

ADVISORY BOARD REPORT

District Advisory Board Members 2020-2021:

Ordained Assigned Ministers: *Ken Bushey, Andrew Johnson, Jane Muncie, Darin Nossett*

Lay Members: *Doug Jones, P.J. Doerner, Bruce Marshall, Tim Scott*

Secretary: *Rev. Ken Bushey*

Chairman: *Dr. Tim Crump*

We, the District Advisory Board, submit the following report:

The District Advisory Board met at the call of the district superintendent to transact business vital to the district's interests. In addition, we have served as the District Home Missions Board and the District Insurance Commission during the year.

Interim ministerial transfers have been processed and referred to the District Board of Ministry per MANUAL, Paragraphs 205.8, 231.9-231.10, 537-537.2. The following transfers to SWID were approved: Bill Castillo, David Mitchell, Andy Rutherford, Taylor Monhollen. Alex Connell, Chris Rego, Brice Kudej. The following transfer to another district was approved: Fred Grenier and Danny McDowell.

The following licensed ministers, serving as pastors, were recommended to the District Board of Ministry for issuance of new or the renewal of district minister's license per MANUAL, Paragraph 532.5: Joe Decker, Bryan Holzappel, Brice Kudej, Sara E. Jimenez Marquez, Taylor Monhollen, Melony Paulus, Gerald L. Richardson, Darrell Sellers, Bryan Thompson, and Sheila R. Thompson.

Special Service/Interdenominational Ministry (SPC) status was granted to Mark Fleschner, Ron Freeland, David Hayes, Robert King, Joshua Nichols, William Pike, Todd Stepp, and Houston Thompson per MANUAL, Paragraphs 528, 528.1, 528.2, 538.1, 538.8, 538.10 and, 53 8.13 by the District Advisory Board with the approval of the District Assembly and the Board of General Superintendents. SPC status was denied to Tracy Gorman per MANUAL, Paragraphs 528 and 538.8.

The District Advisory Board approved the following appointments of the District Superintendent per MANUAL, Paragraph 212.1: Bruce Yates (Bloomington Eastview), Paul T. Blair (Calvary Community Fellowship), Rick Wetnight (Cayuga), Tom Redden (Chuck Wagon Cowboy), Tim Hullet (Clarksville Parkwood), Mark Wooten (Crothersville), Steven Beck (Dale), Peter Ken Walker (Family Fellowship), Bryan Holzappel (Fort Branch), Wayne Rowland (Franciso), Dale Braker (Freetown), Taylor Monhollen (Heartland), Larry Carr (House of Faith), Michael Suits (Jasper), Larry Latham (Jordan), Nate Denning (Northside Community), Sara Jimenez Marquez (Oasis of Hope), Clarabelle Jukes (Patrickburg), Brett Cieslack (Rockport), Sheila Thompson (Rockville), Javier Morante (Shalom Hispanic), David Mitchell (Shoals), and Darrell D. Wineinger (Springs Valley).

Per MANUAL, Paragraph 540.3, the SWID Recovery Team has suspended recovery efforts with Tim Cox due to the lack of participation in the district-approved plan and process for one desiring to be reinstated as a member of the clergy.

In recognition and appreciation of Dr. John Bowling's retirement after thirty years of faithful leadership to Olivet Nazarene University, the SWID Advisory Board approved \$10,000 to Olivet's John and Jill Bowling Scholarship for Olivet Students.

We, the District Advisory Board, appreciate the leadership, guidance, and direction of our District Superintendent, Dr. Timothy W. Crump, over the past year and thank the Lord for His hand upon the churches of the Southwest Indiana District.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Bushey,
Secretary

Timothy W. Crump,
Chairman

BOARD OF MINISTRY: CREDENTIALS REPORT

Board of Ministry Members 2020-2021:

Members: *Revs. Marlin Betts, Ken Bushey, Nate Denning, Michael Elliott, James Hicks, Andrew Johnson, Doug Lane, Jane Muncie, Robert Muncie, Keith Ross, Sarah Ross, Jonathan Scott, Patrick Shay, Mark Thompson.*

Secretary: *Rev. Jason Riggle*

Chairman: *Dr. Tim Crump*

Partial Report No. 1

We, your Board of Ministerial Credentials, submit the following partial report:

We find it a joy to welcome and to recommend the following incoming transfers to be received:

Elders:

Alex E. Connell from Chicago Central District

David L. Mitchell from Southern California

Christopher M. Rego from Midsouth District

Andy L. Rutherford from Central Gulf Coast

Licensed Ministers:

William A. Castillo from Kentucky District

Brice J. Kudej from Iowa District

Taylor R. Monhollen from Indianapolis District

Partial Report No. 2

We, your Board of Ministerial Credentials, submit the following partial report:

Having met the necessary study and experience in service qualifications and having been carefully examined by the board as to their character, integrity, and agreement with the doctrines and polity of the Church of the Nazarene, we recommend the following for ordination as elder subject to the approval of the general superintendent: Joseph Aaron Decker, Andrew Scott DeKemper, Jarren Bryant Rogers, Darrell Reed Sellers II, Matthew Joseph Smith, Bryan Scott Thompson, and Sheila Renee Thompson.

Partial Report No. 3

We, your Board of Ministerial Credentials, submit the following partial report:

We recommend the following be granted a minister's license: Seth A. Jones, Sam A. Moore, and Travis R. Stockelman.

We recommend the following be granted a renewal of minister's license: David M. Anderson, Alyssa D. Beadle, Tyler K. Beadle, Corbin V. Bushey, William A. Castillo, Joseph A. Decker, Andrew S. DeKemper, Jodie, K. George, Bryan L. Holzapple, Sara E. Jimenez Marquez, Brice J. Kudej,

Taylor R. Monhollen, Ashley M. Nichols, Michael D. Nickle, Chad M. Olds, Melony M. Paulus, Charles J. Phillips, Gerald L. Richardson, Jarren B. Rogers, Anthony C. Sedletzeck, Darrell R. Sellers II, Matthew J. Smith, Garrett M. Sparks, Bryan S. Thompson and Sheila R. Thompson.

We recommend the following be granted renewal of tenured evangelist and song evangelist status: Larry D. Leckrone.

We recommend the following be granted renewal of tenured evangelist status: H. Lane Loman.

We recommend the following be granted renewal of registered evangelist status: A. David Street.

We recommend the following be granted renewal of evangelism service retired status: Bryan E. Solomon.

At their request, we recommend the following transfers out be granted:

Elders:

Fred Grenier to Northwest Indiana District

Danny McDowell to Southwest Ohio District

We recommend the following be granted retired assigned status: Mark E. Fleschner.

We recommend the following ministers be recognized as no longer in the process of restoration due to his unresponsiveness per Manual 504.3: Timothy A. Cox.

We recommend the following be dropped from the roster of ministers, having joined the Church Triumphant: Thomas Charles, Jr.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Riggle,
Secretary

Timothy W. Crump,
Chairman

BOARD OF MINISTRY: STUDIES REPORT

Board of Ministry Members 2020-2021:

Members: *Revs. Marlin Betts, Ken Bushey, Nate Denning, Michael Elliott, James Hicks, Andrew Johnson, Doug Lane, Jane Muncie, Robert Muncie, Keith Ross, Sarah Ross, Jonathan Scott, Patrick Shay, Mark Thompson.*

Secretary: *Rev. Jason Riggle*

Chairman: *Dr. Tim Crump*

The following students are enrolled in Ministerial Studies on the Southwest Indiana District:

- Anderson, David M. – (DL) Crossroads Community
- Beadle, Alyssa D. – (DL) Princeton New Life
- Beadle, Tyler K. – (DL) Princeton New Life
- Bushey, Corbin V. – (DL) Restoration
- George, Jodie K. – (DL) Kurtz
- Holzappel, Bryan L. – (DL) Princeton New Life
- Jimenez Marquez, Sara E. – (DL) Oasis of Hope
- Jones, Seth A. – (DL) Restoration
- Kudej, Brice J. – (DL) Harmony Chapel
- Monhollen, Taylor R. – (DL) Heartland
- Nichols, Ashley M. – (DL) Evansville Grace
- Nickle, Michael D. – (DL) Crossroads Community
- Olds, Chad M. – (DL) New Albany Christ Community
- Stockelman, Travis R. – (DL) Columbus First

The following students are currently in the Graduate Status on the Southwest Indiana District:

- Castillo, William A. – (DL) Mackey
- Decker, Joseph A. – (DL) Winslow
- DeKemper, Andrew S. – (DL) Evansville Grace
- Moore, Sam A. – (DL) Cayuga
- Paulus, Melony M. – (DL) Valley Mission
- Phillips, Charles J. – (DL) Columbus First
- Richardson, Gerald L. – (DL) Orleans
- Rogers, Jarren B. – (DL) Columbus First
- Sedletzeck, Anthony C. – (DL) Terre Haute First
- Sellers II, Darrell R. – (DL) Washington
- Smith, Matthew J. – (DL) Evansville First
- Sparks, Garrett M. – (DL) Mackey
- Thompson, Bryan S. – (DL) PAC/Beyond the Walls
- Thompson, Sheila R. – (DL) Rockville

Jason Riggle,
Secretary

Timothy W. Crump,
Chairman

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

District Nominating Committee 2020-2021:

Members Present: Tim Crump, chairman; Patrick Shay, secretary; Charles Areson, Alissa DeKemper, Floyd Fisher, Carolyn Gambill, Andrew Johnson, Jen Lichtly, Joel Parsons, Carolyn Pate, Brenda Scott, Tonya Soltrman, Todd Stepp, Sheila Thompson, Linda Walker, and Michael Suits.

