



Dr. Lawrence Lacher

“I always thank my God when I mention you in my prayers, because I hear of your love for all the saints and the faith that you have in the Lord Jesus” (Philemon vs 4).

These words, written by Paul to his dear friend Philemon, accurately reflect what is in my heart as I think about and pray for the churches and leaders on this district. I am so absolutely awe-struck by each of you and the things that you are doing for the sake of the Kingdom and your communities. Each time I have an opportunity to sit down with a pastor or a church board to listen to the efforts that you are making to make an impact on the people around you, it fills me with such excitement for our district.

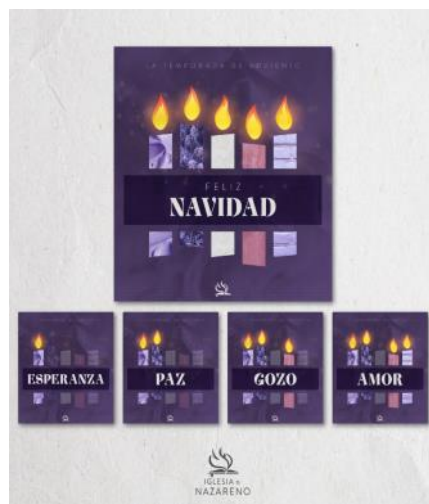
Those efforts will take specific shape during these next couple of months. I know that all of our churches are planning to care for their community through various ministries such as food baskets, Angel Tree, taking wood and blankets to families, providing mittens and coats to the homeless, providing hot meals for people who need them, giving gifts to children or to needy families, putting together care packages for people in need, sending love around the globe, breaking bread with strangers and dozens of other efforts to put the love of Christ on display.

Paul’s short letter to his friend Philemon was written to suggest that he extend generosity to Onesimus. Apparently, Onesimus had been Philemon’s slave who had run away and had ended up in prison with Paul, Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke. There the slave was set free in his spirit by meeting Jesus as his Savior. Now, with this letter, Paul was returning Onesimus to Philemon with the suggestion that he be set free from his slavery through the generosity of Philemon’s love-debt to Paul.

Our generosity comes out of our love-debt to Jesus. We recognize that we could never repay Jesus for his generosity to us. As the song writer said, “Out of His infinite riches in glory, He giveth, and giveth, and giveth again.” And, so, it is only natural for us to pour out our lives and our resources in generosity to those around us and an extension of the love that we have received from God through Christ.

I just want you all to know that I see what you are up to and, as your superintendent it makes me very proud to be known as your leader. “For I have great encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have refreshed through you” (vs 7).

Thankful for all of you,  
Dr. Larry



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# LEADERSHIP RETREAT 2024

**RETREAT**

**LEADERSHIP RETREAT NOV. 7-9, 2024**  
 Registration Nov. 7-8 pm. Retreat ends Sat. Nov. 9 at 8:00 AM.  
**Who:** All ministers (pastor, staff, chaplain, etc.), District Board members in speaking, advisory, pastoral positions, and active lay members.  
 Dr. Dan Spahr MD will be our speaker.  
 Our theme this year is **Restoring Health and Balance in Your Life and Ministry**.  
 Health this season is not just for you and your spouse.  
 See you all soon!

**DOES MY AVERAGE UNDERWRITER EVER PRESS THIS YEAR ASK ME HOW!**  
 Cost: \$150 for the 3- day retreat.  
 \$100 if you attend Friday night and Saturday only.  
 District members are FREE!  
 Children are welcome for \$25 (for parent/aid). Children 5 and under are FREE.  
 (Includes Breakfast and our Thanksgiving).  
 Parents will need to have children responsible from waking windows.  
**Hotel: Park Commonwealth**  
 Housing is assigned on a first come basis.  
 Call 575-369-4484 to reserve housing.

**Our Speaker is pastor of Evangelical Fellowship of the University of Arkansas. He serves on the Board of Trustees for FUSU and the USBA for the Arkansas District.**

**Being the man of a District Superintendent, Dan has a particular love for the pastor and the church. He has spent the last 10 years of his life in the ministry and he has a passion for the church and its members. He has a heart for restoring health and balance in the lives of pastors and their families. He has a heart for restoring health and balance in the lives of pastors and their families. He has a heart for restoring health and balance in the lives of pastors and their families.**

**RETREAT**



**Snow, Beautiful Stillness, A Refreshing word from our Speaker, and Lots of food, fellowship, laughter and Rest!**

**TO THE ENDS OF THE Earth**

24 HOURS OF PRAYER  
 DECEMBER 6 - 7

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE  
 GLOBAL MISSIONS

## Nazarene Global Missions

24 HOURS OF GLOBAL PRAYER 🙏  
 Would you join us and leaders from all around the world in 24 hours of prayer? You will hear stories from all over, as well as find out the different prayer needs. It's a great opportunity for your family, your small group, or your local church to pray together with other Nazarene's in multiple languages and countries for God's Word to go out to the ends of the earth!

It will start on Dec. 6 at 7pm (UTC +0) and end on Dec. 7 at 7pm (UTC +0). Ask your local District Superintendent or NMI, NYI, NDI, NCM leaders for the private zoom link.

