministry Plan Implementation

The four priorities—**Praying, Connecting, Strengthening, Expanding**—were all re-affirmed. Growth was seen in prayer initiatives, multicultural outreach, pastoral camaraderie, and stewardship progress.

Expectations & Outcomes

Most felt expectations were being met, citing district unity, encouragement, and equipping. While momentum is strong, further innovation and deeper prayer engagement are needed.

DS Contributions

The DS was praised as a connector, encourager, and visionary who listens well, equips pastors, and demonstrates generosity and transparency. He is described as a 'pastor to pastors.'

Potential Leaders Identified

Emerging leaders were identified including several young pastors and lay leaders.

Untapped Potential

Opportunities include revitalizing mission area gatherings, larger churches sponsoring new starts, implementing sabbatical policies, and encouraging small church leaders.

Goals for the Coming Year

Priorities include pastoral wellness, support for small churches, interns for smaller congregations, theological conversations among pastors, Project 100 expansion, and broader board representation.

Engaging the Unreached

The district is encouraged to pursue organic, community-focused outreach, resource small churches, and share stories (both successes and failures) to inspire engagement.

Generosity & Stewardship

Overall stewardship is growing. Increased budget payments, the First Fruits Initiative, and many small contributions reflect a culture of generosity and momentum.

Auditing Committee Report

In 2026, the independent accounting firm of Yeo & Yeo CPAs & Business Consultants has conducted a trial balance audit of all Michigan District finances for the church year of June 1, 2024 - May 31, 2025. This audit has been completed in follow-up to previous consulting arrangements with Yeo & Yeo in preparation for this audit.

The District Advisory Board has adopted a policy of conducting an external audit every three years, with the next audit scheduled to occur during the 2026-2027 church year for the financials of 2025-2026.

Church Properties Board

This year the Properties Board consisted of Jon Croft, Chris Bristow, Keith Kelley, Kurt Hugs and me. Our job is to assist ministries that are planning "facilities related-projects" and to offer recommendations for obtaining proper District approval for their project.

Please visit <https://www.minaz.org/resources> and navigate to District Forms>Property/Sale Forms for the following documents:

- 1. District Property Board Policy** -This outlines the situations in which assistance and counsel from the District Properties Board are required.
- 2. Project Request Form** -This form needs to be completed and submitted to me to initiate the process for obtaining District approval when considering a "facilities-related" project.

Respectfully submitted,
DON PIERCE, *Properties Board Chairman*

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Memoirs—2025-2026

Albion	Rev. Kevin D. Barrett
Battle Creek First	Darlene Davis, Virginia Squires, Vernon Brumm, Nancy Dake, Joann Boyer
Bay City Faith	Joann Hacker, Ron Sutton, Rev. Dwight Kingsbury
Bay City Living Hope	Jon Burns, Russel Jean
ChapNaz	Nancy Brenner, Bill Lewis, Jim Lohry, Don Logan
Coldwater	Janice See
Connection Point	Morris "Mike" Bon, Nancy Bon, Jim Elder, Dave Tabler
Corey	Rev. Gary Carr
Cross Community	Rev. Frederick Wheeler, Gertrude Wheeler, Steve Garza
Durand	Amanda Cross, Barbara Aldrich, Al Lackey, Victoria Hudson
Eaton Rapids	Jane Ann Higelmire, William "Skip" Brown
Elmdale	Dale Byars
Grand Haven	Phyllis Dolphin, Mary Benaway, Vivian Dunn, Jim Elder, Carrie Harris, Doris Pitcher, Mike Pitcher, Koleen Volovlek
Grand Ledge	Sandra Kay Shepard, Kimberly Jean Maloney
Grand Rapids Clyde Park	Alice Wheat
GRIF	Dallas Erickson, Deborah Chenoweth, Yasin Hussaini
Grand Rapids West Intl	Dales Sylvain
Greenville	Colleen Andrus, Kathy Ball
High Pointe	James Childs, Rev. Ron Doolittle, Elaine Gilsdorf
Holt	Robert Martinez
Jackson First	Judy Lingo, Shirlee Curfman, Rev. Gary Bright
Kalamazoo South Side	Winnie Ermel
Lansing First	Becky Kirby, David Embry, Shirley Ellis
Lansing International	Anne Marie Montas
Lansing South	Lynda Armstrong, Rae Forester, Jeannie Hoover, Carol Soloman, Katherine Twining
Lansing Woodview	Connie McVey, Marjorie Ann Gregory, Harold Noble, James Robert McVey
Mason First	Douglas Richey, Dorothy Richey
Midland Community	Rev. William Lowe, William Jewett, Robert Kennedy, Robert Walmsley, Beth Chapman
Midland Nease Memorial	Melvin Anibal, Otis Lawrence
Mount Pleasant Faith Indian	Alfreda Jenkins
Mount Pleasant First	James Lunsford, Jim Ludwick
Muskegon Breakwater	Kathi Braspenning
New Faith	Ellen Carpenter, Bill Jaynes
New Life	Russ Ridley
New Lothrop	Norma Beardslee
Okemos	Sally Dean
Owosso First	Mary Buckley, Eloise Reath
Portland	Delores Van Amburg
Saginaw Valley	Elmer Owen, Dan Lamping, Ben Martinez, Paul Webb
Spring Arbor	Patricia Parrott, Edward Gerstung
Sturgis	Rosie Starkweather, Loa Jean Chapman, Louis Tefft, Roger Klopfenstein
Three Rivers	Juanita Ely
Williamston	Pamela Acker

Ministerial Support

We, your Committee on Ministerial Support, recommend the following:

I. Ministering to Our Pastors and Ministerial Staff

- A. That our church boards do all they can to relieve the pastor from financial worry and discomfort, as well as from the need of secular employment, by striving to supply the following compensations; and that the pastor make every effort to give full time to the work of the church, not engaging in secular work except where it is absolutely necessary:
1. Moving expenses for new pastor (i.e., van costs, family travel expenses, interim salary compensations, etc.).
 2. Adequate starting salary, not including fringe benefits (i.e., commensurate at least with starting teacher salaries in the community).
 3. Car reimbursement, in addition to the pastor's salary, be given.
 4. A Medical Plan, paying the premiums covering the pastor and family.
 5. Full self-employment tax reimbursement, computed on basic salary, fringe benefits, parsonage allowance and/or fair rental value of parsonage, paid at least quarterly.
 6. Vacations granted to all ministers on the church staff, with salary and pulpit supply paid by the church; that the dates are to be set at their discretion with the approval of the senior pastor and the church board, and the vacation time shall be based on the following formula:
 - a. at least two weeks for pastors serving the denomination 1-5 years
 - b. at least three weeks for pastors serving the denomination for 6-14 years
 - c. four weeks for pastors serving the denomination for 15-19 years
 - d. five weeks for pastors serving the denomination for 20-24 years
 - e. six weeks for pastors serving the denomination for 25 years and over
 7. That each local church give the week of Camp Meeting to their pastor to attend the District Camp Meeting, not counting this as part of the pastor's vacation (one week, including one Sunday).
 8. **That churches consider offering maternity or paternity leave to pastors and staff in addition to and separately from vacation time, per Manual 116.**
 9. That the church provide funds for mileage, baby-sitter, Housing, meals, etc., for all district and general church functions.
 - a. Official district church meetings (i.e., assembly, pastors' workshop, District Ministry Team Retreat, seminars, Camp Meeting, and pastors' revivals)
 - b. Official general church meetings (i.e., general assembly, Evangelism Conference)
 10. That the church provide funds for continuing pastoral education (i.e., book allowance, PALCON, Institute of Church Management, district continuing educational program, etc.).
 11. That all church-owned parsonages on the Michigan District be furnished with the heavy major appliances (refrigerator, range, washer and dryer, dishwasher, and such other appliances and conveniences as may be common to the local congregation).
 12. That the level of appreciation and respect for the ministry among the congregation be lifted by remembering the pastor, the pastor's spouse, and the parsonage children in special ways on birthdays, anniversaries, and Christmas.
 13. That our churches participate in Nazarene Retirement Program (tax-sheltered annuity) by contributing at least an amount equal to 5 percent of the pastor's salary; and that our pastors consider contributing additionally to the fund.

Ministerial Support (con't)

14. That our church boards plan a Pastor/Staff Appreciation Day suggested in October or sometime during the year.
15. That pastor and all staff salaries and benefits be thoroughly reviewed annually. Salary increases in cash or benefits shall be at the discretion of the church board.
16. That each local church consider ways of guarding needed private time for their pastor and the pastor's family to maintain and enrich their relationships. They represent the church's most valuable resource. They deserve our love, our support, and our prayers. We recommend pastors take a day off each week.
17. That churches and pastors giving consideration to study leaves are asked to consult with the district superintendent for guidelines in planning.
18. That a sabbatical plan be considered for a pastor who has served a minimum of seven years in the same church. A sabbatical plan is available through the district office, or the Clergy Development office at the GMC.

II. Ministering to Our Evangelists

(tenured, commissioned, registered, and song evangelists employed by the local church for ministerial services)

- A. That each church board agree on minimum compensation to a called evangelist. Realizing that he/she receives no paid vacation, receives no remuneration for time lost due to sickness or seasonal inactivity, we recommend that the church board be generous in paying evangelists (i.e., two times the pastor's salary, plus cash benefits, per week) when the evangelist provides his/her own housing during the meeting, he/she be compensated for the same or consider designating a portion of the compensation as housing allowance.
- B. That our churches plan some program to underwrite the major portion of the evangelist's compensation prior to the meeting, and that added consideration be given to husband/wife teams carrying the total program.
- C. That the local church board remember with a Christmas gift the evangelists and song evangelists that have served their local church during the past year; we suggest a gift equal to 5 percent of the compensation given them.
- D. That the local church with a commissioned evangelist or a commissioned song evangelist as a member pay one-half of the evangelist's district hospitalization and one half of the evangelist's Social Security tax.

III. Ministering to Our Retiring Pastors and Evangelists (those receiving basic pension)

That the church board endeavor to express in a tangible way its love and appreciation to its retiring pastor or evangelist through ongoing assistance with medical insurance, farewell activities, paying moving expenses or a portion thereof, and a love gift of monetary value.

IV. Other Recommendations

- A. That copies of this report be sent by the district secretary to the pastor and church board secretary of each local church, and that the local church board secretary present this report to the local church board at its September meeting.
- B. That following a salary review a report be sent to the district office by the church board secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. BRADLEY DYRNESS, *Chairman*

REV. REBECCA GRAHAM, *Secretary*

Sabbatical Policy

PURPOSE OF SABBATICAL

To provide long-term pastoral staff and their family the opportunity of a sabbatical leave for the purpose of professional development, personal and spiritual renewal, rest, and visioning. By means of a sabbatical leave, the congregation wishes to express gratitude and affirmation to our pastor and family.

At the same time, it is the intent that the church will be challenged to a special time of renewal as well as an enlarged vision of its ministry.

SABBATICAL TIME FRAME FOR THE SENIOR PASTOR

A sabbatical leave of seven to thirteen weeks will be provided to the senior pastor after the completion of each seven years of consecutive full time employment.

It is preferred that the seven to thirteen week sabbatical be taken in consecutive weeks. However, a two session sabbatical could be considered, by each local church.

The scheduling of the sabbatical leave shall take into consideration the needs of the congregation, the scheduling needs from the pastor's proposal, and other pertinent concerns as may be established.

SABBATICAL TIME FRAME FOR ASSOCIATE PASTORS

A sabbatical leave may be considered for full time associate pastors at the discretion of the senior pastor and church board. A sabbatical leave provided for an associate pastor shall follow the same guidelines as for the senior pastor and as set forth in this outline.

SABBATICAL PLANNING

The use of the seven week sabbatical will be primarily planned by the pastor and shall require church board approval. It is recommended and preferred that the sabbatical include activities and events that will carry out the purpose of the sabbatical as stated above.

The church board shall appoint a Sabbatical Committee to receive and review the pastor's proposed plan of sabbatical leave. It shall help establish specific expectations of the sabbatical and present the plan to the church board for review and approval. It shall help develop a plan for implementing the sabbatical leave and carrying on the ministry of the church in the pastor's absence.

These specifics shall be followed:

1. It shall be the responsibility of the church board to initiate the planning by setting aside funds on a regularly scheduled basis to finance a sabbatical. A budget line item should be established to track the accumulation of funds.
2. At the end of the Pastor's sixth year of employment, the board shall appoint a committee of a minimum of three individuals from the board and the congregation. The committee will serve from the date of receipt of the pastor's sabbatical plan until the sabbatical evaluation is completed upon the pastor's return.
3. At the end of the pastor's sixth year of employment, the board shall ask the pastor to prepare a sabbatical leave itinerary to be presented to the church board. The pastor's proposed plan shall be received by the Sabbatical Committee six months prior to the planned date of commencement of the sabbatical. The proposed plan should focus on the specific objectives of the leave. The proposed plan shall also outline how the pastoral duties will be carried out in the pastor's absence.

Sabbatical Policy (con't)

PROCEDURE FOR CONTINUING THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH DURING THE PASTOR'S SABBATICAL LEAVE

The pastor will provide a proposed plan for the continuing ministry of the church during the sabbatical. The pastor will be responsible for appointing persons from the pastoral staff or arranging for interim leadership to carry out the administrative duties, congregational care ministries, and pulpit responsibilities.

It is recommended that only normal activities and regularly scheduled events in the ministry of the church (i.e. Sunday morning, Sunday evening, and Wednesday evening service, regularly scheduled board meeting) are to be carried out.

During the sabbatical, contact with the senior pastor should be limited to the following:

1. Serious illness or death of a member of the congregation.
2. Any event that the Sabbatical Committee and the interim pastor jointly determine to be an emergency situation; and/or . . .
3. A specific prearranged request by the senior pastor.

FINANCING OF SABBATICAL LEAVE

1. The church shall make the following financial commitment during the pastor's sabbatical leave:

The pastor's full salary and benefits will continue. There will be no reduction of salary or benefits during the duration of the sabbatical.

2. Seminar or educational expenses incurred by the pre-approved sabbatical plan will be supported by the church according to professional development policies.
3. A sabbatical budget will be established with the amount to be approved by the church board after consideration and approval of the sabbatical plan. The budget may assist with additional expenses (e.g. travel expense).

THE PASTOR'S FAMILY DURING SABBATICAL LEAVE

The pastor and his or her spouse shall determine the role family members will take in the sabbatical leave. That role shall be included in the proposed plan for sabbatical that the pastor submits to the Sabbatical Committee for board approval.

The pastor's immediate family members may, but are not expected to, attend regularly scheduled services and/or activities. The pastor and family members shall be free to communicate with the church community as they desire.

However, to enable the sabbatical to accomplish the intended purpose, it will be requested of the congregation and the board that no direct communication be made with the pastor or the pastor's family members.

RETURN FROM SABBATICAL

Upon return from sabbatical leave, the pastor shall first meet with the Sabbatical Committee and interim pastor before re-entering his duties of ministry. A date shall be scheduled for this meeting prior to the commencement of the sabbatical leave. The purpose of the meeting shall be twofold. First, the committee and interim pastor will inform the pastor of all issues that have arisen in his absence, bring him up to date on all activities, and discuss the effect the sabbatical has had on the church. Second, the pastor may in turn give a brief oral report to the Sabbatical Committee on his activities and what he feels transpired with regard to carrying out the goals of the sabbatical.

Sabbatical Policy (con't)

The pastor and the Sabbatical Committee shall each prepare a written report at approximately one month following the pastor's return.

The first Sunday worship service following the pastor's return should be planned as a celebration of renewal for the pastor and congregation.

STIPULATIONS

1. Sabbatical leave will not negate any of the pastor's earned vacation. Vacation days may not be used to extend the length of sabbatical leave.
2. Sabbatical leave will be in addition to board approved events or seminars throughout the sabbatical year.
3. No more than one member of the pastoral staff may be on sabbatical leave at any one time.
4. No personnel shall be hired or terminated while the senior pastor is on sabbatical, unless approval is given by the senior pastor.
5. It is advised that district responsibilities held by Pastor or Staff be suspended during the sabbatical time, except for "end-of-year" reports.
6. This sabbatical leave policy shall be reviewed periodically.
7. The purpose of this policy is for direction and is not intended to be all conclusive. Proposed changes or additions in the above policy may be submitted to the Sabbatical Committee and presented to the church board for approval.

Resources to check out:

www.nazarene.org
www.nazarenepastor.org (Clergy Resources)
www.pinmin.org (Pinnacle Ministries)
www.pastorsretreatnetwork.org (various retreat locations)
www.lillyendowment.org/religion (funding for sabbaticals)
www.louisville-institute.org

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A sabbatical workbook is available if you or your pastor is planning a sabbatical:



District NDI Report

Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ,

I include this every year and its timeless, “The Kingdom is advancing and breaking forth in new ways as we are returning to King Jesus’ call to make disciples, everywhere we go, in a changing world and culture.” It’s truly an honor to be your district NDI director—I get to do this, wow! Besides this being a passion and calling, I continue to say yes to this role because we get to come alongside local churches. We get to strengthen fellow pastors, NDI directors, teachers, small group leaders and our incredible lay leaders. We get to see a culture of discipleship take root in local churches, and lives brought into the Kingdom and made holy and whole! There are many people who are a part of this beautiful movement on your Michigan District discipleship team. I could not do this without the support of our District Superintendent, Pastor Brad Dyrness, and the love he has for discipleship in the local church. We have the best NDI Council in the denomination: Erin Roehm (Secretary), Ashley Robbins (Treasurer), Jimmy Guffey, Megan Staples, Sarah Bawks and Amy Wagner. We are thankful for our Children’s Director, Gretchen Hand, and her amazing team. We are also grateful for Chris Petitt’s (Quizzing Director) leadership and recognize the hard work he is doing to bring quizzing forward. We are thankful for the help and support of Devon Staples, Richelle Martzke and Danielle Haldane who do so much, Jeff Hodge and ILNC, Stu Shattuck (NYI), Karla Hurt (NMI), so many incredible fellow pastors (who are boldly and creatively making disciples in this American landscape) and so many more whom I hope I have not forgotten. And with much love and gratitude, thank you Liz (who helps me immensely in this role!), Ethan and Aiden and Durand for giving of your pastor, husband and dad.

Some things do not change from year to year, I still believe true Holy Spirit led, biblical, kingdom-oriented discipleship can revitalize, rebirth and transform our churches and communities. This is still our focus and vision from King Jesus! We, the NDI Council, desire to see each local church on the Michigan district have a healthy and effective discipleship heart and culture (this is more than programs and bible studies). We realize the Holy Spirit will contextualize that in each community; however, we believe there must be shared ideas/practices, partnerships and resources established. Are we staying on the “information based” level or have we entered into the holy, transparent, covenantal and transformational places of “formational and relational based” ways of living out our faith? This is how we can see Kingdom faithfulness in our local churches and fulfill our district themes (praying, connecting, strengthening and expanding). This still means large(r) and small(er) churches learning, sharing and growing from one another! I challenge us all, let’s not be an island.

The NDI Council truly exists to serve our DS, camp, local churches, pastors, staff pastors and lay leaders! We are here to come alongside you. We are not looking for what you can do for the district, we are looking for how we can serve our local churches and communities together. There is no district without healthy local pastors, leaders and churches! Please feel free to reach out to myself or any NDI Council member throughout the year.

This past year, we took time to pray and discuss where we felt the Holy Spirit was leading district discipleship. We are still in a discovery phase but have received some firm direction. To lean more fully into what God is up to, we will not be having Come to the Table in 2027 as it’s been in the past. We are going to be gathering with the NDI councils of the Northern and Eastern Michigan district for a prayer and planning retreat this Fall. We are hopeful for a joint effort event in 2028! We also can’t wait to see how the Spirit will direct our steps in order to make disciples more effectively in Michigan, in 2026. Please be in prayer with us.

Let’s take a look at what God has done over the past church year! We love our partnership with Indian Lake Nazarene Camp. In collaboration with children’s and youth ministries, we experienced some great camp experiences with Kingdom outcomes. Thank you to Jeff and Tanett Hodge and Bobby Garza, as well as, everyone who is stepping into the roles of camp directors, counselors and volunteers, you’re amazing! Thank you pastors and churches for supporting camps, sending kids and teens. We know it’s a challenge with full summers and other choices, choosing ILNC matters. Again this year we’ll have family activities to create opportunities for biblical community between family and one another. We are thankful for a deepening partnership with the camp, they are

District NDI Report cont...

providing more leadership and assistance with family camp week activities. Don't miss out on family camp, we are excited to welcome Drs. Tim and Shawna Songer/Gaines as our morning class teachers and camp speakers this year! Can't wait to see you at the lake!

Our annual equipping, encouraging and empowering event, Come to the Table, was different this year but exactly what we needed. Thank you, thank you again to Lansing South COTN for opening their building to us. We did not have breakout classes this year, we wanted to spend more time around the tables! Our keynote speakers, Tim and Pam Gerdes, brought a perfect focus on healthy relationships and community! I want to put the spotlight on the Come to the Table planning team. They always make the vision into a reality and God has blessed their efforts year in and year out. Stay tuned to hear more about what comes out of our Tri-District Prayer & Planning Retreat!

This year saw major strides in our district children's ministries! Pastor Gretchen Hand has continued to connect with and minister to our children's pastors and leaders. She has also brought together a tremendous district council to serve our local churches! Please talk to her about this and how we can better serve your kids leaders and ministries. This will be a year of transitions and new faces. It's bittersweet to see some team members move into other roles and callings, and yet, it's exciting to see others come aboard. One addition will help us take further steps in providing our intercultural churches with discipleship assistance. We are thankful that Pastor Jean Ambeau has accepted the invitation to become our Intercultural Church Representative!

We are to view discipleship as the entire process of reaching people before salvation and intentionally walking with them to full surrender and onwards in the transformation of Christlikeness. Who are we intentionally building relationships with, praying for and taking risks for the sake of the Kingdom? It's difficult and messy isn't? This must happen inside *and* outside the church body. We must yield ourselves to be part of small communities/groups where we belong and are beloved, where we feel safe to be real, to confess, to repent, to be held in loving accountability, to be healed and made whole. Only then, will we have changed hearts and desires to be active vessels of the Holy Spirit, reaching a world in desperate need of the Good News.

Thank you for your support and belief in district NDI! Let us not lose heart in the work of the Great Commission and seeing the Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. You matter, every small and large effort to make disciples matters. May we all be strengthened, renewed and revitalized for a fresh move of the Spirit this year!

Grace and Peace to you,

Nate Gray

District NYI Report

Hello members of the 2026 District Assembly!

I am humbled and honored to serve as the District NYI President for THE Michigan District NYI. I am convinced we have a blessed district full of students who passionately love Jesus, leaders who love to serve, and a district who believes and supports our teens in more ways than I can count! As God continues to move in and through the lives of our students here on the Michigan District, I would like to again look back at this year, look forward to the future, and ways you can connect to MI NYI. This is my second district annual report so as I said last year.... please be kind.

A look back at this year together....

Our council meetings continue to show me that the Michigan District has the best group of Youth Pastors, NYI Presidents, Youth Leaders, and Students. We have many new faces on the council that bring fresh perspective that keep this old youth pastor engaged and excited to serve.

In October we gathered for our annual Lock-In event at 3mile project which continues to be a highlight for our students. Lock-Ins from the adults perspectives cannot be Godly ...however important fellowship and friendships are forged in the wee hours of the night that are invaluable for our students. Please continue to pray that the Lord would end lock-ins as they cannot be good for my salvation.....just kidding.

In January we gathered at Owosso Naz for our District Celebrate Life event. We wanted to switch locations to try a new environment and capitalize on the growth we've seen. Jimmy Guffey continues to do an incredible job which is why he is never allowed to leave us and must continue to be Celebrate Life Coordinator till the end of time. At the Regional event we keep moving up and this year got 5th place. Don't worry, I vow to bring home the gold during my time as your president! In all seriousness I believe Celebrate Life is one of the best events our field does for our students and am blown away by the gifts and talents these students put on display for the Lord.

NYI Leadership Conference was all preparation gearing up for NYC. Christina Garza, and Yolanda Oliver represented our district as we prayed and planned for Nazarene Youth Conference.

Come to the Table event (where we held our NYI convention) was a great time of discipleship and fellowship with our teens. I look forward to continuing to serve as the NYI President and love the passion our students have to be involved with our adults on the district. In the future we will be trying to host a stand-alone NYI Convention event to truly celebrate and highlight NYI on our district. Would you please pray for guidance and wisdom as we plan this!