We, your Committee on Nominations, submit the following report:

During the nomination process, the motion was made and approved that at least three times the number of individuals for each position would be nominated by the committee. Alternates were approved for positions in which one or two is to be elected.

The committee voted to place the following individuals on the ballot.

District Advisory Board: Assigned Ordained Minister (one to be elected for a four-year term, one to be elected for a one-year term)—Ken Bushey, Jane Muncie, Jason Riggle, Mark Roberts, Sarah Ross, and Patrick Shay.

District Advisory Board: Layperson (one to be elected for a four-year term)—Philip (PJ) Doerner, Shona Fisher, and Sonya Nixon-Gotshall.

District Board of Ministry: (three to be elected for a four-year term, one to be elected to a three-year term, and one to be elected for a two-year term with the three highest vote totals of elected candidates to serve the four-year terms, the fourth-highest total to serve the three-year term, and the fifth-highest vote total to serve the two-year term)—Duane Brown, Brett Doninger, Michael Elliott, Todd Gotshall, Jared Henry, Joel Parsons, Jason Riggle, Maria Smith, Travis Stamper, Todd Stepp, Dale Stoops, Mark Thompson, and Ken Walker.

Court of Appeals: Assigned Ordained Minister (two to be elected for a four-year term)—Jane Muncie, Josh Nichols, Joel Parsons, Mark Roberts, Pat Shay, and Todd Stepp.

Court of Appeals: Laypersons (two to be elected for a four-year term)—Jan Charles, Philip (PJ) Doerner, Shona Fisher, Ted Jackson, Doug Jones, and Ron Ritter.

Olivet Nazarene University Trustee: Layperson (one to be elected for a three-year term)—Lydia Johnson, Kayla Stoops, and Doug Young.

The committee recommends that wherever possible, elections will be by plurality.

The committee recommends that voting will be by electronic means to be conducted on-site and will begin and end as established by the assembly.

The committee recommends the following be elected with the approval of the District Nominating Committee report:

That the District Advisory Board will serve as the District Home Missions Board and the District Insurance Commission;

The District Executive Finance Committee will be composed as follows: The District Superintendent, the District Secretary, the District Treasurer, and the District Advisory Board.

That the District Assembly Finance Committee was composed as follows: The District Superintendent, the District Treasurer, the District Secretary, the District Advisory Board, and the pastor, and one layperson from each local church.

That the District Investment and Audit Committee will be composed as follows for the coming year: The District Superintendent, the District Treasurer, Steve Boggs, Steve Englert, Dede Jones, and Tom McCool;

That Real Estate and Titles held by the Southwest Indiana District Church of the Nazarene shall be signed by the District Superintendent and the Secretary of the District Advisory Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Shay,
Secretary

Timothy W. Crump,
Chairman

DISTRICT CHURCH PROPERTIES BOARD REPORT

District Church Properties Board Members 2019-2020:

Ordained Assigned Ministers: Ben Muncie, Ashley Nichols, Joshua Nichols, Darin Nossett, Mark Roberts, Patrick Shay

Lay Members: Steve Doerner, Doug Jones, Steve Ritter, Tim Scott

Secretary: *Rev. Darin Nossett*

Chairman: *Dr. Tim Crump*

The SWID Church Properties Board met throughout the church year 2020--2021 to conduct business related to property matters for local Nazarene churches of SWID. Meetings this year were conducted electronically.

The District Church Properties Board functions under the guidance of the MANUAL Church of the Nazarene 2017-2021; paragraphs 236-237.5. Meetings are scheduled and announced in advance so that our churches can submit requests in a timely manner. We realize everything does not always occur at convenient times; special consideration is given in such circumstances. During this church year, requests to build, borrow money, refinance, sell property, and lease property came to the board. The Properties Board prayerfully, thoughtfully, and consistently applied established guidelines in consideration of and action toward each request. Following is a summary of the work of the Properties Board:

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| Washington | Approval to sell property |
| Dale | Approval to lease the parsonage |
| Dale | Approval for a Major Remodel |
| Terre Haute 1 st | Approval to sell property |
| Valley Mission | Approval for a Major Remodel |
| Turning Point | Approval to sell property |
| Sullivan | Approval to borrow funds/new construction |
| Nashville Parkview | Approval for Major Renovation |

The Policy and Procedure Manual and Request Application are available on the SWID website. Information and instruction are available there. Please feel free to reach out to the board with any questions concerning these matters. Thank you to the churches who have applied with requests for their patience and understanding as the process moves forward.

Thank you to the members of the board who serve faithfully.

Dr. Tim Crump
Rev. Ben Muncie
Rev. Darin Nossett
Tim Scott

Steve Doerner
Ashley Nichols
Steve Ritter
Rev. Pat Shay

Doug Jones
Rev. Josh Nichols
Rev. Mark Roberts

We recognize the desire of the local church to make decisions for their good and benefit; we consider the denominational partnership and accountability shared by Churches of the Nazarene globally. With this structure and understanding, the District Properties Board serves the church locally, district-wide, and globally.

Darin Nossett,
Secretary

Timothy W. Crump,
Chairman

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Timothy W. Crump, District Superintendent

I want to begin my 5th report as the District Superintendent of the Southwest Indiana District by praising our faithful, gracious, and Holy God! It is God who has called, equipped, and empowered the people who comprise the Southwest Indiana District. To God be the glory, great things He has done. This year, our pastors and staff provided incredible leadership as they have risen to the challenges all around them. They have been innovative and creative, thoughtful, and resourceful, and have given themselves wholly to the work of the Lord. It is a privilege to serve the Lord with you! Thank you, Pastors and staff!

Let me express my appreciation to Dr. David Graves, our jurisdictional General Superintendent, and his wife, Sharon. Thank you, Dr. Graves, for your godly wisdom, timely guidance, and constant encouragement and leadership these past two years. Today, we are highly favored to have from my alma mater, Olivet Nazarene University, the new President, Dr. Gregg Chenoweth. Dr. Chenoweth and his wife, Tammy, are an answer to our prayers, and we look forward to great days for our university. It is also a blessing to have Dr. Brian Allen, Olivet's Vice President for Institutional Advancement, with us today. Dr. Allen has been a friend and support for many years. Thank you all for joining our District Assembly.

I also want to recognize Dr. Garry Pate, District Superintendent Emeritus, and his precious wife, Carolyn, as they continue to serve the Lord faithfully. Thank you! Finally, I want to extend my appreciation to our delegates and local church leaders. Thank you for your faithfulness, service, and sacrificial giving.

Christy Boes Eubanks, our District NMI President, recently led an outstanding Mission Rally at Columbus First with Brian Helstrom, Executive Director of the Jesus Film Harvest Partners. This year SWID gave \$8,462 towards the Jesus Film ministry. By the way, last I checked, we had overpaid our World Evangelism Fund by \$11,602 by giving \$509,727. Thank you, Christy and NMI council, for your excellent work!

Rev. Doug Lane, our District SDMI Chairperson, recently launched a weekend event designed for families with small children called Family Camp. What a fantastic event! The SDMI also planned a day at Holiday World, where 549 of our people enjoyed the day together. Many exciting things are coming our way. Thank you, Pastor Doug and SDMI council! SWID is ramping up!

Rev. Mark Thompson, our District NYI President, just got back from a fantastic Youth Camp where God was moving and calling young people into Christian service. Pastor Mark and his council have continued to seek out creative ways to help our teens connect to one another and God. Great work, Mark and the NYI council!

I want to thank Rev. Ken Bushey, Rev. Jane Muncie, Rev. Darin Nossett, Rev. Andrew Johnson, Tim Scott, Doug Jones, Bruce Marshall, and Phillip (PJ) Doerner, who have served as our District Advisory Board. Thank you for your prayers, participation, timely advice, and help throughout this year.

