

# North/East Texas District Assembly

## July 9-10, 2023



## Delegate Handbook

Schedule – Reports – Church Profiles - Ballots

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## How can the district support local churches?

1

# Strongly connecting with... ONE God (Eph 4:6, Duet 6:4, Mat 22:37)

4

## Searching and walking with the... ONE lost (Luk 15:7, Mat 18:22, Jer 23:4)

Help pastor identify the unique needs of their communities

- Socio demographics statics
- Social issues
- Community organization
- Government structures

3

## Encouraging and equipping the... ONE called (1 Cor 7:17, Mat 4:19, Exo 3)

Raise pastor awareness of the importance and intentionality of identifying those called to the ministry (pastors, teachers, evangelists and non-pastoral vocations)

Provide easy and accessible ways to guide and equip individuals that may have the call to ministry (incl. generational awareness)

2

## United with...ONE another (1 Joh 4:11, Rom 12:10, Joh 15:7)

Help churches diagnose where they are on the 3 tenets

Help on how to establish relationships with various community players. Three levels:

- Community
- Governmental Orgs.
- 1-on-1 with members of the community

Equip on how to cascade approach to church members (members engaging with community, gov. orgs and 1-on-1)

Create a mentorship/sponsorship program to accompany those called to pastor

- Design and implement a Mentoring and/or Shadowing program for individuals going through ordination process
- Build a program for individuals preparing to become ministers (available in English and Spanish)
- Hold once or twice a year a "The One Called" seminar with breakout sessions
- Feature pastor testimonials on news letters, district's website and social media
- Create and share sermons for pastors to preach and invite congregation to serve
- Create district map featuring congregations' strengths (e.g., Church A: well connected with local organizations, Church B: provide unique services to community, Church C: creative/artistic, Church D: strong NYI, Church E: have music school, etc.)

Align local activities with what's actually needed with the local community

Raise awareness of cultural, ethnic and generational diversity of the local community

## What can churches do to execute on 4 principles?

1

# Strongly connecting with... ONE God (Eph 4:6, Duet 6:4, Mat 22:37)

4

3

2

### Searching and walking with the... ONE lost (Luk 15:7, Mat 18:22, Jer 23:4)

- Intentional to connect with those outside the walls of the church
- Intentional by developing a relationship with those within the walls of the church that may be early in their relationship and following of Christ
- Join local civic clubs(Rotary, Lions, Chamber of Commerce, etc.)

- Plan outdoor potlucks with neighbors in your neighborhood
- Eat with the “publicans and sinners” intentionally
- Develop relationships with those at your workplace
- Don’t be afraid of the culture

### Encouraging and equipping the... ONE called (1 Cor 7:17, Mat 4:19, Exo 3)

- Pastors to make special emphasis on The Call during Pentecost
- Pastors to invite members to reflect God’s call to ministry
- Remind congregation they don’t need to be pastors or Sunday school teachers, they can serve in their workplace
- Mentor individuals interested in serving as ministers or in their workplace

### United with... ONE another (1 Joh 4:11, Rom 12:10, Joh 15:7)

- Strengthen table fellowship (home fellowships)
- Service projects together or at Church
- Community service together
- Movie nights + fellowship
- Sports activities and/or events + fellowship

## ¿Cómo puede el distrito apoyar a las iglesias locales?

1

# Conectándose fuertemente con ... UNO Dios (Ef 4: 6, Duet 6: 4, Mat 22:37)

4

## Buscando y caminando con el ... UNO perdido (Luk 15: 7, Mat 18:22, Jer 23: 4)

Ayudar al pastor a identificar las necesidades únicas de sus comunidades.

- Estadística socio demográfica.
- temas sociales
- Organización de la comunidad
- Estructuras gubernamentales.

Ayudar a las iglesias a diagnosticar dónde están en los 3 principios

Ayuda sobre cómo establecer relaciones con varios jugadores de la comunidad. Tres niveles:

- comunidad
- Orgs gubernamentales.
- 1 contra 1 con miembros de la comunidad.

Brinde información sobre cómo aplicar un enfoque en cascada a los miembros de la iglesia (miembros que participan con la comunidad, las organizaciones gubernamentales y 1-a-1)

3

## Fomentando y equipando al ... llamado (1 Corintios 7:17, Mateo 4:19, Éxodo 3)

Aumentar la conciencia del pastor sobre la importancia y la intencionalidad de identificar a los llamados al ministerio (pastores, maestros, evangelistas y vocaciones no pastorales)

Brindar formas fáciles y accesibles de guiar y equipar a las personas que pueden tener un llamado al ministerio (conciencia generacional (pastores, maestros, evangelistas y vocaciones no pastorales)

Crear un programa de tutoría / patrocinio para acompañar a los llamados a pastorear

- Diseñar e implementar un programa de tutoría y / o seguimiento para individuos que pasen por el proceso de ordenación
- Construir un programa para individuos que se preparan para convertirse en ministros (disponible en inglés y español)
- Organizar una o dos veces al año un seminario "El Llamado" con sesiones informativas.
- Presentar testimonios de pastores en cartas de noticias, sitio web del distrito y redes sociales
- Crear y compartir sermones para que los pastores prediquen e inviten a la congregación a servir
- Crear un mapa de distrito con las fortalezas de las congregaciones (por ejemplo, Iglesia A: bien conectada con organizaciones locales, Iglesia B: proporciona servicios únicos a la comunidad, Iglesia C: creativa / artística, Iglesia D: JNI fuerte, Iglesia E: tiene escuela de música, etc.)

2

## Unidos con ... UNO otro (1 Juan 4:11, Rom 12:10, Juan 15: 7)

Construir identidad local para crear un sentido de pertenencia.

Alinear las actividades locales con lo que realmente se necesita con la comunidad

Sensibilizar sobre la diversidad cultural, étnica y generacional de la comunidad.

# Conectándose fuertemente con ... UNO Dios (Ef 4: 6, Duet 6: 4, Mat 22:37)

## Buscando y caminando con el ... UNO perdido (Luk 15: 7, Mat 18:22, Jer 23: 4)

- Intencional para conectar con aquellos fuera de las paredes de la iglesia
- Intencional mediante el desarrollo de una relación con aquellos dentro de los muros de la iglesia que pueden estar al principio de su relación y seguimiento de Cristo
- Únase a clubes cívicos locales (Rotary, Leones, Cámara de Comercio, etc.)

- Planee convivios al aire libre con vecinos en su vecindario
- Come con los "publicanos y pecadores" intencionalmente
- Desarrolla relaciones con las personas en tu lugar de trabajo
- No tengas miedo de la cultura

## Fomentando y equipando el ... UNO llamado (1 Corintios 7:17, Mat 4:19, Exo 3)

- Pastores enfatizar en el llamado durante Pentecostés
  - Pastores invitar a los miembros a reflejar el llamado de Dios al ministerio.
  - Recordar a la congregación que no necesitan ser pastores o maestros de escuela dominical, pueden servir en su lugar de trabajo
  - Mentorar a personas interesadas en servir como ministros o en su lugar de trabajo.

## Unidos con ... UNO otro (1 Juan 4:11, Rom 12:10, Juan 15: 7)

- Fortalecer el compañerismo (compañerismo de hogar)
- Proyectos de servicio juntos o en la iglesia.
- Servicio comunitario juntos
- Noches de cine + compañerismo
- Actividades deportivas y / o eventos + compañerismo.

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## **Jennifer Otey**

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Rev. Charlie Ashby

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Scott Nelson  
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District Advisory Board fulfills this function

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# District Statistics / Estadísticas del Distrito

	Current Year /Año en curso 2022-2023	Previous Year/año anterior 2021-2022	10th Previous Year/ Hace 10 años 2012-2013
<b>NDI Attendance</b> /Asistencia a la Escuela Dominical	3357	3455	4305
<b>Worship Attendance</b> /Asistencia culto de adoración	5624	3910	5462
<b>Members</b> /Miembros	7616	7653	8398
<b>Associate Members</b> / Miembros asociados	0	0	0
<b>New Nazarenes</b> / Nuevos Nazarenos	370	199	592
<b>By profession of faith/Por profesión de Fe</b>	223	125	168
<b>Churches</b> /Iglesias	67 Organized: 63 CTM's/PAC's: 4	68 Organized: 63 CTM's: 5	60 Organized: 58 CTM's: 2
<b>Newly Organized Churches/Nuevas Iglesias Organizadas</b>	0	0	1
<b>World Evangelism Fund/Fondo para el Evangelismo Mundial</b>	379,072 % 92	376,266 %96	393,298 % 100
<b>District/Distrito</b>	378,676 % 92	369,966 %95	329,404 % 90
<b>Education/Educación</b>	153,984 % 93	157,322 %98	136,477 % 88
<b>Pensions and Benefits/Pensiones y Beneficios</b>	155,335 % 93	154,,571 %95	145,065 % 90
<b>Raised for all purposes/Recaudado por todos los conceptos</b>	8,074,023	7,862,471	\$ 8,601,705
<b>Ministers/Ministros</b>	154 Elders 6 Deacons (Presbiteros) 23 District Licensed (Licenciado de Distrito) 28 Lay/Local	152 Elders 7 Deacons (Presbiteros) 21 District Licensed (Licenciado de Distrito) 24 Lay/Local	145 Elders (Presbíteros) 25 District Licensed (Licenciados de Distrito)
<b>Goals for new year/Metas para el Nuevo Año:</b>	“We’re All About the One – AND IT BEGINS WITH <u>ME</u> ”	“We’re STILL All About the One”	Plant add'l churches Master’s Plan initiative Church Health assessments

# District Leadership Reports

# District Superintendent Report

Dr. Graves, Pastors, Delegates:

It is my privilege to give to you my 7<sup>th</sup> report to the awesome family that make up the N/E Texas district family. Let me express my gratitude to all our auxiliary leadership: Chip Lee (NYI) David Baker (NDI) and Cheryl Adams (NMI). They have led us very faithfully into an ever-changing culture not only in our world but in the church realm. We are not doing these areas of the church like our forefathers did, but their call is just as important as it has ever been. They are walking in the right direction to lead us in the right direction.

It is a privilege to work with your advisory board this past year in dealing with district matters. They have done an excellent job representing our district family faithfully. The BOM board is continuing to provide great service to those who are on the journey to the call has places on their lives. Dr. Karl Payton has taken on this task along with many of your district pastors that serve alongside him. Dr. Karl and Rica have also come alongside 5 of our new pastors in mentoring them in becoming stronger in their leadership skills and a heart to talk to in time of need or inquiring.

Thanks to Ron Adams and the camp board who have had many, many challenges from COVID to management changes at Scottsville. We welcome Joe Williams to our district team as camp manager. Things are going to happen for that ministry is our prayer.

Thanks to three other individuals who have made my assignment so enjoyable and more efficient. Let me start out by saying how thankful we are to have Jennifer Otey keeping a good eye on your giving each month. She has transitioned all that needed to be done in a very professional manner.

I did say there were three individuals who assisted me in this walk with you. I turned 70 this year and have those moments where my ideas just float off into the unknown world. Of yeah, it just floated back into my head, so I better talk about it now quickly before it floats off again. You already knew who I was talking about: Sheri and Montie. Again, I do not know what universe our district would be in without the huge contribution to the office and to your answers in these 7+ years of service they have provided for you and especially for me. Thank you for your ministry to each of us on a super grand scale.

Let me express my thanks to each of you here in attendance and those who may be listening on the podcast feed for your continued faithfulness in your giving to others: SNU, P&B, WEF, and district. It looked like we were going to see a huge drop in giving this year as each monthly report came in but toward the end many of you came through and we made a major push in getting close to catching up on our goals. Thank you, pastor. Thank you, church. You are as awesome as I tell everybody outside our district you are.