Earlier this summer we held our very first combined Middle School/High School Camp at Indian Lake Nazarene Campgrounds. The theme this year was Guess Who. Like the classic game we all know and love we want to look to God's word and ask the questions, who is Jesus? What characteristics, qualities do we see and not see in the person of Jesus as we seek to model and live our lives for Him. Zac Caddy (Owosso), Andrew Jones (Midland), and Stu Shattuck (Mason) were our directors for Camp along with Bobby Garza (Program Director for ILNC), and while I will not add myself, I cannot express my unending gratitude for Zac, Andrew, and Bobby. Their leadership, wisdom, and love for students encourages me to be a better Youth Pastor. If you see them please tell them thank you, camp would not be possible without these incredible pastors!

District NYI Report cont...

A look forward to our future...

MI NYI Goals: *Equip youth leaders and support existing youth ministries in the Michigan district through meaningful connections, intentional events, and resources that reflect our Nazarene tradition.*

As we look to the future of NYI, I want to remind all of us that students are more than just the “future of the church.” Our students are current members of the body of Christ, they are active, they serve, they often teach our adults more than we realize. I believe in our students, and I am passionate about coming alongside them and the students leading youth ministries on our district. Thank you for loving our students!

The district is here to support the local church in whatever way your NYI needs. Maybe you need a place for your NYI president to find community or resources, our quarterly meetings and other events are a great place for this! Maybe you need a place for your students to meet others and feel supported, and our district has committed to supporting your students in this way!

One of my favorite parts of this Michigan district is how connected we are, it’s something I never want to take for granted. We are better together! It can feel overwhelming, even lonely, to run a youth ministry by yourself. We never want our churches to experience this, and we hope that you know our district NYI is here to support you. In the coming year, I hope that we can continue to grow in our connections with one another, both for students and adults!

Get involved...

As we look to the future, there are a lot of ways you can be involved in NYI! First and most importantly, you can commit to praying for our students, leaders, and district as we walk together. You can also get connected with your local NYI ministry - volunteer weekly, mentor a student, financially support students going to camp or NYC.

You can get involved with our district - volunteer at camp, check in with local youth pastors/leaders, donate snacks for the lock in! Finally, you can support NYI with the ways that you love the students around you. Our students are better because of you and the ways you show them Jesus’s love lived out!

Upcoming events...

ONU field students called to ministry conference (September 18th-20th in Valparaiso, IN)
District youth pastor/NYI president retreat (October 8th-10th, Starwood Ranch)
Lock in (dates to come, 3 Mile Project)

In conclusion, I would like to personally thank my wife Mackenzie who I could not do this without her unwavering support, my daughter Harper for being super-duper cute, Zac Caddy my Vice President who was way better than the last VP, the many members of our District NYI Council for just being so awesome, as well as Brad Dyrness our Supreme Leader whom after serving as President for a full year hold in the highest regards.

Respectfully Submitted,

Reverend Loren Stuart Shattuck

Indian Lake Nazarene Camp

Annual Report Indian Lake Nazarene Camp 2025–2026 Ministry Year

As we reflect on this past year at Indian Lake Nazarene Camp, we do so with gratitude for God's faithfulness, appreciation for the dedication of our staff, volunteers, churches, and supporters, and excitement for the future that lies ahead. This year has been marked by both challenges and opportunities, yet through it all, the mission of Indian Lake Nazarene Camp has remained unchanged: creating a sacred place where lives are transformed through Renewal, Relationships, and Recreation centered on Jesus Christ.

State of the Camp Facilities

This past year has been one of significant progress and preparation for the future of the camp. While we have faced challenges due to aging infrastructure and severe weather impacts, we have also taken major steps toward strengthening and improving the property for generations to come.

Over the last year, the camp has continued investing in critical infrastructure upgrades, including ongoing improvements to the water system and long-term planning for sewer and utility modernization. These projects are foundational to the camp's future growth and sustainability and position us well for future expansion.

Several facility improvements and beautification projects were completed throughout the property, including:

- Completed remodeling and updating of family unit bathrooms
- Clearing overgrowth and improving visibility around the lake and river areas
- Tree removal and storm cleanup following multiple severe weather events
- Dock repairs and seasonal waterfront improvements
- Planning and preparation for future capital projects tied to the camp's Master Plan

In recent months alone, the camp experienced substantial storm damage resulting in numerous fallen trees throughout the property. Despite these setbacks, staff and volunteers worked tirelessly to ensure the camp remained operational, safe, and welcoming for guests and ministry events.

Additionally, vision casting and planning have accelerated around future development initiatives, including:

- A new Welcome Center and hotel-style lodging
- A four-season activity center
- Expanded RV accommodation
- Continued infrastructure modernization
- Improved gathering and ministry spaces for year-round use

As Indian Lake Nazarene Camp celebrates its 100th Anniversary, we recognize the importance of honoring our history while preparing the camp for the next century of ministry impact.

Financial Overview

The financial condition of the camp remains stable and forward-focused despite increasing operational costs and ongoing facility demands. Throughout the year, the camp leadership has worked diligently to steward resources responsibly while continuing to invest in ministry opportunities and property improvements.

Several key factors contributed positively to the camp's financial outlook this year:

- Strong support from churches, donors, and ministry partners
- Continued guest usage across retreats, camps, and rental groups
- Increased focus on operational accountability and budget management
- Strategic investments in infrastructure rather than short-term fixes

Indian Lake Nazarene Camp, cont.

Like many ministries and organizations, the camp continues to face rising costs related to insurance, utilities, maintenance, labor, and construction materials. However, through careful planning and faithful stewardship, the camp has remained positioned to meet current obligations while continuing to plan for future growth.

The Board and leadership team remain committed to balancing ministry effectiveness with financial sustainability. Long-term planning efforts are now focused on developing phased capital improvements that will strengthen the camp's ability to serve churches, families, youth, and future generations.

Ministry Impact

At its core, Indian Lake Nazarene Camp is not simply a property—it is a ministry. Throughout this year, countless individuals experienced spiritual renewal, rest, healing, discipleship, and community on these grounds.

Children and students encountered Christ during camps and retreats. Twenty five students alone were called into ministry this last year through our camps. Families gathered together to reconnect and worship. Churches used the facilities for discipleship and fellowship. Volunteers and ministry teams gave sacrificially of their time to support the mission of the camp.

Lives continue to be changed through moments around altars, campfires, worship services, conversations, and shared experiences across the property. These spiritual impacts remain the true measure of success for Indian Lake Nazarene Camp.

Looking Toward the Future

The future of Indian Lake Nazarene Camp is filled with opportunity. While challenges remain, the camp is uniquely positioned to move forward with renewed vision, strategic planning, and growing momentum.

As we celebrate the camp's 100th Anniversary, we are also preparing for the next century of ministry. The leadership team and Board continue working through a phased Master Plan designed to:

- Modernize infrastructure
- Expand lodging and guest accommodations
- Improve year-round ministry capabilities
- Increase accessibility and guest experience
- Create spaces that better serve future generations

The vision moving forward is not merely about buildings—it is about creating environments where people encounter Jesus, build relationships, and experience life transformation.

We believe God is continuing to call Indian Lake Nazarene Camp into a new season of impact. Through prayer, partnership, faithful stewardship, and visionary leadership, we are poised to continue serving as a sacred place of ministry for years to come.

Indian Lake Nazarene Camp, cont.

Closing

In closing I want to thank our staff. We have a wonderful staff and through all of the challenges that they have faced this year both here at camp and some personally, they have remained dedicated to the mission. I couldn't ask for a better team than them. Thank you to every church, donor, volunteer, staff member, camper, and supporter who has invested in the ministry of Indian Lake Nazarene Camp this year. Your prayers, generosity, and partnership make this ministry possible.

As we celebrate what God has done, we look forward with anticipation to what He will continue to do in the days ahead.

Together, we are *IGNITING* the next century of impact for Jesus Christ.

Respectively submitted,

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Section 4

District & ILNC Finance Reports

2026

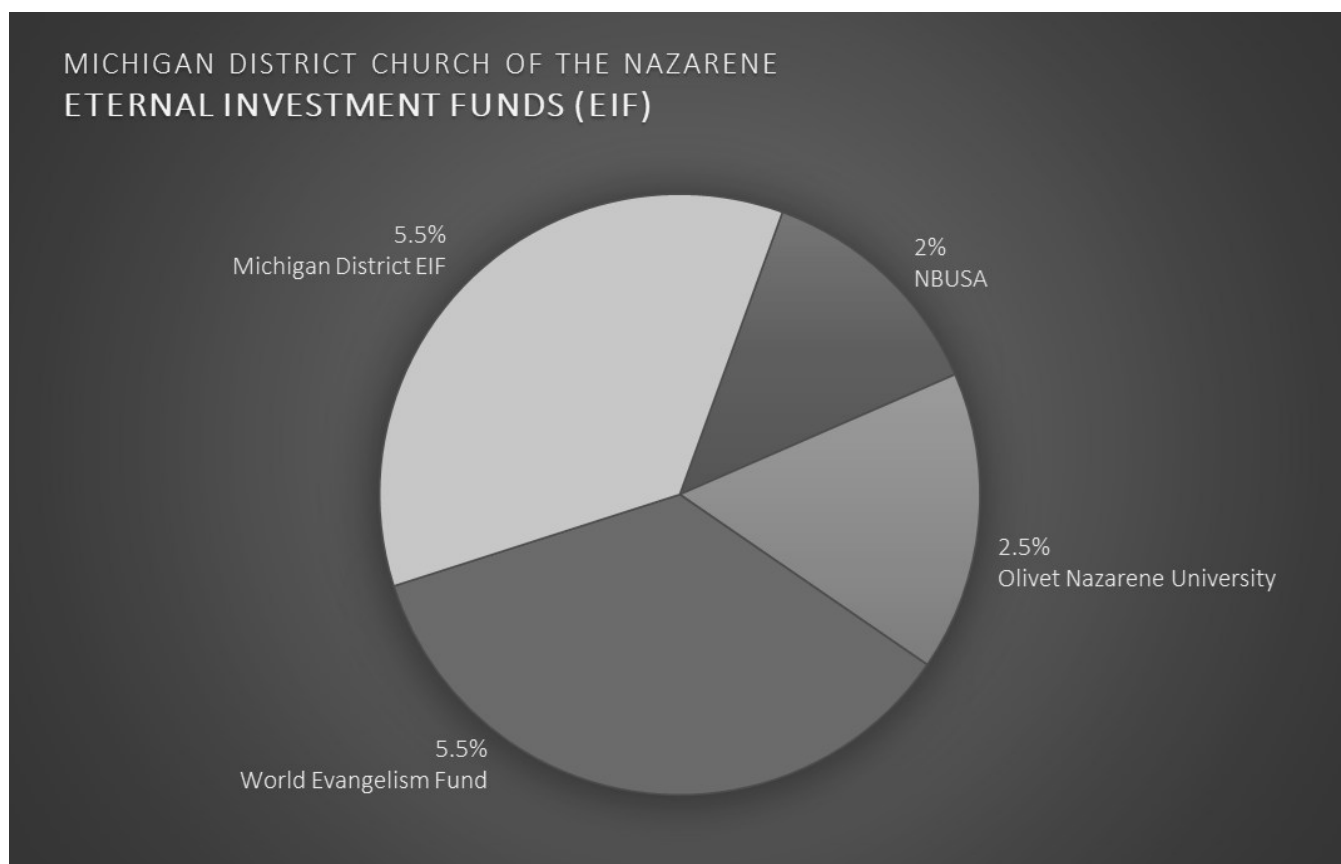
Treasurer's Annual Report

Look for the up-to-date Treasurer's Annual Report in your packet. It's on a GREEN sheet of paper.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

ETERNAL INVESTEMENTS | WHERE DOES YOUR MONEY GO?

As your church prepares your budget for the coming year you may be asking where the money from your eternal investment allocations goes and how does it benefit my local church.



EDUCATION FUND | OLIVET NAZARENE UNIVERSITY



The funds received by churches support Olivet Nazarene University. Those funds are primarily used to provide scholarships for students from our Michigan District. Any student that is a member of the Michigan District can attend for half tuition. ONU offers opportunities for leadership training and is a pipeline for future pastors and pastoral staff. The funds also support the operation of the University. Learn more at <http://www.olivet.edu/>

WORLD EVANGELISM FUND | WEF

There are currently more than 2.5 million members worshipping in more than 30,000 congregations in 165 areas around the world. WEF's purpose is to sustain valuable ministries through consistent mission funding.

Gifts given to the World Evangelism Fund is channeled through the General Treasurer's Office. Funds are distributed to six world regions, missionaries, and ministries globally. Learn more at <https://nazarene.org/wef>

Fueling faith, forming leaders, and reaching nations—because of you.

When you contribute to the WEF, you're not just making a donation; you're actively participating in a global mission powered by faith and compassion.



New Churches and Ministry Outposts

Spreading the gospel to unreached areas, planting seeds of faith in fertile ground.



Support for Missionaries

Resourcing dedicated missionaries who serve communities worldwide.



Regional Ministries

Launching ministry in new world areas, and sharing the hope of Christ.



Christian Literature and Resources

Providing essential materials that nurture faith and understanding.



Holiness Education

Teaching and inspiring believers to live sanctified lives, reflecting God's holiness.

Your contributions also support partner ministries like JESUS Film Harvest Partners and Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, amplifying the reach and impact of Christ's message.

Nazarene Benefits USA | NBUSA

Nazarene Benefits USA (NBUSA) began in 1919 and is responsible for administration of the only denominationally approved benefit plans for employees of Nazarene churches and institutions in the US. Learn more and download resources at <http://www.nbusa.org>.

Nazarene 403(b) Retirement Plan



The Nazarene 403(b) Retirement Savings Plan is a specially designed, IRS-qualified group plan for lay and ministerial employees of Nazarene churches and church agencies, evangelists, and registered Nazarene chaplains. It is designed to provide a solid financial future with tax advantages for participants.

Insurance



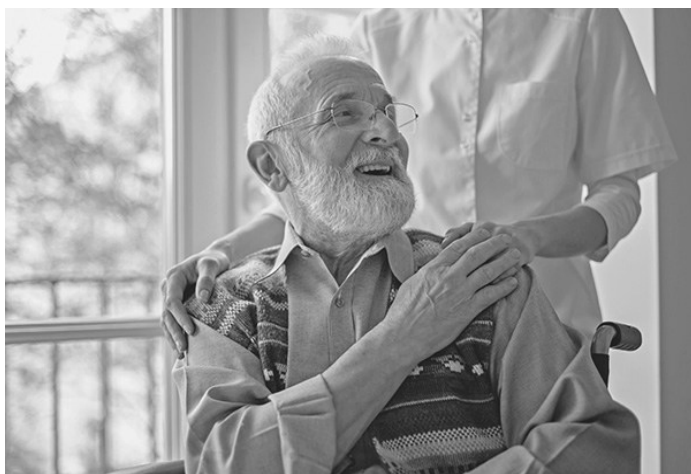
Nazarene Benefits USA (NBUSA) provides up to \$30,000 in basic life and \$500 a month in long-term disability insurance coverage to eligible U.S. pastors whose churches pay at least \$1 of their NBUSA Fund allocation. They also offer supplemental life and disability coverage at reasonable rates.

Single Defined Benefit Plan



The Church of the Nazarene Single Defined Benefit Plan was created by the merger of the General Church Pension Plan with the Basic Pension Plan, effective January 1, 1996.

Benevolence



Occasionally, ministers face instances of extreme financial need. In some of these cases, Nazarene Benefits USA can lighten the load.



MICHIGAN DISTRICT | ETERNAL INVESTEMENTS (EIF)

The MINaz District provides our pastors and staff support, accountability, leadership, and pastoral care.

A local church and pastor receive specific help with:

- Counsel and direction by the District Superintendent's Office including regular Pastoral Reviews, Properties Board, District Advisory Board, District Finance Team, Ministerial Studies, and Credentials Board along with a mentoring program.
- The District Mission Board (NMI) directs and encourages The Great Commission with opportunities in global missions, district projects, and local missions in many communities. NMI provides local church training & workshops and supports our missionaries-in-residence at summer camps and gives at Christmas time.
- The District Discipleship Board (NDI) provides Discipleship training, Bible Quizzing, Camping & Retreat Ministries, Family Camp, Workshops, etc.
- The District Youth Board (NYI) creates opportunities for students from all sized churches to participate in quality Retreats, Quizzing, Camping, and other Youth Ministries.
- All Pastors and Spouses are invited to participate in a Spring Retreat for a fraction of the actual cost, a Christmas Party is provided, and Training for Pastors at Fall Workshops including our retired pastor community.
- A District Attorney is available to local churches for legal counsel.
- The District Office is available for meetings spaces.
- The Reserve Army Fund helps pastors and churches in financial crisis.
- The **10% Others Grant** provides grants for local ministries reaching outside their church doors.
- The District Budget currently supports 5 employees.
- Scholarships for licensed ministers' education.

Learn more and view upcoming events for the Michigan District at <http://www.minaz.org/>

Any Questions? Please contact us at the Michigan District Office at 517.622.8450 or email districtbooks@minaz.org.

District Assembly Finance Committee Report

It is expected that each local church pays its denominational budgets in full each year.

We, the Finance Committee, recommend the following:

- That Eternal Investment Funds (District, NDI, NYI, and NMI) be 5.5 percent of charitable donations received, excluding missions giving (W.E.F., 10 percent Approved Mission Specials, and New Church Starts). Capital Stewardship Campaigns (CSC) (see #3) need to have prior approval of the General Church of the Nazarene Exceptions Committee and the Michigan District Advisory Board. Funds for Eternal Investment Funds are to be sent to the Michigan District Office.
2. That the World Evangelism Fund for each local church is 5.5 percent, NBUSA 2.0 percent, and ONU 2.5 percent of all charitable donations received excluding missions giving (WEF and Approved Missions Giving). Each local church is encouraged to use the Global Ministries website, www.FundingtheMission.org, to assist in calculating and paying the amounts due for all Eternal Investment Funds (EIF). WEF, Approved Missions Giving, and NBUSA, funds can be sent on the Funding the Mission website. ONU and District EIF funds can be given online through the district website, www.minaz.org/donate, or mailed to the Michigan District Office. Churches are encouraged to make EIF payments throughout the year (weekly, monthly, or quarterly).
3. A Capital Stewardship Campaign is defined as a financial fundraising campaign to raise funds for the church that is over and above the tithe and regular offerings of the donor, lasts for a specific time (no longer than 36 months), is limited to facilities intended for worship or discipleship, and is targeted for at least one of the following:
 - Purchase of real estate for the expressed intent of worship or discipleship*
 - Construction of facilities for said purposes.*
 - Acceleration of debt reduction (beyond scheduled loan amortization) on facilities previously constructed for said purposes.*If a CSC exception is requested and approved, the first day of eligibility will be the first day in the District's fiscal year. A church whose CSC is qualified agrees that, for the duration of the CSC exception, the church will contribute the allocation percentages as prescribed in the Funding the Mission giving plan. In addition, the church agrees to a denominational allocation goal minimum equal to the average of the amount allocated over the previous three fiscal years prior to the start of the campaign. By using the previous three-year average of the local church's Funding the Mission goals, the church's goal would not be less than the three year average of these goals for the duration of the campaign, but the church could give more based on a non-CSC income growth that may occur during the CSC.
4. May 31 is the close of the church fiscal year, and anything received at the District Office after June 10 will not be reflected in District Assembly materials.
5. All churches give emphasis to our *Manual* (2023 edition), par. 32.1, which states,
"Storehouse Tithing. Storehouse tithing is a scriptural and practical performance of faithfully and regularly placing the tithe into that church to which the member belongs. Therefore, the financing of the church shall be based on the plan of storehouse tithing, and the local Church of the Nazarene shall be regarded by all of its people as the storehouse. All who are a part of the Church of the Nazarene are urged to contribute faithfully one-tenth of all their increase as a minimum financial obligation to the Lord and freewill offerings in addition as God has prospered them for the support of the whole church, local, district, educational, and general. The tithe, provided to the local Church of the Nazarene, shall be considered a priority over all other giving opportunities which God may lay upon the hearts of His faithful stewards, in support of the whole church."
6. The office of the District Treasurer shall communicate a progress report on payment of the District Unified Fund periodically to the churches.
7. The District Business Manager shall send a monthly report to the President/Chairperson and Treasurer of NDI, NYI, and NMI.
8. The ILNC Treasurer shall send a monthly report to the District Superintendent, District Treasurer, and District Finance Committee.

District Finance Committee (con't)

9. That the District Operating Budget shall be established based on the projected amount of money that the District anticipates receiving (a.k.a. Zero-Based Budgeting). Additional non-reoccurring projects to be paid from funds accumulated over time have also been included in the 2026-2027 budget.
10. That any additional funds received above the projected amount will be directed to the District Account under the direction of the District Advisory Board in consultation with the District Finance Committee.
11. Pastors and members of churches who do not contribute to assigned allocations (WEF 5.5%, ONU 2.5%, NBUSA 2.0%, District 5.5%) are not eligible to be nominated or elected to serve on any District leadership committees or as a General Assembly delegate.
12. That each church be a 10 percent church for World Evangelism, which includes the World Evangelism Fund (WEF), Approved Mission Specials, and New Church Starts.
13. That all District auxiliary and/or boards make their request for their projected EIF budgets for the coming assembly year in writing no later than February 28 of the current fiscal year. These requests should be submitted to the District Office.
14. The total of honorariums for auxiliary officers may not exceed \$2,000 per auxiliary. The council of each auxiliary is to decide how to distribute this total among their officers.
15. That a uniform housing, travel, and per diem will be recommended for all General Assembly and General Conventions Delegates by the District Finance Committee.
16. That the standard reimbursement rate is based on the current IRS business use mileage rate for all authorized travel under District auspices (committees, boards, auxiliaries, etc.).
17. That the Reserve Army be continued with no more than four promotions made during the year.
18. That all monies received from the sale of property from officially inactive churches, less encumbrances, be turned over to the District Advisory Board to be used at their discretion in accordance with the 2023 *Manual* par.108.2 and 108.5.
19. That any group insurance plan and any necessary adjustments be left to the District Advisory Board.
20. That each church budget for the expenses of all their delegates including pastor and spouse, and pastoral staff, for all District conventions and activities.
21. That each church budget, or receive special offerings, for Nazarene Bible College and Nazarene Theological Seminary and that the money is remitted promptly to the appropriate office (see instruction in General Information section of this District journal).
22. That each local church treasurer submits an itemized written report to the monthly meeting of the local church board and disburses all money at the direction of the church board (see 2023 *Manual*, par.146 through 146.6, and par. 139.21).
23. That the local church is encouraged to invest funds in federally insured banking institutions, their equivalent, or through a licensed fiduciary broker.
24. Pastors shall not be a signatory on any church checking or savings account. That no member of the pastor's immediate family (spouse, children, siblings, parents) can serve as the local church treasurer without the approval of the District Superintendent and the District Advisory Board (see 2023 *Manual*, par.127), and that, furthermore, no member of the pastor's immediate family should be involved in the counting or handling of local church funds without the same approval.
25. That an annual audit/compilation of the treasurer's books be conducted in accordance with the *Manual* (see 2023 *Manual*, par. 139.23).
26. That each local church should use some type of accounting system, such as QuickBooks, and in doing so be compatible with the District software.
27. Recognizing the full-time minister's responsibility at retirement, we recommend that each pastor and church participate in the 403(b) of the general church. (See Ministry Support Report)
28. That individuals are encouraged to remember the Michigan District and Indian Lake Nazarene Camp in their wills and estate planning.
29. That the following items be established in the District Operations apportionment:

District Finance Committee (con't)