Dr. Todd Stepp, Rev. Jonathan Scott, Rev. Todd Gotshall, Rev. Steve Beck, Rev. Ben Muncie, Rev. Mark Roberts, Rev. Joel Parsons, and Rev. Tim Lichtley have served as our Mission Area Directors. I am grateful for your assistance in providing care and oversight for the churches and

pastors of our mission areas. Please go to our website (www.swidnazarene.org) to hear our Mission Area Pastors reports. They are outstanding!

Rev. Pat Shay, our District Secretary, has again excelled in the many diverse responsibilities assigned to him. He has a servant's heart which we greatly appreciate. Thank you, Pastor Pat!

Gary Ritter, our District Treasurer, continues to be a blessing to our pastors, churches, and treasurers. He has the heart of a shepherd, which is evident in his work on our district and his ministry at Valley Mission. Thank you, Gary.

This year, we welcomed Stacey Moore as our District Office Administrator. She assumed this role as Rev. Matt Gargiulo transitioned to full-time ministry at our Zion Church. Stacey is a fast learner and a real asset to our district. She has a passion for the Lord and His people. Thank you, Pastor Gargiulo and Mrs. Moore.

Lastly, I want to express my love and appreciation to my wife, Cindy, a dedicated servant of Jesus Christ. I am incredibly thankful for your ministry these many years and the work you accomplished directing the Celebrate Recovery Ministry at the Compassion and Hope House.

This year, I have encouraged pastors and churches, preached online and in-person, led seventy-four church board meetings (both in-person and zoom), conducted thirteen pastoral reviews, and installed eight pastors. Provided revitalization training for three of our churches, led young pastors' training opportunities and conducted two orientation sessions for new SWID pastors. In addition, the following presenters provided zoom training opportunities for our pastors: Dr. Scott Sherwood, Rev. Lennie & Joy Wisheart, Dr. Ron Blake, Michael Thompson, Rev. Mark Bane, Rev. Gary Hartke, Rev. Jay Height, and Rev. Jason Kwast.

"Reignite the Fire!"

"Ahab, son of Omri, did more evil in the eyes of the Lord than any of those before him. He not only considered it trivial to commit the sins of Jeroboam, son of Nebat, but he also married Jezebel, daughter of Ethbaal, king of the Sidonians, and began to serve Baal and worship him. He set up an altar for Baal in the temple of Baal that he built in Samaria. Ahab also made an Asherah pole and did more to arouse the anger of the Lord, the God of Israel, than did all the kings of Israel before him."

I Kings 16:30-33

Elijah was living in a day where people were assimilating the worship of God with false gods. Baal worship was the latest to catch the attention of the people. This false god was looked upon as the lord of (sky & fertility) rain and dew, the two forms of moisture needed for Canaan's fertile soil. The people of God had been warned to obey God, but once they got settled into their comfortable and blessed lives, they so often chose to forsake Him. We need to be careful not to assimilate false teachings and practices from the culture of this world.

In I Kings chapter 17, Elijah, the prophet, informs King Ahab there will be no rain for the next few years. Now, I am not sure of the king's response, but I imagine he did not believe Elijah; after all, the King believed in Baal and who was this man named Elijah. Yet, for the next three years, there was no dew or rain in the land. How could that be if Baal was the god of rain and

dew? Imagine no rain or dew for over 1,000 days. Whether you believed in Baal or God – that would be unsettling. Most of the people in that day were putting their faith and trust in Baal.

Ironically, this drought began because of the rebellion and sin of God's people, and it would end when God said it would end! Today, we should be reminded that God will deal justly with sin.

In I Kings 17:2, God directs Elijah to hide, and what this prophet discovers is that God can provide; a good lesson for all of us today. However, in I Kings 17:7, we read that the brook which provided water for Elijah dries up. After all, that is what happens when there is no rain for a long time. Then in I Kings 17:7-24, God provides for Elijah, a widow, and her son, daily food. Elijah learns to depend on God, even in times of testing.

There was a man named Obadiah, a follower of God who was serving as the palace administrator for evil King Ahab. To protect the faithful prophets from Ahab, the Scripture tells us he hid 100 prophets in two caves (I Kings 18:4). One day, Elijah encountered Obadiah, and he asked him to tell Ahab, Elijah is here. Obadiah was afraid to tell the King of Elijah's presence.

Elijah declares: "As the Lord Almighty lives, whom I serve, I will surely present myself to Ahab today." Obadiah was soon to witness Elijah taking a courageous stand for God. Even Elijah had been hiding. Critical reminders for God's people:

- There is a time to hide and discover we can depend on God.
- There is a time when we need to stand courageously for God.
- Even when we stand alone, God is with us.
- Elijah's obedience was complete in its surrender.

When Ahab sees the prophet, he declares: "Is that you, you troubler of Israel?" To which Elijah responds: "I have not made trouble for Israel. But you and your father's family have. You have abandoned the Lord's commands and have followed the Baals" (I Kings 18:17-128). Expect persecution like prophets before you when standing for the truth of God.

Elijah tells the King to gather people from all over Israel and bring the 450 prophets of Baal and the 400 prophets of Asherah, who eat at the king's table, to Mount Carmel. As they gather, the prophet says to the people: "How long will you waver between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow Him; but if Baal is God, follow him, but the people said nothing" (I Kings 18:21). The silence was deafening. We must declare we serve the God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

They gathered wood and two bulls to sacrifice, and Elijah said: "Then you will call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of the Lord. The god who answers by fire-he is God. To which the people said – that is good" (I Kings 18:24).

Elijah is up against 850 prophets. Even when you are in the minority, stand for the truth. From morning till noon, these 850 prophets shouted to their god, but there was no response. They had danced around the altar they had made, and even cut themselves until the blood flowed. Still, no fire fell from their false god.

"Then Elijah said to all the people: Come here to me! They came to him, and he repaired the altar of the Lord, which had been torn down. Elijah

took twelve stones, one for each of the tribes descended from Jacob, to whom the word of the Lord had come saying, "Your name will be Israel." With the stones, he built an altar in the name of the Lord, and he dug a trench around it . . ." He then placed the wood on the altar, cut the bull into pieces, and laid it on the wood" (I Kings 18:30-32).

Don't forget an altar is still a place where people can find grace, mercy, and the forgiveness of sin.

Then what Elijah does next, seemingly makes no sense. He orders four large jars of water to be poured over the sacrifice. He does this three times. It seems to me Elijah was not helping God as he soaks the wood. Then Elijah prays:

"Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant and have done all these things at your command. Answer me, Lord, answer me, so these people will know that you, Lord, are God and that you are turning their hearts back again" (I Kings 18:36-37).

Elijah calls them to repentance, and when the fire comes down, there is only one explanation!

"Then the fire of the Lord fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and soil, and also licked up the water in the trench. When all the people saw this, they fell prostrate and cried, "The Lord -he is God! The Lord-he is God" (I Kings 18:38-39).

Elijah planned, prepared, and prayed, and then he stepped aside and relied upon God to send the fire. Elijah did not wipe his hands from the tasks God had placed on His heart. Instead, he prayed and then waited for God to act. God longs to break through our programs, plans, and even our sermons. He is looking for people who will be holy as He is holy!

- There may be a time you will need to hide and depend on God. He will provide what you need.
- There may be a time you will need to stand courageously for God. Even when we stand alone, God is with us.
- Elijah's simple and swift obedience was complete in its surrender.
- God will always prove faithful.

Often, we stop reading this story before it is over. In verse 40, Elijah commands them to seize the false prophets, and they killed them. For most of my life, that never registered with me. I never even thought about what might have happened to Elijah if the fire did not fall.

One of SWID's former District Superintendents, Dr. Scutt, recently reminded me of two things the U.S. military had taught him:

- (1) If you are not prepared to die, don't enlist.
- (2) If you hesitate, people will die.

Those are good words for us today! Elijah, the prophet, willingly surrendered his life to God. When did the fire fall? Was it not when God found a man willing to listen and obey? There are many idols people worship today. They are not made of gold or silver or carved from wood. Be careful to what and whom you give your life.

As a result, the altar was repaired, the sacrifice was offered, the water was poured, and the man of God prayed. Why do we want the fire of God to fall? So that people will know He is God and that they will then turn their hearts back to Him.

*"He who wants a meeting of life and power should remember that there is no substitute for the Holy Ghost. He is life. He is power. And if He is sought in earnest, faithful prayer, He will come, and when He comes, the little meeting will be mighty in its results. "Put your all on the altar and leave it there; do not take it back, and God's fire will surely come and consume the offering."
Samuel Logan Brengle*

May the fire of the Lord fall, and may we be found faithful to His call!

