

EQUIP 2023

DISTRICT TRAINING EVENT

FOR PASTORS, SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS,
BOARD MEMBERS, AND MORE

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 4, 2023
9:00AM-2:30PM

VALLEY MISSION CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
110 HILLCREST WAY, BEDFORD, IN 47421

REGISTRATION 8:15AM (EST)
WELCOME/OPENING 9:00AM (EST)

COST

***\$15 if your register before Oct 23**

***\$20 if your register between Oct 24-31**

\$25 after Nov. 1 including the day of the event. NOTE: Registrations after Nov. 1 will not include meal.

*Cost includes Chick-fil-a Lunch and morning snack.

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Travis Smith
FEATURED GUEST SPEAKER

Growing up in the Cabrini-Green projects of Chicago, Travis Smith got involved in gang activity, lacking care for his purpose in life. In 2003, through a Christ-centered after-school ministry called By The Hand Club for Kids, God transformed his life. Travis began to declare Jesus to the same gang members, he used to associate with throughout high school and on the streets of Chicago.

In 2006, Travis enrolled as a freshman at Olivet Nazarene University, where he continued to minister and grow as a student leader. Since his time as a student at Olivet, Travis has had the opportunity to serve as a mentor and a speaker from Chicago to the communities of Kankakee County. Travis has grown a deep passion for encouraging Christians to depend on Christ in every aspect of life and to boldly proclaim Jesus to others.

Currently, Travis serves as a Resident Director at Olivet, he serves on the Board of Directors at By The Hand Club for Kids, and he's the eLearning Media Producer at Life University. Travis and his wife, Karissa, have been married since 2013, and they are raising their four children together in Bourbonnais, Illinois.

Session #1 Workshop Options

(A) Calling All Lead Pastors – Gary Ritter, Rev. Pat Shay, Rev. Nathan Rogers

Whether you're a new lead pastor to the district or you're a veteran lead on SWID. This session will connect you with district leadership to discuss important changes in processes and procedures among other items.

(B) What Every SWID Church Board Member Needs To Know – Dr. Tim Crump

This workshop provides needed training for the official board of directors, known as the church board for each local church.

(C) NYI: Teen Bible Quizzing – Rev. Garrett Lee

Learn all things about teen bible quizzing.

(D) NMI: Missions – Questions and Answers with a Retired Missionary – Rev. Ken Walker

This session will be questions and answers from a retired missionary perspective and a current church planter. Retirement from missions? What is that?

(E) Kids Ministry Resource Party – Pastor Tracy Stults

Join us as we share ideas and resources for our kids' ministries! What has worked in your church? What hasn't? What are some of the challenges you face in leading a children's program? We will talk about these things and so much more!

Session #2 Workshop Options

(F) Preaching & Teaching Holiness – Rev. Jared Henry

The message of entire sanctification is a powerful truth that should be emphasized in our preaching and teaching. This workshop will explore ways to best articulate and communicate this important truth.

(G) NDI 101 – Rev. Doug Lane

This session is for local NDI Presidents, NDI Leaders, Teachers, and Pastors to learn more about Nazarene Discipleship International. We will talk about your role as NDI President, what the District NDI provides for you, and what resources are available through the Global Church to help you succeed in your role at your local church.

(H) NYI: First Things First – Pastor Johnny Giuca

Brand new to youth ministry? Need a refresher on what matters most? Johnny will be sharing insight from his first year of youth ministry.

(I) Doing Discipleship– Rev. Jon Gibson

It seems obvious. Jesus even shows us the way when He says, "Come follow me AND I'll make you fishers of men." "It's easy to stop before the "and" when it comes to discipling others. Let's talk together about the whats and whys of doing discipleship.

(J) Community Connections – Rev. John & Rev. Melony Paulus

A journey into our local school and why every church needs a place to be and a thing to do in their community!

Session #3 Workshop Options

(K) NDI: The Creed As A Tool For Discipleship – Rev. Alex Connell

The creeds are a formational part of the church. Discover how the use of these timeless professions of our faith can help us mold followers of Jesus into a closer walk with him.

(L) Declaring Jesus To Our Modern World – Travis Smith

Have you ever heard of the phrase "practice what you preach?" In our world today, we as Christians also need to preach what we practice. In this workshop, we'll discuss how to encourage others to declare Jesus through truth and love in a world that distorts love and rejects truth.

(M) NYI: Partnering With Schools – Rev. Mike Nickle

Mike will share the importance of partnering with schools in your community and the impact you can have on your school and the impact it will have on you and your ministry.

(N) Good To Great – Rev. Travis Stamper

Learn a practical, actionable framework that you can apply to help your church or ministry be more missional and effective at making disciples. This will include a short guide that you can take home to help you implement with your board of staff.

(O) Beyond The Walls – Rev. Mark Roberts

"Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us." " Peter 2:12.

Session #4 Workshop Options

(P) NDI: The Sacraments as Discipleship – Dr. Dale Stoops

We will look at the role of the sacraments and how they can be beautiful tools for helping believers walk the Journey of Grace

(Q) Creating An Annual Ministry Action Plan – Rev. Alan Bradley

Each ministry needs a clear vision, attainable goals, and a simple calendar and budget. In this workshop, we will discuss a simple strategy for how to effectively execute and lead a yearly board retreat that accomplishes the goal of creating a yearly action plan for ministry.

(R) NYI Think Tank: You've got Questions. We've got Discussion.

Think Tank for all things Youth Ministry

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(T) NMI: Local NMI President 101 – Christy Boes Eubanks

Everything you need to know, well maybe, to be a successful local NMI President. There will be time for questions and answers about how to run a local NMI chapter. We will go over important dates for NMI and share changes and updates from the Global NMI office.

(U) Bi-vocational Ministry in Motion – Rev. Bill Purcell

Between a secular job and ministry, we discuss how to find time for God, family, devotions, and more.

Session #5 Workshop Options

(V) The Latest On Human Sexuality – Dr. Tim Crump

A look at recent rulings from the Board of General Superintendents, Covenant of Christian Conduct, Covenant of Christian Character, and news impacting our denomination.

(W) NMI: Jesus Film and Deputation – Ron & Janet Ritter

Information, questions, and answers about the Jesus Film and missionary deputation.

(X) NYI: Seen - Rev. Mark Thompson Helping students dealing with despair and anxiety through the power of connection

(Y) Worship Leader & Team Roundtable – Rev. Nathan Rogers, Moderator

This session will connect you with several worship pastors/directors on SWID. They will share ideas on how to transition to blended worship, creative ways to introduce new songs in services, raising expectations for excellence, and ministry philosophy.

(Z) NDI: Children's Quizzing

This session is for quiz coaches or those looking to get into the world of Children's Quizzing! We will share ideas about starting and leading a quizzing program in your local church. Hear some great tips on making quizzing a successful ministry in your church!