	2026-2027	2025-2026
a. Salaries, Wages, Benefits, Business, Professional Expenses and Honorariums	328,682	323,591
People Total	328,682	323,591
b. District Office		
(1) Building Insurance	7,000	7,000
(2) Maintenance/Repairs	12,000	3,500
(3) Utilities – Electric/Gas	4,100	4,100
(4) Office Equipment	7,900	9,900
(5) Internet	5,200	5,200
(6) Online Services	12,000	12,000
(7) IT/Development	2,500	2,500
(8) Postage	500	500
(9) Telephone (Cell/Office)	5,700	5,700
(10) Professional Fees (Legal, Bank, CPA, Audit)	40,000	28,250
(11) Kings Pointe Condo Fees	4,200	4,200
(12) Custodial Supplies	350	350
Total	101,450	83,200
c. District Expenses		
(1) Conferences/Seminars/Events	43,000	49,500
(2) District Assembly	8,000	8,000
(3) Global Assembly	650	0.00
(4) District Meetings	13,375	11,775
(5) Gifts/Flowers	2,500	2,500
(6) Miscellaneous	1,000	1,000
(7) District Cottage Managed Properties	3,000	3,000
(8) Family Camp Expenses	28,000	25,000
(9) ILNC Deferred Maintenance	15,000	15,000
(10) Pastor's Kids' Camp Scholarships	8,000	8,000
Total	122,525	123,775
Operations Total	223,975	206,975
District People + Operations Total	552,657	530,566
30. That the District EIF be:	552,657	530,566
31. That the Missional Area/Strengthening/Expanding EIF be:	61,500	70,900
32. That the NDI EIF be:	43,215	43,250
33. That the NYI EIF be:	36,915	41,150
34. That the NMI EIF be:	30,675	34,675
34. That the Nazarene Bible College Partners be:	7,000	7,000
TOTAL	731,962	727,541

Respectively submitted,

REV. BRAD DYRNESS, *Chairman*

REV. REBECCA GRAHAM, *Secretary*

MICHIGAN DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

End of the Year Report | June 2025 - May 2026 P&L

	June 2025 - May 2026	Annual Budget
Revenue		
Total 4000 Income/Eternal Investment Funds	\$ 703,723.58	\$ 720,000.00
Total Revenue	\$ 703,723.58	\$ 720,000.00
Gross Profit	\$ 703,723.58	\$ 720,000.00
Expenditures		
5000 District Superintendent	0.00	0.00
5010 Salary	114,988.68	115,048.56
5020 Health Insurance	0.00	0.00
5020.1 Life Insurance	564.00	564.00
5030 Housing Allowance	33,601.62	33,601.55
5050 Tax-Sheltered Annuity	11,392.88	11,392.88
5060 Gifts/Bonuses	1,500.00	1,500.00
Total 5000 District Superintendent	\$ 162,047.18	\$ 162,106.99
5000.1 DS Business Expenses	0.00	0.00
5070 Auto & Travel	8,692.75	14,000.00
5080 Continuing Education	1,105.97	2,000.00
5090 Professional Expenses	0.00	0.00
5090.1 Books & Resources	1,248.06	1,500.00
5090.2 Hospitality with Pastors	5,172.42	4,000.00
5090.3 Traveling Meal Expenses	1,070.33	1,500.00
Total 5090 Professional Expenses	\$ 7,490.81	\$ 7,000.00
5100 Conferences - DS/Missional	11,711.10	9,000.00
5110 Regional ONU	1,247.35	1,500.00
Total 5000.1 DS Business Expenses	\$ 30,247.98	\$ 33,500.00
5200 Executive Assistant	0.00	0.00
5210 Salary	50,307.96	50,024.66
5220 Tax-Sheltered Annuity	1,386.84	1,386.83
5230 FICA Tax-Employer Portion	3,925.06	4,773.43
5240 Mileage	1,356.77	1,000.00
5250 Gifts/Bonuses	1,000.00	1,000.00
5260 Business Travel and CE Expenses	0.00	0.00
Total 5200 Executive Assistant	\$ 57,976.63	\$ 58,184.92
5300 Business Manager	0.00	0.00
5310 Salary	21,412.52	21,262.81
5320 FICA Tax-Employer Portion	1,714.56	2,112.78
5330 Mileage	633.75	500.00
5340 Gifts/Bonuses	1,000.00	1,000.00
5350 Business Travel and CE Expenses	0.00	0.00
Total 5300 Business Manager	\$ 24,760.83	\$ 24,875.59
5400 District Treasurer Honorarium	6,250.00	6,250.00
5410 District Secretary Honorarium	6,250.00	6,250.00

5420 Intercultural Director	0.00	0.00
5421 Salary	19,504.83	19,280.00
5422 FICA Tax-Employer Portion	1,915.99	2,616.47
5424 Expenses	2,915.89	0.00
Total 5420 Intercultural Director	\$ 24,336.71	\$ 21,896.47
5500 District Secretary	\$ 136.00	\$ 1,500.00
5700 District Insurance	\$ 1,625.60	\$ 6,700.00
5800 Bank Service Charges	31.00	0.00
6000 District Owned Properties	\$ 63,458.32	\$ 44,000.00
6060 Office Equipment	\$ 7,932.86	\$ 9,900.00
6080 Postage	\$ 773.99	\$ 500.00
6090 Telephone (Office/Cell)	\$ 5,631.53	\$ 5,700.00
6100 Professional Fees	\$ 31,517.96	\$ 28,250.00
6200 Depreciation Expense	25,275.96	0.00
6300 Custodial	\$ 2,357.49	\$ 2,677.00
6600 Payroll Expenses	\$ 178.96	\$ 173.23
7000 Misc Expenses	\$ 13,301.57	\$ 1,000.00
7010 Conferences/Seminars	\$ 7,108.89	\$ 11,000.00
7017 CONNECTING	\$ 57,266.92	\$ 46,500.00
7050 District Meetings	\$ 10,401.88	\$ 11,775.00
7120 District Managed Properties **	\$ 74,000.10	\$ 0.00
7130 ILNC District Activities	\$ 76,683.32	\$ 48,000.00
7140 NMI Fund Expenses	\$ 34,951.53	\$ 34,675.00
7300 NYI Fund Expenses ***	\$ 475,094.36	\$ 41,150.00
7500 NDI Fund Expenses	\$ 34,968.55	\$ 43,250.00
7600 STRENGTHENING & EXPANDING	\$ 91,966.43	\$ 70,900.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,326,532.55	\$ 720,714.20
Net Operating Revenue	-\$ 622,808.97	-\$ 714.20
4500 Investments	\$ 41,706.18	\$ 0.00
4505 Other Income - Designated In	\$ 1,356,253.33	\$ 8,000.00
Total Other Revenue	\$ 1,397,959.51	\$ 8,000.00
4510 Other Expenses - Designated Out	\$ 509,330.21	\$ 7,000.00
Total Other Expenditures	\$ 509,330.21	\$ 7,000.00
Net Other Revenue	\$ 888,629.30	\$ 1,000.00
Net Revenue	\$ 265,820.33	\$ 285.80
* Used from Designated Savings Funds	-142,360.15	
*Less Property Contributions of 2 Closed Churches	299,450.32	
Final Net Income Less Savings/Church Property	-175,990.14	285.80
**Used from designated properties savings fund		
*** NYC26 used from payments received from churches		

District Balance Sheet—May 31, 2026

ASSETS	As of May 31, 2026	
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts		
1000 Fifth Third Bank Checking	\$	171,445.04
1001 EFTPs Checking Account		1,000.00
1006 Wesleyan Investment - Reserves	\$	828,318.21
Total 1008 CD/Note - Reserves	\$	879,588.81
Total Bank Accounts	\$	1,880,352.06
Accounts Receivable		
1100 Accounts Receivable		99,895.17
Total Accounts Receivable	\$	99,895.17
Other Current Assets		
1200 Undeposited Funds		32,220.53
2901 Loan for ILNC ExecDir Home		129,901.96
Total Other Current Assets	\$	162,122.49
Total Current Assets	\$	2,142,369.72
Fixed Assets		
1500 Building	\$	729,500.55
1515 Land		100,000.00
1520 Furniture and Equipment		103,000.00
1525 Vehicle for DS		50,665.00
1530 Less Accumulated Depreciation		-543,903.05
Total Fixed Assets	\$	439,262.50
Other Assets		
1150.19 Pledge Rec-East Jax-Church/Pars		557,000.00
1150.20 Pledge Rec-Ionia-Church/Pars		982,000.00
Total Other Assets	\$	1,539,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	4,120,632.22
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$	1,630.00
Other Current Liabilities		
Total 2200 Payroll Liabilities	\$	7,902.17
2300 General Assembly Designated		-0.25
2340 Delegates General Assembly		0.07
Total 2300 General Assembly Designated	-\$	0.18
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$	7,901.99
Total Current Liabilities	\$	9,531.99
Total Liabilities	\$	9,531.99
Equity		
3010 Restricted Net Assets - Bushey		0.01
3020 Restricted Auxiliary Funds		58,287.12
3200 Unrestricted Net Assets		3,003,339.69
3202 Unrestricted - Reserve Army		598,488.09
3205 Unrestricted - Reserves		185,164.99
Net Revenue		265,820.33
Total Equity	\$	4,111,100.23
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$	4,120,632.22

Michigan District Funding The Mission 2025-2026

Michigan District | Funding the Mission 2025-2026

Report as of what has cleared in FTM
as of 06.23.25

Church	YTD Income	WEF	NBUSA	ONU	District
Albion	\$23,418.00	\$1,220.96	\$439.65	\$566.02	\$1,232.13
Alma	\$19,185.00	\$1,102.03	\$384.94	\$456.31	\$1,003.88
Battle Creek First	\$166,471.45	\$8,635.46	\$3,140.44	\$3,924.60	\$8,635.46
Bay City Faith	\$60,350.38	\$5,647.94	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$5,103.94
Bay City Living Hope	\$51,200.60	\$2,661.77	\$1,005.25	\$1,209.86	\$2,661.77
Benton Harbor	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Buchanan	\$93,980.00	\$4,872.96	\$1,772.00	\$2,215.00	\$4,873.00
Chapman Memorial	\$636,949.58	\$33,004.50	\$12,001.64	\$15,002.05	\$33,004.50
Coldwater	\$96,730.60	\$4,954.67	\$1,801.70	\$2,252.12	\$4,954.67
Connection Point	\$369,343.07	\$19,254.85	\$7,037.93	\$9,071.00	\$19,956.22
Corey	\$145,469.41	\$6,960.65	\$2,458.42	\$3,073.03	\$6,760.66
Corunna	\$31,392.44	\$1,618.87	\$589.53	\$752.76	\$1,654.66
Cross Community	\$374,487.06	\$19,133.40	\$6,725.93	\$8,408.67	\$18,500.07
Durand	\$212,675.70	\$10,999.08	\$3,999.65	\$4,999.59	\$10,999.08
Eaton Rapids	\$133,942.87	\$7,115.10	\$2,500.03	\$3,125.06	\$6,875.10
Ebenezer	\$63,965.00	\$1,645.00	\$621.00	\$722.00	\$1,645.00
Elmdale	\$99,303.18	\$5,138.63	\$2,290.11	\$2,486.11	\$5,139.26
Found	\$310,872.44	\$16,206.62	\$5,893.32	\$7,366.65	\$16,206.62
Grand Haven	\$100,580.02	\$5,203.12	\$1,892.09	\$219.01	\$5,203.26
Grand Ledge	\$224,868.15	\$13,243.07	\$4,208.12	\$5,260.14	\$11,572.31
Grand Rapids Clyde Park	\$136,012.84	\$3,039.00	\$2,673.57	\$318.78	\$2,441.56
Grand Rapids International Fellowship	\$1,072,038.09	\$55,216.17	\$20,087.97	\$25,159.96	\$55,215.58
Grand Rapids West International	\$68,000.00	\$738.15	\$454.69	\$568.37	\$1,250.42
Greenville	\$29,662.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hastings	\$132,952.00	\$7,465.07	\$2,714.61	\$4,096.48	\$8,571.47
High Pointe Community	\$523,998.00	\$26,253.42	\$9,546.70	\$12,337.39	\$27,142.42
Hillsdale	\$69,178.00	\$4,056.00	\$1,408.00	\$1,760.00	\$3,868.00
Holt	\$61,047.00	\$500.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$300.00
Jackson First	\$1,973,518.70	\$101,504.56	\$36,974.93	\$46,218.66	\$101,681.05
Journey of Grace	\$33,809.28	\$1,762.57	\$648.87	\$801.92	\$1,763.03
Kalamazoo South Side	\$66,354.77	\$3,441.16	\$1,251.33	\$1,564.17	\$3,441.16
Lansing First	\$51,553.92	\$0.00	\$1,027.08	\$0.00	\$2,824.47

Michigan District Funding The Mission 2025-2026

Michigan District | Funding the Mission 2025-2026

Report as of what has cleared in FTM

as of 06.23.25

Church	YTD Income	WEF	NBUSA	ONU	District
Lansing International	\$65,157.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,135.00
Lansing South	\$741,665.34	\$38,534.56	\$14,012.58	\$17,559.88	\$38,535.56
Lansing Woodview	\$136,302.00	\$7,330.83	\$2,558.73	\$3,195.91	\$7,019.00
Lighthouse	\$39,386.61	\$0.00	\$788.00	\$0.00	\$212.00
Lowell	\$70,133.00	\$3,711.11	\$256.04	\$1,686.87	\$3,711.11
Mason First	\$648,194.00	\$33,615.00	\$12,226.00	\$15,280.00	\$33,917.00
Midland Bethel	\$55,686.67	\$2,894.96	\$1,055.08	\$1,316.35	\$2,894.96
Midland Community	\$620,879.63	\$32,305.57	\$11,808.15	\$14,760.19	\$32,472.41
Midland Nease Memorial	\$70,225.01	\$3,727.93	\$1,355.61	\$1,694.51	\$3,727.93
Mount Pleasant Faith Indian	\$71,931.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Mount Pleasant First	\$147,823.23	\$7,699.91	\$2,799.97	\$3,499.96	\$7,699.91
Muskegon Breakwater	\$164,686.68	\$8,533.43	\$3,159.32	\$3,878.83	\$8,533.43
Namuna Nepali	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Nashville	\$161,771.55	\$9,183.44	\$3,161.26	\$3,926.58	\$8,518.47
New Faith	\$79,695.00	\$4,301.21	\$1,564.08	\$1,970.31	\$4,334.67
New Life	\$57,819.00	\$3,007.74	\$1,093.73	\$1,367.16	\$3,007.74
New Lothrop	\$422,565.79	\$6,642.35	\$2,956.29	\$4,333.62	\$10,200.48
Okemos	\$43,518.99	\$2,539.62	\$791.25	\$989.07	\$2,175.95
Owosso City	\$52,429.91	\$3,094.64	\$1,265.99	\$1,265.99	\$2,858.44
Owosso First	\$660,468.27	\$35,779.93	\$12,229.07	\$15,286.33	\$33,629.93
Perry	\$552,021.42	\$26,241.95	\$9,561.19	\$11,951.49	\$24,747.41
Portland	\$103,751.00	\$0.00	\$2,075.02	\$2,592.78	\$5,706.31
Primitive	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Saginaw First	\$69,052.45	\$7,557.92	\$1,222.63	\$1,528.53	\$3,356.96
Saginaw Valley	\$333,868.78	\$16,862.02	\$6,400.97	\$7,844.64	\$11,936.06
Saint Johns	\$106,194.00	\$5,506.98	\$2,017.57	\$2,520.71	\$5,546.57
Sparta	\$450,585.89	\$26,874.88	\$9,011.71	\$11,264.64	\$24,782.22
Spring Arbor	\$182,402.59	\$9,457.22	\$3,438.99	\$4,298.73	\$9,457.22
Sturgis	\$234,521.49	\$12,691.69	\$4,410.82	\$5,498.65	\$12,097.03
Sumner Center	\$67,835.52	\$3,468.92	\$1,261.42	\$1,576.78	\$3,468.92
Three Rivers	\$251,538.27	\$13,434.22	\$4,712.99	\$5,890.74	\$12,894.42
Williamston	\$43,433.90	\$200.00	\$870.00	\$0.00	\$900.00

Indian Lake Nazarene Camp

Budget vs. Actuals:

Budget_FY25_P&L - FY25 P&L
January - December 2025

TOTAL

	ACTUAL BUDGET		OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
Income				
4001 Contributions and Donations	248,171.20	122,442.00	125,729.20	202.68 %
4101 Michigan District	9,211.54	45,000.00	-35,788.46	20.47 %
4301 Administrative/Misc	17,286.54	17,094.00	192.54	101.13 %
4512 Leaseholder (LH) Service Fees	203,312.31	203,096.00	216.31	100.11 %
4601 Water Front Operations	81,452.43	93,435.00	-11,982.57	87.18 %
4701 Rentals/Equipment	496,880.87	524,318.00	-27,437.13	94.77 %
4801 MI Nazarene Camp	53,561.11	43,633.00	9,928.11	122.75 %
4900 Food Service Income	315,226.20	321,700.00	-6,473.80	97.99 %
4950 Camp Store Merchandise	7,310.22	19,925.00	-12,614.78	36.69 %
5000 Carryover		35,295.00	-35,295.00	
Unapplied Cash Payment Revenue	-1,147.46		-1,147.46	
Total Income	\$1,431,264.96	\$1,425,938.00	\$5,326.96	100.37 %
GROSS PROFIT	\$1,431,264.96	\$1,425,938.00	\$5,326.96	100.37 %
Expenses	181,175.46	179,832.00	1,343.46	100.75 %
6001 Camp Administrative Expense				
6101 Professional Expenses	83,711.92	116,578.00	-32,866.08	71.81 %
6120 Camp Board Meeting Exp	406.25	625.00	-218.75	65.00 %
6150 Payroll Expenses	9,134.25	14,108.00	-4,973.75	64.75 %
6151 Payroll Expense	20,783.39	1,000.00	19,783.39	2,078.34 %
6153 Sales Tax Adjustment	0.01	50.00	-49.99	0.02 %
6155 Depreciation Expense	42,225.10	21,043.00	21,182.10	200.66 %
6156 Loan Interest	6,867.43	6,867.00	0.43	100.01 %
6201 Waterfront	2,882.29	10,170.00	-7,287.71	28.34 %
6301 Business/Office Services	63,190.54	46,500.00	16,690.54	135.89 %
6401 Operations	278,264.01	242,816.00	35,448.01	114.60 %
6501 Food Service Expenses	266,597.03	274,359.00	-7,761.97	97.17 %
6701 Hospitality Services	61,188.42	51,622.00	9,566.42	118.53 %
6801 Camp Programming	117,802.91	127,787.00	-9,984.09	92.19 %
6849 Craft Barn Supplies	532.00		532.00	
6852 Program Supplies		1,500.00	-1,500.00	
6901 Camp Store Merchandise Expenses	9,083.68	10,000.00	-916.32	90.84 %
7001 ILNC Sponsored Event	10,009.16	1,000.00	9,009.16	1,000.92 %
7002 Leaseholder Assoc annual suppor	1,000.00	250.00	750.00	400.00 %
7101 Utilities Expense	54,608.62	40,000.00	14,608.62	136.52 %
7201 Township Taxes	8,364.17	9,962.00	-1,597.83	83.96 %
7301 Quarterly Sewer Usage	39,860.99	39,450.00	410.99	101.04 %
7401 ILNC Water Supply Operating Exp	23,536.02	24,692.00	-1,155.98	95.32 %
7501 ILNC/MI District Insurance	84,078.67	89,575.00	-5,496.33	93.86 %
7601 Licenses/Permits/Dues/Fees	5,482.95	4,152.00	1,330.95	132.06 %
7701 RV Operations	41,759.46	12,000.00	29,759.46	348.00 %
7802 Capital Outlay	204.60	45,000.00	-44,795.40	0.45 %
9001 Reconciliation Discrepancies	56.70	0.00	56.70	
TOTAL				
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
Reimbursements	643.73	0.00	643.73	
Unapplied Cash Bill Payment Expenditure	-7,158.17		-7,158.17	
Total Expenses	\$1,406,291.59	\$1,370,938.00	\$35,353.59	102.58 %
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$24,973.37	\$55,000.00	\$ -30,026.63	45.41 %
NET INCOME	\$24,973.37	\$55,000.00	\$ -30,026.63	45.41 %

Section

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Local Church Reports

Pastor's Written Reports

This year's Assembly Theme is Romans 8:31 (NIV) What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

*Because God's grace has been extended to His church, **what then** has been our response?*

Pastors were asked to write on the transforming results your church has experienced as a result of the grace of God extended to your congregation in the past year, i.e., *transformed lives, baptisms, provision, ministries, services, discipleship...* What is your church saying, doing, or becoming as a result of God's Grace extended to us?

**The Budget portion of each page reflects what has been received and processed at the time the handbook was sent for printing. Payments made and cleared AFTER this time will be reflected in the District Journal.*

2026



ALBION

Rev. Rena Barrett (1/24)

Lead Pastor's Report



All Budgets Paid In Full	YES	Number Called to Ministry (this year)	0
Participation in World Evang. Fund	YES	Number of New Believers	0
Participation in NBUSA	YES	Number of Baptisms	0
Participation in ONU Allocation	YES	Number of New Nazarenes	1
Participation in Dist. Fund Allocations	YES	Membership Total	32
Raised for all Purposes	\$23,568	Average Morning Worship Attendance	8
Participated in Compassionate Ministries	YES	Average Online Attendance	139

As a result of God's grace, the Albion Church of the Nazarene has become a much closer congregation. Pastor Kevin and I were able to purchase a house in the Albion area only by the grace of God. This year has had many challenges for us, one being pastor Kevin's cancer journey. The love and support from the district, congregation, fellow pastors, doctors, hospital staff, and community has truly shown all of us and many others the love of God. Many lives were transformed because the love of God and pastor Kevin drew people to him for support, prayer, and their personal search for the Lord. Pastor Kevin was always available even when nurses on the night crew sought him for prayer. People not only watched his journey on Facebook, but they also lifted pastor Kevin and the church in prayer. God's provision for the church was truly evident, although there were few attending services; one new member was brought into the church. And the resources continued to be available to maintain the church. The services continued and events were done. Not only the Facebook ministry grew, but Celebrate Recovery has been reestablished. Many people experienced a strong hope because of pastor Kevin's walk and continued faith in God, which enabled others to look to the Lord for help, strength, and love in their lives. This year, the church is looking forward to what God will do here. One of our members said she recently had a dream that we are to continue in what we have been doing. God is good!

In His service,
Rev. Regina Barrett



ALMA

Pastor Tom & Karina Dixon (6/24)

Lead Pastor's Report



All Budgets Paid In Full	YES	Number Called to Ministry (this year)	1
Participation in World Evang. Fund	YES	Number of New Believers	2
Participation in NBUSA	YES	Number of Baptisms	0
Participation in ONU Allocation	YES	Number of New Nazarenes	0
Participation in Dist. Fund Allocations	YES	Membership Total	15
Raised for all Purposes	\$19,177	Average Morning Worship Attendance	26
Participated in Compassionate Ministries	YES	Average Online Attendance	2

Greetings Michigan District,

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace. I am honored to continue to serve as the Pastor of Alma Nazarene. This has been a tough year. Escalating costs have hit our community hard, and the weight has been tiring for all of us. Though we have not seen much growth in our numbers, we continue to see tremendous growth in our people.

God continues to be faithful in our lives. Even though it seems like we are speeding towards an empty storehouse, somehow there is always enough. Alma Naz has very little in the way of tangible resources, but we have found great success in giving of what we do have.

We are growing in our community relationships. I started a Teen Game Club at the local library. We have an average of 13 teens each week. This club has broadened our connection to multiple local schools and even the local coffee shop is interested in being involved. We offered our parking lot for folks who needed temporary storage for trailers and work trucks, etc. This connected us with the local elementary school who needed a safe place for drop off and pick up while construction is being done by the school. These moments of connection have been a much needed moral boost, as God continues to show us that He is not finished with us yet.

Our biggest concern remains our financial situation. Our people give with tremendous faith, but they are not like the wealthy who give some of what they have, they are like the widow who gives everything. Even still, God has blessed us with amazing opportunities to provide for our people and our community, and we look forward to continuing these things and many more next year.

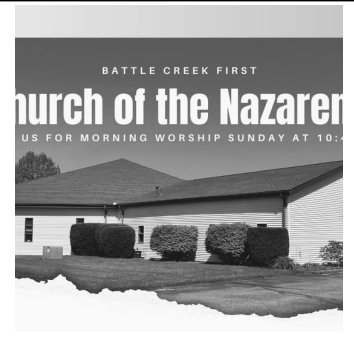
Shalom,
Pastor Tom Dixon
Alma Church of the Nazarene



BATTLE CREEK FIRST

Rev. Mike & Kami Whitten (6/24)

Lead Pastor's Report



All Budgets Paid In Full	YES	Number Called to Ministry (this year)	1
Participation in World Evang. Fund	YES	Number of New Believers	5
Participation in NBUSA	YES	Number of Baptisms	2
Participation in ONU Allocation	YES	Number of New Nazarenes	0
Participation in Dist. Fund Allocations	YES	Membership Total	68
Raised for all Purposes	\$166,471	Average Monthly Worship Attendance	45
Participated in Compassionate Ministries	YES	Average Online Attendance	6

Hello "THE" Michigan District

Battle Creek First Church has had a year of focus on **Stewardship**, and **Discipleship**!