Respectfully Submitted,
Dr. Timothy Crump
District Superintendent

Bare Minimum Churches

(A minimum of three people saved, baptized, and joined the church)

Bicknell

Rev. Brad Delp
46 people saved
28 baptisms
22 New Nazarenes

The Point

Rev. Steve Greene
39 people saved
22 baptisms
5 New Nazarenes

Princeton New Life

Rev. Andrew Johnson
13 people saved
15 baptisms
21 New Nazarenes

Stinesville

Rev. Ben Muncie
4 people saved
4 baptisms
8 New Nazarenes

Crossroads Community

Rev. Mark Roberts
18 people saved
8 baptisms
3 New Nazarenes

Mackey

Rev. Jared Henry
19 people saved
6 baptisms
6 New Nazarenes

Nashville Parkview

Rev. Jason Riggle
3 people saved
3 baptisms
3 New Nazarenes

Chuck Wagon Cowboy

Tom Redden, Lay Minister
3 people saved
3 baptisms
6 New Nazarenes

2020-2021

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| Organized Churches | 74 |
| Inactive Church | 1 |
| Officially Disorganized | 0 |
| PAC's/CTM'S/Venues | 5 |
| Active Congregations/Venues | 79 |
| Compassionate Ministry Center | 1 |
| District Membership | 7,617 |
| New Nazarenes | 163 |
| Conversions | 301 |
| Baptisms | 136 |

Finances at a Glance

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| Adjusted Income | 9,777,392 |
| Church Income | 9,703,847 |
| WEF Giving | 509,727 |
| Mission Specials | 167,050 |
| ONU Giving | 174,245 |
| District Giving | 445,030 |
| P&B Giving | 188,447 |
| Indebtedness | 4,044,459 |

Church/Pastoral Reviews

| <u>Church</u> | <u>Pastor</u> | <u>Result</u> |
|----------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Newburgh New Life | Jonathan Scott | Affirmative |
| Brazil | Marlin Betts | Affirmative |
| Sullivan | Todd Gotshall | Affirmative |
| Tell City | Charles Areson | Affirmative |
| Nashville Parkview | Jason Riggle | Affirmative |
| Cloverdale | William Pursell | Affirmative |
| Evansville Grace | Brett Doninger | Affirmative |
| Stinesville | Ben Muncie | Affirmative |
| Crossroads Community | Mark Roberts | Affirmative |
| Odon | Chris Hughes | Affirmative |
| Terre Haute First | Denny Wilson | Affirmative |
| The Point | Steve Greene | Affirmative |
| Chandler | Michael Bell | Affirmative |

Pastoral Installations

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Church</u> | <u>Pastor</u> |
|--------------|----------------------|------------------|
| July 12 | Clarksville Parkwood | Tim Hullett |
| August 9 | Columbus First | Andy Rutherford |
| September 27 | Heartland | Taylor Monhollen |
| December 6 | Greencastle | Phil Diaz |
| December 13 | Shoals | David Mitchell |
| January 17 | Bloomington Eastview | Bruce Yates |
| February 14 | Bloomington First | Alex Connell |
| May 23 | Harmony Chapel | Brice Kudej |

SDMI CHAIRMAN REPORT

Rev. Doug Lane, Chairman

Dr. Crump, Members of SWID, and all the Great People in the Greatest Region of the Greatest State of this beautiful Country,

I bring you my first report as your District SDMI Chair. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve in this capacity.

We all know how unique this past year was on many different levels. The beginning of our church year found us still in the midst of a pandemic. This led to many of our events, like Kids Camp and our Prime Time Banquets, being canceled, rescheduled, or moved to a virtual setting. Thankfully, this past spring, we've been able to gather together once again safely. Here are a few highlights from this past year, as well as some wonderful things to look forward to in the coming year:

- **Children's Quizzing:** Our kids were so flexible and wonderful as we began the year of quizzing in an online format. Quiz Teams were encouraged to either complete the quizzes online or gather together as a church and quiz in smaller settings. They did this without hesitation, and we were able to begin in-person quizzing again this Spring. Thank you to McKenzie Woolsey, our Children's Quizzing Director, for all her hard work in helping our kids have a great season! This is McKenzie's final year as Quizzing Director. We are so thankful for her leadership these past few years.
- **Prime Time Banquets:** Due to the pandemic, our Prime Time Banquets were postponed to September 2021! We hope you can attend one of the banquets at the following churches: Cory Community, Columbus First Church, and Mackey Church of the Nazarene. Mark Vice will again be ministering to us through music! Thank you to Tom Bush for your leadership and awareness of everyone's safety when deciding to adjust the dates of these events.
- **Men's Ministry:** Under the direction of Rev. Mark Roberts, our Men's Breakout took place in March. Around 90 men gathered for a time of worship and a meal together. It was one of the best turnouts we have had in recent years! Thank you, Rev. Mark, for all your hard work. In addition to the Men's Breakout, our District Men's Ministry is looking forward to an additional event in the fall. We look forward to this time of fellowship and another great year for the Men of SWID!
- **Women's Ministry:** Our Women's Ministry gathered in Brown County, at our Nashville Parkview Church, for our Ladies' Day event! We had over 150 women gather together for a time of worship through song and a message from Leann Willis. Thank you to Rev. Sheila Thompson for all your work in leading the Women's Ministry this year! Our District Women's Ministry is also looking to add an event this coming fall for another chance to gather together! We are excited for this ministry and its future under Rev. Sheila's leadership!
- **Family Camp:** The 2021-2022 Church Year has already started with a bang! At the beginning of June, seven families gathered together at Camp Higher Ground for our first ever Family Camp! We had a wonderful time gathering as families to play games, fellowship, worship, and eat lots of great food! We played on inflatables, had a bonfire, watched a movie on a HUGE screen, went down a giant slip 'n slide, and learned about what it means to worship

together as a family! My favorite part of the weekend was seeing and hearing the children as they worship through song. It was a beautiful and joyful noise unto the Lord! Thank you to Rev. Matt Gargiulo for helping plan and speak at this retreat. We are so excited to see how this event grows in the coming years! You will not want to miss out next year!

- Family Day at Holiday World: When I set up an event for our District to have a fun day at Holiday World, I reserved 150 tickets. Two days before registrations were due, 450 people had signed up! We ended up with 550 SWID members gathering together at Holiday World! This was a wonderful day of fellowship, good food, and tons of fun! We look forward to doing it again next summer!

In addition to those mentioned above, I want to take a moment to thank our SWID SDMI Council! With this being my first year, there was a steep learning curve as I was trained on my role and its responsibilities. The SDMI Council was gracious, encouraging, filled with wonderful ideas, and always a joy to meet with! Thank you to our Adult Ministries Director, Rev Jonathan Scott, for overseeing our Women's Ministry (Rev. Shelia Thompson), Men's Ministry (Rev. Mark Roberts), and Prime Time Ministry (Tom Bush). More than leading these ministries, you were a great sounding board and always offered incredible advice and guidance when called upon. Thank you to Rev. Matt Gargiulo, our newly instated District Children's Ministry Director. In addition to leading our Family Camp, you worked with our Camp Director (Tom McCool) and other children's workers to begin leading our Children's Ministries into the future. We look forward to the days ahead as you jump into this wonderful and much-needed ministry in our district!

Thank you to Rev. Andrew Johnson, Rev. Josh Caplinger, Christina Shay, Bethany Burdette, and Dede Jones. You have been such an encouragement to me, and I sincerely mean that I could not have had a better council for my first year as SDMI Chair! Thank you for your timely responses to the many questions I had, for hours spent on Zoom Meetings, and your service to this great District.

Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries are such a vital part of the Mission of God and the Mission of the Church of the Nazarene. In the coming church year, we will be discovering together, with Nazarenes worldwide, that this path of discipleship is a journey of grace. This journey begins before we ever knowingly accept Jesus as our Savior. It saves us, sanctifies us, sustains us, and sends us to spread the love of God to everyone we know! No matter where you are on the journey of grace, the SWID SDMI Council looks forward to partnering with you by providing opportunities for growth and resources to use in your local church. If there is any particular way we can help you in your local context, let us know. We are here to serve! I join in the prayer that Paul prayed over the church in Ephesus:

"I pray that out of his glorious riches, he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to him who can do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen." (Ephesians 3:16-21)

Respectfully Submitted,
Doug Lane

NMI PRESIDENT REPORT

Christy Boes Eubanks, NMI President

Dr. Crump, Members, and Friends of SWID NMI,

Hello and Welcome to our first-ever virtual NMI Gathering. I bring you my fourth report as SWID NMI President. I miss being together in one location as a SWID NMI body, but I am so excited that more people from across SWID can join us this year to hear how God is moving across SWID, the USA, and Globally.

