

November 2023 Terry L. Armstrong, District Superintendent

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A Word from Terry & Becky....

We continue to enjoy traveling across the district and gathering with a different church each Sunday morning. Some weeks, we are able to be with a different church in the evening as well. Thank you for your welcoming hearts. You receive and treat us like royalty. Each of you are so very special.



Continue to pray for our churches who are searching for pastors: Nuevos Comienzos, Collinsville New Community, Benton First and Urbana The Hope.

We are thrilled to introduce to you new pastors on the district. Pastor Juan & Rachel Ricapito have accepted the call to serve as pastor of the Effingham Amanecer Iglesia del Naz-



areno. They began their ministry assignment in August. We are so excited to have them back active on the district and believe there are great days ahead for the Iglesia in Effingham.

We are pleased to introduce to you Juan Pascual Gaspar Gar-



cia who will begin serving at Beardstown Libertad at the beginning of the year. Juan has been a key laymen in our Nuevos Comienzos Church. He is pursuing a call to pastor by attending Bible College and applying for a district license.

At district assembly, we announced a reduction in the District Allocation percentage from 5.85% to 4.85%. Because of that reduction, a total right at \$22,000 has stayed in the local churches across the district for you to do ministry and reach your community with the love and grace of Jesus.

UPCOMING TRAINING/RESOURCING EVENTS

IL/MO Pastor's Advance PASTOR TALKS

March 12 - 14, 2024

Pinecrest Camp, Fredericktown, MO Cost will be between \$50-65/person, includes 6 meals and 2 nights lodging. Private lodging will be limited, you will need to get registered as soon as registration comes available.

NYI Leadership Conference - March 3-5, 2024 Nampa, Idaho. Contact David Hater for more information. Exponential - ONEIGHTY - March 4-7, 2024 Orlando, Florida. Registration details will be coming available soon. Do not register on their web site. Wesleyan Holiness Women's Conference - March 7-9, 2024 Dallas, Texas



SPRING ZONE MISSION TOUR

Liliana and Fernando Almeida are global missionaries with the Church of the Nazarene. They are both currently serving on faculty at the European Nazarene College (EuNC) on the Eurasia Region. They will be our guest missionaries.



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DAY	DATE	ZONE
Tuesday	April 9, 2024	East Central
Wednesday	April 10, 2024	North East
Thursday	April 11, 2024	North Central
Sunday pm	April 14, 2024	Illinois River
Monday	April 15, 2024	Metro
Wednesday	April 16, 2024	Southern
Thursday	April 17, 2024	South Central

"Are you getting your weekly missions update/lesson material? Sign up at https://nazarene.org/nmi-central/ "

Learn more about your NMI - https://illinoisnaz.org/nmi-faqs/

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

March 11, 2024 - March 19, 2024

Cost: \$1800

Still room for 5 more participants. Pray for the team signed up: Danaka Bulthuis, Ken Bulthuis, Breena Bulthuis, Tammy Comer, Taylor Comer, Naomi Comer, Gracie Comer.

COSTA RICA w/ Encuentro

June 29, 2024 - July 6, 2024 Cost: \$1850 Deadline is December 1

ALABASTER OFFERING



Congrats for what our district has done so far this year toward that 75th anniversary of Alabaster. \$10,630.89 has been given and the emphasis continues every month this year as videos are available through NMI-Central on the 3rd Wednesday each

month. This month is about work in Brazil.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



NAZARENE DISCIPLESHIP INTERNATIONAL

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January 6, 2024 - TEAM DAY North @ Decatur First Discipleship with Hal Perkins

January 27, 2024 - TEAM DAY South @ Salem Grace Leadership with Mark Bane

April 6, 2024 - District Women's Day at Roxana

July 12, 2024 - District NDI Convention

July 15 - 19, 2024 - District Children's Camp

DISTRICT MEN'S DAY



Comments made about the event:

"Great day!"

"It was a great event. Great turn out. I really enjoyed it. Wade did a fantastic job."

"Yes it was a great day hanging with other men and having fun and hearing God's Word."

NEXT YEAR'S DATE is NOVEMBER 2, 2024. See you there.

- Randy Wright, District NDI President





QUIZ DATES

December 2 - Top 10 Quiz in St. Louis

December 9 - Novice Quiz at Mattoon Homestead

January 13 - Pittsfield

February 10 - Pana

March 15-16th - Shelbyville

UPCOMING NYI EVENT

March 8 & 9, 2024
District Spring Retreat & Celebrate Life
@ Roxana

May 16 - 18, 2024 Regional Celebrate Life @ ONU June 24 - 28, 2024 - Youth Camp @ CTR

July 1-5, 2026 Nazarene Youth Conference '26, Salt Lake City, Utah

- David Hater, District NYI President



Please note: Our district treasurer is Laura Mondy. Her email address is dist.tres@illinoisnaz.org. If you mail your check, send to:

Laura Mondy, District Treasurer 1206 W. 4th St. Centralia, IL 62801.

