

from Terry & Becky. . . .

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!** It is our hope and desire that each and everyone of you have a glorious time celebrating the birth of our Christ with your family and your church family. The Incarnate Christ knows and understands our life, our circumstances, our situations. He knows about us and he cares about us. It is our prayer that this Christmas is your best ever because of God's love for us.



We want to say a big **THANK YOU** to the District Advisory Board for their generosity to us not just during this Christmas season but throughout the entire year. We thoroughly love and enjoy the opportunities to work alongside each of you.

It was a joy to gather with 145 of our pastors and their families for our annual District Family Gathering at Effingham on Saturday, December 6. Here are a few pictures of the event.



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**PASTOR'S TAKE NOTE**

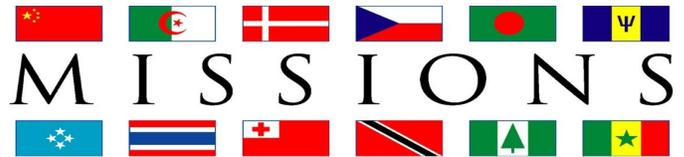
**2 upcoming events for Professional Development**  
**March 10-12, 2026, IL/MO Pastor's Advance**  
 Pinecrest Camp  
 Fredericktown, MO

**June 3-5, 2026**  
**ONU Palcon**



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### DISTRICT KID'S



### FUN DAY

February 21, 2026

Pana First Church of the Nazarene

This event is focused on children in grades 4—6. It will be a great day of fun and activity to help our children understand the work of missions in the Church of the Nazarene around the world. Contact Debbie Brewer for more information.

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### DISTRICT WOMEN'S DAY

April 11, 2026

Roxana Church of the Nazarene

Speaker: Kayln Vogelmann

More information will be forthcoming the first of the year. Have your ladies mark their calendar and begin to make plans to attend.

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### DISTRICT NDI CONVENTION

**Is Changing**

**It will be held Saturday, May 2, 2026**

**More Information to follow.**

- Randy Wright, District NDI President  
 ndi@illinoisnaz.org



**TEEN BIBLE QUIZ SCHEDULE**

January 10 Murphysboro 1 Cor 1-16 - 2 Cor 1-4  
February 7 Decatur West Side 1 Cor 1-16 - 2 Cor 1-8  
March 14 Shelbyville 1 Cor 1-16 - 2 Cor 1-13  
<https://illinois.nazquizzing.org/events>

**NYC INFORMATION**

**Remaining Payment Schedule!**

You should have \$500 or \$800 paid to the Illinois District Church of the Nazarene, depending on which payment option you have selected. These funds are to be sent to David Hater, 2403 W. Kirby, Champaign, IL 61821. If you have not paid any payment yet, **you need to send that in immediately**. The district has already had to make payment to the General NYI Office for your registration.

There are 2 options in regard to your remaining payments:

**Option 1 - Total payment of \$2200**

January 1—\$300  
February 15—\$300  
March 31—\$300  
May 1—\$500

**Option 2—Total payment of \$2200**

January 1 - \$500  
March 1 - \$500  
May 1 - \$700

**\*\*\*\*\* SPECIAL NOTE \*\*\*\*\***

This is a change from year's past.

**DISTRICT NYI CONVENTION IS GOING TO BE SUNDAY EVENING, JUNE 28**

- David Hater, District NYI President  
[nyi@illinoisnaz.org](mailto:nyi@illinoisnaz.org)

Our district treasure is: DANIELLE FIELDS  
The email address is [dist.tres@illinoisnaz.org](mailto:dist.tres@illinoisnaz.org).  
If you mail your check, send to:  
District Treasurer  
P.O. Box 185  
Bethalto, IL 62010  
The portal on Funding the Mission has not changed, you can still pay all allocations through the portals found on the web site.



**2026 ZONE SPRING MISSION TOUR (Tentative Schedule)**

April 19 @ Quincy Emmanuel  
April 20 @ Collinsville New Community  
April 22 @ Flora  
April 23 @ Carbondale New Beginnings Community  
April 26 @ Olivet  
April 28 @ Mattoon East Side  
April 29 @ Sherman

Our Spring Tour missionary is Monte Cyr. Here is a bio for the Cyr family: Monte & Bethany Cyr (pronounced 'Sear') are Global Missionaries for the Church of the Nazarene on the Mesoamerica Region (Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean). Monte has served as the Regional Partnerships Coordinator since March 2025. His main responsibilities include connecting churches and districts on the Mesoamerica Region with churches and districts in other parts of the world for mutual encouragement, support and ministry. Bethany serves as the office administrator.

Monte and Bethany have additionally served as youth pastors in the U.S. from 1990 until their missionary appointment in 1998, and then as the Africa Region Youth Ministries Coordinator (1998-2006), the Caribbean Region Youth Ministries Coordinator (2006-2011), and the Mesoamerica Region Discipleship Coordinator (2011-2025).

The Cyr's have four children: Robert (working in Seward, Alaska), Amy with husband Jamie (working in Seward, Alaska), Bryan with wife Jecca (teaching music in Louisville, Kentucky) with their 3 children Clara, Miles and Ella, and Nkele (pronounced En-Kay-Lee) (living and working in Madison, Wisconsin).