I am so grateful for the amazing District NMI Council that serves SWID with a servant's heart. Unfortunately, we were not able to meet face to face this past year. Emails, texts, calls, and Zoom meetings became our friends quickly. I believe we survived, but we are looking forward to meeting in person this fall. The wonderful council members are Lillian Pursell, Marilyn Hicks, Debbie Betts, Jarren Rogers, Michael Elliott, Lydia Elliott, Marci Lichtley, Beth Brown, Sarah Ross, Shelia Thompson, Sonya Nixon Gotshall, Doug Jones, Ken Walker, Dave Lynn, Janet Ritter, Ron Ritter, Ashley Diaz, Carrie Burris, Bethany Burnett, Stephanie Beck, and Treva Lukens.

With a heavy heart, I share that we lost one of our dearest friends and co-worker of SWID NMI at the end of May. Renee Johnson served as the District NMI Secretary for the past several years. A void has been left on our council and in our hearts. I know when she approached the gates of Heaven, she was greeted with the words, "Well done thy good and faithful servant." I also know her precious husband, George, was standing there to greet her. Renee, we will never forget you! You will forever be in our hearts! We love you! Thank you, Marilyn Hicks, District NMI Treasurer, for stepping in and helping with the year-end reports.

NMI is alive and well. COVID-19 did not defeat the advancement of His Kingdom. The Nazarene Church now ministers in 164 world areas. During the 2021 General Board, Luxembourg, in the Eurasia Region, became the latest world area to be added. In 2020, there were 531 missionaries from 64 world areas, serving in 96 countries. Last year, there were 66 new missionary deployments. Within these missionary families, there are 302 missionary kids.

Nazarene Missions International is ONE PEOPLE! We are people praying, giving, building, and engaging all ages with the good news of Jesus. We encourage people to pray for all efforts of World Evangelism. We inform people of the world's needs and what the Church is doing to meet those needs. We challenge children and youth to learn about and participate in the mission of the church. We raise funds for mission outreach! We are Vision. We are Impact.

To do all of this, NMI focuses on five strategic areas where the local church can have maximum impact on missions in the Church of the Nazarene. These five areas are Prayer, World Evangelism Fund (WEF), Alabaster Offering, Engage Children and Youth, and LINKS. Let's see how God used SWID to impact our mission fields through these areas of impact this past year.

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Prayer is one thing everyone could do this past year without leaving our homes. It is the lifeblood of all that we do. Prayer links us to our brothers and sisters in Christ across the globe. We must never stop praying for our missionaries. Many are often facing troubled times where they are serving. We are called to be intercessors for them through prayer.

1 Timothy 2:1 reminds us, "I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them."

I encourage everyone to subscribe to the weekly Prayer Mobilization Line which focuses on the prayer needs and praise reports for the global ministries of the Church of the Nazarene and our missionaries. This is also excellent information to use for Mission Moments.

2 World Evangelism Fund (WEF) is the key to fulfilling our mission. The WEF fuels the Church of the Nazarene's global mission. Because we can do more working together than we can alone, every church shares a small portion of income to make Christlike disciples in the nations. The WEF goal for SWID was \$496,696.19! This was more than our goal last year! God still blessed our churches this past church year, even in the midst of a global pandemic.

Guess what, SWID? We gave \$500,196.04 towards WEF! Our WEF is PAID IN FULL! We can never outgive God! What is even more exciting is that sixty churches gave 100% of their goal or more to WEF!

This year SWID has thirty-six churches that have received the Church of Excellence Award because of their giving to WEF. To do this, the churches paid at least 5.7% of their income for WEF. Congratulations to Oakland City for leading the way in giving to WEF. They paid 264% of their WEF goal, which was \$19,258.10 over their WEF goal.

Thank you, churches, for being faithful servants in giving this past year for missions! God is good!

I am excited to announce that Southwest Indiana was acknowledged as a 2020 World Evangelism District of Excellence during the February 2021 General Board Meeting. THANK YOU, SWID, for doing our part for missions by contributing to the World Evangelism Fund.

CONGRATULATIONS to the 19 SWID Churches recognized as a Mission 10+ Church during the 2021 General Board Meeting. These churches gave at least 10% of their total income to Missions. Special recognition goes to Spencer for 34 consecutive years of receiving this award.

3 Through the Alabaster Offering, ministries around the world receive funds to purchase property and buildings. While we know the church consists of the people and not the building, buildings help convey the message that the Nazarene Church intends to "put down roots." SWID gave \$40,514.66 this year. Thank you for giving to this important work. Our goal for SWID is for every church to participate in the Alabaster Offering, which typically occurs in September and February. This year we had sixty-two churches give to Alabaster.

4 The fourth strategic area is Engage Children and Youth through education and fostering calls to missions. We must involve children and youth in all mission endeavors. We must engage them, empower them, equip them, expose them, encourage them, and excite them related to missions. Aren't we glad that God is still calling children and youth into full-time ministry of serving him through missions?

5 The final strategic area of NMI is LINKS. LINKS strategically connects Nazarene missionaries and Nazarene churches through prayer, personal contact, and generous giving. This allows each church to become personally connected with a missionary family and their field of service. I encourage everyone to learn as much as possible about the missionaries and where they serve. Share with the missionaries about the local church here. Pray for each other regularly. By getting to learn and know more about each other, you will feel more connected. Share life and communicate as much as possible. Finally, please give to Links missionaries as the Holy Spirit guides you.

The SWID Links Missionaries through 2022 are Carol Rittenhouse from Costa Rica and Stephane & Sandra Tibi from Germany-Switzerland. Next year we will receive new LINKS assignments.

To be a Missions Priority One Church, a church must participate in all five of these strategic Areas of Impact. We have 54 churches to recognize as Missions Priority One Churches this year. This is an increase from last year. Way to Go!

Thank you, churches, for making missions a priority in your local church, even when it may have looked different this year! May God richly bless each of you for all that you do to Share the Goodness!

Last summer, in my written report, I challenged SWID to continue to be the Light for Jesus in this dark world, to be the Light in the world that helps others see! I reminded us that we aren't called to shine our own light; we are called to reflect HIS! I think it is evident that SWID did continue to be a Light this past year.

Little did we know that the Global Pandemic was beginning last summer. We had no clue that this past church year would continue to bring challenges and cancellations. The good news is that God is not dead! God could not BE QUARANTINED! In fact, I heard it said that Jesus is our ONLY effective vaccine! Our SWID family still prayed, gave, educated, and engaged children and youth for missions through it all. It might have looked different, but our purpose remained the same.

Here are a few examples of mission happenings across SWID this past church year.

In late February, Eastern Kentucky experienced massive devastation due to an ice storm, snow, and flooding. A call rang out from Appalachia Reach Out (ARO) needing help. Rev. Josh Caplinger, the Associate Pastor at Nashville Parkview, heard the cry for help and acted quickly. Within a couple of hours, Josh and his brother Joey drove through the night and delivered 5,000 pounds of water. A week or so later, at least sixteen churches from SWID collected supplies to send to ARO. A few days after that, a team of individuals from at least four SWID churches left to be the light at ARO. The team spent a week there cleaning up, painting, and passing out supplies, including food and water. The awesome part about this trip is that children and teens were members of this working group and adults. Yes, SWID, we are engaging children and youth for missions! Praise be to God!

Crisis Care Kits will always remain a need when a disaster strikes in areas around the world. Dave Lynn, SWID Compassionate Ministries Director, led the charge with collecting CCK and School Pal-Paks at the end of March. Dave made his 29th trip to Pennsylvania in April. He took a total of 130 boxes from SWID and Indy. That is 780 CCK. Since 2007, Dave has delivered 1,975 CCK to the warehouse from SWID. CCK will be collected again at the SDMI Convention on Saturday, August 28. Be sure to start working on them now. Want to hear some inspiring news? This fall will make the 2000th SWID CCK box given since 2007. That is 12,000 CCK. Great job, SWID!

On April 17, we were able to have a SWID Mission Rally Event at Columbus First. This was the first NMI in-person event in over a year. Over seventy people, young and old alike, heard from Brian Helstrom, Executive Director of Jesus Film Harvest Partners. The Jesus Film could go places people physically could not go to last year. I am so grateful that families all across SWID give to the Jesus Film each year. This past year, SWID gave \$8,462.40 towards spreading the Gospel through the Jesus Film.

The Mission Rally was such a wonderful time together that I did not want others to miss out on hearing from Brian. Brian graciously agreed to share again about what is happening through the Jesus Film. (Play Brian Helstrom's video [here](#).)

Wow! Aren't you encouraged by what is going on across the globe with the Jesus Film? 914 teams are showing the Jesus Film around the world, even during the pandemic. Every 42 seconds, another precious soul is deciding for Christ. We have promised Brian that we will take a group from SWID to help reach an area that has not been reached yet. This may not happen for a year or two, but be watching for more information about this. God will never be quarantined!

What will this new church year look like for missions? People need to hear the Gospel. Now more than ever, we, the people of SWID, must be willing to serve others. SWID must never stop doing our part to "be witnesses in Jerusalem, and all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the Earth." We must be willing to serve and reach our church families, our local communities, the USA, and worldwide for Jesus.

