

from Terry & Becky. . . .

Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wondrous works! Psalm 105:2

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Psalm 95:1



Multiple passages of scriptures direct us to sing to the Lord. What a privilege we have to freely do that in our homes, our vehicles, and churches. We have access to music pretty much anywhere we go.

A good beat or a fun melody will catch my attention, pull me in, and I enjoy it sometimes without really paying attention to the words. But I work to focus on the words of the songs. I ask myself “Do I mean them?” “What do they mean to me?” *I Speak Jesus* or *Raise a Hallelujah* are a couple that come easily to sing and mean every word. I want my family to have a strong relationship with Jesus. I want everyone to know His name is power and healing and life. It breaks every stronghold. And let us praise God no matter what. Praise Him because He is I AM, Praise Him the miracles that have come and those to come.

But *Oceans*—now that one causes me to hesitate. There is something about some of those lyrics that make me wonder what am I asking God to do. Am I ready? Do I mean it?

As you listen to the words and sing them out think about what you are praising God for and what you are asking.

ONU Falcon

June 3-5, 2026

Cost: \$229/person

Check out all the information at this link:

<https://palcon.org/onu/registration/>

This will be helpful for every pastor who attends. Church Board members do your best to encourage your pastor to attend this conference.




CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

NAZARENE DISCIPLESHIP INTERNATIONAL

DISTRICT NDI CHILDREN’S QUIZZING FINALS-

May 30, 2026

at Salem Grace

Start Time: 10:00 am

Cost: \$6.00/quizzer

2 Rounds of Red Level

2 Rounds of Blue Level

Award Ceremony

Contact Pastor Ryan Crawley for more details, 217-870-0232.

CHILDREN’S CAMP

July 13-17



Speaker: Anita Shotts

Cost: \$250/camper if registered by May 31

\$280/camper - June 1-19

Check out the information on the poster included in the eLetter.

NDI CONVENTION REPORT

Thank you to all who were able to attend NDI Convention. Candace Brooks provided 2 challenging messages. Workshops were well received and helpful. Lunch was excellent. Thank you Pastor Trent Ice and the hospitality team of Salem Grace.

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



MISSION TEAM OPPORTUNITY

The district has a team scheduled to minister at Shepherd’s Community in Indianapolis, June 7-11. Cost is \$140/person. See page 4 of this eLetter.

We also have a team scheduled to return to Wheelersburg, Ohio as a part of the Appalachia Reach Out project July 11-17. Cost is \$421.25/person. See page 5 of this eLetter

Contact our Mission Team Coordinator, Daniel Mattison if interested. 618-818-8718

DISTRICT NMI CONVENTION

July 10 @ Decatur First

Registration begins at 9:30 am

Opening Session starts at 10:30 am

Adjournment at 4:00 pm



Speaker:
Cheryl Crouch
Global Director of NMI

Cheryl is a seasoned leader and ambassador for Nazarene Missions. She served as a Nazarene missionary in Papua New Guinea alongside her husband, Jeff, and she continued to provide leadership at the local and district levels, including NMI president of the West Texas District. She was elected by the Board of General Superintendents and began her assignment in June 2025.

Join us for an interesting and informative day, Friday, July 10 in Decatur.



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

- Dan Reinhart, District NMI President
nmi@illinoisnaz.org

Our district treasurer is DANIELLE FIELDS
The email address is 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.



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

A special time of bringing our students from across the district together to celebrate what God has done and is doing in the lives of our NYI. The convention will be held in Roxana starting at 6:00 pm. Registration will begin at 5:00 pm. There will be business, inspiration, praise & worship, and a sending service for our NYC delegation

DISTRICT NYI YOUTH CAMP IS JUNE 22-26

Check out the poster included in this packet. Cost is \$335 before 5/18 and \$360 before 6/2.

Registration is open at

<https://www.camptablerock.com/illinois>

Sponsors: \$305/person

Remember: Transportation is a responsibility of each local church. If you need assistance in getting your students and sponsors to camp, please contact Pastors close to you to work on transportation options.



NYC 2026
July 1—5

Be in prayer for our students and sponsors as they travel and experience the event. Pray specifically that our students will encounter God in new and fresh ways that challenges them to make life-long commitments.

- David Hater, District NYI President
nyi@illinoisnaz.org

PRAYER NEEDS

Pray for Pastor Dallas & Barbara Robinson’s daughter who was recently diagnosed with esophageal cancer. She begins treatment soon.

Pray for our churches looking for Pastors:

Monticello, Arcola Spanish, Effingham Spanish, Roxana, Tuscola and Georgetown.

