

from Terry & Becky. . . .

You take such good care of us. We want to say a HUGE Thank you for the birthday card for Becky and the anniversary card for us. Both came with a generous gift of money. Thank you. Your love and support is greatly appreciated. It is our prayer that we love on each of you just as well as you have loved on us. The Illinois District is a wonderful place and we are grateful for the opportunity to come alongside each of you and together we have the opportunity to share the good news of Jesus love and grace and mercy to everyone.



In less than a month, July 10-11, we will gather together at Decatur First Church of the Nazarene to celebrate the victories in the Kingdom of God this past year. We are looking forward to being with you to worship our Lord and hear all that God is doing. In addition, we will be electing delegates to represent the Illinois District at General Assembly in Kansas City next June (2027). Hope to see you in Decatur.

Add a few of our district events to your prayer list: Youth camp, June 22-26 has 174 students and sponsors registered. NYC is July 1-5, our group of 92 will be traveling from June 29-July 7. Children’s camp already has 94 students registered. We could use some additional men counselors. Contact Debbie Brewer if you have any interest or questions. Pray for these events that our students encounter God in fresh and new ways.

Krebs Elected Pastor at Roxana



On Sunday, May 31, the congregation at Roxana unanimously elected Rev. Gage Krebs as their next Lead Pastor. Gage and Alys are not new faces across the District. He has been serving as Roxana’s Youth Pastor for the past 2 years. He begins his new assignment immediately. We welcome the Krebs in their new role on the District.

Churches looking for Pastors

Georgetown, Arcola Spanish, Tuscola, Effingham Nuevo Amanecer, Monticello. Join us in praying that God provides the right person(s) to shepherd these congregations.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
 NAZARENE DISCIPLESHIP INTERNATIONAL

CHILDREN’S CAMP
 July 13-17



Speaker: Anita Shotts
 \$280/camper
 Registration Deadline, June 19
 Adult Cost - \$115/sponsor

Every church is encouraged to cover the cost of the sponsors you send to camp. Every church should have an adult that attends with your campers. If you do not have an adult, connect with a nearby church so that your students have a sponsor.

In addition, all sponsors must have a recommendation from their local pastor to serve as a sponsor/counselor and a background check. **Men are particularly needed!**

Pastors, I would encourage you to attend camp and hang out with your students for 5 days.

Camp Mission Project—Students will be writing letters, drawing/coloring pictures to send to Danaka & Ken Bulthuis in Thailand to help them with their English Lessons. In addition, there will be an offering on Monday night that will help purchase sewing machines, fabric, sewing supplies, snacks for their ministry to the children in Thailand. The offering will be open until the end of July. Local churches are encouraged to participate and send their offerings to the District Office.

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

Future NDI Dates to Note
 District Men’s Day - November 7, 2026
 District Ladies’ Day - April 3, 2027

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



MISSION TEAM OPPORTUNITY

The Illinois District has 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

There will be an offering to support our partnership with the Western Med Field. Come prepared to give generously.



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

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 YOUTH CAMP IS JUNE 22-26

- * Pray for our Students to encounter Christ in a new way.
* Pray for our speaker, Jim Chapman
* Pray for safety in travel and during the camp

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

NAZARENE YOUTH CONFERENCE (NYC) TAKES PLACE JULY 1-5, IN SALT LAKE CITY



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 challenge them to make life-long commitments.

Our delegation will be traveling June 29 through July 7.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR FIRE 2026

The date is set for our annual one-day youth event for November 21 at Bond Christian Service Camp outside of Mulberry Grove, IL. Make plans to attend.

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

PRAYER NEEDS

- ◆ Pray for one another
◆ Pray for our Youth camp!
◆ Pray for your sister churches, particularly those looking for pastors.
◆ Pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Assembly.
◆ Pray for Kid's camp!

2026

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 - Zone Mission Rally @ Casey, 1:00 pm

October 3 - Zone Mission Rally @ Springfield First, 6:00 pm

October 4 - Zone Mission Rally @ Pittsfield, 6:00 pm

October 5 - Zone Mission Rally @ Royalton, 6:00 pm

October 6 - Zone Mission Rally @ Fairview Heights Parkview, 7:00 pm

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

March 21 - Palm Sunday

March 28 - Easter

April 3 - District Ladies Day

April 10 - District Board of Ministry

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



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)



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

Post-marked by June 19 - \$280.00 per camper

Adult Cost: \$115/adult

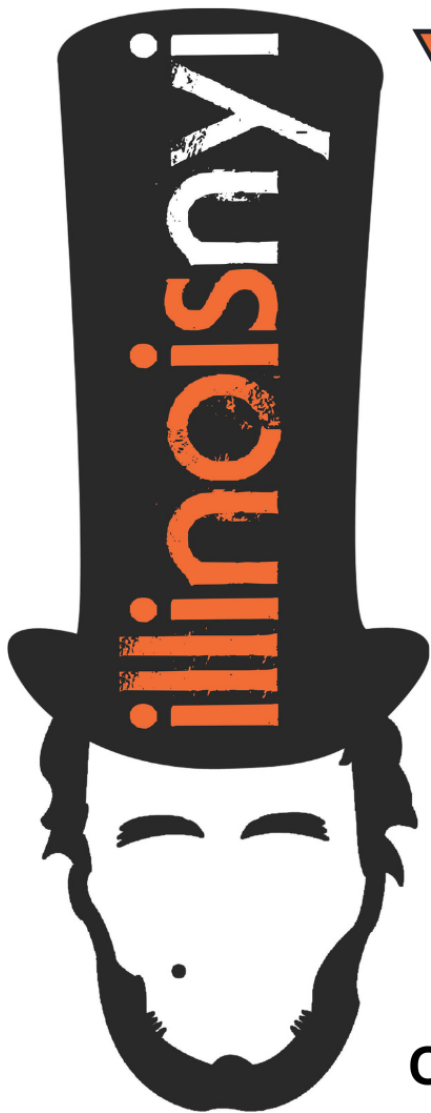
Applications and information are available on the District website.

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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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

PRIMERA IGLESIA DEL NAZARENO

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

Evangelism Training

Creating a Culture of Evangelism

Saturday July 18th @10-3PM

Sherman Church of the Nazarene
7085 Village Center Rd, Sherman IL



Lunch Provided
Scan the QR Code
to Register
Sign Up By July 13



With Special Guest: Rev. Mark Bane
Director of Evangelism, USA/Canada Region



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SPIRITUAL DEEPENING SERVICES

August 10 - 13th
@ 6:30 PM

Sherman Church of the Nazarene
7085 Village Center Rd, Sherman, IL



With Special Guest: Rev. David Graves
General Superintendent Emeritus, Church of the Nazarene
Special Musical Guest: Brian Arner