As many of you, I very intently listened to the reports coming out of Asbury College and Seminary regarding the outpouring of the Spirit in a mighty movement of God. It caught my attention, just like many of you. In one instance of listening to the reports I heard an individual being interviewed on one national media station. In that interview the question that was on everyone's mind was: What happened? The person being interviewed responded, "I can only state that after chapel was being dismissed, there were some students who did not get up to leave which was the normal thing to do after chapel was over. They remained in their seats and began to weep. A heart felt weeping began sweeping through the chapel sanctuary. A moment like a mighty rushing wind took over that place." Wow!!

It was in that moment that the Lord laid the theme of this year's report on my heart that is seen on the cover of your reports. The first line remained as previous year's themes with a few nuances: We're All About the One. But

after hearing this interview the Lord made it truly clear that the added line to our theme this year would be: It starts with ME! As I pondered what it was that the Lord was impressing upon my heart with this added line it became clear to me that if we are going to be about the ONE it must start with me. The movement of God among the people of God starts with ME. Could it begin here today? Could it begin in your church? Each of us believe that we need revival in our country why don't we take the steps to make that happen in the world and community God has called you into. But let it begin with me.

If our world is going to change, like so many of us want, the church will have to change its way of thinking about how we will be about the ONE. People are not going to look you up in a phone book, looking for a Church of the Nazarene. The Church of the Nazarene will have to take another approach and go into their world to touch the lives of those who need someone to point them to Christ, not just the church.

Over the next parts of my report, which I have titled: table talks, I want to use these talks to motivate you to ways you can be what God needs the church to be. So many churches think they do not have enough resources to compete against the bigger church in your town. I have been made aware from my personal times with the Holy Spirit, that every church within the N/E Texas family has the resources they need to be what God has called to be: a light in a dark world.

As I travel from church to church and spend time with our pastor's and their family, I am constantly reminded that we have an awesome team of pastor's that comprise our team. I tell everyone we meet how much I enjoy what I do and that is because of each of you that are my family have been such an inspiration and support over the past 7 years.

So here we go:

- Chance Henson-Gilmer(video)
- Randy Larpenteur (Mineola), Jeremy Talley (Grand Saline), Arnaldo Toj (Vida a la Naciones) Church under the Bridge
- Sigrid Blanton-Renovacion
- Giovanni Monterreso - Irving Maranata (Congolese Church)
- Jonathan Odom- Journey Community

As you can see these ministries did not need a great deal of financial resources just people who took the phase: **It Starts with Me** and put themselves into what God was calling them to. Last year's Table Talk along with this year's talk has tried to give us a glimpse into what might be done in our community. It may not look like these, but it takes a person saying "it starts with me" to take that first step into a new area of ministry. I have come to believe that many of you are like me when God spoke to my heart after 38 years of ministry being the same way, that I finally got the message with much hesitation on my part to actually do what God laid on my heart to do. You know what, it works when it starts with me.

I am a believer in the two fish five loaves kind of philosophy. If I place whatever I have in His hands, He has shown me He will do some remarkable things with my obedience. But my experience has taught me that fears and my own inadequacies have been my Achilles heel in my ministry. I am convinced that for many that statement applies to you. So, my challenge to you with this assembly is to go back and face that fear. Face that inadequacy and place yourself into His hands and see how many He can feed through the best resource He has: YOU!

As a district family we should remember to acknowledge some awesome pastor's and their family for the way they have had to walk their way through CIVID and post COVID. It has caused many pastors across all denominations, including our Nazarene districts, to walk away from that calling because of the culture that has

and is being created these days. Each leader represented here should try to come alongside your shepherd on more than a special day. They need your support. They need your prayers. They need your help. They need you to step into the vision of the church. They need you to walk into the mission of the church. They do not need more spectators. They need participants. They each member of the local congregation to face their fears and walk with them by faith. Please once again let these awesome men and women know you appreciate their ministry to you and your church family.

I would like to say to the 42 pastors who were able to meet with me on March the 4<sup>th</sup> for I Need Your Help Day a huge thank you for your insights and comments. I have pondered your input and have begun thinking through the next steps for our district in how best to serve you and your family. We will be looking at changing our agendas and our calendar to line up with your local and personal calendars. It'll be different than we have ever seen but we will do our best to accomplish what best fits into your schedule.

One item that I would like to address with you're here at this assembly. Many, and I mean many, of you feel isolated in your ministry. Some of that is a personal issue, I know well because God has dealt with me about what part I play in that isolation. But another reason is the lack of connection that has long been a pastor item in my 48 years of ministry. What I would like to challenge each pastor to consider is to be the ONE who takes the lead on getting with a group of pastors in your area or not and form an organic fellowship. Having churches get together for Sunday church sing, missionary speakers, or revivals. Connecting with pastors and setting up fellowship times with schedules that fit those individuals, taking into account our bi-vocational pastors. Instead of the district grouping pastors by zones take the initiative to start a group so that we can do our best to connect with fellow pastors. You said that is a huge need, let's take steps to make that go away.

As I close my report let me express my appreciation for each of you that has prayed for our family this past year. It has been a year of sudden events in our lives personally. Those events have brought about new insights into our walk with the Lord. I must be honest with you my reaction was not what I expected from myself. Many of us, if not all of us, have had those times when you have been challenged in how you reacted to a certain situation. God gave me a sermon for such a time as this found in Mark 4:35-41

*As evening came, Jesus said to His disciples, "Let's cross to the other side of the lake," So they took Jesus in the boat and started out, leaving the crowds behind (although other boats followed). But soon a fierce storm came up. High waves were breaking into the boat, and it began to fill with water.*

*Jesus was sleeping in the boat with His head on a cushion. The disciples woke Him up, shouting, "Teacher, don't you care that we're going to drown?" When Jesus woke up, He rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Silence! Be still!" Suddenly the wind stopped, and there was a great calm. Then He asked them, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?" The disciples were absolutely terrified. "Who is this man?" they asked each other. "Even the wind and the waves obey Him!"*

The Lord gave me 8 points:

1. No guarantee against the sudden
2. It may appear God is doing nothing
3. Fear can replace faith
4. Jesus hears our cries
5. Sudden storms reveal who we are in Him
6. Storms do not last forever
7. God will assist others in your storms
8. The God of the sudden moments is in control of all the moments

As I have had the honor of serving some awesome folks in our Forney church, we conclude each week with this phrase on the screen: Have an 8:28 Week. It has truly been lived out in my life and many of our lives this past year. The essence of that phrase in my interpretation for our setting is that no matter what may come into your life this week or month or even year God is using those events to mold you and transform you into the person He needs you to be.

Pam, Clarissa, Mina, Olivia, my sons, and I have found these words to speak volumes into our lives. One day not too long-ago Pam sent me a song on YouTube. It was a song I did many years ago when I was in my journey at San Antonio First. I have not sung it since almost 24 years ago. But after Pam sent this to me would you not know that the music popped onto my computer the same day when looking at my CCLI material. You know what happened next, I cried. Yep, I cried.

So, I leave you with a message we need for our day in each of our lives. When you listen to my points mentioned above, we are in a boat on a raging sea. There is only one thing that we need to focus on is: He is in our boat, He knows our needs in our culture, and if a revival comes from this event in our lives, we will see all around us today, He is working, and He will be in the midst of our storms. The question that speaks into my life today: Do you have faith to step out into the storms around you and trust Him with the sudden moments of your life?

*Respectfully submitted,*

Keven J Wentworth, District Superintendent

## NDI District President's Report – 2023 North/East Texas District

Dr. Graves, Dr. Wentworth, Fellow Pastors, Delegates, and friends of the District Assembly,

What a privilege it has been to represent you and serve you the last two years. As I give my second report for the North/East Texas District NDI, I have heard a message I would like to share today from scripture. Esther 4:14 *"For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?"*

### **(NDI Logo Slide)**

Much of our present standing in Discipleship ministry comes from definition and redefinition of who we are and what we are called to do as Nazarenes. While the best instruction of our call for ministry comes from Jesus in the Great Commission; *"...go make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."* We now are left to the task of keeping the main thing the main thing. It is the job of our Denomination, District, Church and Personal responsibility to keep the Great Commission the Great Commission! This year finds the General Church and our District NDI board finding steps on how better to serve Christ and the one lost.

### **(District All About The One Slide)**

The District precedes much of the recent rebranding that has gone on in the Sunday School Division of the Church of the Nazarene. I am so grateful for the previous work of Dr. Wentworth and the District Advisory Board in organizing us around "We're All About The ONE". While we as a District are United with ONE another, and we Encourage and Equip the ONE called; NDI finds our best initiative of what it means to do discipleship by the third "One" statement in our district mission statement. We are searching and walking with the ONE lost. Discipleship will never be more than a word we use when it is convenient or when we are defining our cause until we are personally active, walking with the one lost. Discipleship is not corporate until it is personal, ministry is not effective until people are finding change in Jesus Christ through our influence!

### **(NDI Logo Slide)**

With the renaming of Discipleship ministry a beautiful event has taken place which reintroduces us to our roots as a Denomination. Key international leaders collaborated together to clearly portray what the "Journey of Grace" looks like as the church engaged in the Great Commission makes disciples. What emerged is an amazing marriage between Evangelism and Discipleship. With the confessed goal of discipleship being to walk with people from:

No Faith to  
New faith to  
Mature Faith,

the team decided a change of name for Sunday School would be important. While Sunday School with its central emphasis in our Denominations history is still vital and important

we have determined to take discipleship out of the classroom, small group, and zoom setting. Our best days are ahead as the church unleashes its members on their Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and uttermost parts of their worlds. The acronym NDI finds the following explanation for its selection:

**N – Stands for Nazarene.** We believe in the radical hope of Entire Sanctification and hold the line on

the most optimistic theology of holiness in life and service. We not only believe that God forgives but that He leads us into maturity of relationship with Him and others. To be call Nazarene is to be called into a sanctified life of holiness.

**D – Discipleship is our clear goal.** In making disciples we complete the call of Christ on our lives. It's not enough to tell the "Good News", we must model it and intentionally mentor others in their relationship with Christ. We understand that in the formation of our denomination, our calling was to the marginalized and disenfranchised. In our inception this work took us to the back roads, the hurting and the broken. We understand our calling is still the same today. We are not looking for people who have it all together, we will witness to and walk with the hurting until they are well.

**I – International is a key understanding of who we are as a movement.** We cross the globe, engaging culture, color, language and ideological barriers. Together we are family, together we walk with those in our life space to transform the culture into the Kingdom of God! God's grace is taking the world by storm, one heart at a time!

#### **(Fall Training Slide)**

As the NDI board met last winter we had work to do to reorganize District training and provide positive and influential discipleship that will be reproducible in the life of our district churches. We heard the dialogue from pastors and offer a new format that can reorient and jumpstart a district wide focus for reaching those in transition through our ministries. We are excited to provide a Fall and Spring training with John Comstock from our General Headquarters NDI. John will share a different training next spring than the one scheduled for this fall but we wanted to make sure that one session was close enough so every church could attend. In the Fall we will be at Hill Top in Tyler Texas on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. In the spring we will be a RCCN. There will be a box lunch and each session will be \$25 to provide lunch and minimal costs for the session.

When we encounter people we often discover them in a season of their life. Seasons don't define our lives but they definitely flavor our lives and cause us to be sensitive for change both to the good or to the bad. I discover Jesus intersecting people during seasons of their life often. Zacchaeus, Nicodemus, Matthew, Woman caught in adultery, Mary. Seasons are often complicated with catastrophe or chaos. What I love is that as disciples of Jesus we must learn to do what he would do. We rush in when most people rush out. Rather than bring you a how to disciple, or steps in discipling course. We as a council wanted to introduce you to a theology of discipleship. I believe this is a first step for becoming more like Jesus and then we can add layers of what to say and do. We have asked John Comstock from the General Church Leadership Team to come share ideas of what it means to be laborers with Christ so that we can do what He did and still wants to do. At this time I would like to introduce you to John Comstock as he introduces his session this fall, "Discipleship As A Healing Journey".

