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SOUTHWEST INDIANA DISTRICT
CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Equipping the Local Church to Make Christ-Like Disciples

A Note from Pastor Tim

In recent days, I have found myself drawn to the book of Ecclesiastes. After an introductory verse, it begins: "Meaningless! Meaningless! says the Teacher. Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless. What do people gain from all their labors at which they toil under the sun? Generations come and generations go, but the earth remains forever." Ecclesiastes 1:2-4 NIV

You might be thinking, "Why are you reading such a depressing and discouraging book of the Bible? Read something filled with hope, faith, and love!" But Solomon is not saying life in and of itself is meaningless. The word, "meaningless" in the original language is "hebel" and the NIV does not do it justice. This word is found 38 times in the twelve chapters of Ecclesiastes and means vapor, wind or breath. Solomon was saying what is echoed in James 4:14 which declared: "You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away."

Solomon made some important discoveries worthy of our time and reflection:

- Life is short and we will face many times that demonstrate we are not in control.
- Tomorrow is not a guarantee.
- Someday we will be forgotten and all we have acquired will be given away and the world will continue on without us.

- If one's purpose is focused on their work, knowledge, pleasure, power, or our many accomplishments it will be meaningless.
- We can either live in frustration, discouragement and despair or receive life as it was intended as a gift from God and serve Him faithfully.

"A person can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in their own toil. This too, I see, is from the hand of God, for without him, who can eat or find enjoyment? To the person who pleases him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness, but to the sinner he gives the task of gathering and storing up wealth to hand it over to the one who pleases God. This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind." Ecclesiastes 2:24-26

These past few weeks, I have watched our pastors and church leaders rise to the challenge of a pandemic. They have boldly and consistently shared the Gospel of Jesus Christ using methods and technologies they had often shunned. Our people have sacrificially given of themselves and their resources. People have come to know their Creator! God is on the move in these uncertain times.

Solomon ends his writing with these words:

"Fear God and keep his commandments for this is the duty of all mankind. For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil." Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

Tim Crump
Southwest Indiana District Servant

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Pastoral Reviews - Update

SWID celebrates the following ministers each being granted a 1 year extension of their pastoral service at their respective churches due to pastoral reviews being delayed due to the coronavirus situation:

Rev. Ben Muncie
Stinesville
6 Years

Rev. Steve Greene
The Point
18 Years

Rev. David Smith
Union Chapel
2 years

Rev. Jared Henry
Mackey / Owensville
2 years

The Father's House



If your church is not offering an online service during this time, I invite you to join me on Sunday mornings at 10:30 ET via Zoom (an online video conference platform).

We have met for four weeks already and are thankful to have Rev. Nathan Rogers, worship pastor from Columbus First, leading us in worship and I will be sharing a brief message.

Send me an email at tcrump@swidnazarene.org and I will send you the zoom link and password. Following the brief message, we will have a time of discussion about the passage! May God bless you!

Rev. Tim Crump
SWID Superintendent

Revs. Bob & Jane Muncie - Ministry Update

We are thankful to celebrate the ministry of Rev. Robert & Rev. Jane Muncie, who will be concluding their ministry as co-pastors at Greencastle at the end of this church year (May 31). Bob will be officially retiring and Jane will begin as Associate Pastor at our Stinesville Church, serving alongside their son, Rev. Ben Muncie (Lead Pastor, Stinesville).

Bob and Jane have pastored in the Church of the Nazarene since 1977, except for 8.5 years of service as evangelist/song evangelists from 1984-1990 and from Aug. 2004 - Dec. 2006.



Welcome to SWID

Be praying for these new SWID ministerial families moving to our district during this uncertain time!



Rev. Steven (Joye) Hamilton
Petersburg



Rev. Tim (Eva) Hullett
Clarksville Parkwood

SWID Ministry Shifts to Online & Drive-In Church Settings Due to Coronavirus Pandemic



We are thankful for technology allowing us to connect during these unique days.



General Superintendent Dr. David Graves meets with pastors from our Southwest Indiana District via Zoom for prayer and encouragement on April 7.



22 district license candidates and 3 ordination candidates met with our District Board of Ministry via Zoom on April 18.

Important Updates

Check out www.swidnazarene.org/updates for the latest COVID-19 updates and resources.

