



from Terry & Becky. . . .

Advent is a wonderful time of the year as we focus our attention on preparing our hearts to celebrate the birth of Emmanuel - God with us! What a glorious celebration and an incredible promise of God's intention to redeem His creation. It is a joy to celebrate with our pastors and district leaders and have the opportunity to be in a few of our churches as they celebrate Advent.

We want to say THANK YOU to the advisory board and to so many of you who expressed appreciation and love to us during this Christmas season. We are blessed! It is such a joy to work alongside each of you.

Here are a few pictures of our District Family Christmas Gathering.



NAZARENE MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL

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.



<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>ZONE</u>
Tuesday	April 9	East Central-Mattoon East Side
Wednesday	April 10	North East-Georgetown
Thursday	April 11	North Central-Decatur West Side
Sunday pm	April 14	Illinois River-Bethel Community
Monday	April 15	Metro-TBD
Wednesday	April 16	Southern-Murphysboro
Thursday	April 17	South Central-TBC

"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 4 more participants. Pray for the team signed up: Danaka Bulthuis, Ken Bulthuis, Breena Bulthuis, Tammy Comer, Taylor Comer, Naomi Comer, Gracie Comer, Jeff Owen.

Deadline is Jan. 1 with a passport.

COSTA RICA w/ Encuentro

June 29, 2024 - July 6, 2024

Cost: \$1850

Deadline is Jan. 15 with a passport.

Contact Danaka Bulthuis for more information:
217-763-6450

The district NMI Council will be meeting in person at Salem Grace, January 27 at 3:00 pm.

- Dan Reinhart, NMI President





NAZARENE DISCIPLESHIP INTERNATIONAL

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January 6, 2024 - TEAM DAY North @ Decatur First Discipleship with Hal Perkins See the poster on page 4.

January 27, 2024 - TEAM DAY South @ Salem Grace Leadership with Mark Bane See the poster on page 5

April 6, 2024 - District Women’s Day at Roxana Check the poster on page 6

July 12, 2024 - District NDI Convention

July 15 - 19, 2024 - District Children’s Camp Camp Applications are on the Illinois District web site. Camp-Application.pdf (illinoisnaz.org)

- Randy Wright, District NDI President

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. Pastor’s will receive an email with the registration information.

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



QUIZ DATES

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

2024 Youth Camp @ CTR

June 24 - 28, 2024

Registration forms to be available after the 1st of the Year

Speaker: Rob Click

District NYI Convention

Thursday night, July 11, 2024

Decatur First

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.

Every Church is encouraged to use Fundingthemission.org as the platform to pay your budget allocations.

If you are not set up on Funding the Mission, contact Laura. She will be able to assist you in getting set up.



Illinois District Calendar of Events

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 - EXPONENTIAL @ 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



DAY

NORTH



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 essential. 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





DAY

SOUTH

January 27, 2024

Salem Grace



Creating a Culture of Calling

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

Creating a Culture of Calling



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



Ladies' Day

April 6, 2024



Joy Wisehart, speaker

Roxana Church of the Nazarene
\$20 per person
On-line registration available January, 2024.
Mark your calendars now!

Inspiration, fellowship, fun, prizes, lunch,
praise and worship, laughter, and more!

Willing to bring a skit from your church? Donate a prize or gift basket?
Have questions or suggestion? Call Phyllis at 217-412-2908
or Debbie at 618-604-5552