This past year we have sold 2 properties that were not being used for the Kingdom efficiently.

Through a generous gift from one of members who chose to bless us with as she entered Heaven. We have established a camp scholarship that will send kids to camp every year!

We now offer Discipleship opportunities for all ages at Battle Creek!

We are currently evaluating our community and how we can be a blessing to our community.

We also have established a "**Bridge**" ministry with our Daycare. It provides a way for our church to Love on the Staff and Kids at our Daycare. We serve over 115+ kids and their families!

We look forward to a year of Growth in **ALL** areas of Battle Creek First in the next church year.

In His Grip
Mike Whitten



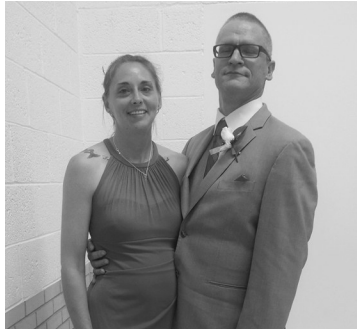
BAY CITY FAITH

Pastor Charles & Kelly Campbell
Supply Pastor



All Budgets Paid In Full	NO	Number Called to Ministry (this year)	0
Participation in World Evang. Fund	YES	Number of New Believers	2
Participation in NBUSA	YES	Number of Baptisms	0
Participation in ONU Allocation	NO	Number of New Nazarenes	0
Participation in Dist. Fund Allocations	YES	Membership Total	80
Raised for all Purposes	\$64,350	Average Morning Worship Attendance	45
Participated in Compassionate Ministries	YES	Average Online Attendance	38

Please pray for the congregation at Bay City Faith as they are in pastoral transition after the loss of their beloved pastor, Rev. Dwight Kingsbury.



BAY CITY LIVING HOPE

Pastor Teri & Alan Beadle (6/25)

Lead Pastor's Report



All Budgets Paid In Full	YES	Number Called to Ministry (this year)	0
Participation in World Evang. Fund	YES	Number of New Believers	3
Participation in NBUSA	YES	Number of Baptisms	2
Participation in ONU Allocation	YES	Number of New Nazarenes	0
Participation in Dist. Fund Allocations	YES	Membership Total	25
Raised for all Purposes	\$56,504	Average Morning Worship Attendance	16
Participated in Compassionate Ministries	YES	Average Online Attendance	0

God's grace has been with Living Hope COTN this year. We officially began serving as Living Hope COTN June 1st of last year. We became heavily involved in ministry at the Good Samaritan Rescue Mission, which has been an incredible blessing. We began having monthly parties for families housed there and monthly prayer nights where we come in and pray over each person individually. We got to witness prayers being answered. People would come back and say "I don't know what you said, but everything worked out." Our response is always, "It is not what we say, it is what God does." We also began serving dinner to the guests at the mission twice a month. We have seen people from the mission come to know Jesus. What a blessing to watch! We had the incredible opportunity to baptize a gentleman who was staying there. He is now serving as a soldier with the Salvation Army in Saginaw. We have also continued with our jail ministry at the Bay County Jail. There are many women's lives who have been forever changed as a result of this ministry. One of the results of this ministry is that we had a family begin to attend semi-regularly and we were able to baptize her oldest daughter. We also were able to have a dedication service for a baby for another young lady who left the jail and began attending our church. God is on the move in our church and He has been showing up over and over again this past year showering us with His provision and amazing grace. "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Peter 1:3).



BENTON HARBOR

Rev. Jose & Maria Cervantes

Lead Pastor's Report



Iglesia del Nazareno, Benton Harbor

Since October 2025, we have been gathering in our living room in Benton Harbor, Michigan, for weekly Thursday evening Bible studies. What began with six people has grown to an average attendance of eleven. As the group continued to grow, we sensed a need to begin Sunday worship services, and on January 25, 2026, we held our first worship gathering in our home with eleven people in attendance. Since then, our Sunday gatherings have grown to an average of fourteen people. Through these Bible studies and worship services, we are building meaningful relationships, growing together in faith, and creating opportunities for discipleship and outreach within our community. God willing, we plan to move into a small building by the end of June, which will provide a more accessible and comfortable space for fellowship and worship, while allowing current members to invite more family, friends, and neighbors as we continue serving and reaching our community.



BUCHANAN

Revs. Brendan & Arika Shea (7/18)

Lead Pastor's Report



All Budgets Paid In Full	YES	Number Called to Ministry (this year)	0
Participation in World Evang. Fund	YES	Number of New Believers	9
Participation in NBUSA	YES	Number of Baptisms	4
Participation in ONU Allocation	YES	Number of New Nazarenes	2
Participation in Dist. Fund Allocations	YES	Membership Total	57
Raised for all Purposes	\$94,087	Average Morning Worship Attendance	52
Participated in Compassionate Ministries	YES	Average Online Attendance	18

As we reflect on the past year, we are grateful for the many ways God's grace has been extended to our congregation and community. In response to that grace, we have sought to be the hands and feet of Christ, demonstrating His love through service, generosity, discipleship, and partnership.

When government shutdowns caused SNAP benefits to lapse for many families in our community, our church responded by providing free community meals 6 days a week. Through this ministry, we served approximately 50 meals each day, with nearly 35% of those meals going to children. What began as a response to a community need became a tangible expression of God's provision and care for our neighbors.

Building on that spirit of generosity, we also distributed Thanksgiving meal baskets containing the ingredients for complete Thanksgiving dinners, helping families celebrate the season with dignity and abundance.

God's grace also moved us beyond our own congregation as we partnered with the Benton Harbor Spanish-Speaking Church in its church planting efforts. We were honored to support this growing ministry and participate in God's work of expanding His Kingdom in our region.

Throughout the year, we intentionally created opportunities to connect with our community through events such as our Pumpkin Painting Party, Easter Eggstravaganza, and Gingerbread Bash. These gatherings provided meaningful opportunities to build relationships and welcome families into the life of our church. In addition, our commercial donut machine became an unexpected ministry that allowed us to serve fresh donuts at schools, community events, and local gatherings while creating opportunities for conversation, encouragement, and connection.

Within our congregation, we have seen encouraging growth in discipleship. We have intentionally emphasized equipping and empowering others to serve and lead. New volunteers have stepped into ministry roles, leadership responsibilities have been shared more broadly, and members have increasingly embraced their calling to use their gifts for the work of God's Kingdom.

As we consider Romans 8:31, our response to God's grace is clear: to continue serving, giving, discipling, and partnering in ways that point people to Jesus Christ. We are thankful for what God has done and remain expectant for what He will do in the year ahead.



CHAPNAZ (Vicksburg)

Revs. Brian & Ashley Robbins (1/24)

Co-Lead Pastor's Report



All Budgets Paid In Full	YES	Number Called to Ministry (this year)	1
Participation in World Evang. Fund	YES	Number of New Believers	15
Participation in NBUSA	YES	Number of Baptisms	21
Participation in ONU Allocation	YES	Number of New Nazarenes	1
Participation in Dist. Fund Allocations	YES	Membership Total	207
Raised for all Purposes	\$636,950	Average Morning Worship Attendance	305
Participated in Compassionate Ministries	YES	Average Online Attendance	55

As we reflect on the grace God has extended to our congregation this past year, our response is one of gratitude, service, discipleship, and renewed commitment to Christ and His Kingdom. This past October, our church celebrated 75 years of ministry in Vicksburg, Michigan. For generations, God has faithfully sustained this congregation as we continue to make Christlike disciples, one life at a time. This milestone reminded us of God's enduring grace and His ongoing work among us as we seek to grow in faith and ministry.

God's grace has also been evident through our Clothes Closet ministry. Over the past year, our volunteers collected, washed, organized, and distributed thousands of donated items to families across the Vicksburg area. On average, we served more than 30 families each month, including about 60 adults and more than 70 children. Incredibly, we also received a \$4,500 grant from the Vicksburg Foundation to improve storage and provide essential clothing, including adult undergarments and men's footwear. Through this ministry, our church continues to respond to God's grace by serving our neighbors with compassion, dignity, and love.

Throughout much of 2025, our congregation journeyed together through Paul's letter to the church in Rome. As we studied this challenging text, our church was called to reject conformity to the world and instead embrace transformation through the Holy Spirit's renewing work. This season of discipleship strengthened our faith community and deepened our desire to follow Jesus more faithfully.

One of the clearest testimonies to God's transforming grace this past year was the celebration of more than twenty baptisms during services held at Indian Lake Nazarene Camp. These baptisms were powerful reminders of lives transformed through faith in Jesus Christ and of individuals publicly declaring their commitment to follow Him. We rejoice in the work God continues to do in drawing people to Himself and in forming disciples within our church family.

Finally, during Advent, our church produced its first-ever collaborative devotional project. More than thirty-five contributors helped write and produce communal meditations that guided us through a season of meaningful reflection on the coming of Christ. Amid a season often marked by busyness and stress, our congregation intentionally sought peace as we considered God's presence among us together.

As we look back on this past year, we rejoice in the transforming grace of God at work within our congregation. By His grace, we continue to become a people shaped by worship, discipleship, compassion, and faithful service to our community: "If God is for us, who can be against us?"

Respectfully Submitted,
Co-Lead Pastors Ashley and Brian Robbins



COLDWATER

Rev. Harold & Sheil DeMott
Interim Pastor



All Budgets Paid In Full	YES	Number Called to Ministry (this year)	0
Participation in World Evang. Fund	YES	Number of New Believers	10
Participation in NBUSA	YES	Number of Baptisms	11
Participation in ONU Allocation	YES	Number of New Nazarenes	3
Participation in Dist. Fund Allocations	YES	Membership Total	111
Raised for all Purposes	\$96,730	Average Morning Worship Attendance	90
Participated in Compassionate Ministries	YES	Average Online Attendance	0

At the Coldwater Church of the Nazarene, we are currently in pastoral transition.

This past year has presented unique challenges as we navigated this significant change. Despite these circumstances, we are encouraged by the abundant grace that has been evident within our church. We are witnessing a remarkable flourishing, particularly in our unity and collective spirit. We recently baptized ten and brought in three new members. Our children, youth, women, and men's groups are making Christ-like disciples. I am confident that we will continue to grow stronger together as we move forward. Thank you for your continued prayers and support during this time.

Sincerely,
Rev. Stefanie Grgurich



CONNECTION POINT (Muskegon)

**Rev. Antonio & O'Malley Marshall
(6/26)
Lead Pastor's Report**



All Budgets Paid In Full	YES	Number Called to Ministry (this year)	1
Participation in World Evang. Fund	YES	Number of New Believers	27
Participation in NBUSA	YES	Number of Baptisms	21
Participation in ONU Allocation	YES	Number of New Nazarenes	10
Participation in Dist. Fund Allocations	YES	Membership Total	189
Raised for all Purposes	\$369,343	Average Morning Worship Attendance	339
Participated in Compassionate Ministries	YES	Average Online Attendance	27

This past year has been marked by both deep sorrow and powerful evidence of God's sustaining grace without our congregation. We have walked through significant seasons of grief together, including the sudden passing of our worship leader's husband, a pastoral transition, and the heartbreaking loss of a 7 year-old boy in our church to cancer. Yet through every moment, we have experienced the nearness of God and the strength that comes through the hope and love we have in Christ. In response to God's grace, our church has remained united, compassionate, and faithful in caring for one another and our community.

Even in difficult seasons, God has continued to work through the ministries of our church. We were once again able to host Night to Shine, creating a joyful and honoring experience to individuals with special needs and their families. Through MomCo, we have connected with and encouraged mothers in meaningful ways. Our kids summer camp welcomed children from the community to hear about the love of Jesus in a fun and engaging environment. Our monthly food pantry continues to serve families with no strings attached, reflecting the generous grace of God.

Through Bridge Builders, our Nazarene Community Resource Center, we have continued efforts in our community garden and hold Play and Learn gatherings twice a week, creating opportunities for connection, support, and outreach to local families. Our Connect Point Recovery group continues to thrive, offering hope, healing, and authentic relationships rooted in the grace of God.

As we reflect on Romans 8:31, we are reminded that God has been faithful through every joy and every hardship. Because God is for us, we continue to move forward in faith, becoming a church that seeks to embody the love, compassion, and hope of Christ in our congregation and throughout our community.



COREY

Rev. PJ & Abbi Horn (4/19)

Lead Pastor's Report



All Budgets Paid In Full	NO	Number Called to Ministry (this year)	0
Participation in World Evang. Fund	YES	Number of New Believers	7
Participation in NBUSA	YES	Number of Baptisms	5
Participation in ONU Allocation	YES	Number of New Nazarenes	7
Participation in Dist. Fund Allocations	YES	Membership Total	88
Raised for all Purposes	\$148,469	Average Morning Worship Attendance	50
Participated in Compassionate Ministries	YES	Average Online Attendance	5

Corey Church of the Nazarene

We are living in days of answered prayer - even prayers that we didn't know to ask. As I prepared for this report, God reminded me of about a dozen different transformation stories from over the past church year. For this report I would like to tell you about the most prominent one in my mind.

Over a year ago a young family began attending our church. Previously they weren't attending any church and they were almost totally unfamiliar with the Bible. But when they showed up with their first child who was just under two at the time, they had a desire to raise their children in church. Little did we know that mom was pregnant with their second who was due that fall. Well, they began attending and our people loved them into our church quickly. Over time they announced to us about the coming of their second child and we began to plan a baby shower for them. But not long after, tragedy stuck this family.

Mom went into labor prematurely, the new baby girl was born, but born without a heart beat. I can't go into all the details, however there were many complications in this pregnancy/delivery and no one (including the doctors) knew of those complications until the point of the delivery. The doctors were able to resuscitate this beautiful baby girl, but she only lived for about four days. Instead of giving this young family a baby shower, we were helping them plan a funeral. God works all things for the good of those who love Him and are called according to His purpose. Our church has had the honor of watching this promise unfold in the lives of this young family. God used this tragedy for good and His Glory. Mom and dad are in a real relationship with Jesus now. They know him. They know his voice. And they have given their lives to him.

We have had several new babies born to other young families in our church over the past year. And this young couple has come along side these other families with their new children and loved them with Jesus' love. They have invited and brought dozens of family members and friends to our church. They are desperate for people to know Jesus and frequently testify to what he has done in their lives. Recently, mom told Abbi and I about something she believes Jesus commanded her to start doing. She's going to write down her testimony (particularly in concern to losing their second child), buy bible from thrift stores, and put copies of her testimony into these bibles. The plan is to keep several on hand in order to give them away to people that Jesus tells her to give them too.

She's doing the work of an evangelist. That's the promise fulfilled. And it's real transformation. We're living in days of answered prayer - even prayers that we didn't know to ask.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pastor PJ Horn
Corey Church of the Nazarene



CORUNNA

Rev. Doug & Diane Corwin (3/17)

Lead Pastor's Report



All Budgets Paid In Full	YES	Number Called to Ministry (this year)	0
Participation in World Evang. Fund	YES	Number of New Believers	1
Participation in NBUSA	YES	Number of Baptisms	0
Participation in ONU Allocation	YES	Number of New Nazarenes	0
Participation in Dist. Fund Allocations	YES	Membership Total	34
Raised for all Purposes	\$31,783	Average Morning Worship Attendance	10
Participated in Compassionate Ministries	YES	Average Online Attendance	0

Corunna Church of the Nazarene is a small Church, but mighty in spirit. We are witnessing God's purpose, calling, and assurance that all things work together for his glory develop in our people. There is, in particular, three people that come to mind. As the pastor, I have been able to see God's transforming presence in the lives of our active members.

There is one young lady who is growing particularly close to Jesus. This young girl is memorizing songs and has a particular favorite song, "Come to the Table." She has a special relationship with Jesus and is not afraid to tell you about it. She loves attending Church and Children's Church.

Our Women's Bible Study group is amazing. They have formed relationships that are strong and firmly rooted in Christ's love. They encourage and help each other in the finest traditions of Jesus' discipleship.

The newest addition to mentoring/discipleship is our Men's Group. The groups emphasis is on mentoring each other and discussing current and relevant issues that men of Christ are facing in the world today. We, as men, need to grow closer to Jesus and learn to trust in his plan for our families, work, and all aspects of our lives.

I have had the pleasure to witness the Holy Spirit work in a young man's life. He is allowing the influence of Christ to change him and help him become a Christian leader with his family. He has become an active member of the men's group and has a deep hunger and thirst for the Lord.

There is one other person that the transforming power of Christ is working on. This person is leaning more and more on the teachings, power and love of Christ. The work of Christ in his life is transforming his understanding of Christ's love for people, his charity, and his development as a pastor.

I have great confidence that our little church will grow and transform lives one person at a time. We are unstoppable because of God's sustaining power, love and grace.



CROSS COMMUNITY (Portage)

Rev. Kyle & Morgan Fellows (12/25)

Lead Pastor's Report



All Budgets Paid In Full	YES	Number Called to Ministry (this year)	6
Participation in World Evang. Fund	YES	Number of New Believers	55
Participation in NBUSA	YES	Number of Baptisms	9
Participation in ONU Allocation	YES	Number of New Nazarenes	3
Participation in Dist. Fund Allocations	YES	Membership Total	180
Raised for all Purposes	\$374,488	Average Morning Worship Attendance	146
Participated in Compassionate Ministries	YES	Average Online Attendance	54

This year has been a season of pastoral transition for Cross Community, yet even in the midst of change, we have clearly seen the grace of God at work. Through events like Pancakes with Santa, Harvest Party, VBS, Trivia Nights, and many more, we created meaningful opportunities for connection. Our Nazarene Wee Care Center also continues to be an important bridge to families in our community, helping us build lasting relationships and create opportunities for ministry. We also experienced powerful moments of service as we sent missions teams to serve in the Azores and in Clearwater, Florida.

We continue to see growth in discipleship, as we offered over 25 small groups and even reintroduced children's Sunday school for the first time since before the pandemic. We are thankful for the growth and the involvement of young people in our church and are excited to send 11 participants to NYC 2026 in Salt Lake City and 29 children and teens to Indian Lake Nazarene Camp this summer!

It has been powerful to see the ways that God continues to invite people into His kingdom through our local church. We celebrated baptism with nine people and supported six others with a local minister's license as they explore a call to ministry. As a pastor, one of the greatest blessings of ministry this year has been sitting with people and seeing the tears of joy in their eyes as they discover the love and grace of Jesus that is for them. Those moments are sacred reminders that God is still extending His grace to people through His Church!

I am deeply thankful for our church board, our incredible staff, Deidre Marks and Jen Harding, Interim Pastor Ray Duck, and the many people who have served the Lord so faithfully this year. We are grateful for the grace of God that continues to sustain us and we look ahead with hope for all that He has in store for the future.



DURAND

Rev. Nate & Liz Gray (8/22)

Lead Pastor's Report



All Budgets Paid In Full	YES	Number Called to Ministry (this year)	1
Participation in World Evang. Fund	YES	Number of New Believers	24
Participation in NBUSA	YES	Number of Baptisms	6
Participation in ONU Allocation	YES	Number of New Nazarenes	3
Participation in Dist. Fund Allocations	YES	Membership Total	122
Raised for all Purposes	\$212,676	Average Morning Worship Attendance	108
Participated in Compassionate Ministries	YES	Average Online Attendance	8

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

My heart resonated deeply with this year's assembly theme focused on the grace of God to his church. This past church year at Durand, we've lived deeply into a scriptural greeting that is intimately tied to our sense of mission. We've all read it many times, especially in Paul's letters: Grace and Peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ! The grace of God has drawn and anchored our hearts and focus on the deep, Kingdom meaning behind the words grace and peace. I remember at the last General Assembly, Dr. David Busic said this in his message, "grace means that we are treated better than we deserve and peace means that God desires to put back together all the broken pieces of our lives." This is the nature, heart and mission of God in Christ to his church, in his church and through his church. God sees us as we are in all our brokenness and desires to make us whole again, holy and like Jesus to a watching world!

As we truly encounter the living and resurrected Jesus in this way, our message and mission is reoriented and we're given a holy discontent for what we see around us that God's redeeming grace desires to touch. God is reorienting my life and the culture of Durand Church of the Nazarene. It is a slow, painful, agonizing process but filled with God's peace, presence and power. We are seeing people's hearts transformed and minds renewed. We cannot be content any longer with a "Sunday morning service only" focus. We are watching multiple life groups across kids, youth and adults experience God's grace afresh and empowered to live on mission in our communities. God is bringing us alongside Nazareth type people all around us...and, and they are showing up on our doorstep! We don't want church transfers, we want to reach those Jesus is desperately trying to reach all around us.

Around Thanksgiving, Matthew showed up one Sunday morning for our combined adult life group gathering at 9:45am. I went to greet him and could tell he was heavy with burdens. I connected him to a couple people and our time started. In breakout groups, Matthew shared he woke up that morning and saw a picture of his grandma and felt he needed to go to church. Right there in the breakout, Matthew came back to God and was overcome with the grace and love of Jesus! We celebrated it immediately during service that morning. Matthew and several others with similar stories grew in the grace and peace of Jesus over the next two months. This led to a baptism service in January! We set up our baptismal and saw six people baptized for the first time and four others reaffirm their faith to the congregation! Here in May, Matthew is growing by leaps and bounds with his accountability brothers, life group and church family. He has started dating a wonderful woman in our church and God is even reconciling relationships in his life...the Kingdom coming here on earth as it is in heaven!

Grace and Peace to you,
Nate Gray



EATON RAPIDS

Rev. James & Danielle Haldane (7/23)

Lead Pastor's Report



All Budgets Paid In Full	YES	Number Called to Ministry (this year)	0
Participation in World Evang. Fund	YES	Number of New Believers	3
Participation in NBUSA	YES	Number of Baptisms	11
Participation in ONU Allocation	YES	Number of New Nazarenes	3
Participation in Dist. Fund Allocations	YES	Membership Total	101
Raised for all Purposes	\$133,943	Average Morning Worship Attendance	47
Participated in Compassionate Ministries	YES	Average Online Attendance	19

The first time I met my church board, they described our church as caring and generous and said we needed to grow younger and reach into the community more. The next two years were filled with the hard work of preparation and there is no better theme for this past year than, "If God is for us, who can be against us?"

We have said goodbye to several beloved church members for a variety of reasons, but we have also welcomed several new people. Our kids and youth ministries have both grown, as have the number of regular attendees across multiple generations. Our average weekend in-person attendance for the final quarter is trending up for the first time in my tenure.

We baptized 5 people in my first two years here. This year, 11 of our people were baptized! That's 20% of our average in-person attendance! We also ushered two people into a saving relationship with Jesus, saw multiple people renew commitments to God's continuing sanctifying grace, and have witnessed personal spiritual growth through deeper serving, rising leadership, and personal testimonies from multiple people in our congregation.

We set a goal in November to make personal connections with 490 people to share the love of Jesus with those outside our church family. The heart behind this challenge was create a holy habit of seeing and seizing evangelistic opportunities where we live, learn, work, and play. The stories that came out of this season are amazing! People praying for co-workers, giving testimonies at the store, inviting people from the YMCA to attend church, and more.

In the fall, we will launch a clear and compelling discipleship pathway, which will empower relational discipleship within and beyond our walls.

If God is for us, who can be against us? Our caring nature and generosity have continued to characterize our congregation, serving as two of the big reasons new people stay. We're growing younger and starting to each into our community. Everything God prompted our board to seek three years ago is coming together right now. It's an amazing time to be part of ER NAZ!

Enthusiastically Submitted,
James Haldane, Lead Pastor



EBENEZER

Rev. Pascal & Esther Mugigi (7/19)

Lead Pastor's Report



All Budgets Paid In Full	NO	Number Called to Ministry (this year)	1
Participation in World Evang. Fund	YES	Number of New Believers	0
Participation in NBUSA	YES	Number of Baptisms	0
Participation in ONU Allocation	YES	Number of New Nazarenes	0
Participation in Dist. Fund Allocations	YES	Membership Total	197
Raised for all Purposes	\$63,965	Average Morning Worship Attendance	120
Participated in Compassionate Ministries	YES	Average Online Attendance	0

By God's grace in our congregation there are many changes:

- Some church members' lives have been transformed because they are more committed than before to the ministries by visiting within themselves and have prayer groups in their home places. - Most of us help newcomers (immigrants) from Africa by giving them rides to their appointments to the immigration office looking for documents, accommodating them, helping them to find jobs.
- The youth ministry mobilized the whole church to donate whatever they have, like food, clothes, blankets, money and visited the homeless.
- In our congregation, every year we raise funds for helping orphans and widows back in Africa, especially in refugee camps.
- By God's grace, we have men's and women's ministries to reach out to the people's needs, like finding a job, having rides, appointments, education issues, development, and understanding the American system.