2026

- May 30** - District Children's Quiz, Dig Sites 1-20 @ Salem Grace
June 3-5 - 2026 PALCON @ ONU
June 12 & 13 - Regional Children's Quiz @ ONU
June 22-26 - Youth Camp
June 28 - District NYI Convention @ Roxana, 6:00 pm
July 1-5 - NYC @ Salt Lake City
July 10 - District NMI Convention @ Decatur First
July 10-11 - District Assembly @ Decatur First
July 11 - District Advisory Board Organizational Meeting
July 11-17 - District Mission Team to Appalachia Reach Out
July 13-17 - Children's Camp @ Passion Community Church, Decatur, IL
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 3-6 - District Mission Rallies
October 31 - District Advisory Board Quarterly Zoom Meeting
November 7 - District Men's Day
November 21 - District NYI Fire
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

IL District NMI Teams and Shepherd Community Center (Indianapolis, IN) Partnership



Our Illinois District NMI Teams Coordinator, Daniel Mattison, will be leading a trip to Shepherd Community Center in Indianapolis, Indiana. It will be a 5-day missions trip. The dates will be June 7th through the 11th, returning that Thursday the 11th.

We will be doing service projects from 8am to noon in the community. Those will range from lawn care, painting, picking up trash, etc. We will also be sitting in guest lectures about urban ministries around the Indianapolis metro area. In the afternoon we will be interacting with neighborhood youth. Tuesday will be men's/boy's pool day. Thursday will be Women/Girl's pool day. Our site coordinator at Shepherd stressed that it is very important to them that every volunteer participates in the pool on swim days. We will be doing some cooking and handing out juice and snacks for youth programming.

Accommodation will be at the church on campus at the community center. The site coordinator asks that participants bring air mattress/or cot and bedding.

I plan on taking a van on the trip. If you do not wish to ride in the van, you can go on your own at your own expense. Meals and snacks during the travel time to and from will be at your own expense. We will discuss meeting up and travel arrangements closer to leaving for the trip.

The cost of the trip will be \$140 which covers travel and fuel costs, housing, breakfast and lunch each day of our stay at Shepherd Community Center.

Contact - Pastor Daniel Mattison

nmi.missions.teams@illinoisnaz.org

573-840-0100



Illinois District NMI Teams Introduces:

Work and Witness Partnership with Appalachia Reach Out
In Scioto County, Ohio

July 11th through July 17th, 2026

Cost of the trip will be \$421.25 per person paid to the Illinois District Church of the Nazarene.

Come join us as we partner with Appalachia Reach Out in Wheelersburg, Ohio July 11th through the 17th. All ages are welcome. Any children under 18 attending the trip must have a form filled out for each child and accompanied by a parent or guardian. The skill involvement of this trip will depend on the skills of the participants. If the majority of our participants are ministry oriented, then our trip will be ministry oriented. This would include working with the substance abuse center, offering tutorial services to children in the community, possibly conducting VBS (if we do VBS we are responsible for the entire program), arts and crafts, etc. If the majority are construction or contractor oriented individuals, then the projects will be geared as such. There is also the opportunity for ministry and contractors to split and work on separate projects as long as there are enough people to complete those projects.

One thing to consider about the date of this trip, we leave the day of District Assembly. Any participants will want to make sure they are not a delegate or obligated to attend District Assembly. The NMI Convention and Ordination Service is scheduled the day before so it is fine to be involved in those. If you do attend the NMI Convention, there will be a brief time of presentation for the trip and prayer over those that are at the convention who will be leaving on the trip. You are more than welcome to stay the night at the convention site and leave the next morning with me as I will be at the convention as well. We will also have a redevous site TBD but most likely Effingham CoTN.

Following below are some details about the trip:

Individuals are requested to list your gifts and talents with your completed paperwork so we can best match the gifts and talents with the projects your team will be doing especially if you have electrical, carpentry and plumbing experience.

Teams who have children/youth are to be accompanied by all full complement of chaperons, leaders, parents, etc...

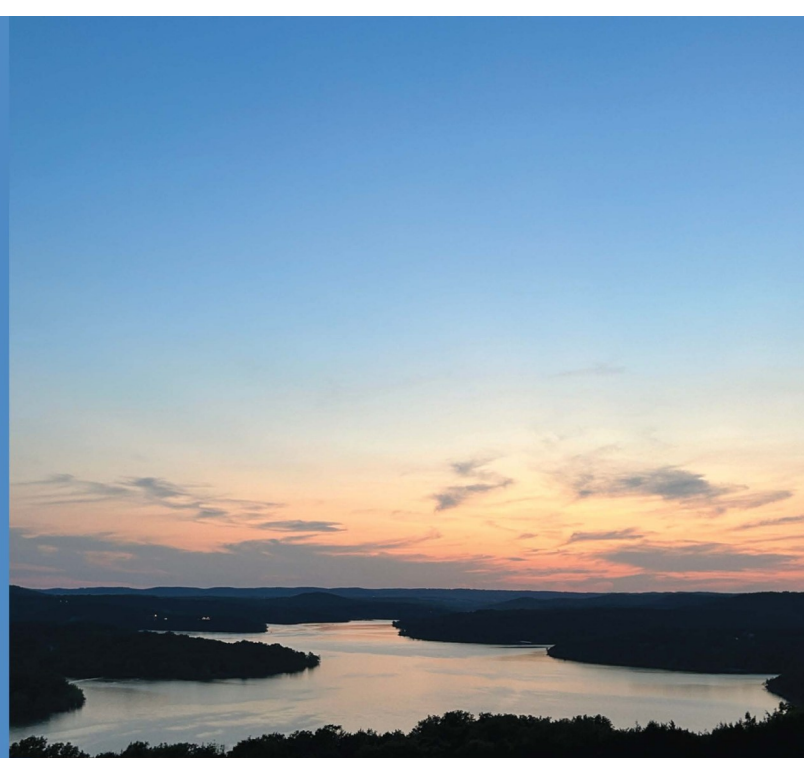
They should be able to do the tasks assigned for their team at their worksite including construction if our team leans construction oriented.

