



JULY 2020



We really do miss each other. It is July and I am looking out my window at a vacant Bonita Park thinking about how important July normally is to our district. In July, we usually fill these grounds three times, with children, youth, and our district family. Usually, we get to enjoy catching up with our district friends and with God and we set time aside for worship and for play. Right now, it is difficult to do either and we are getting frustrated, lonely, and even, depressed. We really do miss each other.

If you are feeling that way too, as a church or individually, let me encourage you not to disconnect from the people that you love. Make sure you are staying connected with zoom or messenger or another platform. Make sure you continue to make church attendance a priority each Sunday. Do everything you can do to include people in your daily lives. I have found that spending time with various groups on zoom has been a real boost to me personally and has done a lot to make me feel less isolated.

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If you find you have excess time on your hands, this is also a good time to draw close to God. If you were planning of spending a week here at Bonita Park to draw close to God, why don't you take a week to spend extra time reading your Bibles or working your way through that book you have been meaning to read? Set aside the same two hours per day that you would have set aside had you come to Bonita Park to press into the heart of Jesus. You will find yourself refreshed and renewed, even though you did not get a chance to breathe our fresh mountain air.

If your vacation has turned into a stay-cation, take the time to stay close to Jesus. Be intentional about spending time in prayer. Watch a movie together that will nourish your souls. Spend time as a family working through some Bible-based activities or find a way together to serve people who are most at risk of being neglected during these days of social isolation.

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No doubt, you have said at one time or another, "If I only had the time, I would...". Think of this season as God's gift of time. Slow down. Listen to the Spirit. Wait for God to speak. Spend time talking with and listening to God and to one another. Turn off the TV and enjoy some quiet. God has not quit talking just because we cannot gather to listen. If you are missing camp, take a week for your own personal "family" camp. God may surprise you with what He has to say. He may be saying, "I really miss you too."

Please Mark your Calendar!

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Family Camp July 27—Aug 2 -CANCELLED!!!

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I am so grateful to all of you for attending our first ever all virtual NMI Convention! Thank you to everyone who helped to bring it all together and to everyone for your participation! Because of the postponement of our General Convention, we did not have any ballots for our NMI Convention this year. We will elect delegates for General Convention at a future Convention.

I hope you have taken the time to go through the documents in the district NMI drop box we created for delegates and local NMI Presidents. The documents contained there are the most current information we have on these various ministries. Most of the links will take you to the NMI website: nazarene.org/nm. You will find this to be valuable source of information for each month's emphasis.

Please spend time here to familiarize yourself with all that NMI is doing! (If you are using another web site, the information will not be current) The website is full of ideas for presenting NMI information to your congregation in a variety of ways!

In lieu of an offering this year, please respond to the Spirit in some way. Whether to a local compassionate ministry, Africa Nazarene University, Jesus Film, your LINK missionaries, Child Sponsorship, World Evangelism Fund, outreach to our friends on the Reservations who have been drastically affected by COVID-19 to name a few. I hope and pray that you and your fellow delegates felt God's pull to respond to the vast needs all around us. I would love to hear everyone's testimony of how God is directing you to respond to this year's Convention offering. As David Wesley shared with us during Convention: **"It's not our water"**

I would also love for you to keep me informed with all your church is doing that is missional. Please email these to me at: mnmmipresident@gmail.com. I want to be in prayer with you in your missions. Our District is so spread out and it takes a heart of intentionality to stay connected to one another. I would truly LOVE to hear from you!

AS we move into this next year of NMI for our district, let us plan NOW to be engaged in mission daily!

Remember the 5 areas of Impact for NMI are:

***Prayer, *World Evangelism Fund, *Engaging Children and Youth, *LINKS, -*Alabaster**

Every church can participate in these 5 areas of Impact and thereby cultivate an atmosphere of Mission.

You are in my prayers as we all engage in the work set before us in this next year!