Pascal Mugigi.



ELMDALE

Rev. Bradley & Amy Ashcraft (10/23)

Lead Pastor's Report



All Budgets Paid In Full	YES	Number Called to Ministry (this year)	0
Participation in World Evang. Fund	YES	Number of New Believers	3
Participation in NBUSA	YES	Number of Baptisms	5
Participation in ONU Allocation	YES	Number of New Nazarenes	4
Participation in Dist. Fund Allocations	YES	Membership Total	40
Raised for all Purposes	\$106,504	Average Morning Worship Attendance	33
Participated in Compassionate Ministries	YES	Average Online Attendance	9

Elmdale Church of the Nazarene – Assembly Report

Romans 8:31 asks, “What, then, shall we say in response to these things?” As we reflect on the past year, we see God's grace at work in both our congregation, ministry, and our community.

The greatest blessing we experienced this year was witnessing five individuals publicly declare their faith through baptism. We also celebrated the salvation of one of our kids. These represent lives being transformed by the grace of God and people taking meaningful steps in their walk with Christ. More than any program or event, seeing people respond to God's call and identify with Christ through baptism has been a powerful reminder that God is still changing lives.

God has also opened doors for us to become more engaged in our community. We were honored to participate in the Memorial Day Parade and partner with two other churches to serve our community during the Ox Roast Festival by giving away free ice cream. We participated in the Alto Festival, providing free items and opportunities to connect with those around us. These events allowed us to build relationships, demonstrate the love of Christ in practical ways, and continue moving toward our goal of being a church that is present in the community rather than waiting for the community to come to us.

As a congregation, we are learning that God's grace is not only something we receive but something we are called to share. Through worship, discipleship, service we are striving to become a church that connects people to Christ and demonstrates His love beyond our walls.

Our response to God's grace is to continue following where He leads, celebrating transformed lives, and seeking new opportunities to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community.



FOUND

Rev. Chris & Melissa Heydenburg (9/18)

Lead Pastor's Report



All Budgets Paid In Full	YES	Number Called to Ministry (this year)	1
Participation in World Evang. Fund	YES	Number of New Believers	23
Participation in NBUSA	YES	Number of Baptisms	23
Participation in ONU Allocation	YES	Number of New Nazarenes	10
Participation in Dist. Fund Allocations	YES	Membership Total	109
Raised for all Purposes	\$315,666	Average Morning Worship Attendance	170
Participated in Compassionate Ministries	YES	Average Online Attendance	20

To: The Michigan District/Church of the Nazarene

I say this every year, but what an incredible year it has been. We are so thankful for God's vision and provision for the last fiscal year. He has continued to give us far more than we can ever ask for or imagine. I truly do believe He is just getting warmed up. We have seen growth both spiritually and physically over the last year within our body at Found. More and more people are being touched by the Spirit of the Living God, and it is exciting to see how God "turns the lights on" in people.

I'd like to share a few exciting things that have happened over the last year. We were fortunate enough to have the funds to redo our roof in September. It was so beautiful to know that when it rained, we wouldn't have a dozen new ceiling tiles stained or sagging because of a leaky roof. For the first time since we've owned our building, I could appreciate it when it rained rather than dread it. This was an important piece in renovating the church.

We were beginning to recognize an issue with our capacity on Sunday mornings, so the board decided it was necessary to make more room in four different areas in our building: our Rooted (kids) area, our fellowship(Upper Room)area, our Commons and Bathroom area, and our Sanctuary. After fully renovating our space, we have increased our capacity to grow exponentially. It has also become much more welcoming. Not to mention the fact that the entirety of the building is much more effective for multi-use and community use. We are excited and have seen growth as a result. We are looking forward to seeing how God asks us to steward this gift.

We are officially 1 year old in our Celebrate Recovery ministry. Let me say, this ministry is literally affecting the culture of Found in the most beautiful way. This is a hard ministry and not for the faint of heart, let me tell you. But we have two of the most incredible people leading the way, and this ministry is bearing much fruit, fruit that will last. We expect that God will use many of the folks coming through CR in mighty ways, not only at Found but also in their families and our community of Jackson. So thankful for this ministry. Please pray for us in this that God will continue to provide more and more into this harvest field.

We have much more to share, both of the past year and the year to come, from baptisms (23 last year), child dedications (14 last go round), to growing membership (14). We also have a few things on the horizon that God is opening doors for and downloading vision into the hearts of our leadership. We look forward to sharing some of those stories with you at the next assembly. Until then, please don't hesitate to reach out with a prayer for us or ask about our story. It would be my honor to bless you with it. Blessings to you and your congregations! You are loved!

Sincerely,
Chris Heydenburg



GRAND HAVEN

Rev. Ron & Robyn Heiler (3/19)

Lead Pastor's Report



All Budgets Paid In Full	NO	Number Called to Ministry (this year)	0
Participation in World Evang. Fund	YES	Number of New Believers	1
Participation in NBUSA	YES	Number of Baptisms	7
Participation in ONU Allocation	YES	Number of New Nazarenes	1
Participation in Dist. Fund Allocations	YES	Membership Total	148
Raised for all Purposes	\$102,175	Average Morning Worship Attendance	33
Participated in Compassionate Ministries	YES	Average Online Attendance	3

Handbook Report 2026
MI District

At Grand Haven Church of the Nazarene our mission is to "Living the Mission of Jesus." It's all about fulfilling the Great Commission in the spirit of the Great Commandment. We strive to do that by helping people BELONG, helping people BELIEVE, and people BECOME more like Jesus.

We had 1 **salvation** reported over the past twelve months. Adeline Boyer gave her heart to Jesus and started a relationship with him on July 17, 2025 at our VBS in partnership with Child Evangelism Fellowship. Praise the Lord! We also had several people rededicate their lives to Jesus on Easter Sunday.

This last year we saw 7 people **baptized**. Six were baptized from one household. Praise the Lord! Congratulations Jim and Domonique Boyer, Ashlynn, Ryland, Carson, Adeline, and Eli for taking this step of obedience to Jesus' command to be baptized. This is a testament to God's continued work among us.

We took in 1 **new member** this year, and we have some prospects that we will definitely encourage over this next year to take the Discover GHNAZ class and ask to join us.

Average Sunday Worship Attendance

In Person 33, Online 3, Total 36

Sunday School Attendance

1 Adult Class with the average attendance of 6
10 different people participated

Overflow Student Attendance

5 Students and 2 Adults
16 different students participated

KidsPoint Attendance

Insufficient records kept to determine

Life Group

1 group with 10 members
12 different participants

Active Members

We end the year with 26 active members

Congregants Actively Serving on a Regular Basis

15

Ron Heiler
Pastor Grand Haven Nazarene



GRAND LEDGE

Rev. Richard & Brenda Hand (6/21)

Lead Pastor's Report



All Budgets Paid In Full	YES	Number Called to Ministry (this year)	2
Participation in World Evang. Fund	YES	Number of New Believers	3
Participation in NBUSA	YES	Number of Baptisms	4
Participation in ONU Allocation	YES	Number of New Nazarenes	1
Participation in Dist. Fund Allocations	YES	Membership Total	68
Raised for all Purposes	\$288,547	Average Morning Worship Attendance	66
Participated in Compassionate Ministries	YES	Average Online Attendance	7

Grand Ledge Church of the Nazarene

Two years ago, our church felt led to complete needed facility, safety, and aesthetic improvements in our children's ministry area so that we can better welcome and minister to young families. The Lord has helped us by providing some unexpected funding from our church family, as well as outside benefactors who partnered with us. Many improvements were completed, and this past year, we have been experiencing significant growth in this area. As we have been preparing to be ready for young people, God has brought us, young people!

At least three families connected with our church through community outreach events and have been attending primarily to expose their children to the faith community. They have found a place that is welcoming, with a caring and capable children's ministry team. One nine-year-old girl who had never been in church before came for the first time. After her first Sunday, she asked the family member who brought her, "Do they do this every week, and can I come?"

Another mother with two children visited the church following our Trunk-or-Treat event. Ten-year-old Bennett really wanted to go to church. He has been loving Children's Church and soaking up the Bible stories. He loves "Miss Kara's" class and is learning to love Jesus. He and his mother were baptized this spring! His little sister will be dedicated to the Lord as well.

The Lord's grace has been extended to our church family, and He is helping us to catch His vision. He is showing us His preferred future for us as we are willing to walk in faith and trust. This year, two of our young people being called to vocational ministry are receiving their first District Minister's licenses. These young men continue to bless us and challenge us. God is working in the hearts and lives of our folks as we are becoming more and more a multi-generational church family who love each other and are living in expectation of whatever is next for His glory.

As their pastor, my burden includes a desire to help the church family be healthy and positioned for growth in the coming years. The Lord has been working and encouraging me to know that He is more than capable and more than willing to be our source as we listen to His guidance in these days. His grace is sufficient.

Gratefully Submitted,
Richard W. Hand, Pastor



GRAND RAPIDS CLYDE PARK

Rev. Ryan & Emily Quanstrom (10/15)

Lead Pastor's Report



All Budgets Paid In Full	NO	Number Called to Ministry (this year)	1
Participation in World Evang. Fund	YES	Number of New Believers	9
Participation in NBUSA	YES	Number of Baptisms	6
Participation in ONU Allocation	YES	Number of New Nazarenes	8
Participation in Dist. Fund Allocations	YES	Membership Total	58
Raised for all Purposes	\$235,969	Average Morning Worship Attendance	72
Participated in Compassionate Ministries	YES	Average Online Attendance	0

One longstanding metaphor I use to describe ministry in West Michigan is that of unrecognized Brownfield. Many think of this area as highly Christian. "You cannot throw a stone without hitting a church," they say. Unfortunately, much of that "cultural" Christianity has created toxic soil. Much of our ministry for the past few years has been to enrich the soil with prayers, updates, and community engagement.

One method has been our community dinner. We have been providing a "pay what you can" dinner for years now. It is an easy access point. After dinner we have adult, children and youth programs. Not everyone who attends dinner attends classes, but even the extended time of fellowship has been a place of grace for busy parents or lonely people.

One transformation has been the addition of Sunday youth. For years our Youth Group has mostly been a midweek thing. This past year we had several teenagers get baptized and decide to be there every Sunday. They have brought their parents along with them. They faithfully serve as ushers, in the sound booth, in children's ministries and as scripture readers. This Summer we sent 18 teens on a mission trip to Florrisant, MO. God truly is on our side.



GRIF

Dr. Craig & Lynne Dillman (8/14)

Lead Pastor's Report



All Budgets Paid In Full	YES	Number Called to Ministry (this year)	0
Participation in World Evang. Fund	YES	Number of New Believers	3
Participation in NBUSA	YES	Number of Baptisms	9
Participation in ONU Allocation	YES	Number of New Nazarenes	12
Participation in Dist. Fund Allocations	YES	Membership Total	195
Raised for all Purposes	\$1,147,343	Average Morning Worship Attendance	215
Participated in Compassionate Ministries	YES	Average Online Attendance	16

I am privileged to bring my **twelfth** report on behalf of Grand Rapids International Fellowship COTN (GRIF).

Evidence of the Transforming Grace of God:

1. **9** baptisms with powerful testimonies on Easter Sunday.
2. We received **23** new members who reflect our commitment to be a multigenerational and multicultural congregation. Our Grow Track is led by **Pastor Becca Graham**
3. We celebrated the organization of the Namuna Nepali Church of the Nazarene, led by **Rev. Titus Balkuty**.
4. Our Children's and Youth Ministries are continuing to thrive under the leadership of **Pastor Miriam Close** and **Pastor Daniel Kasaggoma**. We are seeing young people commit their lives to following Jesus and serving in ministry.
5. We have new people, both Christians and seekers, attending GRIF.

I am grateful for an excellent leadership team - **Eva Schoon** (Church Adm. / Community Link Dir.) **Becca Graham** (Connections Pastor) **Beth White** (Adm Asst.), **Miriam Close** (Children's Pastor), **Danielle Kasaggoma** (Family Youth Pastor), and **Kevin Webster** (AVL).

In Christ's Service,
Craig Dillman



GRAND RAPIDS WEST INTL

**Rev. Joas & Marie Yasmine Occes
(4/14)**

Lead Pastor's Report



All Budgets Paid In Full	NO	Number Called to Ministry (this year)	0
Participation in World Evang. Fund	YES	Number of New Believers	4
Participation in NBUSA	YES	Number of Baptisms	3
Participation in ONU Allocation	NO	Number of New Nazarenes	18
Participation in Dist. Fund Allocations	YES	Membership Total	83
Raised for all Purposes	\$86,000	Average Morning Worship Attendance	110
Participated in Compassionate Ministries	YES	Average Online Attendance	5

Peace of God be with you!

This past year has been a remarkable testimony to the transforming grace of God at Grand Rapids West International Church of the Nazarene. Our congregation has witnessed spiritual renewal, numerical growth, and a deepening sense of unity and purpose that can only be attributed to the active work of the Holy Spirit among us.

We experienced **the highest worship attendance in our church's history**, a clear sign that God is drawing people into fellowship, healing, and discipleship. Throughout the year, we celebrated **multiple baby dedications**, rejoicing as families committed their children to the Lord. Even more, we witnessed **four conversions**—individuals who responded to the call of salvation—and **three baptisms, including my two youngest boys**, publicly declaring their new life in Christ. These moments have strengthened our collective faith and reminded us that God is still transforming lives in powerful ways.

God's grace has also been evident in the growth of our ministries. Our worship services have become spaces of vibrant praise, heartfelt prayer, and Spirit^{ed} encounters. Discipleship efforts have expanded as members engage more deeply in Bible study, mentoring, and service. The congregation is becoming increasingly mission^{ed} minded, compassionate, and unified, demonstrating a renewed desire to serve both the church family and the wider community.

As a result of God's grace, our church is becoming a place marked by hope, generosity, and spiritual hunger. We are seeing a congregation that listens more attentively to God's voice, responds more boldly in faith, and embraces its calling with greater maturity. The testimonies, the growth, and the renewed commitment to ministry all point to one truth: **God has been faithful, and His grace continues to shape who we are and who we are becoming.**

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Joas Occes



GREENVILLE

Rev. Sarah & Kyle Coppernoll (11/19)

Lead Pastor's Report



All Budgets Paid In Full	NO	Number Called to Ministry (this year)	0
Participation in World Evang. Fund	NO	Number of New Believers	2
Participation in NBUSA	NO	Number of Baptisms	1
Participation in ONU Allocation	NO	Number of New Nazarenes	4
Participation in Dist. Fund Allocations	NO	Membership Total	41
Raised for all Purposes	\$193,486	Average Morning Worship Attendance	22
Participated in Compassionate Ministries	YES	Average Online Attendance	5

Because of God's grace we have been blessed to be able to pay off our church mortgage this year which has allowed us to make needed improvements to our building. Our food pantry ministry has been able to serve families in our community because of the provision of God's grace we have been able to open the pantry every week again this year. The graciousness of God has allowed the Word to be shared through Sunday messages, Kids Club, Vacation Bible School and midweek Bible studies which has brought two new lives choosing salvation this year as well as one baptism this year. We praise God for the continual grace shown to our little church and strive to be faithful in our service.

In God's Grace,
Pastor Sarah Coppernoll



HASTINGS

Rev. Bikram & Rubi Ranapheli (5/26)

Lead Pastor's Report



All Budgets Paid In Full	YES	Number Called to Ministry (this year)	1
Participation in World Evang. Fund	YES	Number of New Believers	1
Participation in NBUSA	YES	Number of Baptisms	1
Participation in ONU Allocation	YES	Number of New Nazarenes	3
Participation in Dist. Fund Allocations	YES	Membership Total	98
Raised for all Purposes	\$257,152	Average Morning Worship Attendance	68
Participated in Compassionate Ministries	YES	Average Online Attendance	8

Hastings Church of the Nazarene – District Assembly Report 2026

As we reflect on the past year, we thank God for His faithfulness and transforming grace at work in the life of Hastings Church of the Nazarene. During a season of leadership transition, God sustained our congregation and guided us through prayer, unity, and dependence on the Holy Spirit.

We celebrate the baptism of Richard Price as a testimony of new life in Christ, and we rejoice in welcoming three new members into our church family. Spiritual growth has also been encouraged through the launch of our Wednesday Table & Prayer Night, where fellowship, prayer, and discipleship have strengthened relationships and deepened faith.

God's grace has extended into our community through ministries and outreach opportunities. Our English Language Learners program welcomed four new students, creating meaningful connections and opportunities to share Christ's love. Community events such as Frosty Friends Open Gym, the Drive-Through Easter Egg Hunt, and the Spring Carnival allowed us to build relationships, extend hospitality, and connect with local families.

We are grateful for our volunteers, ministry leaders, worship team members, and staff whose faithful service strengthens the ministry of our church. Through pastoral care, visitation, and outreach efforts including regular visits to residents at Thornapple Manor, we have sought to bring hope, encouragement, and the love of Christ to those facing challenges and loneliness.

As a congregation, we continue to grow in prayer, fellowship, discipleship, and community engagement. God has not only sustained us through change but has renewed our vision for the future. We remain committed to being a Christ-centered, Spirit-filled church where lives are transformed, disciples are made, and God's Kingdom is advanced throughout our community.

To God be the glory for all He has done, is doing, and will continue to do among us.

Bikram Ranapheli Lead Pastor Hastings Church of the Nazarene



HIGH POINTE

Rev. Jonathan & Sara Scott (5/26)

Lead Pastor's Report



All Budgets Paid In Full	pending	Number Called to Ministry (this year)	0
Participation in World Evang. Fund	YES	Number of New Believers	8
Participation in NBUSA	YES	Number of Baptisms	14
Participation in ONU Allocation	YES	Number of New Nazarenes	8
Participation in Dist. Fund Allocations	YES	Membership Total	146
Raised for all Purposes	\$553,679	Average Morning Worship Attendance	187
Participated in Compassionate Ministries	YES	Average Online Attendance	40

This year has been one of significant challenges, but also one of tremendous blessings from God. The church board, along with the wise counsel of DS Brad Dyrness, has navigated High Pointe through a time of pastoral transition. Despite uncertainty and confusion, the good people of High Pointe have maintained faith and steadiness as evidenced by:

- *the baptism of **14** people
- *the dedication of **5** babies
- *the reception of **8** believers into church membership
- *Kids Ministry, led by Melissa DeVos, witnessed **7** children accept Christ as Savior; VBS and weekly kids worship provide dynamic ministry to children
- *Student Ministries, led by Shelby Liechty, have flourished, and a teen Quizzing team has been started and led by Tim Freed
- *Adult Discipleship ministries, led by Zach DeVos, provide consistent growth and learning opportunities to Christ followers of all ages.

These are but the tip of the iceberg of what God has been doing at High Pointe. In addition, the church has been blessed by the calling of our new pastor, Rev. Jonathan Scott, and his family, Sara, Hazel, Harvey, and Hugh.

By far, the most significant aspect of High Pointe has been the awesome faithfulness of our God! He has brought High Pointe to a place of high hopes and excited anticipation. The Lord's word in Psalm 27:13-14 has been actualized at High Pointe. "I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord, be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord."

by Pastor Randy Murphy, Interim Pastor



HILLSDALE

Rev. Mike & Kris Prince (9/18)

Lead Pastor's Report



All Budgets Paid In Full	YES	Number Called to Ministry (this year)	0
Participation in World Evang. Fund	YES	Number of New Believers	3
Participation in NBUSA	YES	Number of Baptisms	0
Participation in ONU Allocation	YES	Number of New Nazarenes	5
Participation in Dist. Fund Allocations	YES	Membership Total	54
Raised for all Purposes	\$69,178	Average Morning Worship Attendance	30
Participated in Compassionate Ministries	YES	Average Online Attendance	0

We believe that God is present with us as a church. Numerous prayers have been shared and answered. Some individuals who received a cancer diagnosis are now doing well, thanks to the Grace of God. We are continuing to grow and mature, welcoming new families who are choosing to make this church their home. Our Women's Bible studies and Sunday school programs are expanding. We have transformed into an outreach ministry, not solely focused on our internal community, but also reaching out through various initiatives like Bereavement classes and TOPS – Take Off Pounds Sensibly. This group emphasizes both physical and mental well-being, and we extend an open invitation for everyone to join our Bible studies and church services for spiritual renewal and growth. We recognize that our existence is entirely due to the Grace of God, and we give Him all the glory. As stated in 1 Corinthians 15:10, we find strength in unity by concentrating on God's grace, with resources and reflections available to help us build together. By God's Grace, we have been able to share blessings with everyone, both inside and outside the church, offering Grace, Patience, Love, and Forgiveness to all. Thanks to God's Grace, our faith in generosity has grown in all aspects, and we trust God to provide the resources necessary to continue His work, involving all of us. We know without a shadow of a doubt that God is with us and for us.

Living by Grace
Pastor Mike Prince



HOLT

Rev. Debra Mulder (6/07)

Lead Pastor's Report



All Budgets Paid In Full	NO	Number Called to Ministry (this year)	0
Participation in World Evang. Fund	YES	Number of New Believers	7
Participation in NBUSA	YES	Number of Baptisms	3
Participation in ONU Allocation	NO	Number of New Nazarenes	0
Participation in Dist. Fund Allocations	NO	Membership Total	16
Raised for all Purposes	\$61,147	Average Morning Worship Attendance	28
Participated in Compassionate Ministries	YES	Average Online Attendance	4

Dear Dr. Chambo, Pastor Dryness, and Members of the Michigan District Assembly,

I am excited to share with you two stories of how God's grace has been at work in Holt Naz.

A couple of years ago, Sophie came to our church with her new boyfriend. At the time, she was not a believer and even suspected we were a cult. Still, she kept coming because he continued to invite her faithfully.

Sophie's story was not shaped by a single sermon or conversation. It unfolded through the life of the church. People welcomed her, sat with her during worship and fellowship, prayed for her, encouraged her, and genuinely cared for her. Through table discussions in worship and through small groups, Sophie found a place where questions were welcome, conversations were honest, and God's Word was shared in a way she could understand. God's grace was at work in her heart.

One Sunday I felt compelled to ask, "Sophie, do you believe in God?" She answered, "Yes, but I am not sure about Jesus." The Church continued to pray and love her. On another Sunday, during an invitation, she raised her hand to say that she wanted Jesus to be her Savior. Halleluiah!

This past April, I had the privilege of baptizing Sophie along with two others. Her baptism was a beautiful reminder that God continues to draw people to Himself through the faithful witness of His people.

Our Fall Break VBS Camp is another example of God's grace at work. It gave people opportunities to use their gifts in ministry through cookie decorating, cooking classes, art, games, and storytelling, while children were disciplined through Bible lessons and practical life skills.

The camp also created opportunities to serve and connect with children and their families, while God's Word was shared in engaging and creative ways.

On Sunday, we celebrated the children's growth through fellowship and worship, rejoicing in God's work and remembering that the church is not just a building, but a family living out His mission together.

One family who attended the camp has since begun attending our church regularly, and two members of that family have expressed an interest in being baptized.

We thank God for His faithfulness and for the many ways He continues to transform lives through the ministry of His church.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pastor Debra A. Mulder



JACKSON FIRST

Rev. Bryce & Mandy Gernand (10/17)

Lead Pastor's Report



All Budgets Paid In Full	YES	Number Called to Ministry (this year)	3
Participation in World Evang. Fund	YES	Number of New Believers	59
Participation in NBUSA	YES	Number of Baptisms	57
Participation in ONU Allocation	YES	Number of New Nazarenes	60
Participation in Dist. Fund Allocations	YES	Membership Total	305
Raised for all Purposes	\$2,016,567	Average Morning Worship Attendance	1376
Participated in Compassionate Ministries	YES	Average Online Attendance	0

Annual Pastor's Report (JaxNaz Church)

25-26

This has been a year of laying a foundation, paving the way for days ahead.

First, we actually paved our parking lot. Pun intended! The project was a full redevelopment. This was quite the undertaking, and a massive need for many years. It would not have been possible without the generous support and sacrifice of our people. We prayed for willing hearts that were moved to give, and God answered our prayers. It was shared along the way that our parking lot is more than pavement—it's the very first touch-point for everyone who arrives. It's where families unload kids, guests take a deep breath before walking in, and seniors look for safe, steady access. It's where ministry begins even before anyone steps through the doors. The first phase is complete, and it is beautiful! This was a huge win!