**(7 minute introduction by John Comstock)**

Children remain a focus for the North East Texas District Church of the Nazarene. Beth Biddle does an amazing job leading us in keeping children our priority. At this time I would like for her to represent children's ministry on our District.

**(10 minute report by Beth)**

**(NDI Logo Slide)**

The people of Israel are in captivity now under Persian rule. If anyone knew seasons of life, Israel did. Like most seasons, this was not an easy or promising one. There was no guarantee of tomorrow, only a stubborn resilient hope in God almighty. Esther, a Hebrew girl emerges as a queen in a Gentile Nation. Her place of privilege & position was encouraged by her uncle to be used to plead for mercy and compassion for her people. Although this put her life on the line, it is interesting that God used her as a redeemer because she was not afraid to let her voice be heard. She was not afraid to allow God to write His story through her life. Esther was not being scolded by her uncle because of her place of privilege but rather to chide her for her self-preserving guided tendency. Esther was reproved for placing luxury and ease over service. Mordecai saw her place of favor as an opportunity for God to accomplish great glory for His name. Many times, we consider our inability as a reason not to witness, care for or walk with those who are lost. However, we should understand that it is God's ability in our availability that creates a climate of change for the better to those in a season of transition. Like Esther, God has not equipped us, called, and empowered us to fill a place in life just to be comfortable or to be at ease. He calls us to make His name known. We are to call people into a mature relationship with Him so that God's Kingdom will be enhanced. There were no guarantees to Esther's safety or that she would be successful, only that she had entered the arena with God to do amazing things!

It is God who has given us salvation, fullness of the spirit, education, influence, ability, security and opportunity to serve. He wants to use us to optimize the Kingdom's purposes. He does not want us to get so caught up in our personal kingdom's that we would miss an opportunity to partner with Him! People in a season of transition need someone to walk with them. *"To miss your Kingdom assignment because you have become too caught up in your personal kingdom itself is the greatest tragedy you could ever face. An entire nation was grateful for how Esther responded to Mordecai's rebuke. Their lives were spared. How many can be spared in the culture where we live today when we choose to step up to service, even if it involves sacrifice?"* (The Urban Alternative; Tony Evans)

## Informe del Presidente del Distrito NDI – 2023 Distrito Norte/Este de Texas

Dr. Graves, Dr. Wentworth, compañeros pastores, delegados y amigos de la Asamblea de Distrito,

Qué privilegio ha sido representarlos y servirles los últimos dos años. Al dar mi segundo informe para el NDI del Distrito Norte/Este de Texas, he escuchado un mensaje que me gustaría compartir hoy de las Escrituras. Ester 4:14 *"Porque si permaneces callado en este tiempo, alivio y liberación para los judíos surgirán de otro lugar, pero tú y la familia de tu padre perecerán. ¿Y quién sabe si has llegado a tu posición real para un momento como este?"*

# NYI President Report

2022-2023 North/East Texas NYI

## District Presidents Report

It is with great pleasure that I report to you the North/East Texas Church of the Nazarene, my 6<sup>th</sup> Nazarene Youth International District Presidents report.

First off, I would like to give thanks to God for allowing me to continue to serve in this roll on our district. I would also like to express my gratitude to each of you for your prayers and support. Without God's guidance and your support this position would not be possible.

I would also like to take this time to thank our NYI council for the work they have done this past year. Each of them has played a pivotal role in the advancement of NYI in our district and without them I would not be able to continue to do what I do. Join me in thanking them for their service.

We are also launching a new North/East Texas NYI logo. One that holds true to the roots of Nazarene Youth International and reflects the Texas pride and location of our wonderful district. Be on the lookout for the new logo in future communications.

I reported to you last year the state of NYI was struggling but not struggling to survive, struggling by continuing to fight and not give up. I mentioned to you that this generation is longing to come along side us to work through the problems together, to be listened to, and to have meaningful conversations with you as we continue to navigate cultural and social uncertainties within our society. This holds true to this day; this generation still wants to be part of the solution and to work alongside each of us and to be heard. We are still facing uncertainties within the church with a global decline in youth in churches due to various reasons. It is my challenge to you today to come along side NYI and to continue to work towards reaching young people for Christ. There are many opportunities for us to do this as long as we make it a priority to do so. Some of the opportunities this year were as follows.

In March we attended the South Central NYI Extravaganza on the campus of Southern Nazarene University. It was one of the smallest delegations we have had attend this event in my time in this district. The ones that were there had a great time worshiping the Lord through music, teaching, and the sharing of God given talents. This annual event is for any youth 6<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade student, and it is a wonderful opportunity to get involved and to worship with other teens. Next year's Extravaganza will be held April 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> so please mark that on your calendar and make plans to join us on the campus of Southern Nazarene University.

At the time you are reading or hearing this we will be on our way home from Tampa Bay having attended the Nazarene Youth Conference. I look forward to reporting back to you on the events and victories this event has brought us. What I can report back to you is that we sent 78 students and adults to Tampa Bay this year. I am in full confidence that lives were changed, and victories were won during this conference. I would like to take the time to thank Chance Henson, our NYC coordinator and his team for their dedication and sacrifice to make this event a special one. We will have another opportunity in just 3 short years to attend another Nazarene Youth Conference in 2026. The location was just revealed in Tampa Bay but again I do not have that to share with you

at the time of this report. However, you can still make plans to join us in 2026 for our next Nazarene Youth Conference by fundraising and making the decision to go now. This event is for students who will be going into 9<sup>th</sup> grade in the '26-'27 school year to the graduating class of 2030. So, please make plans to join us in the designated location for Nazarene Youth Conference 2026

We just returned from teen camp, and I have to say it was an amazing week. We faced some obstacles from having power outages delaying camp by a day and that this year is an NYC year which is typically a lower year for camp. I am pleased to announce that this year's camp is the largest attended camp in the last 6 years. We had over 250 campers at Scottsville Camp and Conference Center. This was the result of a couple of different factors. The first was we were able to team up with the Louisiana District NYI and have a combined camp on our campground. The other factor was you. You did a great job getting your teens registered and getting them to Scottsville. The camp theme or key word this year was Purpose. It was a challenge to our younger generations to seek out their purpose in Christ. To stop wandering around like the Israelites did and to seek out God's purpose for each of their lives. To do this we broke it down into four elements that they can seek out to help find their purpose. Those four elements of purpose are my challenge to each of you this year as well. We need to all seek out and put God's purpose for our life in the forefront of our daily lives.

First, Seek out community. If we want to reach our young people for Christ, we MUST seek out community with them. I am talking about biblical community which is doing life together with other people in a way that reflects the love of God to a watching world. Volunteer to work with the youth, spend a week at camp with them, host an intergenerational event that brings all generations together in fellowship and discipleship. Part of our purpose in life is to come along side each other and encourage one another to share one another's burdens and to rejoice with one another. Part of God's purpose in our lives is to be a community of believers that have a place to belong and to attract others to become part of that community through our acts of love.

Secondly, seek ways to reflect His image. We are each in danger of becoming lost in a world that puts so much emphasis on image. There are many who struggle with self-image and self-doubt. But the fact is we have been fearfully and wonderfully made in His image and we are his masterpiece regardless of what the world tells us or makes us feel like. The challenge is to accept that truth and to shatter who we want ourselves to be and surrender to what God has designed us to be. Everyday we look into a mirror, and I no longer want to see myself in that mirror I want to see Jesus in my reflection in every aspect of my life. To do this we have to love how he loves. Loving others and Loving God but also loving who we are and what he created us to be. When we do this, we reflect the image of God to a watching world.

Thirdly, seek out evangelism. Evangelism is simply proclaiming the gospel. I hate to think about where I would be if someone never took the change to share the gospel with me. Jesus makes it very clear that not only is this our purpose but our mission as well. He tells us to go and make disciples, not to just fellowship with other believers but to go seek out new believers and to go and share your story with a watching world. Take time to share your testimony to the younger generations, be a light to a dark world by sharing the love of God to others and showing them what a life with Jesus and the helm looks like and that they too can surrender their life over to the author of creation.

Lastly, seek out worship. My father would tell me when I was younger that we are all going to end up worshiping something what is it that I am going to worship because if its not God it will be something. What does your worship look like? Can you take your worship deeper? Each day we are given is another opportunity to surrender to God and to worship who He is. The challenge is to take your prayers deeper than the day before, to sing louder than yesterday, to give like you have never given, get further into his word than you have ever gone, and surrender more and more to him each day. He is worth it, and he is fully worthy of every ounce of our lives.

Remember we are in view of a watching world. A world who desperately needs to be reached for Christ. We are living in a world where the number of youth inside churches is declining. This does not have to be the trend; we have an opportunity to not accept this statistic and to do what we can to become a community that is reflecting his image while sharing who God is and worshiping who He is to the World. The whole world is watching, what are they going to see in us?

Respectfully Submitted

Chip Lee

North/East Texas District NYI President

2022-2023 Norte / Este de Texas JNI

Informe de los presidentes de distrito

Es con gran placer que les informo a la Iglesia del Nazareno del Norte/Este de Texas, mi informe de Presidentes de Distrito Internacional de la<sup>6<sup>a</sup></sup> Juventud Nazarena Internacional.

En primer lugar, me gustaría dar gracias a Dios por permitirme continuar sirviendo en este rol en nuestro distrito. También me gustaría expresar mi gratitud a cada uno de ustedes por sus oraciones y apoyo. Sin la guía de Dios y su apoyo esta posición no sería posible.

También me gustaría aprovechar este momento para agradecer a nuestro consejo de la JNI por el trabajo que han realizado el año pasado. Cada uno de ellos ha jugado un papel fundamental en el avance de la JNI en nuestro distrito y sin ellos no podría continuar haciendo lo que hago. Únanse a mí para agradecerles por su servicio.

También estamos lanzando un nuevo logotipo de la JNI del Norte / Este de Texas. Uno que se mantiene fiel a las raíces de la Juventud Nazarena Internacional y refleja el orgullo de Texas y la ubicación de nuestro maravilloso distrito. Esté atento al nuevo logotipo en futuras comunicaciones.

Les informé el año pasado que el estado de la JNI estaba luchando pero no luchando por sobrevivir, luchando por continuar luchando y no darse por vencido. Les mencioné que esta generación anhela venir a nuestro lado para resolver los problemas juntos, ser escuchados y tener conversaciones significativas con ustedes a medida que continuamos navegando por las incertidumbres culturales y sociales dentro de nuestra sociedad. Esto es cierto hasta el día de hoy; Esta generación todavía quiere ser parte de la solución y trabajar junto a cada uno de nosotros y ser escuchada. Todavía enfrentamos incertidumbres dentro de la iglesia con una disminución global de la juventud en las iglesias debido a varias razones. Es mi desafío para ustedes hoy venir junto a la JNI y continuar trabajando para alcanzar a los jóvenes para Cristo. Hay muchas oportunidades para que hagamos esto, siempre y cuando hagamos que sea una prioridad hacerlo. Algunas de las oportunidades de este año fueron las siguientes.

En marzo asistimos al South Central NYI Extravaganza en el campus de Southern Nazarene University. Fue una de las delegaciones más pequeñas que hemos tenido para asistir a este evento en mi tiempo en este distrito. Los que estaban allí se divirtieron mucho adorando al Señor a través de la música, la enseñanza y el compartir los talentos dados por Dios. Este evento anual es para cualquier joven estudiante de<sup>6<sup>o</sup></sup> grado a 12<sup>o</sup> grado, y es una oportunidad maravillosa para involucrarse y adorar con otros adolescentes. La Extravaganza del próximo año se llevará a cabo del 4 al 6 de abril, así que márquelo en su calendario y haga planes para unirse a

nosotros en el campus de Southern Nazarene University.

