



New Mexico
CHURCH OF THE



District
NAZARENE

PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

October 2025

You Are Appreciated

In what is arguably the most joyful letter of the New Testament, the letter to the Philippians, the crescendo of the letter happens in chapter four where Paul begins to express his thanks to this struggling congregation for the gifts that they had sent to him in his imprisonment. “Not that I seek the gift” he says in 4:17, “but I seek the profit that is increasing to your account.” Then he describes the gift that was given as “a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God” (vs 18).

As you are aware, October is National Clergy Appreciation Month. During this month, you have the opportunity to do for your pastors what the Philippian church did for Paul. It should be instinctual for churches to want to bless those who bless us by ministering to us with the Gospel. Yet, Paul said, “no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving except you alone” (4:15) in sharing his gratitude to the Philippians.

I encourage you to have a Philippian spirit toward your pastor(s) this month. Shower them with love, affection, and, even, gifts to let them know that you so appreciate their labor among you.

Most of the pastors on our district serve at a “discount.” They are being paid far less money than they would if they were working in a secular field with similar education and experience. They do this because of their love for you and their love for the Gospel. This month, I encourage you to find lavish ways to encourage them for their labors of love in your midst.

In His Service,
Dr. Lawrence A. Lacher,



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LEADERSHIP RETREAT NOV. 2025!!!

MAKE PLANS TO COME

NM District Leadership Retreat

November 6-8, 2025

Please register at nmnaz.com. Under the Calendar tab, click on Events.

Check-In will held on November 6th from 3-5 pm.

All Ministers (Lead Pastors, Staff, Chaplains, etc.), District Licensed Ministers in Training, Spouses, Retired Ministers, and select Lay Leaders are welcome to attend this retreat.

Disciple-Making-Disciples

Our speaker this year is Dr. Melvin Rigsby. Dr. Rigsby has been part of dynamic disciple multiplication networks around the world. He is partnering with various denominations with a particular emphasis on Creative Access Areas (places where sharing the gospel is illegal or restricted). He has witnessed dramatic growth in the kingdom in the most difficult locations in the world, as individuals respond to Christ's command to make disciples "as you are going through your 'normal' day" wherever God has placed you.

Dr. Rigsby has also served as a professor at secular and Christian universities and has presented workshops and lectures in over one hundred countries.

Pricing:

\$70 per Person for the Full Retreat

\$35 per Person for Friday Night & Saturday Only

\$35 for Retired Ministers

\$25 for Children Ages 6-18

Children 5 Years Old & Younger are Free

Childcare will be available during services for children ages 5-15.



Please call **bonita park** at 575-336-4404 to reserve your room today!

MID-YEAR MEETING SCHEDULE (Zoom)

October 23, 2025 Thursday

7:00pm D.A.B.

October 24, 2025 Friday

3:00 Family Camp Committee Meeting

5:00 Dinner Break

6:00 NMI

October 25, 2025 Saturday

8:30 Camp Board

10:30 Break

10:45 Camp Board

12:00 Lunch (break)

1:00 D.A.B. (if needed)

2:00 District NDI.

An email was sent out earlier listing everyone on each of this committees and boards. Please double check that you know when you are to zoom for your meetings.

Up Coming Important Dates for the New Mexico District 2025

OCTOBER

PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH!

MID YEAR MEETINGS OCT 23—25

HISPANIC PASTORS RETREAT OCT 24-25 at MTC –SouthValley Campus Sandia

NOVEMBER

NYI COUNCIL MEETING 800-1000 NOV 1

TIME CHANGE NOV 1*****

BOARD OF MINISTRY NOV 6

FOUNDATIONS RETREAT NOV 5

LEADERSHIP RETREAT NOV 6-8

THANKSGIVING NOV 27

DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS EVE DEC 24

CHRISTMAS DAY DEC 25

JANUARY 2026

NYI MID WINTER RETREAT JAN 16-18 2026

THERE ARE SO MANY OTHER EVENTS HAPPENING ON OUR DISTRICT, SO PLEASE BE CHECKING THE CALENDAR AT:

CONFERENCIA HISPANA DISTRITO NUEVO MEXICO

ALBUQUERQUE, NM

OCTUBRE 24-25



LUGAR: Sandia Valley Mission Training Center. 2315 Markham Rd. SW, Albuquerque, NM 87105

HOSPEDAJE: Si viaja de lejos, por favor comuníquese conmigo. El centro cuenta con algunas literas.

erikarhasenauer@gmail.com

ADULTOS: Taller y conferencia

Adolescentes y niños >6: Visita de campo el sábado 8:30 am – 12 pm (posiblemente el zoológico. Rev. Patti Rivas encargada/Brian Hasenauer asistente)

HORARIO:

Viernes 24 de octubre

Registro: 4-5 pm

Cena: 5-6:30 pm

Devocional de inspiración: 7:00-8:30 pm

Sábado 25 de octubre

Desayuno: 7-8:30 am

Devocional: 8:30 am – 9:15 am

Taller 1: 9:30 am – 12:00 pm

Almuerzo: 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Receso: 1:00 pm – 1:30 pm

Conferencia: 1:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Cena: 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Despedida

¡Procurando la unidad, fortalecimiento mutuo, compañerismo y crecimiento!

New Mexico DISTRICT YOUTH!!