Second, we introduced some new language around how we lead people into life with Jesus so they can live like Jesus. We call it *SundaysPlus(+)*. We began by talking about Sundays. Every Sunday, we take part in a rehearsal for the remainder of our week. Every Sunday we stand together, struggle together, and fight together against isolation, distraction, malformation, apathy, self-sufficiency, shortsightedness, and more. We still believe in the power of meeting together. In addition to attending a service faithfully, there are a few things we long for each person to experience—all of which happen on Sundays: baptism (57 this year), Growth Track (30 new members), and giving (130 first-time gifts). Next, we shared that if someone is looking to resource their life with Jesus beyond Sundays—through JaxNaz, alongside others—then we have three *Plus* offerings, all designed to help us become more like Jesus: Wednesday Nights (becoming more faithful), Gatherings (becoming more complete), and Teams (becoming more generous). We asked the question, *"Is there ONE other activity in the life of the church in which you could consistently and wholeheartedly participate?"* The invitation is to try it for a season. Our hope is that people will feel more engaged and more connected.

We aren't even a full year into using this language, and trying this approach. We know there will be adjustments along the way. That being said, having a clear and simple guide gives us something to build upon for the future.

We are laying the foundation for whomever God brings our way.



JOURNEY OF GRACE (Saginaw)

Revs. Brent & Sharon Norman (10/20)

Co-Lead Pastor's Report



All Budgets Paid In Full	YES	Number Called to Ministry (this year)	0
Participation in World Evang. Fund	YES	Number of New Believers	0
Participation in NBUSA	YES	Number of Baptisms	0
Participation in ONU Allocation	YES	Number of New Nazarenes	0
Participation in Dist. Fund Allocations	YES	Membership Total	20
Raised for all Purposes	\$33,810	Average Morning Worship Attendance	30
Participated in Compassionate Ministries	YES	Average Online Attendance	5

In response to God's grace extended to Journey of Grace this past year, we continue to see His transforming work through faithfulness, connection, and service. While maintaining a steady and engaged congregation, we have experienced meaningful growth in our Young Ambassadors youth ministry as students explored the intersection of faith and social-emotional learning, creating opportunities for spiritual growth and deeper relationships.

Journey of Grace continues to respond to God's grace by leaning into worship, discipleship, and fellowship—areas that remain a sweet spot for our congregation. Since our inception, our emphasis has been to "love one another," and we have sought to embody that love both inside and outside the walls of the church.

God's grace has also moved us outward into our community. Our partnership with a local elementary school has deepened through prayer, cards, gifts, encouragement, and practical support to staff. This spirit of care has expanded to the broader school district as we seek to be a church that not only gathers but also serves. The Lord confirms moment by moment that we, according to His grace and divine purpose, are operating in the space He desires for Journey of Grace

As we reflect on Romans 8:31, we are grateful for how God continues to sustain and shape Journey of Grace. In response to His grace, we are becoming a people increasingly marked by love, presence, discipleship, and a desire to reflect Christ in our community.



KALAMAZOO SOUTH SIDE

Revs. Chris & Sara Pettit (5/06)

Lead Pastor's Report



All Budgets Paid In Full	YES	Number Called to Ministry (this year)	3
Participation in World Evang. Fund	YES	Number of New Believers	343
Participation in NBUSA	YES	Number of Baptisms	10
Participation in ONU Allocation	YES	Number of New Nazarenes	2
Participation in Dist. Fund Allocations	YES	Membership Total	42
Raised for all Purposes	\$66,355	Average Morning Worship Attendance	105
Participated in Compassionate Ministries	YES	Average Online Attendance	80

Pastors Chris & Sara Pettit have now pastored Kal South Naz for twenty years.

Romans 8:31 (NIV) What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? God gave us a banner year. Kalamazoo South Side continues to partner with our Resident Evangelist, Rev. Elaine Pettit, and the Elaine Pettit Ministries team. Together, we are serving our community through two impactful outreach programs. The first is Yaya's Kitchen, where this year alone we have welcomed 1,005 first-time visitors, witnessed 343 salvations, seen 115 individuals sanctified, 3 called into the ministry, added 2 new members to our church, and baptized 10 people—with another baptismal service planned. Our second outreach program, Yaya's Crew partners with Paramount Charter School reaching 6th 7th and 8th graders. We have 53 students registered in the Crew. Paramount has the highest trauma population of all charter schools run by National Heritage Academies in Michigan. This initiative runs during the school year every Wednesday and Friday from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the church. Through Yaya's Kitchen's food trailer between these two outreaches: We have fed 5,600 free meals to our community. We have had 3,000 people in attendance including 550 new people. Since the inception of Yaya's Kitchen on March 2, 2024, we have seen 532 people saved, 178 people sanctified, 25 people baptized, with a total of 735 lives changed. We have also served 9,806 free meals to the Kalamazoo community all to God's glory! Thanks to a generous donor, we were able to purchase a 15-passenger van to safely transport the children. As a direct result of this program, our youth group has experienced tremendous growth.

Park Place senior living pastored by our chaplain, Rev. Marzella Rasmussen reached 206.

It has been great to see what the Lord can do with everyone catching the vision to reach our community for Jesus.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chris Pettit



LANSING FIRST

Rev. Jesse Briles (11/21)

Lead Pastor's Report



All Budgets Paid In Full	NO	Number Called to Ministry (this year)	1
Participation in World Evang. Fund	NO	Number of New Believers	1
Participation in NBUSA	YES	Number of Baptisms	0
Participation in ONU Allocation	NO	Number of New Nazarenes	0
Participation in Dist. Fund Allocations	YES	Membership Total	45
Raised for all Purposes	\$61,181	Average Morning Worship Attendance	18
Participated in Compassionate Ministries	YES	Average Online Attendance	12

As we reflect on Romans 8:31, "If God is for us, who can be against us?", we at Lansing First are reminded that every evidence of growth, transformation, and hope within our congregation is a testimony to God's grace at work among us.

Throughout the past year, we have witnessed God's faithfulness in remarkable ways. Lives have been touched by the gospel, people have taken meaningful steps in their discipleship journey, and we have seen God deepen relationships within our church family while opening new opportunities to serve our community.

One of the clearest ways we have responded to God's grace has been by striving to become a church where people know they are welcomed, valued, and loved. Throughout this year, individuals and families have found a church home among us after experiencing hurt, disappointment, or exclusion in previous church experiences. By God's grace, we have been able to offer a place of healing, belonging, and renewed hope as people rediscover the beauty of Christian community.

A significant expression of this calling has been our ministry with neurodivergent individuals and their families. After several years of prayerful discernment regarding the needs of our community and the gifts God had already placed within our congregation, we launched this outreach with the help of a denominational grant. Through game nights, LEGO nights, trivia events, and sensory-friendly seasonal gatherings, we have created spaces where people can experience authentic belonging in a welcoming and non-judgmental environment. The response has been deeply encouraging. Many who attend have shared that they had never felt fully accepted in a church setting or had stopped attending altogether because they believed they or their children did not belong. Through these gatherings, we have seen people enter a church building for the first time, return after years away, and build meaningful relationships with our church family. Many continue to return each time new opportunities are offered. As these relationships have grown, God has used this ministry not only to bless those who attend but also to transform us as a congregation. We are learning that creating spaces of welcome, understanding, and belonging is not a specialized ministry for a few people—it is an expression of the gospel itself. God is teaching us greater compassion, patience, and love as we seek to reflect the heart of Christ.

Because God's grace has been extended to us, our response is to extend that same grace to others. We are grateful for what God has done this year and look forward with confidence to what He will continue to do through Lansing First in the days ahead.



LANSING INTERNATIONAL

Rev. Jean & Edna Ambeau

Lead Pastor's Report



All Budgets Paid In Full	NO	Number Called to Ministry (this year)	0
Participation in World Evang. Fund	YES	Number of New Believers	2
Participation in NBUSA	YES	Number of Baptisms	2
Participation in ONU Allocation	NO	Number of New Nazarenes	17
Participation in Dist. Fund Allocations	NO	Membership Total	79
Raised for all Purposes	\$66,657	Average Morning Worship Attendance	101
Participated in Compassionate Ministries	YES	Average Online Attendance	0

The Transformative Outcomes of God's Grace

Lansing International Church of the Nazarene (2025–2026)

The 2025–2026 church year has been a defining period of transformation for Lansing International Church of the Nazarene. Through God's abundant grace, the church has experienced significant spiritual growth, stronger fellowship, and greater engagement in its mission. These developments reflect the active work of God among His people and the church's growing commitment to serving both its members and the wider community.

One of the most visible outcomes has been spiritual transformation among members. Many believers have experienced personal renewal through deeper prayer, Bible study, worship, and faithful participation in church life. Testimonies of healing, restored hope, and renewed faith demonstrate God's continuing work in transforming lives. At the same time, relationships within the congregation have been strengthened through reconciliation, increased brotherly love, and a deeper sense of unity, making the church a true spiritual family.

The church has also expanded its impact on the community through outreach initiatives, social support programs, and efforts to assist families in need. These activities reflect the church's commitment to demonstrating Christ's love through both proclamation and service. Despite challenges, including immigration-related concerns affecting some families, the church has continued to grow. New members have joined the congregation, and new leaders have emerged to serve in various ministries.

A key factor in this growth has been the contribution of the church's ministries. Nazarene International Missions (NMI), Sunday School, Nazarene Youth International (YNI), the Worship Team, and the Sport Ministry have all played vital roles in discipleship, outreach, fellowship, and leadership development. Together, these ministries have helped fulfill the church's mission of evangelizing, teaching, nurturing, and mobilizing believers.

The baptism of two individuals during this period stands as a powerful testimony to God's transforming grace. These baptisms represent genuine conversion, public declarations of faith, and integration into the body of Christ. Spiritual growth has also been nurtured through faithful preaching of God's Word, prayer and fasting, biblical teaching, and pastoral care.

As a newly organized church, Lansing International Church of the Nazarene recognizes that all progress and growth are the result of God's grace. Looking back on 2025–2026, the congregation gives glory to God for His faithfulness and celebrates a season marked by transformation, unity, and renewed commitment to His mission.



LANSING SOUTH

Revs. Travis & Jesi Myers (1/21)

Lead Pastor's Report



All Budgets Paid In Full	YES	Number Called to Ministry (this year)	2
Participation in World Evang. Fund	YES	Number of New Believers	35
Participation in NBUSA	YES	Number of Baptisms	16
Participation in ONU Allocation	YES	Number of New Nazarenes	15
Participation in Dist. Fund Allocations	YES	Membership Total	338
Raised for all Purposes	\$742,649	Average Morning Worship Attendance	314
Participated in Compassionate Ministries	YES	Average Online Attendance	53

What an amazing year SouthNaz has had! I am so thankful for God's grace and provision over our church this past year. God has been moving in incredible ways throughout our congregation and community.

We have new people joining us each month, and God has been using our church family to share the Gospel with those around us. We are seeing people come through our doors who have never attended church or who once did not believe in God, and watching their lives be transformed has been truly incredible.

Because of all the life transformation taking place, we were blessed to baptize 16 people this past year — including 9 baptisms on Easter Sunday alone. In addition to those baptisms, we also dedicated 9 children to the Lord. Without a doubt, God is on the move at SouthNaz!

On Wednesday nights, we launched a new connect group for young married couples called *Intentional Faith Within Families*. This ministry is already thriving, with young families intentionally making church and discipleship a priority. Because of this growth, we now average 12 toddlers on Wednesday nights. Once again, God is on the move at SouthNaz!

Another connect group we introduced on Wednesday nights is called *No More Dusty Bibles*, where we intentionally spend more time in God's Word throughout the week. We also have a connect group committed to reading through the Bible in a year. Through these ministries, we are seeing lives transformed, ministries strengthened, people disciplined, and new individuals continually coming to experience what God is doing.

We are continuing to serve our community by stepping beyond the walls of the church and being the hands and feet of Jesus. Recently, we purchased a donut machine, allowing us to bless our community with fresh, delicious donuts. We also continue to partner with our neighboring high school by hosting weekly open gyms, as well as organizing our 13th Annual "I Love My City" event, which includes numerous service projects throughout Lansing.

We thank God for the work He continues to do in and through SouthNaz as we strive to reflect the light and presence of Christ within our church family and throughout our community.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pastor Travis Myers



LANSING WOODVIEW

Rev. Devon & Megan Staples (3/23)

Lead Pastor's Report



All Budgets Paid In Full	YES	Number Called to Ministry (this year)	1
Participation in World Evang. Fund	YES	Number of New Believers	2
Participation in NBUSA	YES	Number of Baptisms	1
Participation in ONU Allocation	YES	Number of New Nazarenes	0
Participation in Dist. Fund Allocations	YES	Membership Total	50
Raised for all Purposes	\$154,452	Average Morning Worship Attendance	36
Participated in Compassionate Ministries	YES	Average Online Attendance	3

It is a privilege to bring my fourth report on behalf of Lansing Woodview Church of the Nazarene.

"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters." (1 John 3:16). God has been on the move in and through His people at Woodview. How do we respond to this? We lay down our lives for God and one another. As John goes on to say, "let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." (1 John 3:18b).

We love God and lay down our lives. This year, a recurring theme for our congregation was submission to the Lord. We held our first revival in a very long time. We tied this to our annual Trunk-or-Treat, and our evangelists, Tim and Pam Gerdes, shared the gospel with over 1,200 people through gospel illusions. On Easter, we celebrated one baptism and five reaffirmations of baptism. Over the course of the year, we grieved the loss of four beloved saints, praising God for their lives and witness, and answering the challenge to walk in their faithful footsteps. We gathered through combined services on Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday with Lansing First Church of the Nazarene and Christ the King Anglican Church. It's all about surrendering to God's call upon our congregation.

We pray for one another. A few months ago, we started a Sunday morning prayer group. Every Sunday at 8:30 a.m., nearly a third of our church gathers every week to spend an hour in prayer for our congregation, community, and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Almost weekly, we have had moments of prayer around the altar rails, anointing people, laying on hands, and praying for God's wholeness. And God has been pouring out His Spirit, empowering His people and bringing healing and wholeness.

We serve one another. Our clothes closet continues to be a blessing to our community. Through the dedication of many volunteers and the support of donors in our church and community, we continue to meet the needs of our community members. Common Table Community weekly brings people together around a common table for a meal and time of sharing in God's presence. As our congregation ages, we continue to serve one another through giving rides to church and appointments. We are meeting one another's needs in many tangible ways.

We disciple one another. Three years ago, we shifted our Sunday School to focus on equipping disciples to make disciples. God has been stirring in the hearts of His people. In recent weeks, as we have been dwelling in Ephesians 4, God has been waking up His people and calling them to spiritual maturity in the power of the Spirit. Many are beginning to practice one-on-one discipleship. This last year, we added a children's class. Our children are hiding the word of God in their hearts, beginning to discern God's voice from an early age and to follow His call.

As we look ahead, God is challenging us to go deeper, pray more fervently, and reach new people for Christ. We are praying that God's kingdom would come and his will would be done in our community as we seek to continue to center our lives around Christ and operate in the power and presence of the Holy Spirit.

Grace & Peace,
Rev. Devon Staples
Woodview Church of the Nazarene



LIGHTHOUSE (White Pigeon)

Rev. Dan Griffes (11/16)

Lead Pastor's Report



All Budgets Paid In Full	NO	Number Called to Ministry (this year)	0
Participation in World Evang. Fund	NO	Number of New Believers	2
Participation in NBUSA	YES	Number of Baptisms	1
Participation in ONU Allocation	NO	Number of New Nazarenes	2
Participation in Dist. Fund Allocations	YES	Membership Total	10
Raised for all Purposes	\$39,387	Average Morning Worship Attendance	20
Participated in Compassionate Ministries	YES	Average Online Attendance	80

Lighthouse COTN White Pigeon MI

A concept in the organic church tradition is to look for where Jesus is working and join him there. In Romans 8 we are taught that living by the Spirit can: give life to our mortal bodies, transform into good the weaknesses and difficult circumstances of those He has called, and provide his children with love and overwhelming victory over any and every challenge.

The people of Lighthouse COTN in White Pigeon are continually looking to join Jesus wherever He is working. They victoriously face many challenges as they embrace the teachings in Romans 8, and live their lives 24/7, allowing the Holy Spirit to empower them and lead them to join the many diverse opportunities where Jesus is working in individuals, families, and organizations in the community.

In the past we have described ourselves as: Gideon's army. a highways and byways church, and a Kingdom franchise church integrated with multiple individuals and organizations in the community. With a very small core group of surrendered souls and meager financial resources, we continue to participate in many diverse means of ministry in the community.

God continues to supply the financial manna one day at a time as his people trust God to multiply surrendered loaves and fishes. Recently God has sent several more people to join our core group of surrendered souls potentially allowing for exponential expansion of God's ministry to the community.

Our focus is not on the physical buildings, the legal and religious organization, or even the people called Lighthouse COTN in White Pigeon. Our focus is on what Jesus is doing and how we can actively participate in what Jesus is doing through the power of His Holy Spirit.

There is not room in this paragraph to describe what God is doing through his people in Lighthouse COTN in White Pigeon. If you want more details, we have prepared a letter describing the ministry more extensively. You can request that letter by sending an email to: lighthousechurchwhitepigeonmi@gmail.com.



LOWELL

Rev. Ed & Laura O'Connor (7/23)

Lead Pastor's Report



All Budgets Paid In Full	pending	Number Called to Ministry (this year)	0
Participation in World Evang. Fund	YES	Number of New Believers	0
Participation in NBUSA	YES	Number of Baptisms	0
Participation in ONU Allocation	YES	Number of New Nazarenes	2
Participation in Dist. Fund Allocations	YES	Membership Total	64
Raised for all Purposes	\$78,378	Average Morning Worship Attendance	33
Participated in Compassionate Ministries	YES	Average Online Attendance	3

This past year at Lowell Naz has been traditional in many ways and transformational in others. For example, we continue Biblically based messaging every Sunday with special emphasis on personal application. We also continue to pour into our kiddos with Bible teachings geared more to their level. (and recently we have begun doing the same with our teens). And we continue to see a warm fellowship after the service concludes as people stay to visit and catch up on life. Our bi-monthly men's and women's groups have brought some encouraging testimonies, especially on the women's side. Finally, we continue to share a monthly community meal at Nazcafe that connects our church with others from the community.

Recently we concluded the first year hosting Lifewise Academy, a formal religious release time ministry during school hours. Through this ministry we have seen over 75 public school students come onto our campus to learn Biblical character traits and hear the Gospel story. Several members and attenders of the church have been involved in volunteering and many more in financial support. I remain in awe that one of the smaller churches in the community can launch, host, and support such a vital ministry for the Kingdom! There are plans underway to broaden the reach of this ministry to include two additional elementary schools and the middle school next year. And while we have not seen a direct impact on our own church attendance at this point, what matters is saying "yes" to the leading of the Spirit and being faithful to persevere. Along the way, many students have grown attached to Lifewise but much moreso the many volunteers but even beyond this we know there is a spiritual work in each student that we have only begun to hear the story of. I would love to see every church in our district involved in hosting, supporting, or beginning a Lifewise Academy in their own school districts. I believe religious release time ministries such as this will open the door to spiritual revival here in America.

In previous summers we have hoped the community would come to us for a Wednesday game night. This summer we will be shifting focus to going into the community itself. Lowell has two large mobile home communities and we are planning to go onsite to one of them for games, popsicles, and connection. While we will not be able to share the Gospel formally we will be living it out practically and hope to conclude the summer with a party on our church campus that would include more fun, games, and a presentation of the Gospel. We see the opportunity to "go" that Jesus exhorted us in the Great Commission and look forward to seeing the fruit of these relationships to come. The harvest is plentiful though the workers are few. We continue to see firsthand how the Lord can do great things with faith the size of a mustard seed!

Otherwise we continue to prepare for the harvest here in Lowell and continue building deeper connections within our church family. The future is as bright as ever, and to God be the glory.

Pastor Ed O'Connor



MASON FIRST

Rev. Gerhard & Diane Weigelt (7/10)

Lead Pastor's Report



All Budgets Paid In Full	YES	Number Called to Ministry (this year)	0
Participation in World Evang. Fund	YES	Number of New Believers	29
Participation in NBUSA	YES	Number of Baptisms	11
Participation in ONU Allocation	YES	Number of New Nazarenes	13
Participation in Dist. Fund Allocations	YES	Membership Total	251
Raised for all Purposes	\$648,194	Average Morning Worship Attendance	204
Participated in Compassionate Ministries	YES	Average Online Attendance	20

As we reflect on this past church year, our hearts are filled with gratitude for all that God has done in and through our Mason Naz family. We celebrate a Savior who still changes lives, restores hearts, strengthens faith, and calls people into deeper relationship with Him. One of the greatest joys of this year has been celebrating 11 baptisms—visible testimonies of lives surrendered to Jesus and transformed by His grace. Every baptism represents a story of redemption, a reminder that Christ is still making all things new.

Throughout the year, we have had the privilege of serving our community in tangible ways. Through our quarterly Feed the Community drive-through events, over 900 meals were served to neighbors and families in need. We also gathered 48 crisis care kits, extending compassion and hope beyond our walls to people facing difficult circumstances. These moments remind us that the Church is called to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

We are especially thankful for the incredible ways God allowed us to connect with children and families this year. During Vacation Bible School, we had the privilege of welcoming and connecting with 104 kids and their families. What a blessing to see children learning about Jesus, growing in faith, and experiencing the love of Christ firsthand. None of this would have been possible without the faithful service of more than 60 volunteers who gave their time, energy, and love to make those connections happen.

God also continued opening doors for ministry through Connect Sports, helping us build relationships and share Christ through meaningful connection. Through Flag Football, we connected with 94 kids and their families, Basketball connected with 532 kids, while Archery connected with 64 students, creating opportunities for mentorship, encouragement, and community.

At Mason Naz, ministry happens in countless ways because the mission matters. Through Kids Ministry, Youth Ministry, Men's Ministry, Women's Ministry, Sunday School, work projects, and so many everyday moments of faithfulness, we have pursued the mission God has called us to live out—using any and all means to help people know Jesus and grow in Him.

This year has also been a year of prayer, dreaming, and planning as we have sought God together about how we can Make Room for More—more worship, more connections, and more fellowship. We believe God is calling us to expand our facilities so we can continue welcoming more people into life-changing relationship with Jesus and create space for ministry to flourish for generations to come.

We are celebrating the beautiful commitment our congregation has made to intentionally invest in their “ones”—those God has placed in our lives who need the hope of Christ. We are also deeply encouraged by the faithful financial commitments made toward the Room for More Mission Initiative, believing together that God's Kingdom can become an even greater reality in Mason and beyond.

None of this happens alone. I am incredibly blessed to serve alongside an amazing staff and countless faithful volunteers who pour themselves into ministry week after week. I am especially thankful for Pastor Stu, Pastor Jenna, and Brad Seely, whose leadership, service, and love for people continue to strengthen the mission of our church.

As we look back on this year, we celebrate not simply what we accomplished, but what Christ accomplished in us and through us. We celebrate transformed lives, deeper faith, stronger connections, and the countless ways Jesus has moved among His people. Together, we look ahead with anticipation, trusting that the God who has been faithful in the past will continue to lead us into a future filled with hope, purpose, and transformation.

Following Christ, Connecting Hearts and Loving One Another
Pastor Gerhard—Mason Naz



MIDLAND BETHEL

Rev. Norman & Brenda Eddy (4/17)

Lead Pastor's Report



All Budgets Paid In Full	YES	Number Called to Ministry (this year)	0
Participation in World Evang. Fund	YES	Number of New Believers	0
Participation in NBUSA	YES	Number of Baptisms	0
Participation in ONU Allocation	YES	Number of New Nazarenes	0
Participation in Dist. Fund Allocations	YES	Membership Total	66
Raised for all Purposes	\$55,686	Average Morning Worship Attendance	31
Participated in Compassionate Ministries	YES	Average Online Attendance	5

What then? We know that God is for us and we know that no one can stand against us. How does that translate into everyday life? The response to that is building up the body of Christ. Over the past year we have had fellowship nights to just get to know our family members outside the church; to encourage and come alongside one another. In the same spirit we enjoyed an all-church bowling day after service one Sunday. Great fun, great attendance, challenges accept and no one was great. But it was building up the body.