Joyfully,

Nicoloe Young

➔ **One couple we met through Convention was Rusty and Lauren Brian who are staying in Clovis until they can get to Africa Nazarene University. They would love to come and speak at your churches while they are home. You can email them at: rbrian@africanazarene.org to communicate with them. They are looking to speak somewhere on Sunday July 26th. If you would like to see them on the 19th, you can watch the live feed from Carlsbad Church Street's FB page.**

EVERY THURSDAY EVENING AT 9:00PM Dr. Lacher is leading a Prayer Meeting on Zoom. Everyone is invited to be a part of this worship in prayer.

The ZOOM meeting link is: <https://zoom.us/j/338982217>

If you already have the ZOOM app just select: Join a meeting and enter the numbers.



youth quizzing

Our 2020-2021 quiz season is just around the corner and this year we will be studying the **book of Matthew!** Check out the Bible Quizzing section of the Global NYI page at nazarene.org for general information and reference our district NYI website at nmnazayouth.com for further details.

Study materials can be purchased here:
<https://www.thefoundrypublishing.com/youthtop/quizzing.html>.

Here are our council members/event directors are as follows: 2020– 2021

Council- District NYI President– Jordin West

Vice President- Wade Elftman

Secretary- Sherri Todd

College-Age Representative- Aliece Nielson

Treasurer- Larry Fry

High School Representatives: Fabiola Sanchez & Allison Storch

Middle School Representatives: Keaton Hartwell & Maddox Jennings

Event/Ministry Directors-

Teen Camp: Wade Elftman

Winter Retreat: Wade Elftman & Jordin West

NM Xtreme: Phil Jones

Young Adult Conference: Eden Avalos

NYC: Christa Storch

Quizzing: Penny Pogue

NYI/NMI Connection: Sherri Todd

SDMI

SDMI Convention

Thank you to all those who were Delegates to our June SDMI convention. Delegates, thank you for attending and for participating in online voting at our first online Convention. As well, thanks to the many others who attended. Also, many thanks to Dr. Scott R. Rainey, global director Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries International (SDMI), who was our guest speaker at this year's SDMI Convention. I have received many compliments regarding how people appreciated the great job Dr. Rainey did in sharing his vision.

I would like to congratulate those who were voted onto our SDMI Council for 2-year Member at Large terms. Those elected were Sharla Parker, who is returning as our SDMI Secretary, and Ryan Nelson. Thank you to Jan Sweeney who completes her 2-year term. I would again like to extend a special welcome to Rev. Tamara Bailey who joins us as our Director of Adult Ministries. Those on our SDMI Council are:

Director of Children's Ministries – Jessica Zottneck

Children's Quizzing Director – Arthur Pacheco

North Representative – Arthur Pacheco

South Representative – Delaina Van Soest

Children's Camp Director – Ron Davis

Director of Adult Ministries – Tamara Bailey

Women's Ministries Director – DeAnn Rushing

Men's Ministries Director – Eric Zottneck

Members at Large

Sharla Parker – SDMI Secretary

Ryan Nelson

Paula Vaughan

Ex Officio Members

Dr Larry Lacher–District Superintendent

Larry Fry- District Finance Officer

Jordin West – NYI Chairperson

Nicole Young - NMI President

Thank you to all those who serve on our district SDMI Council.

Mark Asplund

NM District SDMI Chairman

Women in Ministry Virtual Fellowship

Saturday July 25 1:00pm. We will enjoy a time together on Zoom. I will send out the Zoom link on that Friday. This Fellowship is for all our Women in Ministry– Ordained, Licensed, Pastors, Pastor's wives including Staff. If you have not received an invite to this then I don't have your email address. PLEASE send it to me ASAP. lacherlisa@yahoo.com Looking forward to seeing you all Saturday!!! Lisa Lacher



EVERY MONDAY Dr. Lacher leads a Leadership ZOOM for our ministry leaders at 2 different times to better fit your schedules.
10:00am and 7:00pm

The Monday 10:00am link is: <https://zoom.us/j/678230148>

The Monday 7:00pm link is: <https://zoom.us/j/598220646>

SOME IMAGES FROM OUR VIRTUAL DISTRICT CONVENTIONS/ASSEMBLY/ORDINATION