En el momento en que esté leyendo o escuchando esto, estaremos de camino a casa desde Tampa Bay después de haber asistido a la Conferencia de Jóvenes Nazarenos. Espero poder informarles sobre los eventos y victorias que este evento nos ha traído. Lo que puedo informarles es que enviamos a 78 estudiantes y adultos a Tampa Bay este año. Confío plenamente en que se cambiaron vidas y se obtuvieron victorias durante esta conferencia. Me gustaría tomarme el tiempo para agradecer a Chance Henson, nuestro coordinador de Nueva York y su equipo por su dedicación y sacrificio para hacer de este evento especial. Tendremos otra oportunidad en solo 3 cortos años para asistir a otra Conferencia de Jóvenes Nazarenos en 2026. La ubicación acaba de ser revelada en Tampa Bay, pero nuevamente no tengo eso para compartir con ustedes en el momento de este informe. Sin embargo, aún puede hacer planes para unirse a nosotros en 2026 para nuestra próxima Conferencia de Jóvenes Nazarenos recaudando fondos y tomando la decisión de ir ahora. Este evento es para estudiantes que ingresarán al<sup>9º</sup> grado en el año escolar '26-'27 a la clase graduada de 2030. Por lo tanto, haga planes para unirse a nosotros en el lugar designado para la Conferencia de Jóvenes Nazarenos 2026

Acabamos de regresar del campamento de adolescentes, y tengo que decir que fue una semana increíble. Nos enfrentamos a algunos obstáculos por tener cortes de energía que retrasaron el campamento por un día y que este año es un año en Nueva York que generalmente es un año más bajo para el campamento. Me complace anunciar que el campamento de este año es el campamento más concurrido en los últimos 6 años. Tuvimos más de 250 campistas en Scottsville Camp and Conference Center. Este fue el resultado de un par de factores diferentes. La primera fue que pudimos asociarnos con la JNI del Distrito de Louisiana y tener un campamento combinado en nuestro campamento. El otro factor fuiste tú. Hiciste un gran trabajo registrando a tus hijos adolescentes y llevándolos a Scottsville. El tema del campamento o palabra clave de este año fue Propósito. Fue un desafío para nuestras generaciones más jóvenes buscar su propósito en Cristo. Dejar de deambular como lo hicieron los israelitas y buscar el propósito de Dios para cada una de sus vidas. Para hacer esto, lo dividimos en cuatro elementos que pueden buscar para ayudar a encontrar su propósito. Esos cuatro elementos de propósito son mi desafío para cada uno de ustedes este año también. Todos necesitamos buscar y poner el propósito de Dios para nuestra vida en la vanguardia de nuestra vida diaria.

Primero, busca comunidad. Si queremos alcanzar a nuestros jóvenes para Cristo, DEBEMOS buscar la comunidad con ellos. Estoy hablando de la comunidad bíblica que está haciendo vida junto con otras personas de una manera que refleja el amor de Dios a un mundo que observa. Ofrézcase como voluntario para trabajar con los jóvenes, pase una semana en el campamento con ellos, organice un evento intergeneracional que reúna a todas las generaciones en compañerismo y discipulado. Parte de nuestro propósito en la vida es unirnos unos a otros y animarnos unos a otros a compartir las cargas de los demás y regocijarnos unos con otros. Parte del propósito de Dios en nuestras vidas es ser una comunidad de creyentes que tienen un lugar al que pertenecer y atraer a otros a formar parte de esa comunidad a través de nuestros actos de amor.

En segundo lugar, busque maneras de reflejar Su imagen. Cada uno de nosotros está en peligro de perderse en un mundo que pone tanto énfasis en la imagen. Hay muchos que luchan con la autoimagen y la duda. Pero el hecho es que hemos sido formados temerosa y maravillosamente a Su imagen y somos Su obra maestra, independientemente de lo que el mundo nos diga o nos haga sentir. El desafío es aceptar esa verdad y destruir lo que queremos que seamos y rendirnos a lo que Dios nos ha diseñado para ser. Todos los días nos miramos en un espejo, y ya no quiero verme en ese espejo, quiero ver a Jesús en mi reflejo en todos los aspectos de mi vida. Para hacer esto tenemos que amar como Él ama. Amar a los demás y amar a Dios, pero también amar quiénes somos y lo que Él nos creó para ser. Cuando hacemos esto, reflejamos la imagen de Dios a un mundo que observa.

En tercer lugar, busca el evangelismo. El evangelismo es simplemente proclamar el evangelio. Odio pensar en dónde estaría si alguien nunca tomara el cambio para compartir el Evangelio conmigo. Jesús deja muy claro que no solo es nuestro propósito, sino también nuestra misión. Él nos dice que vayamos y hagamos discípulos, no solo para tener comunión con otros creyentes, sino para buscar nuevos creyentes y para ir y compartir su historia con un mundo que observa. Tómese el tiempo para compartir su testimonio con las generaciones más jóvenes, sea una luz para un mundo oscuro compartiendo el amor de Dios con los demás y mostrándoles cómo es una vida con Jesús y el timón y que ellos también pueden entregar su vida al autor de la creación.

Por último, busca la adoración. Mi padre me decía cuando era más joven que todos vamos a terminar adorando algo, qué es lo que voy a adorar, porque si no es Dios, será algo. ¿Cómo es tu adoración? ¿Puedes llevar tu adoración más profundamente? Cada día que se nos da es otra oportunidad de rendirnos a Dios y adorar quién es Él. El desafío es llevar tus oraciones más profundas que el día anterior, cantar más fuerte que ayer, dar como nunca has dado, profundizar más en su palabra de lo que nunca has ido, y rendirte más y más a él cada día. Él lo vale, y es totalmente digno de cada onza de nuestras vidas.

Recuerda que estamos en vista de un mundo observador. Un mundo que necesita desesperadamente ser alcanzado por Cristo. Vivimos en un mundo donde el número de jóvenes dentro de las iglesias está disminuyendo. Esta no tiene por qué ser la tendencia; tenemos la oportunidad de no aceptar esta estadística y hacer lo que podamos para convertirnos en una comunidad que refleje su imagen mientras comparte quién es Dios y adora quién es Él al mundo. El mundo entero está mirando, ¿qué van a ver en nosotros?

Presentado respetuosamente

Presidente de la JNI del Distrito Norte/Este de Texas

# SDMI Chair Report

**Chairperson Report 2023**

**North/East Texas District**

**Nazarene Discipleship International**

Dr. Graves, Dr. Wentworth, Fellow Pastors, Delegates, and friends of the District assembly,

What a privilege it has been to represent you and serve you for the last two years. As I give my second report as North/East Texas District NDI President. I have heard a message I would like to share today from scripture.

*"For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?" Esther 4:14*

Much of our present standing in Discipleship ministry comes from definition and redefinition of who we are and what we are called to do. While the best instruction of our call for ministry comes from Jesus in the Great Commission: "...go make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age." We now are left to the task of keeping the main thing the main thing. It is the job personally as well as that of our Denomination, District and Church to keep the Great Commission the Great Commission! This year finds the General Church and our District NDI board finding definition on how to serve Christ and the one lost better.

[District Logo Presented Here on screen]

The District precedes much of the recent rebranding that has gone on in the Sunday School Division of the Church of the Nazarene. I am so grateful for the previous work of Dr. Wentworth and the District Advisory Board in organizing us the "We're All About The ONE". While we as a District are United with ONE another, and we Encourage and Equip the ONE called; NDI finds our best initiative of what it means to do discipleship by the third "One" statement in our district mission. We are searching and walking with the ONE lost. Discipleship will never be more than a word we use when it is convenient or when we are defining our cause until we are personally active, walking with the one lost. Discipleship is not corporate until it is personal, ministry is not effective until people are finding change through Jesus Christ!

[New NDI Logo Presented Here on screen]

With the renaming of Discipleship ministry, a beautiful marriage has taken place which takes us back to our roots as a Denomination. Key international leaders collaborated to clearly portray what the "Journey of Grace" looks like as an International church engaged in the Great Commission to make disciples. What emerged is an amazing marriage between Evangelism and Discipleship. With the confessed goal of discipleship being to walk with people from No Faith to New faith to Mature Faith, the team decided a change of name for Sunday School would be important. While Sunday School with its central emphasis in our Denominations history is still vital and important, we have determined to take discipleship out of the classroom, small group, and zoom setting. Our best days are ahead as the church unleashes its members on their Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and uttermost parts of their worlds. The acronym NDI finds the following explanation for its selection:

N – Stands for Nazarene. We believe in the radical hope of Entire Sanctification and hold the line on the most optimistic theology of holiness in life and service. We not only believe that God forgives but that He leads us into maturity of relationship with Him and others. To be called Nazarene is to be called into a sanctified life of holiness.

D – Discipleship is our clear goal. In making disciples we complete the call of Christ on our lives. It's not enough to tell the "Good News", we must model it and intentionally mentor others in their relationship with Christ. We understand that in the formation of our denomination, our calling is to the marginalized and disenfranchised. In our inception this work took us to the back roads, the hurting and the broken. We understand our calling is still the same today. We are not looking for people who have it all together, we will witness and walk with the hurting until they are well.

I – International is a key understanding of who we are as a movement. We cross the globe, engaging culture, color, language, and ideological barriers. Together we are family, together we walk with those in our life space to transform the culture into the Kingdom of God! God's grace is taking the world by storm, one heart at a time!

[Flyer for Fall Training Presented Here on screen]

As the NDI board met last winter, we had work to do to reorganize District training and provide positive and influential discipleship that will be reproducible in the life of the district churches. We heard the dialogue from pastors and churches and offer a new format that can reorient and jumpstart a district wide focus for reaching those in transition through our ministries. We are excited to provide Fall and Spring training with John Comstock from our General Headquarters NDI. John will share a different training next spring than the one scheduled for this fall but we wanted to make sure that one session was close enough so every church can attend at least one session. In the Fall we will be at Hill Top in Tyler Texas on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. In the spring we will be a RCCN. There will be a box lunch and each session will be \$20 to provide lunch and minimal costs for the session.

When we encounter people, we often discover them in a season of their life. Seasons don't define our lives, but they definitely flavor our lives and cause us to be sensitive for change both good or bad. I discover Jesus'

intersecting people during seasons of their life often. Zacchaeus, Nicodemus, Matthew, Woman caught in adultery, Mary. Seasons are often complicated with catastrophe or chaos. What I love is that as disciples of Jesus we must learn to do what he would do. We rush in when most people rush out. Rather than bring you a how-to disciple, or steps in discipling course. We as a council wanted to introduce you to a theology of discipleship. I believe this is a first step for becoming more like Jesus and then we can add layers of what to say and do. We have asked John Comstock to come share ideas of what it means to be laborers with Christ so that we can do what He did and still wants to do. At this time, I would like to introduce you to John Comstock as he introduces his session this fall.

[John Comstock Video Presented Here on screen]

Children remain a focus for the North/East Texas District Church of the Nazarene. Beth Biddle does an amazing job leading us in keeping children our priority. At this time, I would like her to represent the children's ministry in our District.

(5-minute report by Beth - If Beth is out of town, Video Presented Here on screen)

Encountering people in the seasons of their life is a cooperation and personal calling that we call discipleship. This morning I would like to highlight a couple churches that are doing life with people outside the walls of their buildings, meeting people in the trenches of life and seeing the transformative power of Jesus Christ in exciting ways.

(10-minute conversation with 2 or 3 churches who are using creative discipleship in their communities.)

The people of Israel are in captivity now under Persian rule. If anyone knew seasons of life, Israel did. Like most seasons, this was not an easy or promising one. There was no guarantee of tomorrow, only a stubborn resilient hope in God almighty. Esther, a Hebrew girl emerges as a queen in a gentile nation. Her place of privilege & position was encouraged by her uncle to be used to plead for mercy and compassion for her people. Although this put her life on the line, it is interesting that God used her as a redeemer because she was not afraid to let her voice be heard. She was not afraid to allow God to write His story through her life. Esther was not being scolded by her uncle because of her place of privilege but rather to chide her for her self-preserving guided tendency. Esther was reproved for placing luxury and ease for service. Mordecai saw her place of favor as an opportunity for God to accomplish great glory for His name.