Illinois District Calendar of Events

2023

November 18 - District NYI FIRE 2023 @ Mulberry Grove, IL

December 2 - District Leaders, Pastor & Family's Christmas Gathering, Effingham

2024

January 6 - TEAM Day North @ Decatur First w/ Hal Perkins - DISCIPLESHIP

January 13 - Teen Bible Quiz @ Pittsfield

January 27 - TEAM Day South @ Salem Grace w/ Mark Bane - LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

February 3 - Board of Ministry Interviews for renewal of District Minister's License @ Roxana

February 10 - Teen Bible Quiz @ Pana First

March 2 - Alternative Date if bad weather on 2/3 for Board of Ministry Interviews

March 3-5 NYILC Conference @ Nampa, ID (For Youth Leaders)

March 4-7 - EXPONTENTIAL @ Orlando, FL

March 7-9 - Wesleyan Holiness Women's Conference @ Dallas, TX

March 8-9 District NYI Spring Retreat & Celebrate Life @ Roxana

March 12-14 - IL/MO Pastor's Advance at Pinecrest Camp and Conference Center

March 15 & 16th - District NYI Quiz Finals @ Shelbyville

March 24 - Palm Sunday

March 31 - Easter Sunday

March 11-19 - Mission Team to Trinidad & Tobago

April 6 - District Women's Day @ Roxana First

April 9 - East Central Zone Mission Rally

April 10 - North East Zone Mission Rally

April 11 - North Central Zone Mission Rally

April 13 - District Children's Quiz

April 14 - Illinois River Zone Mission Rally

April 15 - Metro Zone Mission Rally

April 16 - Southern Zone Mission Rally

April 17 - South Central Zone Mission Rally

April 27 - Board of Ministry Interview for Ordination & First Time License @ Mattoon East Side

May 19 - Pentecost Sunday

May 20 - Early Bird Registration Ends for CTR

May 31 - Early Bird Registration Ends for Children's Camp

June 3 - Registration Deadline for CTR

June 24 - 28 - Youth Camp at Camp Table Rock

June 29 - July 6 - Mission Team to Costa Rica

July 1 - Registration Deadline for Children's Camp

July 11 - 13 - District Gathering Celebration, Conventions & Assembly

July 15 - 19 - Children's Camp at Passion Church Campus

September 1 - 12 - Zone Mission Rallies

September 13 - 15 - Adult "Reignite & Renew" Retreat @ Pinecrest Camp & Conference Center

September 27-29 - m&m Retreat, New Harmony Retreat & Conference Center,

New Harmony, Indiana, Dr. Carla & Chuck Sunberg, Speaker

November 5-7 - NDI Leadership Conference @ Tulsa, OK

December 7 - District Leaders, Pastor & Family's Christmas Gathering, Effingham



March 11-19, 2024

Call **TODAY** to save your trip.

\$1800.00

Pastor Danaka 217-763-6450

Costa Rica

JUNE 29 - JULY 6, 2024

Everyone is welcome to join our team trip hosted by Encuentro!

We would love to know that you are joining us by <u>December 1st</u> with a deposit of \$300.00 and a completed registration form*. The trip total is \$1850.00.

Email List?

If you have not joined our email group, please send your information to nmi.missions.team@illinoisnaz.com.

Called to Go?....

Need some support answering your call from God? Let's chat and see how your community can help. Call, text, or email.

Mission Teams Trip Registration Form

Name:
Email:
Phone:
Mailing Address:
Trip requesting to join:
Has God spoke to you about this trip: Yes No If you feel comfortable, please share anything God has told you:
Initial that you understand once plane tickets are purchased, refunds will not be issued.
Initial that you understand a background check is required for the trip.
Return this form with a \$200.00 deposit made payable to Illinois District Church of the Nazarene. Mail this form to C/O Pastor Danaka Bulthuis – 9022 Sheets Rd – Oakley, IL – 62501
Pastor, We would love to know more about your team member. Please complete this section with any information you want to share with the Mission Team. Please include how long you have known this team member. We are so grateful your church is a sending church.
Blessings, Pastor Danaka
Pastor's Name:
Sending Church:







January 6, 2024 Decatur First DISCIPLED BY JESUS

PRESENTERS: Hal & Debbie Perkins

As disciples of Jesus, most Christians find it very intriguing, even hard to swallow, that Jesus intends to disciple His contemporary followers much like He did Peter, James, and John. Really? Can we see Jesus in the flesh like Peter did? Or hear His voice like James did? Or know Him like John did? Come to believe Him as Thomas did, or walk with Him and love Him and live for Him as these first century disciples did?

Hal and Debbi Perkins believe being discipled by Jesus is not only possible, but essen-

tial. The aim of this Discipled by Jesus teaching and training is to equip participants with essential root skills in RELATING TO JESUS as His disciples experienced. The fruit? Increasingly being transformed into His very likeness. Hard to swallow? Come and see!

COST: \$10/person (Lunch is included)

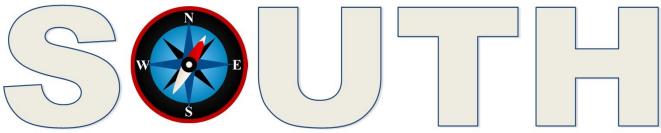
REGISTRATION: https://app.illinoisnaz.org/Registration?ID=17

SIGN UP BY: January 2, 2024

TIME: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm







January 27, 2024 Salem Grace



Creating a Culture of Calling

Engaging the whole people of God into the whole mission of God.

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A training designed to teach: Pastors, leaders and laity how to identify, develop and send leaders to places of ministry in the church and beyond.

This training will help local and district leaders build up their leadership pipeline.

COST: \$10/person (Lunch is included)

REGISTRATION: https://app.illinoisnaz.org/Registration?ID=18

SIGN UP BY: January 22, 2024

TIME: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