The response is also sharing God's goodness with our community. Our township organized an event called Touch-a-Truck designed for kids to experience construction equipment, semi-trucks, emergency vehicles and many other wonders to small ones. We set up a tent and a table and shared free drinks for folks in the July heat. We received many positive responses to our involvement. We also started a program to share with new babies and their families' gifts and practical items to get started in their new families. We were able to bless one family, so far. We also adopted one family in need for Christmas and blessed them with gifts. They were very overwhelmed, overjoyed and grateful. They saw Jesus in action right before their very eyes. We packed 100 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child again this year and plan to continue that ministry for years to come. We will only see the harvest reaped when we get to heaven, but God is reaching lost souls and blessing our obedience to Him. On top of that, we delivered 10 baskets with a meal to 10 different families for Thanksgiving and then another 10 for Christmas. Folks were extremely grateful.

Many of these things we don't see, maybe, how effective they are. However, we keep sharing in obedience because it is not about us. We don't seek recognition. We just want to share the goodness of God with as many as we can.

So, this is our response to the question what then. This is God's goodness to us, extended to the community in which He has planted us, so they may see how good God really is.

Respectfully submitted:
Pastor Norm
Rev. Norman P. Eddy



MIDLAND NAZ

Rev. Justin & Heather Hayes (8/21)

Lead Pastor's Report



All Budgets Paid In Full	YES	Number Called to Ministry (this year)	1
Participation in World Evang. Fund	YES	Number of New Believers	25
Participation in NBUSA	YES	Number of Baptisms	25
Participation in ONU Allocation	YES	Number of New Nazarenes	7
Participation in Dist. Fund Allocations	YES	Membership Total	203
Raised for all Purposes	\$620,879	Average Morning Worship Attendance	259
Participated in Compassionate Ministries	YES	Average Online Attendance	29

Brothers and sisters of the Michigan district, the past twelve months have been an amazing time of life and ministry at Midland Nazarene. This time last year, our staff and board had just finished an 18 month process of restructurizing the church. We studied the local culture and conducted a deep evaluation of our resources, strengths and weaknesses. Our objective was to develop a strong ministry plan that enabled our church to proclaim Jesus in our context effectively as we approach the 2030's. Beginning last summer, we began to install our written plan. The plan included a facility update that we were able to complete debt free, a new and innovative approach to discipleship we call the Reflection Group Model, and well articulated purpose statement, missional values, and leadership principles.

The results have been amazing. Over 1000 individuals attended services at Midland Nazarene over the past year. We welcomed over 200 first time guests; 73 of whom became regular attendees for a 37% retention rate. Over 120 individual adults participated in Reflection Groups, and the feedback we received on their effectiveness in strengthening faith was overwhelmingly positive. MidNaz Kids grew by over 30% and began developing sensory safe space for special needs kids. We train, equip, and deploy over 150 volunteers in our various ministry areas, and raised up approximately 20 team leads to support and assist our staff.

It has been an awesome year at Midland Nazarene, and we anticipate ongoing effectiveness through the next 12 months, as we follow Jesus and help others follow Jesus.

Respectfully submitted,

Justin L. Hayes Ed.D.
Lead Pastor



MIDLAND NEASE MEMORIAL

Rev. Terry & Jackie Turner (12/25)

Lead Pastor's Report



All Budgets Paid In Full	YES	Number Called to Ministry (this year)	0
Participation in World Evang. Fund	YES	Number of New Believers	2
Participation in NBUSA	YES	Number of Baptisms	0
Participation in ONU Allocation	YES	Number of New Nazarenes	0
Participation in Dist. Fund Allocations	YES	Membership Total	38
Raised for all Purposes	\$70,225	Average Morning Worship Attendance	35
Participated in Compassionate Ministries	YES	Average Online Attendance	0

As new pastors at Midland Nease, we believe God has brought us here for "such a time as this".

The church is unified in our desire to reach out to the community so we are conducting "prayer walks" and canvassing in our surrounding neighborhoods, asking God to give us insight, contacts, plans and real results.

We do have new families attending. We have had great answers to prayer with fringe families around the time of surgeries, with one getting saved in the hospital and the gospel shared with other family members. We are also ministering to families with funeral dinners and visits.

Our Santa dinner outreach attendance was around 60 and our Easter Egg Hunt about the same attendance with all those folks receiving calls, letters and visits. We are praying that God will use these as springboards to deeper relationships and eventually salvation, Spirit filling, church attendance and Christian serving.

We do believe we are becoming a praying church (Wednesday night prayer meeting reestablished along "prayer walks", a "prayer chain" and the "Open Altar" for prayer Sunday mornings) and a church meeting real needs in the community and around the world (by giving to missions, food for local people, Baby Bottle funds going to the Life Care Clinic, clothes to a local shelter, and Samaritan's Purse Christmas shoeboxes.)

Our Sunday night Bible study is getting us deeper into the Word and experiencing the Holy Spirit's presence and power.

We are thankful for the Holy Spirit's direction.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Terry Turner
Midland Nease Memorial Church of the Nazarene



MT PLEASANT FAITH INDIAN

Rev. Doyle & Darlene Perry (11/02)

Lead Pastor's Report



All Budgets Paid In Full	NO	Number Called to Ministry (this year)	0
Participation in World Evang. Fund	NO	Number of New Believers	4
Participation in NBUSA	YES	Number of Baptisms	8
Participation in ONU Allocation	YES	Number of New Nazarenes	1
Participation in Dist. Fund Allocations	YES	Membership Total	37
Raised for all Purposes	\$71,931	Average Morning Worship Attendance	65
Participated in Compassionate Ministries	YES	Average Online Attendance	100

Romans 8:31—

To respond to the scripture, we have added this year another Bible Study; one at the Church on Wednesday and one at the Tribal Center on Monday. The groups are teaching our new Christians, who know nothing about choices, for them to understand. One new family has started tithing after one and a half years. Dwelling on God's faithfulness, reassurance: As Believers, who live within us, they are working on property all on their own. Something's that's never been. Under these Bible Studies, everything all other ministries the answers to questions of why are being answered. I am working now with my 4th generation in the families.

From Rev. Doyle Perry
Faith Indian Church of the Nazarene



MT PLEASANT FIRST

Rev. Jon & Annie Croft (10/20)

Lead Pastor's Report



All Budgets Paid In Full	YES	Number Called to Ministry (this year)	0
Participation in World Evang. Fund	YES	Number of New Believers	2
Participation in NBUSA	YES	Number of Baptisms	5
Participation in ONU Allocation	YES	Number of New Nazarenes	1
Participation in Dist. Fund Allocations	YES	Membership Total	25
Raised for all Purposes	\$147,823	Average Morning Worship Attendance	78
Participated in Compassionate Ministries	YES	Average Online Attendance	31

These are great days at MPNazarene Church. We are seeing new people come to be part of our church family, including several new young families with children. Our youth group is growing and introducing people to Jesus for the very first time, and it is amazing to see how God just keeps showing up. In the large things and the small things that go unnoticed, God is working in the life of our church family. Whether it is a couple that is hoping to have their own child to raise and love, or a person in financial crisis, or a hundred other situations, the family at MPNaz takes Jesus seriously when he says that they will know that we are his disciples by how we love each other.

Outside the walls of our church, we were able to celebrate giving away 1 million pieces of clothing this year through Clothing INC. Clothing In the Name of Christ was started in the basement of MPNazarene Church 13 years ago, and now we have reached every corner of our county as well as the neighboring counties by helping to provide free clothing to anyone in need. Although Clothing INC is no longer in the basement of our church building, it is still very much part of our church DNA. We celebrate what God is doing in this ministry through the people of MPNaz and our ministry partners in Mount Pleasant.

It is an honor and a joy to serve this wonderful congregation in this great city. Great days are here and greater days are yet to come.

Respectfully submitted,
Jon Croft



MUSKEGON BREAKWATER

Revs. Devin & Aimee Mulder (10/10)

Lead Pastor's Report



All Budgets Paid In Full	YES	Number Called to Ministry (this year)	2
Participation in World Evang. Fund	YES	Number of New Believers	4
Participation in NBUSA	YES	Number of Baptisms	2
Participation in ONU Allocation	YES	Number of New Nazarenes	0
Participation in Dist. Fund Allocations	YES	Membership Total	62
Raised for all Purposes	\$164,687	Average Morning Worship Attendance	30
Participated in Compassionate Ministries	YES	Average Online Attendance	20

God's grace has fueled Breakwater Nazarene in 2025-2026. We were privileged to be a part of a Haitian Church as the Primitive Church of the Nazarene was planted in our building. Our combined worship services have strengthened both of our congregations and it's been beautiful to share life around the Lord's table.

We have also been able to extend God's grace by blessing our community financially reflecting God's faithful provision. We gave over 250 backpacks filled with school supplies to our community, started a food/giving pantry and built our playground area into a family gathering place. With help from an others grant, we installed a new basketball court right by our playground. When the family area is finished, we will be able to offer our community a hangout spot with a full playground, gazebo and a basketball hoop. We are praying that every person that enjoys our family area with feel the power of God's grace in their lives.

Members of Breakwater Nazarene have also shown grace to each other as we've had difficult conversations around differing opinions. Although some people have chosen to worship at other churches, God's grace has equipped radical forgiveness and compassionate understanding.

Two miracles have taken place within our congregation this year. First of all, a single mother of 4 has a spinal injury that was projected to cripple her for life. After extensive rehab, prayer, and physical therapy she is walking without assistance. Glory to God! Secondly, God laid a ministry idea on the heart of a young family in our church. Dads to Dads ministry has started and fathers from our area have been meeting to learn about a variety of topics. The dads have been fellowshiping together, the kids have a festive time together and parents know they are not alone. Every dad that has attended are people we have not met before and are seeking community.

It is God's grace that continually flows within us and helps us listen more effectively and continue seeing God working in our church and community. We know that every step that Breakwater takes is covered by grace and we cling to God's hand to lead us.

Aimee and Devin Mulder



NAMUNA NEPALI

Rev. Titus & Suk Balkuty (7/25)

Lead Pastor's Report

All Budgets Paid In Full	NO	Number Called to Ministry (this year)	0
Participation in World Evang. Fund	NO	Number of New Believers	2
Participation in NBUSA	NO	Number of Baptisms	7
Participation in ONU Allocation	NO	Number of New Nazarenes	6
Participation in Dist. Fund Allocations	NO	Membership Total	25
Raised for all Purposes	\$2,000	Average Morning Worship Attendance	25
Participated in Compassionate Ministries	YES	Average Online Attendance	15

I personally thank God for His blessings as always and every year. We got 3 new families , they are 6 members.

We have started home fellowship every Saturday, to encourage believers as well as to reach out nonbelievers by their help.

I am changing my job, again I am planning to go to company so that I can attend more Nazarene meeting and remain updated.

We are having gospel soccer tournament on august this year.



NASHVILLE

Rev. Justin & Heather Schultz (1/24)

Lead Pastor's Report



All Budgets Paid In Full	YES	Number Called to Ministry (this year)	1
Participation in World Evang. Fund	YES	Number of New Believers	7
Participation in NBUSA	YES	Number of Baptisms	7
Participation in ONU Allocation	YES	Number of New Nazarenes	8
Participation in Dist. Fund Allocations	YES	Membership Total	80
Raised for all Purposes	\$163,915	Average Morning Worship Attendance	70
Participated in Compassionate Ministries	YES	Average Online Attendance	10

As we reflect on this past ministry year and the theme of Romans 8:31, we are thankful for the grace and faithfulness God has shown to our church. We have seen God continue to change lives, grow our church family, and open new doors for ministry in our community.

One of the biggest highlights this year was seeing 7 people baptized (the majority of which were students!). Watching young people publicly give their lives to Jesus and take that next step in their faith has been incredibly encouraging for our church. We have also seen continued spiritual growth through prayer gatherings, worship, and discipleship.

This year we placed a strong focus on community outreach and relationships. Through community meals, cookouts, food drives, Family Fall Harvest (which we had the highest attendance in several years), and partnerships with local churches and organizations we were able to connect with many people in our area.

Another major answer to prayer was the hiring of a Youth Pastor after a long season of searching and praying. Since then, we have seen new momentum in our youth ministry through worship nights, lock-ins, movie nights, and our youth pastor building stronger relationships with students and families.

As a church, we believe God is continuing to lead us in having a stronger community presence and greater faithfulness in active ministry. We are grateful for all God has done this year and look forward to what He will continue to do in the future.



NEW FAITH (Charlotte)

Rev. Tom & Jackie Surdenik (7/18)

Lead Pastor's Report



All Budgets Paid In Full	YES	Number Called to Ministry (this year)	0
Participation in World Evang. Fund	YES	Number of New Believers	4
Participation in NBUSA	YES	Number of Baptisms	0
Participation in ONU Allocation	YES	Number of New Nazarenes	0
Participation in Dist. Fund Allocations	YES	Membership Total	45
Raised for all Purposes	\$79,695	Average Morning Worship Attendance	36
Participated in Compassionate Ministries	YES	Average Online Attendance	16

Response to God's Grace

Paul writes throughout his letters about the transformation from old to new creations.. in the past year our focus has been on changing the wiring of our Lights. We have been working on replacing the old with new L.E.D. Lights allowing us to BE ... "Lord Empowered Disciples" lights within our circles.

One of the ways in which we have responded to God's Grace is a renewed desire to simplify our lives around our community... we want each and every person to be an avid reader of the Word and a witness to the POWER of that Word.

Wednesday and Sunday nights work in small group discussions to help our families learn to take what they read and articulate it in their own way, leading to more meaningful conversations with those they encounter.

A world filled with darkness has SEEN a great light! That light entered in and the world has never been the same... we here today as followers of Christ are also shining into a dark time, according to many, BUT GOD who made the world and everything in it has a different view, a view of redemption, restoration, reconciliation and real authentic relationships.

An example of how God has a more complex view of the state of our world is evident in the story of transformation within Erica's life. She grew up in the church, as many did, but drifted away for many years. God used a child born out of wedlock to bring her back to the church... while many would have pushed her away even farther the Lord drew her near.... Now fast forward six years and she has gotten married and is daily listening to what God wants from her as she works out her own salvation in the circle of influence she has been granted... bringing many coworkers and friends to a decision point.

Paraphrasing 1 Thessalonians 2 shows our model at New Faith Church in Charlotte as he states we have PREACHED the gospel and been POURED out in life together with you.

While our church is still small in stature it has and will continue to be Large in lasting impact throughout our community. God's Grace has provided the basis for our lives today and we truly believe He will continue to provide as we BELong- BELieve- BEhave- and BEcome the people He has called us to BE!

In Christ's Love.

Tom and your New Faith Family



NEW LIFE (Holland)

Pastor Zach & Molly Caruth (7/19)

Lead Pastor's Report



All Budgets Paid In Full	YES	Number Called to Ministry (this year)	0
Participation in World Evang. Fund	YES	Number of New Believers	0
Participation in NBUSA	YES	Number of Baptisms	0
Participation in ONU Allocation	YES	Number of New Nazarenes	0
Participation in Dist. Fund Allocations	YES	Membership Total	29
Raised for all Purposes	\$57,819	Average Morning Worship Attendance	29
Participated in Compassionate Ministries	YES	Average Online Attendance	4

As we reflect on the past year, our congregation stands in awe of the steadfast grace of God. While the world measures church transformation solely by outward numbers, the Holy Spirit has been deeply at work within our walls, transforming the hearts of our believers. In response to the reality that God is for us, our church has experienced a profound year of internal strengthening, deeper discipleship, and spiritual maturity.

God's grace has catalyzed powerful transformations in the following areas over the past year:

- **Stepping into Service:** We have witnessed a beautiful wave of individuals taking their "next steps" in faith. Believers who once sat in the pews are now actively stepping forward to serve in ministry.
- **A Culture of Deepening Prayer:** The grace of God has drawn our congregation into a closer, more dependent relationship with Him. We have seen a noticeable increase in a shared hunger to seek God's face for our community and one another.
- **Unwavering Mutual Encouragement:** Life brings heavy burdens, but our church has become a sanctuary of hope. Our members have stepped up to support, comfort, and uplift one another through difficult seasons.
- **Intentional Discipleship:** Transformation this year has been quiet but foundational. It is found in the steady growth of believers becoming more like Christ, learning to love deeper, and anchoring their identity firmly in the truth that nothing can stand against them.

Because of God's extended grace, our church is **saying** yes to His call with greater confidence, **doing** the quiet work of faithful ministry, and **becoming** a more resilient spiritual family. Even through a transition, we enter the coming year deeply rooted in the assurance of Romans 8:31, ready for whatever doors His grace opens next.

Respectfully submitted,
Pastor Zach Caruth



NEW LOTHROP

Rev. Paul & Jan Brashaw (10/94)

Lead Pastor's Report



All Budgets Paid In Full	NO	Number Called to Ministry (this year)	1
Participation in World Evang. Fund	YES	Number of New Believers	20
Participation in NBUSA	YES	Number of Baptisms	13
Participation in ONU Allocation	YES	Number of New Nazarenes	6
Participation in Dist. Fund Allocations	YES	Membership Total	125
Raised for all Purposes	\$422,566	Average Morning Worship Attendance	288
Participated in Compassionate Ministries	YES	Average Online Attendance	22

Gathered or scattered, there is nothing on the planet like the Church.

The New Lothrop Church is one expression of a growing list of convincing proofs written about in Acts 1:3. Jesus is alive and He's building His Church.

Making Disciples, Building Families, Celebrating Next Steps and Impacting Generations is what NLNC is all about. We enjoyed celebrating 13 who testified to the transforming power of Jesus Christ through baptism. We celebrated stories like:

"I found myself pretending to be a person I'm not and trying to find my worth in things other than God. God reminded me that my worth is in Him alone. Thanks to my NLNC family, I'm learning to lean on Him. – Julianne

"At NLNC, I started developing a personal relationship with Jesus. Today this public dedication of my faith is a next step in building my life ready to go wherever God may send me." – Brooklyn

*"My name is Noah, I am 10 years old. I have accepted God into my heart."
– Noah*

"In the hardest times of my life, I have decided to let go and give it to God. He has yet to fail." – Kelsey

*"I've made my choice to continue my journey with Christ with my family."
– Chris*

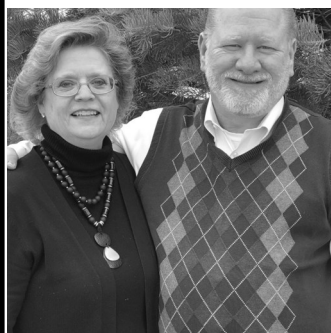
"I believe in God. I believe in His salvation. He works miracles" – Khloie

"I've decided to follow Jesus as my Lord and Savior." – Carlie

"For 34 years, we lived in darkness trapped in addiction and misery facing death. Today, we want the world to know that we belong to God, and our life is no longer defined by our past. Baptism is our way of saying 'Yes' to grace and 'Yes' to the purpose He has for us." – Dan & Sheree

Called by God. Commissioned by the Holy Spirit. Committed to living the mission of Jesus Christ, and as excited as ever to make a big deal about Jesus with friends.

Pastor Paul & Jan Brashaw



OKEMOS

Rev. Stephen & Marcia Murphy (1/20)

Lead Pastor's Report



All Budgets Paid In Full	YES	Number Called to Ministry (this year)	0
Participation in World Evang. Fund	YES	Number of New Believers	0
Participation in NBUSA	YES	Number of Baptisms	0
Participation in ONU Allocation	YES	Number of New Nazarenes	0
Participation in Dist. Fund Allocations	YES	Membership Total	65
Raised for all Purposes	\$50,137	Average Morning Worship Attendance	26
Participated in Compassionate Ministries	YES	Average Online Attendance	142

Handbook Report

Submitted by Rev. Stephen R. Murphy
Okemos Church of the Nazarene

This has been an exciting year at Okemos Church of the Nazarene. God is continuing to draw us closer to Him, taking us deeper in relationships as the Body of Christ, transforming us more into the image of His Son, Jesus Christ, and continuing to allow us to focus on making OCN a place of worship and community. One thing we began last year was to celebrate every birthday with a cake and a card in our post-worship fellowship time. That may seem small to some reading this report, but to many of our attendees, it is a special and meaningful time. One 'birthday person' said, through tears, that she wanted everyone to know how thankful she was that we remembered her special day and that she really considers OCN her church and her second home. We are continuing our weekly outreach to adult foster care homes as well as continuing our children's ministries. Last year, 2025, we sent one teen to ILNC camp and this June 2026 we are sending two teens to ILNC camp! They are very excited to go. A huge thank you to Pastor Mario Silva for continuing to translate my sermons, and any other speaker's messages into Spanish, in real-time, each week. I cannot count the times Pastor Mario brought up a prayer request in real-time from our Spanish broadcast as I was preparing to pray during the pastoral prayer in a service.

This has also been a year of celebration for OCN. We had the pleasure of having Rev. Brad Dyrness and Debbie with us on our 50th anniversary of having the first worship service in our sanctuary. One of the original members shared her memories of that first, spontaneous, worship service that took place in a not totally completed sanctuary on Easter Sunday 1976. Additionally, on that Sunday, Pastor Brad also helped us kick off a fund-raiser for a new roof for the parsonage. A huge thank you to the District Advisory Board for approving a matching grant that made it possible for us to get our new parsonage roof with zero debt! Several members gave sacrificially, above their regular tithing, to support the fund raiser. We also had a revival with Tim and Pam Gerdes on Easter weekend, and God worked in the hearts and lives of those who attended. One outcome from the revival was that two of our attendees came to me and wanted to know how they could become more involved in the church. And after some discussion, they began a new greeter ministry on Sunday mornings. I can see the joy in their faces as they have embraced their new role and how excited they are to serve the Lord each and every week. Finally, we had missionary, Rev. Lisa Lehman, from Thailand, for deputation on May 31st. She was very well received especially by our Spanish, Indian and Indonesian attendees.

To say that God is faithful is an understatement. He has and will continue to guide us, lead us, and empower us to make a difference for the cause of Christ. I am grateful to be the pastor of Okemos Nazarene and I look forward, with excitement and anticipation, for what the Lord is going to do in the hearts and lives of people here as we seek Him and continue to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

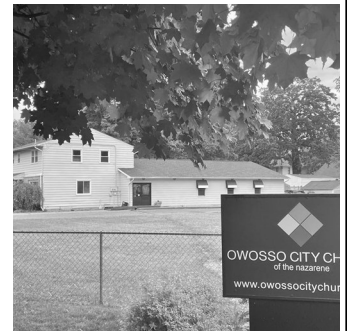
Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Stephen R. Murphy
Okemos Church of the Nazarene



OWOSSO CITY

Rev. Marlene & Ted Webster (4/12)

Lead Pastor's Report



All Budgets Paid In Full	YES	Number Called to Ministry (this year)	0
Participation in World Evang. Fund	YES	Number of New Believers	3
Participation in NBUSA	YES	Number of Baptisms	2
Participation in ONU Allocation	YES	Number of New Nazarenes	1
Participation in Dist. Fund Allocations	YES	Membership Total	46
Raised for all Purposes	\$55,825	Average Morning Worship Attendance	43
Participated in Compassionate Ministries	YES	Average Online Attendance	0

In October 2026, Owosso City Church of the Nazarene will celebrate 14 years of ministry in the heart of Owosso. The story of City Church has been a story of grace since we held our first public worship service on October 7, 2012 inside a bar.

Since we purchased our current building in 2019, we've been praying for a partnership that could utilize our space throughout the week to serve the community. The answer to that prayer came in the fall of 2025 when a newly-formed non-profit called Jennifer's Place asked if they could use our building as a place to provide services and resources to anyone in need, particularly those with substance use disorders. Since their grand opening, more than 200 people have come to our building to receive support and services. Some members of City Church volunteer with Jennifer's Place and every week, people receiving help at Jennifer's Place are attending Sunday morning services at Owosso City Church. We have found grace to be transforming for both the givers and the receivers.

This year we baptized two teenagers who were toddlers in Pleasant Valley Trailer Park when we began our ministry there 14 years ago. One of them has expressed an interest in preaching and will be co-preaching with me at the end of June. Other young people from the trailer park who were children when we began serving there are also attending City Church as well. This is the grace that comes from faithful presence in a neighborhood for 14 years.