Many times, we consider our inability as a reason not to witness, care for or walk with those who are lost. However, we should understand that it is God's ability in our availability that creates a climate of change for the better for those in a season of transition. Like Esther, God has not equipped us, called us, and empowered us to

fill a place in life just to be comfortable or to be at ease. He calls us to make His name known. We are to call people into a mature relationship with Him so that God's Kingdom will be enhanced. There were no guarantees to Esther's safety or that she would be successful, only that she had entered the arena with God to do amazing things!

It is God who has given us salvation, fullness of the spirit, education, influence, ability, security, and opportunity to serve. He wants to use us to optimize the Kingdom's purposes. He does not want us to get so caught up in our personal kingdom's that we would miss an opportunity to partner with Him! People in a season of transition need someone to walk with them. *"To miss your Kingdom assignment because you have become too caught up in your personal kingdom itself is the greatest tragedy you could ever face. An entire nation was grateful for how Esther responded to Mordecai's rebuke. Their lives were spared. How many can be spared in the culture where we live today when we choose to step up to service, even if it involves sacrifice?"* (The Urban Alternative; Tony Evans)

Respectfully,

David Baker, NDI District Chairman

**Informe del Presidente 2023**

**Distrito Norte/Este de Texas**

**Discipulado Nazareno Internacional**

Dr. Graves, Dr. Wentworth, compañeros pastores, delegados y amigos de la asamblea del distrito,

Qué privilegio ha sido representarlos y servirles durante los últimos dos años. Como doy mi segundo informe como Presidente del NDI del Distrito Norte/Este de Texas. He escuchado un mensaje que me gustaría compartir hoy de las Escrituras.

*"Porque si permaneces en silencio en este momento, el alivio y la liberación para los judíos surgirán de otro lugar, pero tú y la familia de tu padre perecerán. ¿Y quién sabe si has llegado a tu posición real para un momento como este?" Ester 4:14*

Gran parte de nuestra posición actual en el ministerio de discipulado proviene de la definición y redefinición de quiénes somos y qué estamos llamados a hacer. Mientras que la mejor instrucción de nuestro llamado al ministerio viene de Jesús en la Gran Comisión: "... id y haced discípulos a todas las naciones, bautizándolos en el nombre del Padre y del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo, y enseñándoles a obedecer todo lo que os he mandado. Y ciertamente, estoy con ustedes siempre, hasta el fin de los tiempos". Ahora nos queda la tarea de mantener lo principal como lo principal. ¡Es el trabajo personal, así como el de nuestra Denominación, Distrito e Iglesia, mantener la Gran Comisión, la Gran Comisión! Este año encontramos a la Iglesia General y a nuestra junta NDI

de Distrito encontrando una definición sobre cómo servir mejor a Cristo y al que perdió más.

### **[Logotipo del distrito presentado aquí en la pantalla]**

El Distrito precede a gran parte del reciente cambio de marca que se ha llevado a cabo en la División de Escuela Dominical de la Iglesia del Nazareno. Estoy muy agradecido por el trabajo previo del Dr. Wentworth y la Junta Asesora del Distrito al organizarnos el "We're All About The ONE". Mientras que nosotros, como Distrito, estamos Unidos unos con otros, y alentamos y equipamos al UNO llamado; NDI encuentra nuestra mejor iniciativa de lo que significa hacer discipulado por la tercera declaración "Uno" en nuestra misión de distrito. Estamos buscando y caminando con el UNO perdido. El discipulado nunca será más que una palabra que usamos cuando es conveniente o cuando estamos definiendo nuestra causa hasta que estemos personalmente activos, caminando con el perdido. ¡El discipulado no es corporativo hasta que es personal, el ministerio no es efectivo hasta que las personas encuentren un cambio a través de Jesucristo!

### **[Nuevo logotipo de NDI presentado aquí en la pantalla]**

Con el cambio de nombre del ministerio de discipulado, ha tenido lugar un hermoso matrimonio que nos lleva de vuelta a nuestras raíces como denominación. Los líderes internacionales clave colaboraron para retratar claramente cómo se ve el "Viaje de Gracia" como una iglesia internacional comprometida en la Gran Comisión para hacer discípulos. Lo que surgió es un matrimonio asombroso entre el evangelismo y el discipulado. Con el objetivo confeso de discipulado de caminar con personas de Sin Fe a Nueva Fe a Fe Madura, el equipo decidió que un cambio de nombre para la Escuela Dominical sería importante. Si bien la Escuela Dominical con su énfasis central en la historia de nuestras denominaciones sigue siendo vital e importante, hemos decidido sacar el discipulado del aula, el grupo pequeño y la configuración de zoom. Nuestros mejores días están por venir cuando la iglesia desata a sus miembros en su Jerusalén, Judea, Samaria y las partes más remotas de sus mundos. El acrónimo NDI encuentra la siguiente explicación para su selección:

**N – Significa Nazareno.** Creemos en la esperanza radical de la santificación completa y mantenemos la línea en la teología más optimista de la santidad en la vida y el servicio. No solo creemos que Dios perdona, sino que nos lleva a la madurez de la relación con Él y con los demás. Ser llamado nazareno es ser llamado a una vida santificada de santidad.

**D – El discipulado es nuestro objetivo claro.** Al hacer discípulos completamos el llamado de Cristo en nuestras vidas. No es suficiente contar las "Buenas Nuevas", debemos modelarlas e intencionalmente guiar a otros en su relación con Cristo. Entendemos que en la formación de nuestra denominación, nuestro llamado es a los marginados y marginados. En nuestros inicios este trabajo nos llevó a los caminos secundarios, los heridos y los rotos. Entendemos que nuestro llamado sigue siendo el mismo hoy. No estamos buscando personas que lo tengan todo junto, seremos testigos y caminaremos con los heridos hasta que estén bien.

**I – Internacional es una comprensión clave de quiénes somos como movimiento.** Cruzamos el mundo, involucrando la cultura, el color, el idioma y las barreras ideológicas. ¡Juntos somos familia,

juntos caminamos con aquellos en nuestro espacio de vida para transformar la cultura en el Reino de Dios! ¡La gracia de Dios está tomando al mundo por asalto, un corazón a la vez!

#### **[Folleto para el entrenamiento de otoño presentado aquí en la pantalla]**

Cuando la junta del NDI se reunió el invierno pasado, teníamos trabajo que hacer para reorganizar la capacitación del Distrito y proporcionar un discipulado positivo e influyente que será reproducible en la vida de las iglesias de distrito. Escuchamos el diálogo de pastores e iglesias y ofrecemos un nuevo formato que puede reorientar e impulsar un enfoque en todo el distrito para alcanzar a aquellos en transición a través de nuestros ministerios. Estamos entusiasmados de proporcionar capacitación de otoño y primavera con John Comstock de nuestro NDI de la sede general. John compartirá una capacitación diferente la próxima primavera que la programada para este otoño, pero queríamos asegurarnos de que una sesión fuera lo suficientemente cercana para que cada iglesia pueda asistir al menos a una sesión. En el otoño estaremos en Hill Top en Tyler Texas el sábado 30 de septiembre de 10:00 am a 2:00 pm. En la primavera seremos una RCCN. Habrá un box lunch y cada sesión será de \$ 20 para proporcionar el almuerzo y los costos mínimos de la sesión.

Cuando nos encontramos con personas, a menudo las descubrimos en una etapa de su vida. Las estaciones no definen nuestras vidas, pero definitivamente dan sabor a nuestras vidas y nos hacen ser sensibles al cambio, tanto bueno como malo. Descubro a menudo a las personas que se cruzan de Jesús durante las estaciones de su vida. Zaqueo, Nicodemo, Mateo, Mujer sorprendida en adulterio, María. Las estaciones a menudo se complican con catástrofes o caos. Lo que me encanta es que como discípulos de Jesús debemos aprender a hacer lo que él haría. Nos apresuramos cuando la mayoría de la gente sale corriendo. En lugar de traerte un discípulo de cómo hacerlo, o pasos en el curso de discipulado. Nosotros, como consejo, queríamos presentarles una teología del discipulado. Creo que este es un primer paso para llegar a ser más como Jesús y luego podemos agregar capas de qué decir y hacer. Le hemos pedido a John Comstock que venga a compartir ideas de lo que significa ser obreros con Cristo para que podamos hacer lo que Él hizo y todavía quiere hacer. En este momento, me gustaría presentarles a John Comstock cuando presenta su sesión este otoño.

#### **[Video de John Comstock presentado aquí en la pantalla]**

Los niños siguen siendo un enfoque para la Iglesia del Nazareno del Distrito Norte/Este de Texas. Beth Biddle hace un trabajo increíble guiándonos para mantener a los niños como nuestra prioridad. En este momento, me gustaría que ella representara al ministerio de niños en nuestro Distrito.

#### **(Informe de 5 minutos de Beth - [Si Beth está fuera de la ciudad, video presentado aquí en la pantalla])**

Encontrarse con personas en las estaciones de su vida es un llamado personal y de cooperación que llamamos discipulado. Esta mañana me gustaría destacar un par de iglesias que están haciendo vida con personas fuera de las paredes de sus edificios, conociendo a personas en las trincheras de la vida y viendo el poder transformador de Jesucristo de maneras emocionantes.

**(Conversación de 10 minutos con 2 o 3 iglesias que están usando el discipulado creativo en sus comunidades).**

El pueblo de Israel está en cautiverio ahora bajo el dominio persa. Si alguien conocía las estaciones de la vida, Israel lo sabía. Como la mayoría de las temporadas, esta no fue fácil ni prometedora. No había garantía de mañana, sólo una obstinada esperanza resistente en Dios todopoderoso. Ester, una niña hebrea emerge como reina en una nación gentil. Su lugar de privilegio y posición fue alentado por su tío para ser utilizado para suplicar misericordia y compasión por su pueblo. Aunque esto puso su vida en la línea, es interesante que Dios la usó como redentora porque no tenía miedo de dejar que su voz fuera escuchada. Ella no tenía miedo de permitir que Dios escribiera Su historia a través de su vida. Esther no estaba siendo regañada por su tío debido a su lugar de privilegio, sino más bien para reprenderla por su tendencia guiada de autopreservación. Esther fue reprendida por colocar lujo y facilidad para el servicio. Mardoqueo vio su lugar de favor como una oportunidad para que Dios lograra gran gloria por Su nombre.

Muchas veces, consideramos nuestra incapacidad como una razón para no presenciar, cuidar o caminar con aquellos que están perdidos. Sin embargo, debemos entender que es la habilidad de Dios en nuestra disponibilidad lo que crea un clima de cambio para mejor para aquellos en una temporada de transición. Al igual que Ester, Dios no nos ha equipado, llamado y capacitado para llenar un lugar en la vida solo para estar cómodos o estar a gusto. Él nos llama a dar a conocer Su nombre. Debemos llamar a las personas a una relación madura con Él para que el Reino de Dios sea mejorado. No había garantías de la seguridad de Ester o de que tendría éxito, isolo que había entrado en la arena con Dios para hacer cosas asombrosas!