Matthew 20:28 (NLT) states, "For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and give his life as a ransom for many." There is a spot for all of us to serve. Where will you serve? How will you serve? Billy Graham said, "When we come to the end of ourselves, we come to the beginning of God."

The Booth Brothers sing a song titled, My House Is Full (But My Field Is Empty). Some of the lyrics are:

"My house is full, but my field is empty. Who will go and work for Me today? It seems my children all want to stay around my table, but no one wants to work in my field. No one wants to work in my field.

Push away from the table. Look out through the windowpane. Just beyond this house of plenty lies a field of golden grain, and it's ripened unto harvest. But the reapers, where are they?

Souls are crying. Men are dying. Won't you lead them to the cross? Go and find them. Help to win them. Win the lost at any cost. But no one wants to work in my field. No one wants to work in my field."

Luke 10:2 states, "He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

I ask all of us as one SWID NMI Body, who will "Hear the call of the Kingdom to be children of light"? Who on Southwest Indiana will say, "King of Heaven, we will answer the call. We will follow bringing hope to the world filled with passion; filled with power to proclaim Salvation in Jesus' name?" Who will "Hear the call of the Kingdom to reach out to the lost with the Father's compassion?"

Who of you will go work in His fields while the Harvest is plentiful? (Play the song Whom Will Hear the Call of the Kingdom)

Respectfully Submitted,

Christy Boes Eubanks
SWID NMI District President

NYI PRESIDENT REPORT

Rev. Mark Thompson, NYI President

Dr. Crump, SWID NYI Council, pastors, youth workers, students, family & friends,

I bring to you my sixth report as SWID NYI President. I continue to be humbled by the opportunity to lead such a great group of young people and leaders across this great district. First of all, let me give glory to God who deserves it all! In a year full of uncertainty, his grace and guidance remain constant. The team of NYI Presidents, volunteer youth leaders, youth pastors, and pastors across our district who continue to imagine week after week how to remind young people there is hope in Jesus...you all are the BEST! And I am proud of our students; we have the best!

Although the year was marked by a lot of cancellations, we were able to have a few district gatherings.

- QUIZZING – Quizzing had another great year with both in-person and virtual meets! The leadership worked hard to provide safe gatherings when they were able to gather together. The virtual gatherings were a success and gives us another way to meet when circumstances won't allow in-person gatherings down the road. Thanks to Garrett Lee and the team around him who creatively put together a season unlike any other!

- CELEBRATE LIFE – Although the field event at Olivet was cancelled this year, we were able to meet for a district gathering at Nashville Parkview in May. We had over 150 present! It was the first time we gathered (outside of quizzing) as a district NYI in over a year. What a refreshing time we had! Thanks to Nick McDowell for his great leadership for this event and to Nashville Parkview for being great hosts.

We have had another great year of leadership from our SWID NYI COUNCIL. It's not secret we have had to navigate some decisions and situations that are brand new. Thanks for your great leadership and support throughout this year! Our EXECUTIVE COUNCIL has stepped up again with excellent leadership throughout the year. I continue to ask a whole lot out of Travis Stamper, Jennifer Caplinger, and Amanda Riggle. These three talented and wise leaders have been up for every step! I want to thank my church family/church board/Pastor Ken who continue to support me in so many different ways. The youth team at Restoration continue to consistently show me how to love students well. To Allyson, Asher, Levi...no doubt, the greatest sacrifice has been made by you. You've handled the extra hours in the office, a few more trips away for daddy with grace, understanding, and unwavering support. Allyson, not a day goes by I am not grateful for the opportunity God gave me to share life with you. You are the best! And finally, thank you Jesus! Your grace has made all the difference. Your presence has never wavered and always remained constant throughout the year. I am forever grateful!

SO...Where do we grow from here??? We continue to pray for health and healing where it is needed in our world today. This obviously pertains to the global pandemic and we are grateful for the strides that have been made in our world that have allowed us to once again meet safely in person. But our prayer for health and healing goes beyond the physical. I have spoken with many youth workers across our great district who are tired and worn out, wondering where we go next. We live in a world full of students who are lost, living without hope. Many of them feel alone and defeated. The pandemic has not helped this reality. I am so grateful for the living hope we find in

Jesus! We serve a God who can give us and the students we serve victory over sin. He gives us purpose and direction. Our tomorrow may look different than our yesterday. As we remember God's faithfulness in our yesterday (and today) and look forward to what's next, we can walk confidently knowing the one who holds tomorrow holds our hand!

I want to return to a thought I shared last year with Dr. Crump. When we met in January 2020 to talk about our convention that following summer, I shared with him then how I felt the Lord was leading me to share a word about proximity; nearness in space, time, or relationship. The irony of this topic is still not lost on me. And yet I still wonder...could the Lord still be inviting us to consider new ways to draw near to Him and minister in new ways in order to continue to draw near the lost, the broken, the voiceless? What does it look like to live in proximity to God and our neighbor?

God, out of His great love for humanity, showed us what proximity looked like by coming near to us, moving into our neighborhood (John 1:14, Philippians 2:1-11). In our moment of despair, God draws near! Jesus went to Zacchaeus' house. He touched the leper. He invited the kids to come. He spent his last meal dining with the betrayer, the denier, those who would desert him in his greatest hour of need. And ultimately, he provided the way for us to draw near to God through his death and resurrection. God demonstrated how much he desires us to be near to Him by coming near to us!

Proximity is messy, isn't it? It is easier to keep your distance. However, when you get close, darkness becomes illuminated, the lost are given a name, their "problems" become our problems, "issues" have a face. Being near another requires a lot of prayer, time, and great sacrifice. Jesus is not asking us to do anything he has not already done for us! We can no longer stay on our side of the street, but are invited by God to stop, cross the street and try to make a difference in our world by drawing near the lost and the broken (Luke 10:25-37). This is what love requires! Jonathan David Smith says, "Proximity dispels ignorance and creates collaboration, understanding and compassion." Although we continue to face challenges like never before to proximity within space, I still believe the message and hope of living in proximity to God and others is critical in these days! I am grateful we don't have to step into tomorrow alone. As questions about our new normal abound, we serve a God who is not shaken by uncertainty. He is trustworthy and will lead us! But we must be willing to draw near to Him.

WE HAVE THE BEST YOUTH WORKERS ON OUR DISTRICT! Pastor, SS teacher, quiz coach, youth worker, college student trying to find your way...are you tired? Don't let the enemy tempt you into believing you aren't making a difference. YOU ARE! Now is not the time to give up on the next generation. Keep fighting for their hearts. God is still at work! Stay near to Him. Remember, we cannot lead students to a place we are not. Is your talking about God outpacing your listening and talking to God? Continue to carve out space in your daily routine to pause and draw near to Him! I believe as we draw near to God, our hearts will break for what breaks God's heart. We will see the students and a world around us who desperately need to encounter Jesus. He makes all the difference! And we will hear again the call to take the love of God to the lost and broken in our neighborhood. Danielle Strickland says, "Jesus' example is always to send us, always to lead us across divisional lines. Let us go to the other side. Proximity is a key that opens the door to mutuality. Jesus is always inviting us to follow Him to places we wouldn't normally go. Don't be afraid - let love lead you." May God give us the courage to love as he has loved us!

I want to close the same way I have closed my previous five reports with a very simple, yet powerful prayer. May these words be true of all of our hearts today.

O Creator and mighty God, You have promised strength for the weak, rest for the laborers, light for the way, grace for the trials, help from above, unfailing sympathy, undying love. O Creator and mighty God, help us to continue in your promise. Amen.

Thank you again for the honor to lead.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Thompson

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Committee on Finance, submit the following recommendations:

1.1 District Superintendent:

- 1.2 That the district superintendent's yearly compensation be \$ \$40,200 salary, \$34,800 housing allowance, \$12,000 annuity, \$18,000 for Social Security and \$1,500 for medical reimbursement.
- 1.3 That the district superintendent be reimbursed for district operational expenses. We have allocated \$ 6,500 for conferences, \$2,900 for hospitality, \$750 for travel expenses and \$15,000 for mileage.
- 1.4 That the district superintendent receives five weeks of vacation with pay, \$1,000 for Pastor Appreciation and a Christmas gift of \$1,200.
- 1.5 That the district pays for the health and life insurance premiums for the district superintendent. (\$32,000)
- 1.6 That the district allocates a total of (\$8,800) for health insurance, the cost of attending retired district superintendent functions (\$400), and Christmas gifts (\$600) for the retired SWID district superintendents who maintain their membership on SWID.