Grace & Peace Wade Elftman

Happy Fall Ya'll

I hope this finds you all well, enjoying the season. I know many of you are in the midst of NYC Fundraising...know that all the work and stress is worth it for the impact your students will have at the event.

I wanted to give you all a heads up that we have an upcoming NYI Council meeting on November 1st. Due to some scheduling conflicts, we will be changing the meeting to a Zoom Meeting starting at 8 am-10 am.

The focus of the meeting will be providing some updates from ministries around the district, as well as doing some planning for the Winter Retreat coming up January 16-18, 2026.

I hope you will make plans to attend. Zoom Link for Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6020127227?
pwd=dHNDc00wMEg5UHBuOVhjZDlqNlVJZz09&omn=89653815944](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6020127227?pwd=dHNDc00wMEg5UHBuOVhjZDlqNlVJZz09&omn=89653815944)

Grace & Peace, Wade Elftman



Hello Youth Leaders!

Here is the link for the payment schedule plus fundraising ideas:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/13CvBHlc3zwKgE93t5_zSuHrY0792JOycoAgRHY_uOtc/edit?usp=sharing

Here is Larry Fry's mailing address:

3101 N Mesa Verde St

Roswell, NM 88201

Please remember to send one church check to Larry with your payment. Be sure to have the check made it

NM District NYI. Please put NYC 26 in the memo line.

Also, just in case, here is the link for registration as well:

<https://nazareneyouthconference.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2663599>

Thank you for all that you do in getting our teens to NYC! Can't wait to see what God does!

Blessings,

Cindy Byerly

DISTRICT NMI NEWS



October 18, 2025

[Alaska District Church of the Nazarene is in need of our help!](#)

Dear Pastors and Church Families,

In response to the devastation caused by the recent typhoons across Alaska, the Alaska District Church of the Nazarene is joining together to provide compassionate assistance to those who have been displaced and are in need.

We are thankful to share that the General Church Nazarene Missions International (NMI) will be funding the purchase of blankets for families affected by the storms. Each blanket will include information about our local Nazarene churches in the Anchorage area, including service times and contact details—offering both physical warmth and a message of hope.

In addition, we are collecting funds from our local churches to meet future needs that may arise in the coming weeks and months. These funds will be used to provide items such as school supplies, clothing, and household essentials to families working to rebuild their lives.

If your church would like to contribute, please send a check payable to:

Alaska District Church of the Nazarene

P.O. Box 141

Kenai, AK 99611

Please include “Typhoon Relief” in the memo line.

We are also partnering with Nazarene Disaster Response to distribute Crisis Care Kits to those in immediate need. Together, we can bring comfort, care, and the love of Christ to our communities during this challenging time.

In Christ’s Service,

**Rev. Hunter Mizar
District Superintendent
Alaska District Church of the Nazarene**



I hope you are all gearing up for the upcoming holiday season.

Don't forget to check out Nazarene Compassionate Ministries for ideas for Christmas Projects and other compassionate ministry projects to support this holiday season. While there are countless ways to give during the holiday season, I would love to see an outpouring of our Nazarene churches supporting our Nazarene Compassionate Ministry projects this year!

The 2025 NCM Christmas Project, *Unboxing Hope: Give the Gift of Learning*, will focus on children in Jordan and Lebanon who attend Nazarene schools designed to nurture the whole child—mind, body, and spirit. Many of these students are refugees who have been displaced by war and violence, and school becomes their safe haven: a place to grow, heal, and thrive.

With your help, these children receive so much more than an education. They experience the care of loving teachers, hear about God’s love, build deep friendships, and gain access to vital resources like healthcare, food vouchers, and trauma support—all through their local Nazarene church.

This Christmas, we’re inviting both churches and individuals to help us unbox hope for these students. *Will you join us?*

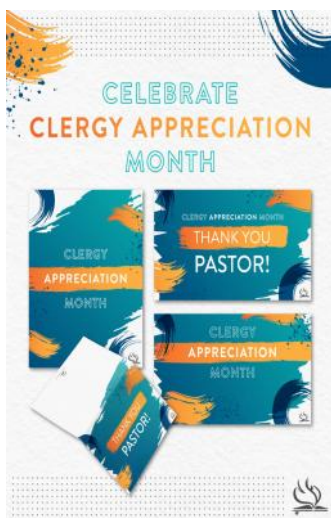
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Church of the Nazarene is 117 years young!! OCT 13

The Church of the Nazarene was officially formed in 1908 and is celebrating 117 years of God's faithfulness on October 13. The church has been dynamically involved in sharing Christ's love across 165 world areas through evangelism, compassionate ministries, discipleship, and education. As we celebrate the 'Ebenezer moments,' may we continue to stand as a beacon of hope, guiding generations in worship and love in the power of the Holy Spirit. Enjoy this video!

[\(12\) Video | Facebook](#)



October is Clergy Appreciation Month! 💜

Celebrate and honor your pastor(s) with these free resources—available in multiple languages!



Choose your language to access the materials:



English: <https://brnw.ch/21wW1tt>



Español (Spanish): <https://brnw.ch/21wW1ts>



Français (French): <https://brnw.ch/21wW1tr>



Português (Portuguese): <https://brnw.ch/21wW1tu>

Let's show our love and gratitude for those who lead us in faith! 🙏

DISTRICT WOMEN'S RETREAT 2025