Es Dios quien nos ha dado salvación, plenitud del espíritu, educación, influencia, capacidad, seguridad y oportunidad de servir. Él quiere usarnos para optimizar los propósitos del Reino. ¡Él no quiere que quedemos tan atrapados en nuestro reino personal que perdamos la oportunidad de asociarnos con Él! Las personas en una temporada de transición necesitan a alguien que camine con ellos. *"Perder tu asignación del Reino porque te has quedado demasiado atrapado en tu reino personal es la mayor tragedia que podrías enfrentar. Una nación entera estaba agradecida por la forma en que Ester respondió a la reprensión de Mardoqueo. Sus vidas se salvaron. ¿Cuántos pueden salvarse en la cultura en la que vivimos hoy cuando elegimos dar un paso adelante hacia el servicio, incluso si eso implica sacrificio?"* (La alternativa urbana; Tony Evans)

Respetuosamente,

David Baker, presidente de distrito del NDI

## **North/East Texas District Treasurer's Report – 2023**

- A. Changes to District Investment Funds: Update – see below
- B. Balance Sheet as of April 30, 2023 – attached
- C. Audit Report – Vail & Park CPA – 2022-2023 Period - attached
- D. Comparative Balance Sheet – attached

### **A. Changes to District Investment Funds: Update**

A number of years ago, the District Advisory Board agreed to a proposal from the Finance Committee to transfer the district's investment fund to the Bank of Oklahoma. At the same time a different strategy for the investments were applied: 80% of the investments were put into a "medium" risk fund while the remaining 20% were invested in a very low risk fund. The prior strategy employed 100% of the funds in a 'high risk' fund.

This new strategy allowed the district to have readily available funds for transfers to the operating account in the event that was necessary. This strategy worked well for a number of years. Over the last 1-2 years, the Finance Committee leadership has been in discussions with another group (Matson Money / Axios Funds) which offered the same 80/20% protection with medium and low risk funds. They also employ an investment strategy known as "Academic Investing". This approach historically has produced higher returns while maintaining the same risk factors.

The funds were transferred to the Axios Group between December 2022 and January 2023. In the first quarter of 2023 we saw a loss in our fund balance of 0.2% and incurred management fees of 0.13%. In the second quarter (thru June 26), the fund balance grew by 0.47% (management fees expected to be 0.13% for the quarter).

Respectfully,  
Rusty Williams  
Budget & Investment Lead

Hace varios años, la Junta Asesora del Distrito aceptó una propuesta del Comité de Finanzas para transferir el fondo de inversión del distrito al Bank of Oklahoma. Al mismo tiempo, se aplicó una estrategia diferente para las inversiones: el 80 % de las inversiones se colocaron en un fondo de riesgo "medio", mientras que el 20 % restante se invirtió en un fondo de muy bajo riesgo. La estrategia anterior empleaba el 100% de los fondos en un fondo de "alto riesgo".

Esta nueva estrategia permitió que el distrito tuviera fondos disponibles para transferencias a la cuenta operativa en caso de que fuera necesario. Esta estrategia funcionó bien durante varios años. Durante los últimos 1 o 2 años, el liderazgo del Comité de Finanzas ha estado en conversaciones con otro grupo (Matson Money / Axios Funds) que ofrecía la misma protección del 80/20 % con fondos de riesgo medio y bajo. También emplean una estrategia de inversión conocida como "inversión académica". Históricamente, este enfoque ha producido mayores rendimientos manteniendo los mismos factores de riesgo.

Los fondos se transfirieron al Grupo Axios entre diciembre de 2022 y enero de 2023. En el primer trimestre de 2023, vimos una pérdida en el saldo de nuestro fondo del 0,2 % e incurrimos en comisiones de gestión del 0,13 %. En el segundo trimestre (hasta el 26 de junio), el saldo del fondo creció un 0,47% (se espera que las comisiones de gestión sean del 0,13% para el trimestre).

Respetuosamente,  
oxidado williams  
Líder de Presupuesto e Inversiones

North/East Texas District  
Church of the Nazarene

**B. District Balance Sheet**

As of April 30, 2023

	TOTAL
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
0900 Inwood Bank	0.00
0910 Operating Fund	37,262.78
0950 Reserve - Non Operational Cash	0.00
<b>Total 0900 Inwood Bank</b>	<b>37,262.78</b>
1015 Spirit of Texas	0.00
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$37,262.78</b>
Accounts Receivable	
1300 District Allocation C/Y	38,609.58
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	<b>\$38,609.58</b>
Other Current Assets	
1001 Petty Cash	400.00
1011 BOK - Short Term	0.00
10112 Gains	0.00
<b>Total 1011 BOK - Short Term</b>	<b>0.00</b>
1014 BOK - Long Term	0.00
10142 Gains	0.00
<b>Total 1014 BOK - Long Term</b>	<b>0.00</b>
1020 Matson - 838596 - Long-Term Growth	649,215.99
1025 Matson - 837770 - Income & Growth	481,504.96
1060 Prepaid Insurance	54,963.97
1070 Prepaid Deposits	0.00
1080 Prepaid Expenses	0.00
1301 Scottsville - Taxes & Insurance	43,856.56
1305 Dallas Primera - Pastor Salary	0.00
1310 Other Receivables	-200.00
1400 Contributions	0.00
1499 Undeposited Funds	120,305.85
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>\$1,350,047.33</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$1,425,919.69</b>
Fixed Assets	
1500 Office Equipment	4,137.54
1505 Accum Depr-Office Equipment	-2,994.50
1510 District Office Bldg.	0.00
1511 Accum Depr-District Office Bldg	-30,326.00
1512 Catalyst Rowlett'	783,785.52

	TOTAL
1530 Vida Naciones (former Dallas Oak Cliff) L + Bldg	35,677.57
1536 Rowlett Land	48,980.00
1540 Bonham	555,373.77
1541 Lookout Valley	96,000.00
1544 LSCC - Nevada	412,748.09
1552 Accum Depr-Church Property Grp	-272,934.65
1553 Marshall	880,000.00
1554 Round UP CC	130,000.00
1555-B Church Conveyed Bldgs	0.00
1555-L Church Conveyed Land	0.00
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>\$2,640,447.34</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$4,066,367.03</b>
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LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
2001 *Accounts Payable	22,699.76
<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>	<b>\$22,699.76</b>
Other Current Liabilities	
2025 Other Pass-Thru Payable	617.03
2100 Payroll Liabilities	1,184.09
2105 Direct Deposit Payable	0.00
2110 Texas State Comptroller Payable	0.00
2115 Out Of Scope Agency Payable	0.00
2200 Deferred Expense - General Assembly	8,500.00
2210 Hispanic Ministry - Deferred Expense	0.00
2998 Transfers to/from Scottsville	-420.50
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$9,880.62</b>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$32,580.38</b>
Long-Term Liabilities	
2810 Catalyst/Rowlett_WIF	280,439.33
2910 LSCC_Nevada_WIF	228,692.68
2940 Round UP CC_WIF	88,921.36
2951 Bonham WIF	90,313.70
2952 Bonham WIF - 2nd Note	1,725.03
2953 Marshall Property	141,102.92
<b>Total Long-Term Liabilities</b>	<b>\$831,195.02</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$863,775.40</b>

	TOTAL
Equity	
3000 Opening Bal Equity	0.00
3050 Fund Balance - General Fund	1,154,211.03
3900 Retained Earnings	2,195,469.53
Net Income	-147,088.93
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$3,202,591.63</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$4,066,367.03</b>

## **C. Financial Review (Audit) Report**

The CPA annual financial review for CY 2022-2023 had not been received at the time of publishing of this Handbook. When completed the review will be published in the District Journal and on the District website.

La revisión financiera anual de CPA para CY 2022-2023 no se había recibido en el momento de la publicación de este Manual. Cuando se complete, la revisión se publicará en el Diario del Distrito y en el sitio web del Distrito.

#### **D. Comparative Balance Sheet – 2022 vs. 2023**

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# NDI Financial Statement 2023 – Expenses & Balance Sheet

May '22 - Apr  
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## Ordinary Income/Expense

### Income

<b>Adult Ministries Income</b>	562.58
<b>Budgets 2021-2022</b>	4,180.60
<b>Budgets 2022-2023</b>	16,501.08
<b>Children's Ministries Income</b>	29,319.53
<b>General Convention Fund Income</b>	2,000.00
<b>Interest Income</b>	<u>83.37</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	52,647.16

### Expense

<b>Adult Ministries</b>	685.85
<b>Children's Ministries</b>	39,431.56
<b>General Expenses</b>	<u>8,061.07</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>48,178.48</u>

**Net Ordinary Income**

4,468.68

## Other Income/Expense

### Other Income

<b>Regional Quizzing Income</b>	<u>5,850.87</u>
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<u>5,850.87</u>

### Other Expense

<b>Regional Quizzing Expense</b>	<u>5,511.07</u>
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	<u>5,511.07</u>

**Net Other Income**

339.80

**Net Income**

**4,808.48**

Apr 30,  
23

## ASSETS

### Current Assets

<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
<b>Bank of Texas Checking</b>	23,519.20
<b>Bank of Texas Money Market</b>	<u>69,104.15</u>
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<u>92,623.35</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>92,623.35</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><b>92,623.35</b></u>

## LIABILITIES & EQUITY

### Equity

<b>Opening Bal Equity</b>	33,711.81
<b>Retained Earnings</b>	54,103.06
<b>Net Income</b>	<u>4,808.48</u>
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>92,623.35</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><b>92,623.35</b></u>

**North/East Texas District Church of the Nazarene  
Nazarene Missions International**

**Internal Comprehensive Financial Review**

June 2023

North/East Texas District NMI Council:

An Internal Comprehensive Financial Review of the North/East Texas District Nazarene Missions International (N/E TX District NMI) treasury was performed at the close of the 2022 – 2023 assembly year.

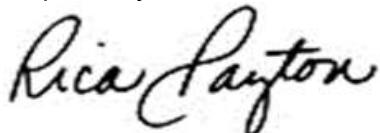
The review included a test of monthly financial statements, bank statements, checkbook records, check requests, investments statements, records of deposits, records of expenses with accompanying purchase receipts, and digitally archived records. All records combine to develop a statement of assets, liabilities, and net assets using the cash basis of accounting as of April 30, 2023. The approved annual budget forecasting future income and expenses was also reviewed.

It is the responsibility of the Internal Comprehensive Financial Reviewer to express an opinion on those financial statements, based on the review. It is believed that the comprehensive review evidence that was obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for the comprehensive review opinion.

***Opinion:***

***It is the opinion of this reviewer that the physical review of all financial statements, investment statements, records of income and expenses, banking records, and archived records present fairly - in all material respects - the assets and liabilities of the North/East Texas District NMI as of April 30, 2023, in accordance with the cash basis of accounting, and are free from material misstatement or misrepresentation.***

Respectfully submitted,



Rica Payton  
Financial Reviewer

A copy of the full Income/Expense Statements are available upon request from the NMI treasurer.

## **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNT POLICIES**

The North/East Texas District Nazarene Missions International (the NMI) is an auxiliary organization of the North/East Texas District Church of the Nazarene (the District). It is governed by a council comprised of members from across the District who support the purpose of NMI.

### **A. REPORTING ENTITY**

The NMI is the organizational representative for Global Missions for the Church of the Nazarene on the regional, district, and local level.

Its purpose states:

*The purpose {of the Nazarene Missions International (NMI)} shall be to mobilize the Church of the Nazarene in missions through 1) praying, 2) giving, 3) educating, and 4) engaging children and youth.  
[Manual, Church of the Nazarene, 2017 – 2021, section 811.]*

### **B. BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

The financial overview includes assets, liabilities and operations for the NMI under the administration of the District. These financial statements do not include results of operations from any other organization or the District.

### **C. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

The North/East Texas District NMI financial statements are prepared on the cash basis, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. As defined: **Cash Basis Accounting** is the practice of recording revenues when **cash** is received and recording expenses when **the expense is paid**.

### **D. BUDGETARY DATA**

Formal budgetary accounting is employed by the North/East Texas District Church of the Nazarene. The official budget is prepared for adoption and approved by the District NMI Council. Annual budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with cash basis accounting methods. Amendments may be made with the Council's approval.