2.1 District:

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| 2.1 | Office supplies and postage | \$ 6,000 |
| 2.2 | All district insurance | \$ 5,000 |
| 2.3 | Equipment | \$ 2,000 |
| 2.4 | <u>Office Utilities (Internet & Cell Phones)</u> | \$ <u>5,080</u> |
| 2.5 | Software/Computers | \$ 6,800 |
| 2.6 | District Advisory Board & Departmental Christmas Gifts | \$ <u>1,100</u> |
| 2.7 | Pastoral Wellness | \$ 2,000 |
| 2.8 | DS discretionary | \$ 1,000 |

3.0 District Office Salaries and Benefits:

- 3.1 That the district treasurer be paid \$22,141 yearly, \$1,721 in employer taxes, a Christmas gift of \$350, and \$200 for professional expense.
- 3.2 That the district secretary be paid/reimbursed \$3,600 per year and \$250 for professional expenses. and we set aside \$1,000 for the District Personnel Conference.
- 3.3 That the district operational technology administrator yearly compensation be \$33,280 salary, ~~\$6,192 for medical insurance, \$21,000 housing allowance,~~ \$1,200 Annuity, \$350 Christmas gift, and \$2,572 social security. In addition, the district will cover ~~\$1,500 for retreats and District Assembly. and training as well as \$2,400 for Education and \$1,000 for General Assembly.~~
- 3.4 That when district secretarial help is used by a department, the district office will bill that department for this service.
- 3.5 That the district allocates \$750 for payroll expense.

4.0 District Treasurer and Secretary:

- 4.1 That a qualified individual or firm be instructed to prepare an audit of the district's financial records for the use of the members of the District Assembly. (\$900)

5.0 District Communications:

That the district will email a PDF copy of the district journal to each church.
That the district maintains the district web site. (\$350)

6.0 District Training and Multiplication:

- 6.1 That the district actively participates in training and multiplication (\$4,000).
6.2. That the district provides \$2,000 for Ministerial Candidate workshop.
6.3 That the district provides \$2,500 for Board Of Ministry expenses.
6.4 That the district provide \$5,000 to support Nazarene Bible College with \$2,500 of this amount to be offered to SWID NBC students as a scholarship and \$2,500 to be sent directly to NBC. If scholarship money is not used in a given year the remaining money will be sent to NBC.

7.0 District Miscellaneous:

- 7.1 That the expense for flowers be set at \$1,900 and \$2,500 for gifts.
7.2 That district boards expenses be paid and mileage at the current IRS rate (\$ 6,000)
7.3 Dues and Legal fees (\$ 3,400)
7.4 District Assembly (\$20,000)
7.5 District Christmas Dinner (\$ 5,500)
7.6 District Retreats (\$ 9,000)
7.7 General Assembly savings (\$ 0)
7.8 Background Checks/Electronic Giving (\$ 750)
7.9 That the district provides \$1,500 for recovery and restoration of ministers and \$500 for the support of the evangelist gathering and the Regional Women's Conference.

8.0 World Evangelism and Ministries Funds:

- 8.1 That the World Evangelism Fund be set at 5.5% of church income less contributions to World Evangelism Fund and approved mission specials.
8.2 That the District Budget is 5.25% of church income less contributions to World Evangelism Fund and approved mission specials. That the district departmental budgets be accepted as presented below: The NMI and SDMI will each receive \$ 5,000 from the district budget. The NYI will receive \$20,000.
8.3 That the Pensions and Benefits Fund and Olivet Nazarene University Fund be set at 2.25%.

SWID NMI Departmental Budget

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| <u>Compassionate Ministries</u> | <u>\$1,200.00</u> |
| Convention Expense | 9,700.00 |
| Council Expense | <u>3,000.00</u> |
| Deputation Expense | 2,000.00 |
| Global Convention | 5,000.00 |
| Missionary Christmas | <u>400.00</u> |
| President's Conferences | 1,900.00 |
| Scholarships | 500.00 |
| Teen C.A.R.E. Corps | 2,000.00 |
| TOTAL | <u>\$25,200.00</u> |

SWID SDMI Departmental Budget

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| Chairman & Directors' SDMI Leadership Conferences | <u>\$ 4,500.00</u> |
| Children's Bible Quizzing | 2,500.00 |
| Children's Camps | <u>3,000.00</u> |
| Empowering Families Family Fun Day | <u>2,000.00</u> |
| Ladies' Day/ <u>Resources & Training</u> | <u>1,500.00</u> |
| Men's Breakout/ <u>Retreat</u> | <u>1,500.00</u> |
| Prime Time | 1,850.00 |
| SDMI Board & Leadership Expenses | 1,150.00 |
| SDMI District Convention | 5,000.00 |
| SDMI Global Convention | 5,000.00 |
| Special Training Time Children's Leader Development | 600.00 <u>\$2,000</u> |
| TOTAL | <u>\$30,000.00</u> |

SWID NYI Departmental Budget

| MINISTRIES/EVENTS | | |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| | Camp | \$ <u>6,000.00</u> |
| | Teen C.A.R.E. Corps | <u>000.00</u> |
| | Youth Worker Development | 2,000.00 |
| | Quizzing | 750.00 |
| | Y.E.S. (Youth Equipped to Serve) | <u>000.00</u> |
| | College & Early Career | <u>000.00</u> |
| | District Convention | <u>1500.00</u> |
| | General NYI Convention | 500.00 |
| | District Leadership Conference | <u>1500.00</u> |
| | NYC 2023 | 2,500.00 |
| | Ministries Subtotal | \$14,750.00 |
| ADMINISTRATION | | |
| | District President Expenses | \$ <u>600.00</u> |
| | Council Expenses | 000.00 |
| | Central Field Dues | <u>310.00</u> |
| | Quizzing Scholarships | 800.00 |
| | Timothy Award | <u>225.00</u> |
| | Insurance | 1,200.00 |
| | Miscellaneous | 700.00 |
| | District President—Christmas Gift | 500.00 |
| | District Vice-President | 200.00 |
| | District Secretary | 200.00 |
| | District Treasurer | 200.00 |
| | Ministries/Events Leader Support | 1,100.00 |

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| | Directors of the following: Basketball Tournament, Lock-In, YES, College/Career, Quizzing, Celebrate Life, Camp (co-directors) | |
| | Administration Subtotal | <u>\$6,035</u> |
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| | TOTAL | <u>\$20,785</u> |

9.0 Local Church:

- 9.1 That the recommendations concerning the local church, Items 9.1 through 9.18 be read in full to the local church board at the first meeting after the district assembly, by the local church board secretary.
- 9.2 That each local church set aside at least \$50 per month during this quadrennium to assist their pastor and spouse in attending the General Assembly. This fund would be for the pastor of the local church at the time of the General Assembly.
- 9.3 That the local church pays the pastor's utility bills.
- 9.4 That the local church gives the pastor an amount equal to his or her total Social Security.
- 9.5 That each pastor be given paid vacations based on the following years of service: two weeks in the first five years of ministry, three weeks for five to ten years of ministry, and four weeks for more than ten years of ministry, and five weeks for 25 years of ministry and beyond. In case of a pastor or staff member resigning in the midst of a church year, the pay for vacation will be prorated.
- 9.6 That the local church pays the supply pastor an honorarium (\$100 suggested) plus mileage.
- 9.7 That the local church pays the expense of the pastor and ministry staff (and their spouses) to all district functions. Also, that the church makes childcare provisions as needed for pastoral families attending such events.
- 9.8 That the local church board secretary, at their February board meeting, or at the time of the annual budget review, delegate to a finance committee, the review of their pastor's salary. A minimum salary increase equal to the cost of living increase is recommended. At the next board meeting, this committee's report is to be made an item on the agenda. The local church secretary is to report the action taken by the local church, in writing, to the district superintendent.
- 9.9 That each local church understands that ministry mileage in the pastor's car and other professional expenses are local church expenses and should be reimbursed in keeping with IRS guidelines.
- 9.10 That each church pays its pastoral staff and dependent's health insurance premiums, if an ACA-compliant group health plan is feasible, or adjusts their salaries to consider insurance premiums and health care costs if such a plan is not a viable option.
- 9.11 That the local church board consider the paid ministry staff's benefits.
- 9.12 That the local church gives the pastor at Christmas time an amount equal to one week's

salary or receive a love offering for the pastor.

- 9.13 That all treasurers of all departments of the local church use the services of a banking system.
- 9.14 That all accounts shall be in the name of the local church.
- 9.15 That the church establishes a Literature Fund for HOLINESS TODAY, unless otherwise provided for.
- 9.16 That careful attention be given to the salary of our evangelists with a minimum of 200 percent of the pastor's salary per Sunday of the meeting; also, that an amount equal to the evangelist's Social Security be given. Further, that the church where the evangelist holds membership and pays his tithe assist the evangelist financially with his expense to the General Assembly. The amount of such assistance is to be decided by the church board.
- 9.17 That we strongly encourage each local church to give financial help to their students attending Nazarene colleges, Nazarene universities, and the Nazarene Theological Seminary.