COVID-19 UPDATES

FROM YOUR SOUTHWEST INDIANA
DISTRICT OFFICE

Cancelled Events

SWID Prime Time Banquets
Regional Celebrate Life
ONU PALCON

Q2020 - Teen Quiz
Teen Care Corp (Trinidad)
SWID Teen Camp

SWID Kids Camp
SWID District Conventions
SWID District Assembly

Local Church Meetings & Elections

In the event of the inability of a local church to convene its annual meeting, or if the annual meeting is postponed until after the beginning of the church year:

- There is no provision for absentee voting in church meetings. (Manual 113.2)
- All church board members, including the SDMI Superintendent and NYI and NMI Presidents, are given authority to serve until their successors are elected and would remain in place. (Manual 113.11, NYI Constitution 810.108.1, NMI Constitution Article V. Section 1. C. 2. b.)
 - If there is a vacancy in elected church board positions, including local SDMI Superintendent and local NMI President:
 - These positions may only be filled by a properly called church meeting (Manual 139, 144, NMI Constitution Article V. Section 1. C. 4).
 - The board may operate without filling the vacancy as long as the minimum number of board members is maintained (see Manual FAQs 4b).
 - If a church meeting cannot be convened, upon approval of the district superintendent, **the church board is now authorized to fill vacancies, including ex officio positions.**
 - Please note Rev. Tim Crump, District Superintendent of SWID, provided authorization for all church boards and pastors to do this on 3/25/2020. The provisions of Manual paragraph 33 shall apply to all such elections.
 - If there is a vacancy in NYI officers:
 - These positions may be filled by the NYI Council according to NYI Constitution 810.108.5.
- **The church board is now authorized to elect District Assembly delegates** with the approval of the district superintendent.
 - Please note Rev. Tim Crump, District Superintendent of SWID, provided authorization for all church boards and pastors to do this on 3/25/2020. The provisions of Manual paragraph 33 shall apply to all such elections.

District Assembly & Conventions

All SWID District Conventions & District Assembly are cancelled for this year.

The 2019-2020 church year will still end on May 31, 2020, with Pastor's Reports still due on June 8, 2020.

In addition, pastors will submit a Certificate of Election with delegates and their email addresses to conduct an online election using Election Runner at a later date. All SWID Pastors will receive additional information in the coming days.

District Assembly Update

**Check out www.swidnazarene.org/updates
for the latest COVID-19 updates and resources.**

COVID-19 UPDATES

FROM YOUR SOUTHWEST INDIANA
DISTRICT OFFICE

- The 2020 SWID Assembly and the Ordination service has been cancelled. We hope to reschedule the Ordination service in the Fall.
- We will provide all written reports in a district handbook (pdf format) which will be available by July 17, 2020. In addition, we will provide as many video elements, mission area reports, DS report, Departmental reports, etc. on the district website, www.swidnazarene.org and Facebook page as possible.
- The District Advisory Committee (comprised of the District Advisory Board, the NYI, NMI & SDMI chairpersons, District Treasurer, and District Secretary) will meet (via Zoom or in-person) on July 22 to approve the district's operating budget and any and all reports. They will also ratify all first-time district ministerial licenses recommended by the Board of Ministry.
- Although the District Assembly has been officially cancelled, we have received permission from our jurisdictional General Superintendent, Dr. David Graves, to conduct the following elections using Election Runner:
 - Olivet Nazarene University Trustee (1 clergy for a three- year term)
 - District Advisory Board (1 clergy, 1 lay; each for a four-year term)
 - Board of Ministry (2 Clergy: 1 Clergy for a four-year term, 1 Clergy for a three-year term)
 - Court of Appeals (1 Elder for a one-year term)
 - General Assembly Delegates (2 clergy and 3 lay delegates)
- Pastors will need to provide a Certificate of Election for their Local Church District Assembly delegates along with email addresses of each delegate when submitting their annual pastors report on Monday, June 8th.
- To include as many voices as possible in this remote nominating process, the following will serve as our District Nominating Committee and meet electronically to provide all nominations described above:
 - Members of the District Advisory Committee
 - Mission Area Directors
 - Members of the District Church Properties Board
 - The Executive Team of the Board of Ministry
- As it would be very difficult to have two separate electronic ballots with our local church delegates, the District Nominating Committee listed above will also vote on the nominating ballot for General Assembly delegates.
- An electing ballot for General Assembly delegates will be established by the District Nominating Committee voting for the top 6 clergy and 9 lay members from a list of all of our eligible ministers and all those nominated as lay delegates that we will place on a nominating ballot. Both ballots for General Assembly delegates will be performed through Election Runner. All alternates will be seated in order of election on the electing ballot. The District Advisory Committee will break any ties.
- If for any reason we are unable to conduct these elections, the District Advisory Committee would be responsible to handle all elections, including that of our General Assembly delegates.

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NEW MEMBERS

Guidance for Welcoming New Members

During this time that congregations are not gathering in person, Dr. David Graves has encouraged us to wait on receiving new members until we are able to gather in the future. Thank you for your patience and continued desire to make Christ-like disciples!

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE SWID District Office

SWID District Office Update

We are thankful to share that our SWID District Office building has been sold. Your District Office Team is now working remotely and would be glad to connect with you using the following contact information:

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Work & Witness Update

The Work & Witness office is advising churches with domestic or international missions trips planned through August to stay in close contact with their site coordinators. Coordinators have reported that some countries indicate that they will limit travel and entries for up to six months. Global Missions will make an official determination by May 15 on whether the church is able to send registered teams in June, July and August.