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Cash Basis

**NETX NMI**  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of April 30, 2023

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**ASSETS****Current Assets****Checking/Savings****Prosperity Bank CD**

Betty Lynch Mem	6,009.59
Deputation Travel Fund	2,632.11
Global Convention Fund	12,250.00
Missionary Child Schol Fund	2,277.89
Work & Witness Fund	6,830.41
Prosperity Bank CD - Other	2,229.33

**Total Prosperity Bank CD**

32,229.33

**Prosperity Bank checking**

37,404.79

**Prosperity Bank Money MKT**

Betty Lynch Mem Schol Fund	1,632.57
Deputation Travel Fund	3,819.96
Global Convention Fund	9,505.89
Missionary Child Schol Fund	1,200.27
Money MKT Interest	26.47
SIMS Fund	1,959.28
Work & Wintess Fund	1,922.66
Workshop Training Fund	3,359.11
Youth Speaker	1,600.26
Prosperity Bank Money MKT - Other	187.50

**Total Prosperity Bank Money MKT**

25,213.97

**Total Checking/Savings**

94,848.09

**Total Current Assets**

94,848.09

**TOTAL ASSETS****94,848.09****LIABILITIES & EQUITY****Equity**

Opening Balance Equity	96,583.42
Unrestricted Net Assets	-1,509.30
Net Income	-226.03

**Total Equity**

94,848.09

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY****94,848.09**

<b>North/East NYI BUDGET 2022-2023 Budget</b>		<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>INCOME</b>	<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>DIFF.</b>					
<b>INCOME</b>										
Church Payments		\$20,000.00	\$15,946.96		(\$4,053.04)					
<b>TOTAL</b>		\$20,000.00	\$15,946.96		(\$4,053.04)					
<b>EXPENSES</b>										
<b>DUES &amp; SUPPORT</b>										
Regional Dues/TOLD Support		\$1,800.00		\$1,000.00	<b>\$800.00</b>					
Called Conference Scholarship		\$100.00			\$100.00					
<b>TOTAL</b>		\$1,900.00		\$1,000.00	\$900.00					
<b>EVENTS</b>										
Fall/Winter Event		\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00					
NYC Tampa 2023		\$2,500.00	\$123,450.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	*Expenses for NYC will be added after the trip*				
Youth Camp		\$5,000.00	\$28,275.00	\$35,613.24	(\$2,338.24)					
District Extravaganza (Winter Retreat)		\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00					
General Assembly		\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00					
Regional Extravaganza		\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$822.43	\$177.57					
Quizzing		\$1,000.00	\$640.00	\$952.33	\$687.67					
District Convention		\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00					
<b>TOTAL</b>		\$14,000.00	\$152,365.00	\$37,888.00	<b>\$128,477.00</b>					
<b>LEADERSHIP</b>										
Training		\$600.00	\$0.00	\$418.34	\$181.66					
Council & event mtgs		\$500.00	\$0.00	\$347.30	\$152.70					
DLC & Region Leadership		\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,795.30	(\$295.30)					
<b>TOTAL</b>		\$2,600.00	\$0.00	\$2,560.94	<b>\$39.06</b>					
<b>ANNUAL SAVINGS</b>										
Global Convention		\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00					
NYC		\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00					
<b>TOTAL</b>		\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00					
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		\$20,000.00	\$168,311.96	\$40,948.94	\$147,363.02					
BOA Balance: 77,787.48										

# Board & Committee Reports

# Board of Ministry Report

## **N/E Texas District Board of Ministry - 2023**

**We recommend the following transfers IN to be received:** Elders: Juana Quiroga Mendoza Cossio (Santa Cruz-Bolivia); Paul Davis (Arizona); Richard Devendorf (South Arkansas); Lesonya Brown-Singer (Southwest Native American); Mallorie Teel (West Texas); Randall S. Harrell (South Texas)

**We recommend transfers OUT to other districts:**

**Elders:** Chris Sutherland (Hawaii Pacific); Beverly Bateman (Alaska); Keith Bateman (Alaska); Donnie Carpenter (West Texas); Kevin Harris (West Texas)

**Licensed Minister:** Madison Mullins Bechtold (Missouri);

**We recommend the following to be granted an initial minister's license:**

Angela Fontenot; Sean Grace; Maria Soledad Mojica de Joya; Alma Yanira Membreño

**We recommend the following to be elected to elders' orders and ordained:** Saul Garcia; Norita J. Sieffert; Forrest Shane Walker

**We recommend the following to be elected to deacon orders and ordained:** None

**We recommend the following to be granted renewal of minister's license:** Kimberly Fitch; Melanie Galbraith; Saul Garcia; Faith Harding, Ashley Hord; Tracey Hord; Tomica Jackson; Branden Lane; Julia Lexa; Alyus Nelson; Lindsay Parson; Kristen Ray; RuthAnn Riggle; Norita Sieffert; Forrest Walker; Gwenolyn Williams; Joel Wilson.

**We recommend the following for recognition of credentials:** None

**We recommend the following to be granted retired status:** Philip B. Anderson (Grand Saline); Lowell G. Clark (LSCC-Collin County); Matthew B. Hinson (Carrollton); R. Wayne Stallings (Dallas First)

**We recommend the following to be granted registered song evangelist:** Phillip Phelps (Longview)

**We recommend the following to be approved for special services:** B. Scott Anderson (Richardson); Beth Rush (Carrollton); Hermes Cayalo Cossio (Casa de Oracion); Debra White Smith (Palestine); Christopher Troutman (Richardson); Courtney E. Troutman (Richardson)

**We recommend the following to be approved for district Interim assigned:** Juana Quiorga Mendoza Cossio (Casa de Oracion)

**We recommend the following deceased ministers to be removed from the role of elders:** Bernard D. Johnson (Longview); Gaylon White (Hilltop)

**We recommend the following be dropped from the role of elders:** None

**We recommend the following be dropped from the role of Licensed Ministers for failure to reapply:** Caleb Bechtold (McKinney New Life)

**We recommend Journal corrections:** None

Respectfully submitted,

Karl Payton – Chair, Board of Ministry

#### **N/E Junta de Ministerio del Distrito de Texas - 2023**

#### **Recomendamos recibir las siguientes transferencias:**

**Ancianos:** Juana Quiorga Mendoza (Santa Cruz Bolivia), Paul Davis (Arizona), Richard Devendorf (Sur de Arkansas), Lesonya Brown-Singer (Sudoeste de nativos americanos), Mallorie Teel (Oeste de Texas); Randall Harrell (Sur de Texas)

#### **Recomendamos traslados a otros distritos:**

**Ancianos:** Beverly Bateman (Alaska), Keith Bateman (Alaska), Donnie Carpenter (Oeste de Texas), Kevin Harris (Oeste de Texas)

**Ministros Licenciados:** Madison Mullins Bechtold (Misuri)

**Recomendamos que se otorgue el estatus de evangelista de canciones registradas a los siguientes:** Phillip Phelps.

**Recomendamos que los siguientes sean aprobados para servicios especiales:** B. Scott Anderson (Richardson), Elizabeth Bidle Rush (Carrollton), Debra White Smith (Palestina), Chris Troutman (Richardson), Courtney Troutman (Richardson)

**Recomendamos que se otorgue el estado de Jubilado a lo siguiente:**

Philip Anderson (RU), Lowell G. Clark (RU), Wayne R. Stallings (RU), Matthew Hinson (RU)

**Recomendamos que los siguientes ministros fallecidos sean eliminados del registro de ancianos:** Bernard Johnson, Gaylon White

**Recomendamos lo siguiente para obtener una licencia de ministro inicial:**

Ángela Fontenot; sean gracia; María Soledad Mojica de Joya; Alma Yanira Membreño

**Recomendamos a los siguientes para ser elegidos a las órdenes de ancianos y ordenados:** Saúl García; Norita J. Sieffert; Forrest Shane Walker

**Recomendamos lo siguiente para ser elegido para las órdenes de diácono y ordenado:** Ninguno

**Recomendamos a los siguientes para que se les otorgue la renovación de la licencia de ministro:** Kimberly Fitch; Melanie Galbraith; Saúl García; Fe Harding, Ashley Hord; Tracey Hord; Tomica Jackson; Branden Lane; Julia Lexa; Alyus Nelson; Lindsay párroco; Kristen Ray; Ruth Ann Riggle; Norita Sieffert; Forrest Walker; Gwen Williams; Joel Wilson.

**Recomendamos lo siguiente para el reconocimiento de credenciales:** Ninguno

**Recomendamos que se otorgue el estatus de jubilado a los siguientes:** Philip B. Anderson (Grand Saline); Lowell G. Clark (LSSC-Condado de Collin); Mateo B. Hinson (Carrollton); R. Wayne Stallings (Dallas primero)

**Recomendamos a los siguientes para ser evangelista de canto registrado:** Phillip Phelps (Longview)

**Recomendamos que los siguientes sean aprobados para servicios especiales:** B. Scott Anderson (Richardson); Beth Rush (Carrollton); Hermes Cayalo Cossio (Casa de Oración); Debra White Smith (Palestina); Christopher Troutman (Richardson); Courtney E. Troutman (Richardson);

**Recomendamos a los siguientes para ser aprobados para el distrito interino asignado:** Juana Quiorga Mendoza (Casa de Oración)

**Recomendamos que los siguientes ministros fallecidos sean removidos del papel de ancianos:** Bernard D. Johnson (Longview); Gaylon White (Cima de la colina)

**Recomendamos eliminar lo siguiente del rol de los ancianos:** Ninguno

**Recomendamos que se elimine a los siguientes del puesto de Ministro Licenciado por no volver a presentar la solicitud:** Caleb Bechtold (McKinney New Life)

Respetuosamente,

Dr. Karl Payton, Presidente

# Nominating Committee Report

## **District Nominations Committee 2023**

For 2023, the members of the District Advisory Board served as the District Nominating Committee, and met on April 11, 2023, and in a supplemental meeting on May 20, 2023, in Richardson Texas. In making recommendations and nominations, the District Nominating Committee sought to ensure that all nominees met the requirements of Manual section 34 & 113.11.

The Nominating Committee, recommend the following assembly committees:

- A. Public Worship: Dr. David Graves, General Superintendent, Dr. Keven Wentworth, District Superintendent, Rev. Chris Galloway, and Rev. Jim Puckett
- B. Introductions: Dr. David Graves, Dr. Keven Wentworth, and Rev. Chris Galloway
- C. Journal Committee: Montie Brown, Rev. Chris Galloway
- D. Memoirs Committee: Dr. David Graves, Dr. Keven Wentworth and Rev. Chris Galloway
- E. Assembly Treasurer: Jennifer Otey, District Treasurer
- F. Nominating Committee: According to Manual 202.1, the District Superintendent, in consultation with the District Advisory Board, will appoint a Nominating Committee; and we note that this was done on April 11, 2023.
- G. We recommend that these standing committees (above) be presented to the District Assembly and approved by acclamation.

The Nominating Committee recommends:

1. that the election of district officers and board members, be by plurality, and
2. that whenever an elected nominee declines the nomination, the District Superintendent shall be empowered to select the nominee who received the next highest number of votes.