For more information contact Pastor Daniel Mattison, nmi.missions.teams@illinoisnaz.org or 618-818-8718.

ARO requires that we cap our project at 25 participants. So don't delay in signing up!

Sign-ups and payments will be done via this link [HTTP://app.illinoisnaz.org/Registration?ID=35](http://app.illinoisnaz.org/Registration?ID=35)

Camp Table Rock



Illinois District NYI



When: June 22-26, 2026

- Check in: 3-5pm on the 22nd
- Camp ends: 10:30am on the 26th

Evening Speaker



Jim Chapman is this year's camp speaker. He is Life Change Pastor at Salem Grace. He loves Jesus and desires to see students fall in love with Jesus.

Camp Cost:

Students:

- \$335 Before 5/18
- \$360 Before 6/2

Leaders: \$305

Registration:

1. Please refer to the Registration Information document
2. The registration must be completed on line.



Media Challenge:



Two weeks before camp, we challenge students and leaders to fast from all secular TV shows, movies, video games, music, social media, and websites. Verified students win 200 Blitz points and will be entered in daily \$25 drawings!!

Deadline:

May 18, 2026

June 8, 2026

For more information:



(417)858-9222



camptablerock@gmail.com



Kids' Camp
July 13-17, 2026
Passion Church Campus

Early registration, post-marked by May 31 - \$250.00 per camper
Post-marked June 1-19 - \$280.00 per camper

Applications and information are available on the District website.

Activities include chapel, games, swimming, canoeing, fishing, zipline, crafts, and more!
Price includes snack shack and t-shirt.



Registration Forms available at

<https://illinoisnaz.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Childrens-Camp-Application.pdf>



You're Invited To NYI Convention

**Sunday, June 28, 2026
at 6:00 PM**

Roxana Church of the Nazarene
500 N Central Ave.
Roxana, IL 62084

**Come hear and see how
God is moving in the youth
of the Illinois District.**

Check-In of Delegates begins at 5:00 PM

**During the convention we will elect our
2027 NYI General Convention delegation.
We will also be electing NYI President
and other district NYI positions.**



The convention will also serve
as a sending service for our
students and sponsors
attending Nazarene Youth
Conference 2026.



NAZARENE MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL

District NMI convention - July 10, 2026
10:30 – 4:00 @ Decatur First

11:30 am - 1:30 pm Lunch on your own

Registration will open at 9:30.

Our Guest speaker is Cheryl Crouch, Global NMI Director.



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PRAYER



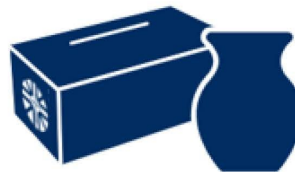
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BECOMING CHRISTLIKE DISCIPLES



Filimão Chambo
General Superintendent



Terry L. Armstrong
District Superintendent



Nick Robertson
Worship Leader

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

5:45 PM REGISTRATION

6:45 PM ORDINATION SERVICE

SATURDAY

8:00 AM REGISTRATION

9:00 AM OPENING SESSION

1:30 PM AFTERNOON SESSION

3:00 PM ADJOURNMENT

Asamblea del 83º Distrito de Illinois

10-11 DE JULIO DE 2026

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DECATUR, IL

SÉ COMO JESÚS

CONVIRTIÉNDOSE EN DISCÍPULOS CRISTOCÉNTRICOS



Filimão Chambo
Superintendente General



Terry L. Armstrong
Superintendente del Distrito



Nick Robertson
Líder de adoración

HORARIO

VIERNES

5:45 PM REGISTRO

6:45 PM SERVICIO DE ORDENACIÓN

SÁBADO

8:00 AM REGISTRO

9:00 AM SESIÓN DE APERTURA

1:30 PM SESIÓN DE LA TARDE

3:00 PM CLAUSURA