From each meal served to each baptism to each person who was ready to walk out on faith until they found City Church, all is grace. "From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace." (Jn 1:16)

By grace alone,
Pastor Marlene Webster



OWOSSO FIRST

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Lead Pastor's Report



All Budgets Paid In Full	YES	Number Called to Ministry (this year)	5
Participation in World Evang. Fund	YES	Number of New Believers	11
Participation in NBUSA	YES	Number of Baptisms	20
Participation in ONU Allocation	YES	Number of New Nazarenes	9
Participation in Dist. Fund Allocations	YES	Membership Total	255
Raised for all Purposes	\$695,825	Average Morning Worship Attendance	239
Participated in Compassionate Ministries	YES	Average Online Attendance	27

Pastor Jerry and Darlene Walden retired as of 5/31/26. Please pray for the congregation of Owosso First while they are in transition and praying for God's pastor to come and lead their church.



PERRY

Rev. Tim & Sandy Harmon (9/00)

Lead Pastor's Report



All Budgets Paid In Full	YES	Number Called to Ministry (this year)	1
Participation in World Evang. Fund	YES	Number of New Believers	7
Participation in NBUSA	YES	Number of Baptisms	7
Participation in ONU Allocation	YES	Number of New Nazarenes	4
Participation in Dist. Fund Allocations	YES	Membership Total	202
Raised for all Purposes	\$552,111	Average Morning Worship Attendance	191
Participated in Compassionate Ministries	YES	Average Online Attendance	59

It is always a highlight of every church year to close out the Easter season with baptisms. This year was no exception. The stories of those being baptized testified to the transforming love of God. We baptized a single father who has overcome alcoholism addiction; a middle-aged widow; a new believer who is a freshman at MSU; and a 15-year-old who lost his father three years ago. A year and half ago, none of these attended our church. Another young man, Jonathan has been a part of our church for several years. His autism kept him reserved and quiet. This spring, he began showing up at our men's group with his father. It was a surprise to all of us one day to hear Jonathon comment on our discussion. In our small group, he shared more. A few weeks later, he told me he would like to be baptized. God is doing a new thing in Jonathan's heart. What joy it was to hear him share a few words with the church before being baptized. When baptisms were completed, we sang about the Amazing Grace of God that reaches to where we are. *"Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. - Psa 139:7-10 NIV.*

It has been a privilege to serve alongside this body of believers called Perry Nazarenes. Each week, we are inspired by their faith in the God whose love overcomes trouble, hardship, persecution, sickness and even death. Filled with the love of God, our people reach out to serve those in this community. This year, we had 30 different Perry Nazarenes volunteer to serve families in need. Several met with clients at the local food bank. Others served nearly 700 families in our church parking lot, giving out over 33,000 lbs. through the Greater Lansing Mobile Food Bank. Blood drives at Perry Nazarene accounted for 150 units of blood donated. We had seven serve as mentors to elementary children, meeting with them weekly through the school year. God has comforted the hurting through our Grief Share and Cancer Support ministries. We thank God for what he has done in and through us for his Glory.

Respectfully submitted,
Pastor Tim Harmon



PORTLAND

Rev. Jimmy & Pastor Joy Guffey (3/17)

Lead Pastor's Report



All Budgets Paid In Full	pending	Number Called to Ministry (this year)	0
Participation in World Evang. Fund	pending	Number of New Believers	5
Participation in NBUSA	YES	Number of Baptisms	2
Participation in ONU Allocation	YES	Number of New Nazarenes	0
Participation in Dist. Fund Allocations	YES	Membership Total	67
Raised for all Purposes	\$239,621	Average Morning Worship Attendance	113
Participated in Compassionate Ministries	YES	Average Online Attendance	0

This past year, we have spent intentional time as a congregation reflecting upon the grace of God and the many ways we experience it throughout the Christian journey. One truth we have returned to again and again is this: there is only the one grace of God. But as we walk with Him, we begin to experience that grace in different ways and at different moments in our lives. We often give those moments names—not because the grace changes, but because our experience of it changes. Through preaching, teaching, discipleship groups, and personal conversations, we have explored what it means to experience God's prevenient, saving, sanctifying, and sustaining grace.

As a church, we have become increasingly intentional about partnering with the prevenient grace of God. We believe God is already at work in the hearts and lives of people before they ever enter our building, and we have challenged our congregation to join Him in that work. Through community outreach, service opportunities, relationship-building, and simple acts of hospitality, our people have become more attentive to where God is already moving. We have seen new families connect with our church, guests become regular attenders, and individuals take meaningful steps toward faith in Christ.

We have also celebrated the transforming power of God's saving grace. Over the past year, several individuals have professed faith in Jesus Christ, and we have had the privilege of witnessing baptisms that testify to lives being made new through Him. These moments remind us that God is still drawing people to Himself and that the Gospel remains the power of God for salvation.

At the same time, many within our congregation have experienced God's sanctifying grace in fresh and powerful ways. Through worship, Bible study, prayer, Growth Groups, and our recent emphasis on becoming Christlike disciples, people are growing in spiritual maturity and learning to surrender every area of life to Christ. We have heard testimonies of greater freedom from sin, deeper obedience, renewed passion for prayer and Scripture, and a growing desire to reflect the character of Jesus in everyday life.

And through every joy, challenge, transition, and uncertainty, we have been sustained by God's faithful grace. Looking back over this past year, we can confidently say that God has been at work among us. By His grace, we are becoming a people who love Jesus more deeply, serve others more faithfully, and participate more fully in His mission. We give God thanks for what He has done, and we look forward with anticipation to what He will continue to do in the days ahead.



PRIMITIVE HAITIAN

**Mackenson Isemaise & Amber
Jhon Kerby & Beatrice**

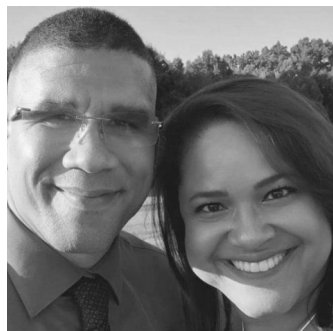
Lead Pastor's Report



All Budgets Paid In Full	NO	Number Called to Ministry (this year)	2
Participation in World Evang. Fund	NO	Number of New Believers	0
Participation in NBUSA	NO	Number of Baptisms	2
Participation in ONU Allocation	NO	Number of New Nazarenes	30
Participation in Dist. Fund Allocations	NO	Membership Total	30
Raised for all Purposes	\$5,997	Average Morning Worship Attendance	20
Participated in Compassionate Ministries	YES	Average Online Attendance	0

Founded in March 2025 in Muskegon, Michigan, the Primitive Church of the Nazarene was established to bring together the Haitian community of Muskegon County in Christian fellowship with Christ and with one another. The church provides a place where members can worship God in their native language, fostering a deeper connection to both their faith and cultural heritage. Grounded in the Holy Scriptures, we are committed to teaching and applying God's Word in our daily lives as we seek to grow in faith, love, and obedience to Christ.

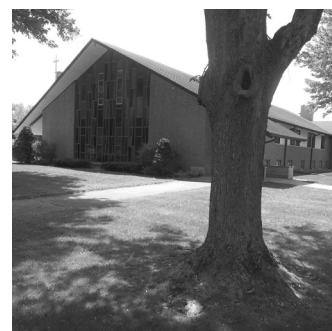
Our mission is to faithfully proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ, encourage spiritual and social growth, and build a strong, Christ-centered community that glorifies God. Through worship services, prayer, discipleship, and fellowship, we strive to impact lives and strengthen families while serving as a beacon of hope within our community. During the 2025–2026 Nazarene fiscal year, we were blessed to worship with a total attendance of 893 people, reflecting God's continued faithfulness and the growing engagement of our congregation.



SAGINAW FIRST

Pastor Gabe & Teresa Beelen (5/25)

Lead Pastor's Report



All Budgets Paid In Full	YES	Number Called to Ministry (this year)	0
Participation in World Evang. Fund	YES	Number of New Believers	0
Participation in NBUSA	YES	Number of Baptisms	0
Participation in ONU Allocation	YES	Number of New Nazarenes	0
Participation in Dist. Fund Allocations	YES	Membership Total	27
Raised for all Purposes	\$74,028	Average Morning Worship Attendance	20
Participated in Compassionate Ministries	YES	Average Online Attendance	0

As we reflect on Romans 8:31 (NIV) What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us, I am reminded about Paul's triumphant conclusion to the truths he has just declared. His adoption of believers as His children, the work of the Holy Spirit, and His sovereign purpose in our lives.

Over the past year, we have witnessed the transforming power of God's grace in many impactful ways. These results are not simply the product of human effort but evidence of God's faithfulness working through His people.

Over the past year I think our lives have been brought more together as we experience the process of time and health challenges. Individuals have come to know Christ better through prayer, encouragement, and practical support and we have learned to rely on each other just to get around. Although we have lost one person who moved closer to family and another due to health reasons, we have also gained two new members. We have experienced spiritual renewal and deeper discipleship. To a greater extent, the best times were when we witnessed testimonies of God's healing, restoration.

The relationship with our community has been bought closer, but also in ways better defined. Our community knows that we are here whether it was through community outreach or our new online presence. We are planning our 2nd Back to school event in August that blesses kids who are in need of school supplies. We also did an outreach spaghetti dinner for our community. It was great to have the whole crew of Consumers Energy just taking time out to rest and fellowship with us.

Our members have given with generosity and a passion for missions, not only for abroad but for local missions. They shared their time and resources for God's kingdom purposes. The needs with the church and community have been met through sacrificial love.

As we reflect on the past year, we give all glory to God. Every transformed life, every act of service, every step of growth and every ministry opportunity is a testimony to his amazing grace. We celebrate and thank God that we can continue to worship despite our limitations. We celebrate what God has done and look forward with confidence that God will provide.

"By the grace of God, I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain." – Paul the Apostle (1 Corinthians 15:10)



SAGINAW VALLEY

Rev. Nathan & Amy Miller (11/20)

Lead Pastor's Report



All Budgets Paid In Full	YES	Number Called to Ministry (this year)	0
Participation in World Evang. Fund	YES	Number of New Believers	4
Participation in NBUSA	YES	Number of Baptisms	4
Participation in ONU Allocation	YES	Number of New Nazarenes	6
Participation in Dist. Fund Allocations	YES	Membership Total	184
Raised for all Purposes	\$318,354	Average Morning Worship Attendance	109
Participated in Compassionate Ministries	YES	Average Online Attendance	11

Coming off of a year of stepping out in faith to aid our community, which paused some plans we had been developing, this past year we have been moving into a season of action, growth and development. We have seen four individuals commit their lives to Christ and subsequently baptized. We received six new members into our family. We are working with three individuals in our discipleship program, one of which is feeling called into ministry and is seeking God's will to discern what that will look like. God blessed us with the ability to pay off all our loans and so we are debt free this year. We have added four new staff which has helped solidify our planning, implement new programming and bring a new energy to the momentum we feel as we are growing. We have gained new families, five new babies, and have already begun two of our three ministries we have been preparing to launch.

But we are not a container of God's blessing, but a conduit for God's blessing. and so we look to this next year with anticipation of reaching the marginalized, the lost, and a community that needs to re-learn what community actually is. Eph 2:8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast. 10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.



ST JOHNS

Pastor Chris & Cassidy Miller (6/25)

Lead Pastor's Report



All Budgets Paid In Full	YES	Number Called to Ministry (this year)	0
Participation in World Evang. Fund	YES	Number of New Believers	2
Participation in NBUSA	YES	Number of Baptisms	1
Participation in ONU Allocation	YES	Number of New Nazarenes	9
Participation in Dist. Fund Allocations	YES	Membership Total	29
Raised for all Purposes	\$108,042	Average Morning Worship Attendance	34
Participated in Compassionate Ministries	YES	Average Online Attendance	15

District Assembly Grace Report - 2026

Romans 8:31 (NIV) – “What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?”

Over the past year, we have seen God's grace faithfully at work in the life of our congregation. The theme at our church this year is **Grow Deeper. Live Wider**. As a church, our response has been to lean into spiritual maturity and discipleship, **growing deeper** in our relationship with Christ. And **living wider** in our community with a renewed commitment to sharing the hope and love of Christ with others through practical and everyday evangelism, allowing our lives to preach far louder than our words.

We are witnesses of lives transformed as people draw closer to Jesus through spirit-led worship, prayer, Bible study, and relationships formed in small groups. God has continued to strengthen families, encourage those walking through difficult seasons, and call individuals into deeper faith and service. We rejoice in those who have publicly declared their faith through baptism all across our district and in those who have recommitted themselves to following Christ.

God's grace has been evident in the unity and servant-hearted spirit of our congregation. Members have stepped forward to serve in ministries both inside and outside the church, creating opportunities to connect with children, youth, adults, and our surrounding community. This fall, we will welcome a community preschool into our facility as a long-term ministry to local families. Through compassionate outreach, jail ministry, hospitality, discipleship groups, and weekly worship, we are seeking to be the hands and feet of Jesus in practical and tangible ways.

The Lord has continued to provide for our church in both spiritually and tangibly. We are grateful for His provision, for the faithfulness of our people, and for the opportunities He has opened for ministry and growth. Even in challenges and transitions, His grace has proven sufficient. As a result, we see God is shaping us into a church that is more Christ-centered, Spirit-led, compassionate, and mission-minded. Because God's grace has been given to us, our response is to continue growing together, serving faithfully, and boldly sharing the hope of Jesus Christ with our community.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pastor Chris Miller



SPARTA

**Rev. Tyler & Pastor Liz Hubbell
(9/20)**

Lead Pastor's Report



All Budgets Paid In Full	YES	Number Called to Ministry (this year)	1
Participation in World Evang. Fund	YES	Number of New Believers	3
Participation in NBUSA	YES	Number of Baptisms	3
Participation in ONU Allocation	YES	Number of New Nazarenes	2
Participation in Dist. Fund Allocations	YES	Membership Total	146
Raised for all Purposes	\$458,551	Average Morning Worship Attendance	171
Participated in Compassionate Ministries	YES	Average Online Attendance	10

At Sparta Naz, we are no strangers to the gift of God's grace. We regularly acknowledge the fact that all that we have is gift from God. Our response to this grace is a posture of gratitude and thanksgiving marked by an openhandedness that gives as freely as we have received. In some of the seemingly more mundane ways, we have responded to this grace by catching up on deferred maintenance and caring well the building that God has provided for us. We are growing into sustainability with the resources that God has provided for us as we plan for the future.

In a new initiative for this past year, we have responded to God's grace by growing the cohesiveness of our church family around the table every Wednesday evening. Over 5,300 meals were served in the gymnasium at Sparta Naz! We are responding to God's grace by doing life together in meaningful ways, testifying to the fact that we are disciples of Christ by the way that we love one another.

Another response to the grace of God in our congregation is to give ourselves to the grace of serving our community. Each weekend over the course of this past school year, we provided food for 120-125 kids. We also sent 11 mentors into our local elementary schools to show the love of Christ through presence. IN the year ahead, we plan to continue in our response to God's grace through the opening of a play café intended to provide safe and loving space for families in our community to gather and experience the love of Christ.

The culture of Sparta Naz has been and continues to be a culture that readily gives of itself and goes all in for the next good work. We are so grateful for this incredible grace of God that allows us to partner with God's prevenient grace and to be continually transformed as we see God's Kingdom come here as it is in heaven.



SPRING ARBOR

Rev. Lonny Bumgardner (11/18)

Lead Pastor's Report



All Budgets Paid In Full	YES	Number Called to Ministry (this year)	0
Participation in World Evang. Fund	YES	Number of New Believers	2
Participation in NBUSA	YES	Number of Baptisms	2
Participation in ONU Allocation	YES	Number of New Nazarenes	0
Participation in Dist. Fund Allocations	YES	Membership Total	81
Raised for all Purposes	\$183,403	Average Morning Worship Attendance	51
Participated in Compassionate Ministries	YES	Average Online Attendance	3

Over the past year we have seen God's grace extended to completion in people's lives.

Ed was a faithful servant who helped bus kids to church for many years. He had a stroke and following issues that kept him requiring constant care from his devoted wife Nancy. This didn't stop his caring and sharing the love of Jesus to others over the phone or in visits. His mortal body finally failed but his legacy of care lives on.

We met Phil through our Helping Hands Pantry and over the years he grew very dear to us as we journeyed with him through the death of his mother and his own illnesses including the loss of his legs. Phil gave his heart to Jesus through all this and we were able to love him into his final homecoming.

James has been mentored by our kids and youth workers since he was very young and it was not an easy journey. Throughout there have been discipline issues, medical issues, and financial issues in his home. He has grown tremendously and still has struggles but he has been taught the ways of following Jesus, been loved, shown continued grace and now he has just graduated high school.

These journeys have been filled with victory and tears, prayers and answers. Spring Arbor Nazarene is a church that loves and God has called us to love our community through incarnational, relational and missional ways. We are committed to "Be Love, Do Love, Go Love" and looking forward to what and who God has for us this coming year!

Respectfully Submitted,
Lonny Bumgardner - Lead Pastor



STURGIS

Rev. Bill & Rhonda Couchenour (9/22)

Lead Pastor's Report



All Budgets Paid In Full	YES	Number Called to Ministry (this year)	0
Participation in World Evang. Fund	YES	Number of New Believers	4
Participation in NBUSA	YES	Number of Baptisms	0
Participation in ONU Allocation	YES	Number of New Nazarenes	0
Participation in Dist. Fund Allocations	YES	Membership Total	252
Raised for all Purposes	\$234,521	Average Morning Worship Attendance	70
Participated in Compassionate Ministries	YES	Average Online Attendance	190

Greetings from Sturgis Church of the Nazarene:

God's grace has been extended to us in many ways.

We are learning patience as we have waited to see our building sell. Meanwhile we started a Wednesday night children's program called Kid's Connection of which we are continuing to see children come, to learn about Jesus. Our teen program continues to meet Wednesday night and we had our annual teen services. Pastor Brad Dyrness D.S. preached for us in one service of the teen weekend and we had several come forward to pray. We have seen the transforming results of the grace of God, as one of the children's fathers came to church. He began to attend and now professes salvation. His sister said he wouldn't come to church until he was serious about being a Christian. We can see God working in his life. Our adults have been going through the Bible from the beginning to end much like the Bible Survey class. We have met community needs as individual have come to us. We also have donated school supplies locally.

We had Revival services with Rev. Scott Wade, a great time of reflection.

For leadership we are continuing to take some to Come to the Table. We have been developing leadership by simple conversations. We have also been continuing to gather for prayer on Wednesday night, we have been progressively praying in deeper ways. We recognize the culture has changed in many ways and we will be exploring new ways to make a connection with our community.

"If God is for us, who can be against us?"

Pastor Bill Couchenour and Sturgis Church of the Nazarene



SUMNER CENTER

Rev. John & Deb Wright Lead Pastor's Report



All Budgets Paid In Full	YES	Number Called to Ministry (this year)	1
Participation in World Evang. Fund	YES	Number of New Believers	0
Participation in NBUSA	YES	Number of Baptisms	4
Participation in ONU Allocation	YES	Number of New Nazarenes	5
Participation in Dist. Fund Allocations	YES	Membership Total	30
Raised for all Purposes	\$67,836	Average Morning Worship Attendance	26
Participated in Compassionate Ministries	YES	Average Online Attendance	5

Sumner Center Church of the Nazarene Handbook Report 2026

Over the past year, we have experienced God's transforming grace in many encouraging ways. A discipleship group was launched, and five individuals have become more deeply rooted in their faith, embracing a renewed commitment to live intentionally for Christ's purpose. Through this group, participants have gained clarity in their calling to serve Christ's mission within the church and community. This group has decided to continue as a small group, fostering intentional community, growth, and service.

We celebrated four baptisms and welcomed two new members into the church family. Inactive members have also become recommitted, actively contributing to the ministry and mission of the church.

We held a women's gathering that drew 53 attendees, many expressing that they felt deeply loved, encouraged, and spiritually refreshed.

God has faithfully provided for our church financially, enabling us to meet significant repair and restoration needs while still paying all district budgets in full.

We strengthened partnerships with neighboring Nazarene churches in Alma and St. Louis through shared Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, and Good Friday services.

Additionally, individuals who, in the past, were reluctant to serve in leadership roles, have committed to serving in the church. Our prayer ministry remains strong and active. There is a growing spirit of hope as the church shifts from merely maintaining to proactively pursuing God's mission and future together.

Respectfully submitted,
Pastor John Wright



THREE RIVERS

**Rev. Rich & Pastor Tracey Saunders
(6/18)**

Lead Pastor's Report



All Budgets Paid In Full	YES	Number Called to Ministry (this year)	0
Participation in World Evang. Fund	YES	Number of New Believers	4
Participation in NBUSA	YES	Number of Baptisms	13
Participation in ONU Allocation	YES	Number of New Nazarenes	21
Participation in Dist. Fund Allocations	YES	Membership Total	285
Raised for all Purposes	\$251,539	Average Morning Worship Attendance	140
Participated in Compassionate Ministries	YES	Average Online Attendance	46

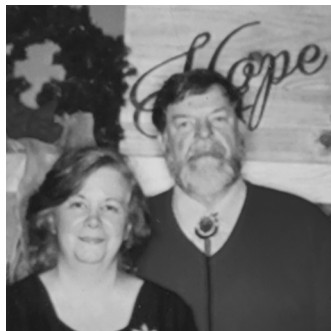
The past church year here at TRNaz has been filled with the evidence of the moving of the Holy Spirit and with an overwhelming sense of the grace of God! It's been exciting, exhausting in a REALLY good way, and transformative as we've seen people come to Christ as Savior, people choose to follow Christ as Lord, and to wholeheartedly commit their lives to allowing the Holy Spirit to do Its transformative indwelling work.

Throughout the church year we've had people pursue being baptized (we make room for that for ANYONE, on any given Sunday they choose is "THE" Sunday), seen an increase in visitors and new attenders, and we've had people respond to the call of God in their lives to pursue ministry opportunities: mission work both here, locally, and far; discipling work in the form of groups of people doing life together and learning from one another in study type settings; and in the answering of SPECIFIC calls of God to church ministry work where we now have a Children's Ministry Director to help grow and nurture our children's ministry and children here at TRNaz.

We have continued to connect with those in our community through various avenues. Our Foster Care Closet, Ellie's Closet, continues to be a thriving and impactful ministry (which is a really sad thing and really good thing too), where foster families and foster children are supported with clothing, footwear, backpack, under AND outer wear needs. Our Be A Blessing Fund (BAB Fund) continues to support ANY within our St. Joseph County with help for a vast array of needs, who have slipped through the cracks of agency help or whose help exceeds what is offered through those various agency groups. Our Parenting Visit ministry (foster children meeting with their families during supervised visits with a caseworker) has become a thriving (again, which is a really sad and really good thing too) ministry where we provide a safe place for meetings to take place while offering any help we are able to give AND where prayers are being prayed for all those involved.

This ALL is DIRECTLY due to the grace of God that has been, and is, given in holy abundance that allows for us to play a role in helping those in need, while also making visible the hope that still exists, even when it is hard to see, when God is allowed to be involved. To God be the glory for all the great things He IS doing!!!

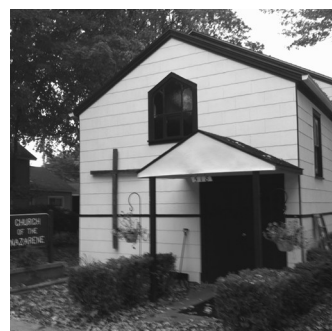
Pastor Rich Saunders, Lead Pastor, TRNaz (Three Rivers Church of the Nazarene)



WILLIAMSTON

Rev. Sam & Anna Stone (8/96)

Lead Pastor's Report



All Budgets Paid In Full	NO	Number Called to Ministry (this year)	0
Participation in World Evang. Fund	YES	Number of New Believers	6
Participation in NBUSA	YES	Number of Baptisms	0
Participation in ONU Allocation	NO	Number of New Nazarenes	0
Participation in Dist. Fund Allocations	YES	Membership Total	11
Raised for all Purposes	\$43,674	Average Morning Worship Attendance	11
Participated in Compassionate Ministries	YES	Average Online Attendance	11

Pastor Dyrness, Dr. Chambo, and members of this assembly,

It is my pleasure to give the pastors report for Williamston Church of the Nazarene.

This truly has been an eventful past year. The event that sticks out the most is the church parsonage being burnt down. Through this event, we have seen so many miracles and the hand of God throughout that in this short paragraph it would be impossible to list.

From the vehicle situation, housing for my wife, our two dogs and I, to the place where we are now staying.

From the NICEA fire department response to the architect, (Harold Meyers) drawings, to our contractors, (Pro-Contractors) to the District and their help.

The song "Through It All" has really come to life in all of this.

God has blessed us and is still blessing.

Our church is stronger today than it has ever been.

Thank You Father for all You have, are and will be doing!

Amen

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