10.1 Missional Growth

- 10.2 That \$2,000 be set aside for training.
- 10.3 That \$1,000 be set aside for insurance expense, and \$10,000 for church closure.
- 10.4 That \$4,000 be set aside for Mission Area Directors expense.
- 10.5 That \$37,000 be set aside for new endeavors with \$2,000 for Evansville Beacon (Haitian ministry), \$5000 for Compassion & Hope House, and \$30,000 for other new endeavors.
- 10.6 That \$13,000 be set aside for district assistance.
- 10.7 That \$250 be set aside to audit our missional growth account.
- 10.8 That we set aside \$2,000 for legal fees relating to new works and church closures.
- 10.9 That we set aside \$200 for office supplies and \$ 500 for New Church Task force expenses.

Respectfully submitted,

GARY RITTER, Secretary

TIMOTHY CRUMP, Chairman

SWID NMI DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET

| Category | 2021-22 PROPOSED BUDGET |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Compassionate Ministries | \$1,200 |
| Convention/Mission Events | \$9,700 |
| Council Expense | \$3,000 |
| Deputation Expense | \$2,000 |
| Global Convention | \$5,000 |
| Missionary Christmas | \$400 |
| President's Conferences | \$1,900 |
| Teen CARE Corps | \$2,000 |
| TOTAL | \$25,200 |

SWID NYI DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET

2021-2022 SWID NYI Budget

| MINISTRIES/EVENTS District Money | 2020-2021 Budget | 2021-2022 Proposal |
|---|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Camp | 6,000 | 6,000 |
| Teen C.A.R.E. Corps | 0 | 0 |
| Youth Worker Development | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| Quizzing | 750 | 750 |
| Y.E.S. (Youth Equipped to Serve) | 0 | 0 |
| College & Early Career | 0 | 0 |
| District Convention | 0 | 1,500 |
| General NYI Convention | 500 | 500 |
| District Leadership Conference | 750 | 1,500 |
| NYC 2023 | 2,500 | 2,500 |
| ADMINISTRATION District Money | | |
| District President Expenses | 750 | 600 |
| Council Expenses | 0 | 0 |
| Central Field Dues | 425 | 310 |
| Quizzing Scholarships | 800 | 800 |
| Timothy Award | 325 | 225 |
| Insurance | 1,200 | 1,200 |
| Miscellaneous | 700 | 700 |
| Christmas gift for District President | 500 | 500 |
| District Vice-President | 200 | 200 |
| District Secretary | 200 | 200 |
| District Treasurer | 200 | 200 |
| Ministries/Events Leader Support | 1,100 | 1,100 |
| TOTAL | 18,900 | 20,785 |

District Convention increase is due to having a NYI Convention this year.

District Leadership Conference increase is due to it being a NYC23 site visit/planning trip and needing to include SWID's NYC Coordinator on the trip.

District President Expenses decrease will still cover cell phone stipend.

Central Field Dues decrease is due to dues being 1.5% of our budget.

Timothy Award decrease is due to cost being \$225.

2021 - 2022 SWID SDMI DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET

SDMI Leadership Training and Conventions

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|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| SDMI Leadership Conference | \$4,500 |
| SDMI Board and Leadership Expenses | \$1,150 |
| SDMI District Convention | \$5,000 |
| SDMI Global Convention | \$5,000 |
| SDMI Subtotal | \$15,650 |

Children's Ministries

| | |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Camp | \$3,000 |
| Family Fun Day Cost | \$2,000 |
| Quizzing | \$2,500 |
| Children's Leader Development | \$2,000 |
| Children's Min. Subtotal | \$9,500 |

Women's Ministries

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|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Ladies Day | \$1,000 |
| Women's Min Resource Training | \$500 |
| Women's Min Subtotal | \$1,500 |

Men's Ministries

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|---------------------------|----------------|
| Men's Breakout | \$1,000 |
| Men's Retreat | \$500 |
| Men's Min Subtotal | \$1,500 |

Prime Time Ministries

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|---------------------------|----------------|
| Prime Time Events | \$1,850 |
| Prim Time Subtotal | \$1,850 |

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| TOTAL | \$30,000 |
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PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

The District Program Committee has been charged with the responsibility of the issues in the Christian Action, Christian Education, and Church Growth reports. With responsibility to this task, we address;

a. Christian Action

We recommend:

1. That our pastors and church leaders inform their churches concerning the stand of the Church of the Nazarene on the subject of present day moral and social issues as stated in the Covenant of Christian Character (MANUAL, Church of the Nazarene, 2017-2021, Paragraphs 21-21.3) and the Covenant of Christian Conduct (MANUAL, Church of the Nazarene, 2017-2021, Paragraphs 28-35).
2. That we remind the pastor of her or his obligation to the congregation as stated in MANUAL, Church of the Nazarene, 2017-2021, Paragraphs 514-522.
3. That we reaffirm the Biblical view that the family is central to healthy children, relationships, churches, communities and societies. That every child needs and deserves their mother and father loving each other and loving them for their entire lives. That any sexual immorality, as stated in MANUAL Church of the Nazarene, Paragraph 31, attacks the family integrity and destroys people, families and societies.
4. That we stand against the legalization and practice of gambling, including such forms as the lottery, paremutuel betting, casino and riverboat gambling, knowing that it preys on the poor in society with false hope of riches.
5. That we stand against the production and consumption of alcoholic beverages, tobacco products and other drugs used for self-fulfillment, knowing that it increases neglect, abuse, injury and death of the innocent, and is a destructive substitute for fulfillment in Christ.
6. That we call our people to discipline themselves in the areas of what they read, view and hear. Let us use the instruction of Susannah Wesley to her son, John; namely, "Whatever weakens your reason, impairs the tenderness of your conscience, obscures your sense of God, or takes off the relish of spiritual things, whatever increases the authority of the body over the mind, that thing for you is sin."
7. That we uphold voluntary prayer and Bible reading in public schools. We affirm our support of students and faculty who endeavor to maintain a public witness for Jesus Christ in the educational institutions.
8. That we support the MANUAL, Church of the Nazarene, 2017-2021 statement (Paragraphs 30-30.1) on abortion and oppose the use of public funds to provide for abortion. Since life is God-given and sacred, we also take a stand against euthanasia.
9. We encourage our people to engage in civil affairs and to be in community service organizations in order that the principles of Christian ethics and morality be represented. We further urge our people to participate in the electoral processes and consider running for public office.

b. Christian Education

We recommend:

1. That we promote a life of regular Bible reading, prayer and listening to God in our homes where Christian education begins. We encourage our churches to support programs such as Bible quizzing that promotes a regular study of the scripture in the home.
2. That each church receive an offering for the Nazarene Bible College and the Nazarene Theological Seminary. All churches on the Southwest Indiana District are expected to support Olivet Nazarene University. We encourage our church boards to work with Nazarene employees of companies with matching fund programs to maximize the financial support of Olivet Nazarene University.
3. That our churches emphasize the importance of Christian education on the local level by providing discipleship classes for all ages. That our churches offer other small group Bible learning and support groups that reach outside the walls of the church. We urge all churches to conduct a Vacation Bible School or Children's Crusade. We encourage the use of the online "Discipleship Place" <http://www.thediscipleshipplace.org> training by the General Church SDMI. We also urge the use of Nazarene literature in all Christian Education in order that the tenets of our faith and the doctrines of the Church of the Nazarene are accurately presented and taught to all ages in the church.
4. That each church promote attendance at district SDMI training opportunities to provide the best possible education in our churches.
5. That our churches support Olivet Nazarene University, which is our regional university, with our finances, prayers and participation. We especially urge churches to support those with a call to full time ministry as they attend Nazarene institutions.

c. Church Growth

We recommend:

1. That every church support the district and general (WEF) budgets in full, because collectively we can accomplish more for Christ and His Kingdom.
2. That every year, the pastor and the church board shall conduct a planning session to renew the expectations and goals of the church and the pastor as per required by MANUAL, Church of the Nazarene, 2017-2021, paragraph.
3. That each local church reach outside the walls to begin new ministries and reach those that are not coming through the doors of the church.
4. That each church consider supporting broader outreach ministries such as a church plant, Parent Affiliated Congregation (PAC), or Compassionate Ministry Center.
5. That each local church conduct revivals, mission area gatherings, and participate in other church renewal and energization activities. We recommend the use of Nazarene evangelists in these meetings.
6. That each local church strive, each year, to achieve the new Nazarene goal based on the active membership at the last assembly year.

Respectfully submitted,

TIM SCOTT,
Secretary

TIMOTHY W. CRUMP,
Chairman