We are encouraging our missionaries to think creatively about accomplishing the purpose of missions trips from a distance. If our goal is to connect the global church, how might we be able to do that with the technology available to us? Some forward-thinking churches and coordinators have planned “virtual” mission trips to allow churches to encourage one another from a distance. Even though you and your churches may not be able to go on a trip in the near future, your support and ability to connect as a global church is more important now than ever. Your prayers, phone calls, and financial support will help us get through this period.

Q2020
POINT LOMA NAZARENE UNIVERSITY
JUNE 15-20



NAZARENE
YOUTHQUIZ
UPDATE

Youth Quizzing Update

On behalf of the Regional Quiz Advisory Committee and the USA/Canada NYI Council, we are sorry to inform you that Q2020—set for June 15–20, 2020, on the campus of Point Loma Nazarene University—has been canceled due to the widespread concerns regarding coronavirus (COVID-19).

DISTRICT MISSIONARY TOUR - SUPPORT THE YANGMI FAMILY

Although the District Missionary Tour with The Yangmi Family was canceled, SWID NMI encourages each church to go ahead and send in a deputation offering. This can be done online at Funding the Mission or by mailing it. Please be sure to indicate this is deputation offering for The Yangmi Family. There is no set amount.

THE MISSION CONTINUES - WEF & LINKS REMINDERS

World Evangelism Fund (WEF) is still important. Each church is asked to give 5.5% of the local churches income for WEF. Most of the Nazarene Missionaries are still on the mission field. Please SWID family keep praying for all of our missionaries and especially our Links Missionaries. It is important for us to continue to do our part to make sure their financial needs are met. Please don't forget to send in WEF offerings which includes Easter offering and Faith Promise.

STAYING HOME? ENJOY A MISSIONARY READING BOOK!

While we are all staying at home, it is a great time to read our NMI Missionary Books. You can find these links on the SWID NMI Website: <http://swidnazarene.org/nimi/#books>

MEMORIAL ROLL & DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

Due to the current coronavirus concerns and reduced staff onsite at the Nazarene Global Missions office, Memorial Rolls and Distinguish Service Award Certificates are not being printed at this time. Churches may still **place an order here**. These will be printed and mailed as soon as possible. Remember, these may be given at any time during the church year. We will recognize those names added this year at next year's District NMI Convention.

LOCAL NMI PRESIDENT'S REPORT - DUE JUNE 8

Local NMI President's Report is due on June 8. Instructions for this including the report form can be found on the SWID NMI Website.

[Local NMI Report Instructions](#)

[Local NMI Report Form](#)

SWID NMI SCHOLARSHIP - DUE JUNE 30

SWID NMI Scholarship for those in college pursuing a call to missions is due on June 30. This can be found on the SWID NMI Website.

[NMI Scholarship Application](#)

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From Christy (Boes) Eubanks
SWID District NMI President

This year's SWID District NMI elections will be a little different since there is no SWID District NMI Convention. Christy Boes Eubanks, District NMI President, met with the Global NMI office via a zoom meeting on March 30, 2020. Instructions were provided on how to proceed with District NMI elections for this church year based on the information provided by the Parliamentarian in accordance with the NMI Constitution.

1. All NMI Council elections are on hold until District NMI Conventions can convene in person. There is no provision for absentee voting or electronic meeting as a convention at this time. This means all positions up for election would serve another year until the conventions are held the following church year. Someone may resign if they want to. At that point, the position may be filled by appointment or election by the Executive NMI Council or the position can remain empty until the next convention.

This year all SWID NMI offices are up for election. These offices include President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. There are also three Executive Council Positions up for election. All positions are elected for two year terms. All current elected NMI council members will continue in these positions until SWID NMI Convention 2021.

2. NMI Global Convention Delegates are to be elected by the SWID NMI Executive Council for next year's Global NMI Convention. Elections must be safe, secure, and private. Election Runner will be used and is free for less than 20 people to vote. The ballot still needs to be approved and then voted on. I will ask P.J. Doerner to help with this. There is no ability for the usual voting to take place with NMI Delegates. Again, according to the Parliamentarian, the Executive NMI Council votes only.

3. The nominating committee for NMI Global Convention Delegates is the Executive NMI Council. I will send out an email by May 1 to the Executive NMI Council. Each person will be asked to nominate up to five names to place on the ballot for Global NMI Convention Delegate. They will have until May 8 to send me the names.

4. After I receive the nominations for delegates, I will schedule a go-to meeting with the Executive NMI Council. During this meeting, we will approve the nominations. This will happen by May 25.

5. Once nominations are approved, those nominated will be contacted by Renee Johnson, District NMI Secretary. Nominations will need to be accepted or declined by June 12.