Greetings NM District!

I hope this season of lower temperatures and changing leaves is filling your hearts with reminders of the beauty of God all around us! As we get to the end of October, I wanted to highlight the World Evangelism Fund Offering of Thanks with you. You can find details about this history of this offering and some promotional materials here:

<https://nazarene.org/offering-thanks>

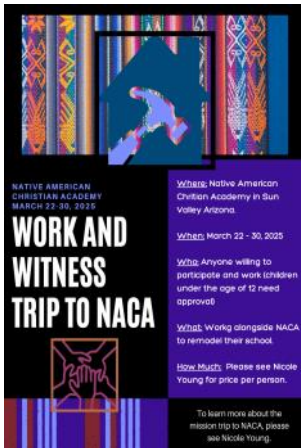
The WEF is our global church's avenue of supporting our Global Mission all over the world. It is the foundation of who we are as Nazarenes: missional and holiness.

**Pastor Patti Rivas** is heading up a Christmas Distribution Day, partnering with the Southwest Native and Colorado Districts, on December 7th at Twin Buttes Church of the Nazarene. Check out her attachments on this email and reach out to her if you want to participate. This is another awesome opportunity to reach out and partner together in blessing our communities!

As always, please let me know how I can pray for your church and the ministries you have in your local communities!

Joyfully,

Nicole



I just wanted to send a quick reminder out about the first group heading to **NACA in March of 2025**. Please message me ASAP if you'd like to go so I can get you registered. The cost is \$500 per person and the team is looking to raise \$10,000 in project funds. If you would like to donate towards this goal, please send any donations to:

**Church Street Church of the Nazarene**

**2401 W. Church St.**

**Carlsbad, NM 88220**

and mark it for NACA project funds. Thank you for your support and generosity in helping us to be part of the transformation at this incredible school!

The link to register for the first trip is here: <https://forms.gle/1shPQuDCyqyHb9HLA>



### **UpComing Important Dates for the New Mexico District**

**2024**

#### **DECEMBER**

**DAB/DAC CHRISTMAS BANQUET AT BONITA PARK      DEC 12, 2024**

*Always check the district Calendar online: [www.nmnaz.com](http://www.nmnaz.com)*

## NM District Churches Community Outreach Blessing

### You all are invited to participate!!

We want to share about a local missions opportunity.

Angus Church has decided not to participate in Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry this year as we have identified children in our community who are in need of the same basic necessities that are packed in the OCC Shoeboxes. We have instead decided this year to provide Christmas Boxes to the kids and teens who are in our community.

We are asking for approximately 110 packed boxes to give out at our annual Gingerbread Bash on December 4th. Below is a list of the age group breakdown and suggested items to pack in the boxes. We feel that this year, the easiest thing to do is to pack gender-neutral boxes as we are not sure exactly how many children of each gender and age group will attend.

These items can be packed in a plain or decorated shoebox, small packaging box, or plastic box with a lid. If you cannot pack a box but still want to contribute, reach out to Pastor Sherri to see how you can give financially.

We are asking that the boxes be at Angus Church by November 10<sup>th</sup>. Please give Pastor Sherri a call if you are participating but can't get them to Angus by the 10<sup>th</sup>.

We have included a list of suggested items to put in the box. If you are interested in gifting a child or family this Christmas with greater needs or you have any questions, please contact Pastor Sherri Todd at Angus Church (575-626-8574 or [anguskidsnaz@gmail.com](mailto:anguskidsnaz@gmail.com)).

We are truly grateful for your consideration and would be honored to have you partner with us for this local mission opportunity here at Angus.

Thank you, Sherri Todd	<u>Age Group Breakdown:</u>	<u>Suggested items to pack:</u>
	0-3     10	Toothbrushes
	4-6     25	Toothpaste
	7-11    35	Washcloths
	12-13   15	Soap
	14-17   25	Deodorant
		School supplies (pencils, crayons or markers, scissors)
		Combs or brushes
		Hair accessories for girls
		Gloves
		Hats



#### What is the World Evangelism Fund?

#### THANKSGIVING OFFERING

The [World Evangelism fund](https://nazarene.org/wef) is the foundation for everything the Lord is doing through the global Church of the Nazarene. Our core method of missions through compassion, evangelism, and education are accomplished with [World Evangelism giving](https://nazarene.org/wef). Here are a few examples of ministries that your World Evangelism giving makes possible through direct funding of ministry network support:

<https://nazarene.org/wef> They have all the information for your congregations and videos to present to them.

- New churches and ministry outposts
- Missionaries
- Regional ministries
- Christian literature and resources
- Holiness education

Partner ministries such as [JESUS Film Harvest Partners](#), [Nazarene Compassionate Ministries](#), and many more.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND OUR DISTRICT



Portales CON



Roswell 1st CON

Living Stones CON  
1st Responders Breakfast



Gallup 1st -work team from Rio Rancho

Living Stones CON  
Trunk or Treat/  
Movie Night



Pastor Appreciation - Aztec



Roswell 1st



Las Cruces 1st



Portales Teens helping out at Hope Harbor

La Vista Teens at Lego party



Roswell; 1st



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**World Evangelism Fund**