To contact the Cyrs, please email [Monte@TheCyrFamily.org](mailto:Monte@TheCyrFamily.org).

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NEW CARE & COMPASSION (LINKS) MISSIONARIES  
Starting January 1, 2026

For the next 2 years our missionaries will be Davide and Tanya Cantarella. They are serving in Belarus, a security-sensitive country. We will be communicating more information to help you reach out to them.

Do not forget the Pathara Family as we close out our time of them serving as our LINKS missionaries.

This QR code will take you to the District NMI FAQ page for all that you need to know about NMI.



- Dan Reinhart, NMI President  
[nmi@illinoisnaz.org](mailto:nmi@illinoisnaz.org)

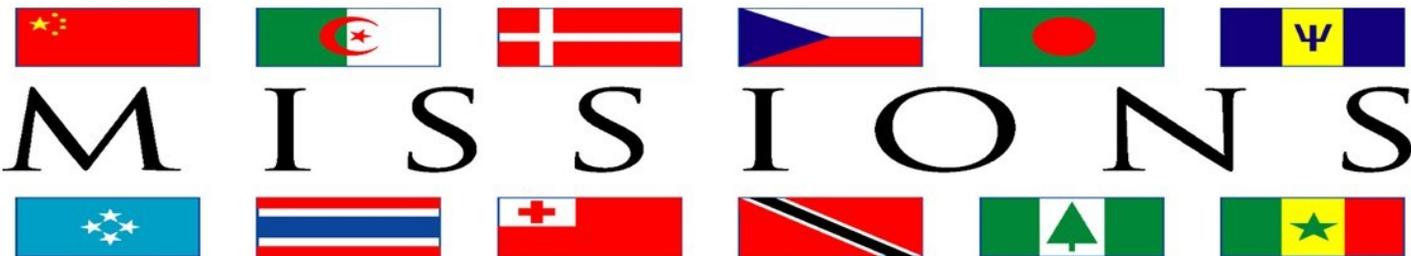
## Illinois District Calendar of Events

### 2026

**January 10** - Teen Bible Quiz  
**January 17** - Children's Invitational Bible Quiz, Dig Sites 6-10  
**January 24** - District Advisory Board on Zoom  
**January 31** - Board of Ministry Interviews @ Roxana  
**February 7** - Teen Bible Quiz  
**February 21** - Children's Mission Fun Day @ Pana 1st  
**February 23** - Wesleyan Holiness Women Clergy Conference @ Minneapolis, MN  
**March 1** - Children's Invitation Bible Quiz, Dig Sites 11-15  
**March 6-7** - District Celebrate Life  
**March 10-12** - IL/MO Pastor's Advance @ Pinecrest, Theme: Preaching  
**March 14** - Teen Bible Quiz  
**March 28** - District Advisory Board @ Bethalto  
**April 11** - District Ladies Day @ Roxana  
**April 18** - District Advisory Board @ Bethalto  
**April 18** - Children's Invitational Quiz, Dig Sites 16-20  
**April 19-29** - Spring Zone Mission Rallies  
**April 25** - Board of Ministry @ Mattoon East Side  
**May 2** - **District NDI Convention**  
**May 14-16** - Celebrate Life @ ONU  
**May 30** - District Children's Quiz, Dig Sites 1-20  
**June 3-5** - 2026 PALCON @ ONU  
**June 12 & 13** - Regional Children's Quiz @ ONU  
**June 22-26** - Youth Camp  
**June 28** - **District NYI Convention**  
**July 1-5** - NYC @ Salt Lake City  
**July 10** - District NMI Convention  
**July 10-11** - District Assembly  
**July 11** - District Advisory Board Organizational Meeting  
**July 13-17** - Children's Camp  
**August 22** - District Advisory Board Quarterly Zoom Meeting  
**September 18-20** - Adult 'Reignite & Renew' Retreat @ Pinecrest  
**September 25-27** - m&m Retreat at New Harmony, IN  
**October 31** - District Advisory Board Quarterly Zoom Meeting  
**December 5** - District Leader's Family Gathering @ Effingham

### 2027

**January 23** - District Advisory Board Quarterly Zoom Meeting  
**January 30** - District Board of Ministry Meeting @ Roxana  
**March 21** - Palm Sunday  
**March 28** - Easter  
**April 10** - District Board of Ministry @ Mattoon East Side  
**April 17** - District Advisory Board @ Bethalto  
**June 25 - July 2** - General Conventions & Assembly, Kansas City, MO  
**June 28—July 2**—District Youth Camp  
**July 16-17** - Illinois District Assembly  
**July 19-23** - Tentative Date for Children's Camp



**KIDS' FUN DAY!**  
**Saturday, February 21, 2026**  
**10 AM – 2:30 PM**  
**Pana Church of the Nazarene**



NDI and NMI are partnering to provide a fun, yet impactful day for kids in grades 4-6. The emphasis is on missions – not only abroad, but where we live.

(Use your judgment if child is in 3<sup>rd</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> grade.)

The day will include songs, stories, skits, games, service project, prayer, and much more! It also includes lunch!

The cost is \$10 per child, \$5 for adults.

Call or text Debbie Brewer to register or ask questions:

618-604-5552. Or you can also register on-line at

<https://forms.gle/BPo6um4sK5zyrrbq5>. Or you can scan the QR code.