6. I will contact P.J. Doerner the week of June 15 to set-up the District NMI voting. I will work with P.J. to set up a good time to hold this election (according to his schedule). This election will be via a go-to meeting setting. The Executive NMI Council as well as the District Superintendent will accept the ballot and then vote via election runner. The plan is to have this election complete by July 20, 2020 which would have been the District NMI Convention.

7. P.J. Doerner will provide the names of those elected. There needs to be nine elected by ballot. We also need a list of nine alternates. The District NMI President is automatically a delegate to the Global NMI Convention. There will be ten people representing SWID.

8. Names of those elected for Global NMI Convention in June 2021 must be submitted to the Global Office no later than March 2021.



NYI Convention & Elections

Hello SWID! As you know, these days are unique. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with you all as you continue to engage with students, their families, and your communities. After much prayer and conversation and with the blessing of Pastor Tim, we wanted to share the following plans regarding the upcoming elections for SWID NYI.

Were we able to meet this summer for our annual NYI Convention, we would have voted on the following members of the SWID NYI Council; Vice-President and 2 reps each for Early Youth, Senior Youth, and College & Young Adult. Our current Vice-President (Travis Stamper) and council reps (Jayce Riggle, Lydia Elliott, Montana Suits, Jason Parsons, Katie Suits, Matthew Hoffer) were all elected at last year's NYI Convention. We asked each of these leaders if they would be willing to serve an additional year on the SWID NYI Council. Each have agreed to continue in their position on the Council for the upcoming church year.

We also would have voted on delegates for next summer's General NYI Convention. We are allowed 1 Youth delegate, 1 Lay delegate, and 1 Elder delegate. The District NYI President is an automatic delegate to the Convention. Every member of our current SWID NYI Council was asked if they would be willing to serve as a delegate to the Convention. Each member of our NYI Council was either elected at a previous SWID NYI Convention or appointed by those who were elected. Our District Secretary, Jennifer Caplinger, received the responses and compiled the list of those willing to serve as a delegate if elected. Jennifer then created an anonymous ballot online for the SWID NYI Council to vote on. Once that election happens, we will share the results.

Without the need to elect delegates for the 2020 SWID NYI Convention, we will not be sending out a NYI Convention Delegate Form. We will be including the annual Honor NYI Form in the Pastor Reports. We look forward to recognizing those churches who qualify for Honor NYI at some point this summer. Our District President (Mark Thompson) will be sharing his annual report. We will also be sharing the Treasurer's Report and various event/ministry reports online. We all wish we were operating under different circumstances. We appreciate your understanding and continued prayers for the days ahead. As always, we are available for any questions you may have.

SWID Teen Camp

Our Youth Camp which was scheduled for June 29-July 3 at the Higher Ground Retreat Center has been canceled.

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DISTRICT SDMI UPDATE

SDMI Convention & Elections

As a result of the District SDMI Convention being canceled the District SDMI Board will nominate and elect the following:

- 1 clergy board member
- 1 lay board member
- Global SDMI Delegates and Alternates

SWID Children's Camp

The Children's Camp which had been scheduled for June 29-July 3 at the Higher Ground Retreat Center has been canceled.



SDMI & The Foundry Offer New Resource

During this time when so many people are experiencing church from the safety of our homes, join Dr. Scott Rainey, Director of Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries International, as he teaches the Faith Connections Sunday school lesson via video on www.foundryleader.com. Go to the week of the lesson, click on the Master Teacher video link and enter the password: JOHN.

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School of Ministry

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Now Enrolling for Summer 2020

Declaring the Gospel of God

Instructor: Rev. Charles Areson

Course Description: In order to contribute to the biblical and denominational intent for the Church to become a missional people and because humankind needs to be redeemed, Declaring the Gospel of God will challenge, inform, and equip students to become full participants in Christ's mission by overcoming personal fears and coping with cultural resistance.

*This is a modular course and not eligible for NBC credit.

Schedule: Starting May 21st for 12 weeks.

The class will be on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Foundations of Women's Ordination

Instructor: Dr. Garry Pate

Course Description: A course designed to give a multi-disciplinary view of the ordination of women in the Church of the Nazarene. Broader biblical, historical and theological issues will be explored, with specific emphasis given to the Wesleyan Holiness heritage.

*This is eligible for NBC credit per the district's alliance with Nazarene Bible College.

Schedule: Starting June 6th for 12 weeks.

The class will be on Saturday mornings from 8:45 am - 12:00 p.m.

Register and pay online by May 15, 2020

www.swidnazarene.org/swid-school-of-ministry

- Cost is \$155 per class for credit (\$75 for audit).
- Courses meets requirements for ordination.
- Classes will meet online through videoconferencing.
- *Be sure to order textbooks ASAP due to possible shipping delays.*