The Committee recommends the following nominees for district offices and boards:

### **District Advisory Board – 4 yr term (expiring 2027)**

Ministerial Member      Ed Schauer – Gun Barrel City

Larry Williams – Dallas First

Jonathan Odom - Journey Community

Don Gardner, Palestine

Lay Member                    Marcia Freeman – Bruton Terrace

Darren Cummings - Texarkana

Phil Lindquist – Nexus Community

The Nominating Committee notes the following nominations received from the District NMI, NYI, and NDI Councils for candidates for their respective councils:

**NMI Ballot – 3 year terms (ending 2026)**

Vice-president                    Gloria Nelson     Yes/No

**NYI Ballot**

**No ballot in 2023** - by action of the NYI District Council all NYI officer's terms extended by one year to 2024.

**SDMI Ballot – 3 year terms (ending 2026)**

Chairperson                    Charlie Ashby - Gladewater

David Baker – Martins Chapel

Council - Ministerial   Michael Scarlett - Hilltop

Tracey Hord - Kilgore

Council - Lay Person

\*\*Highest number of votes to serve a 3 year term; second highest number to serve a 2 year term

Kelli Odom – Journey Community

Steve Martin - Martins Chapel

Julie Williams – Lone Star Cowboy-Collin County

*Respectfully Submitted,*

DR. KEVEN WENTWORTH, *Chairman*

MONTIE BROWN, *Recording Secretary*

### **Comité de Nominaciones del Distrito – 2023**

Para 2023, los miembros de la Junta Consultora del Distrito sirvieron como el Comité de Nominaciones del Distrito, y se reunieron el 11 de abril de 2023, y en una reunión suplementaria el 20 de mayo de 2023, en Richardson Texas. Al hacer recomendaciones y nominaciones, el Comité de Nominaciones del Distrito buscó asegurarse de que todos los nominados cumplieran con los requisitos de la sección 34 y 113.11 del Manual.

El Comité de Nominaciones, recomienda los siguientes comités de la asamblea:

A. Adoración pública: Dr. David Graves, Superintendente General, Dr. Keven Wentworth, Superintendente de Distrito, Reverendo Chris Galloway y Reverendo Jim Puckett

B. Introducciones: Dr. David Graves, Dr. Keven Wentworth y Reverendo Chris Galloway

C. Comité del Diario de la Asamblea: Montie Brown, Rev. Chris Galloway

D. Comité de Memorias: Dr. David Graves, Dr. Keven Wentworth y Rev. Chris Galloway

E. Tesorera de la Asamblea: Jennifer Otey, Tesorera de Distrito

F. Comité de Nominaciones: De acuerdo con el Manual 202.1, el Superintendente de Distrito, en consulta con la Junta Asesora del Distrito, nombrará un Comité de Nominaciones; y observamos que esto se hizo el 11 de abril de 2023.

G. Recomendamos que estos comités permanentes (arriba) sean presentados a la Asamblea de Distrito y aprobados por aclamación.

El Comité de Nominaciones recomienda:

3. que la elección de los funcionarios de distrito y los miembros de la Junta, sea por pluralidad, y
4. que cada vez que un candidato electo decline la nominación, el Superintendente de Distrito estará facultado para seleccionar al nominado que recibió el siguiente mayor número de votos.

El Comité recomienda a los siguientes candidatos para los cargos y Juntas de distrito:

**Junta Consultora del Distrito: por un período de 4 años (que expira en 2027)**

Miembro Ministerial      Ed Schauer – Gun Barrel City

Larry Williams – Dallas First

Jonathan Odom - Journey Community

Don Gardner, Palestine

Miembro laico      Marcia Freeman – Bruton Terrace

Darren Cummings – Texarkana

Phil Lindquist – Nexus Community

El Comité de Nominaciones recibió y estuvo de acuerdo con las siguientes nominaciones recibidas de los Consejos de Distrito MNI, JNI y DNI para candidatos para sus respectivos consejos:

**Boleta NMI – Términos de 3 años (que finalizan en 2024)**

Vicepresidenta      Gloria Nelson - Atenas Sí/No

**Boleta de la JNI**

**Sin votación en 2023:** por acción del Concilio de Distrito de la JNI, todos los términos de los oficiales de la JNI se extendieron por un año hasta 2024.

**Boleta NDI – Términos de 3 años (que finalizan en 2024)**

Presidenta Charlie Ashby - Gladewater

David Baker – Martins Chapel

Consejo - Ministerial Micheal Scarlett - Hilltop

Ashley Hord - Kilgore

Consejo - Laico

\*\*Número más alto de votos para cumplir un mandato de 3 años; segundo número más alto para cumplir un mandato de 2 años

Kelli Odom – Journey Community

Steve Martin – Martins Chapel

Julie Williams – Lone Star Cowboy of Collin County

*Respetuosamente presentado,*

DR. KEVEN WENTWORTH, *Presidente*

MONTIE BROWN, *Secretario*

# District Advisory Board Report

## **District Advisory Board Report: 2022-2023**

The North/East Texas District Advisory Board reports the following actions and recommendations:

1. The District Advisory Board held six regularly scheduled meetings during the 2022-2023 church year; one specially called meetings; and 4 Email ballots.
2. Interim ministerial transfers were processed and referred to the Ministerial Credentials Board in accordance with Manual paragraphs 223,228.9, 228.10, 434. Recommended to the Board of Ministry for District License renewals those ministers assigned as Senior Pastors.
3. Approved the formation of a new church plant (Parent Affiliated Congregation) in Irving – The Assembly of the Saints – serving the Congolese community, with services in French.
4. The District Advisory Board approved the appointment of Donna Kyzer Rice as Trustee (Lay) for Southern Nazarene University for a 3-year term of 2023-2026.
5. Served as the District Nominations Committee for 2023.
6. Approved designated amounts of the District Superintendent's compensation for "housing allowance" and for transportation.
7. Approved the District Budget for 2023-2024. Also noted that District budget for prior year 2022-2023 was "balanced" with expenses less than income.
8. Approved the re-allocation of District funds for the assistance with insurance deductibles, repairs, or renovations at four local churches.
9. Approved the re-allocation of District funds for short-term assistance to Scottsville Camp for salaries and operation.
10. Appointed Jennifer Otey as District Treasurer, Rev. Chris Galloway as District Secretary, and Montie Brown as Advisory Board Secretary.
11. Conducted special church health reviews of church facilities, health, and planning at two local churches, to assist them in growth and renewal of their ministry.
12. Approved requests by local churches to seek loans for building projects or to sell church owned property at: Texarkana, Frisco New Start (for church facility remodel),
13. Approved the sale of district-owned properties: church property at the former .Crossroads (Casa View) Church (Manchester Road), an unimproved lot in Jacksonville, TX, the parsonage and church at the former Lookout Valley Church.
14. Approved and implemented a recommendation of the District Investment Committee to move district investment funds from Vanguard funds (at Bank of Oklahoma) to Axios funds (at Matson Money Partners.)
15. The recorded minutes of all District Advisory Board meetings are on file at the district office.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Rev. Chris Galloway, District Secretary Dr. Keven Wentworth, District Superintendent

Montie Brown, Recording Secretary

## **Junta Consultora del Distrito 2022-2023**

La Junta Consultora del Distrito NorEste de Texas informa las siguientes acciones y recomendaciones:

1. La Junta Asesora del Distrito celebró seis reuniones programadas regularmente durante el año eclesiástico 2022-2023; uno reuniones especialmente llamadas; y 4 boletas por correo electrónico.
2. Las transferencias ministeriales provisionales se procesaron y se remitieron a la Junta de Credenciales Ministeriales de acuerdo con los párrafos 223,228.9, 228.10, 434. del Manual. Se recomendó a la Junta de Ministerios de renovacion de licencias de distrito a los ministros asignados como Pastores Principales.
3. Aprobó la formación de una nueva iglesia (Congregación Afiliada a los Padres) en Irving – La Asamblea de los Santos – sirviendo a la comunidad congoleña, con servicios en francés.
4. La Junta Consultora del Distrito recomienda el nombramiento de Donna Kyzer Rice como representante (lay) en la Junta de Administracion de Southern Nazarene University por un período de 3 años de 2023-2026.
5. Nombrado un Comité de Nominaciones del Distrito para 2023.
6. Aprobó los montos designados de la compensación del Superintendente de Distrito por "asignacion de vivienda" y por transporte.
7. Aprobó el Presupuesto del Distrito para 2023-2024. También señaló que el presupuesto del Distrito para el año anterior 2022-2023 estaba "equilibrado" con gastos menores que ingresos.
8. Aprobó la reasignación de fondos del Distrito para la asistencia con deducibles del seguro, reparaciones y renovaciones para cuatro iglesia.
9. Aprobó la reasignación de fondos del Distrito para asistencia a corto plazo al Campamento Scottsville para sueldos y funcionamiento.
10. Nombró a Jennifer Otey como tesorera del distrito, al reverendo Chris Galloway como secretario del distrito y a Montie Brown como secretario de la Junta Asesora Aprobó un proyecto piloto especial del Distrito para llevar a cabo las instalaciones, la salud y la planificación de la iglesia en dos iglesias locales, para ayudarlas en el crecimiento y la renovación de su ministerio.
11. Condujo revisiones especiales de la salud de la iglesia de las instalaciones de la iglesia, la salud y la planificación en dos iglesias locales, para ayudarlas en el crecimiento y la renovación de su ministerio.
12. Aprobó las solicitudes de las iglesias locales para buscar préstamos para proyectos de construcción o para vender propiedad de la iglesia en: Texarkana, Frisco New Start (préstamo adicional para la remodelación de las instalaciones de la iglesia),
13. Aprobó la venta de propiedades del distrito: propiedad de la iglesia en la antigua Iglesia Crossroads (Casa View) (Manchester Road), un lote no mejorado en Jacksonville, TX, la casa parroquial y la iglesia en la antigua Iglesia Lookout Valley.
14. Aprobó e implementó una recomendación del Comité de Inversiones del Distrito para trasladar los fondos de inversión del distrito de los fondos Vanguard (en Bank of Oklahoma) a los fondos Axios (en Matson Money Partners).
15. Los minutos registrados de todas las reuniones de la Junta Consultora del Distrito están archivados en la oficina del distrito.

*Respetuosamente,*

Rev. Chris Galloway, Distrito Secretario Dr. Keven Wentworth, Superintendente de Distrito Montie Brown,  
Secretaria de Grabacion

# Finance Committee Report

**North/East Texas District**

**District Financial Report 2023**

## Overview

- The North/East Texas District operates on a 12-month year for the 2022-2023 district fiscal year, with this church year ending April 30, 2022.
- The District Financial Reports are prepared by the District Treasurer, using QuickBooks format, and submitted monthly to the District Advisory Board for their review.
- At the 2023 General Assembly, the General Assembly voted to eliminate the requirement for a 'District Assembly Finance Committee' Those responsibilities will now devolve on the District Advisory Board. The GA resolution noted:

*"Under the authority of the District Advisory Board, a District Finance Committee (or similar group) could be appointed to aid in the stewardship of district financial resources. This committee could be filled by members with appropriate qualifications."*

- The North/East Texas will continue to utilize (since 2019) an advisory group, the Budget/Finance Team, to work with the District Superintendent and the District Advisory Board in the preparation and review of the District Budget.
- The Funding the Mission plan is based on contributing the following allocation percentages of church income to these denominational, regional, and district funds:
  - a. World Evangelism Fund 5.5%
  - b. Pensions & Benefits Fund 2.25%
  - c. Education Fund (SNU) 2.25%
  - d. District Unified Ministry Fund\* 5.5%

\* Includes NMI, SDMI, NYI & District
- Churches are strongly encouraged to utilize the Funding the Mission website at [www.fundingthemission.org](http://www.fundingthemission.org) to report year-to-date income (total), verify funds submitted have been received and recorded properly by Treasury Services, check progress toward reaching the baseline allocation goals, and utilize all on-line tools and information available

## P&L Finance Report Summary

**North East District Church of the Nazarene**

## **Budget vs. Actuals: 2022 - 2023 AND**

Budget: FY2023 - 24

	Total 2022-2023	Proposed	
	Actual 2022-23	Budget	2023-24
<b>Income</b>			
4000 Budget Receipts - P/Y	8,311.17	4,000.00	6,000.00
4010 Budget Receipts - C/Y	306,584.00	332,500.00	315,000.00
4015 District Assembly Offerings	2,632.52	2,600.00	3,000.00
4016 Campmeeting Offerings	0.00	1,500.00	0.00
4056 Tithe-Contributions	18,000.00	18,000.00	18,000.00
4070 Other Receipts	1,078.72	1,000.00	500.00
4071 Transfer from Investments	50,000.00	0.00	75,000.00
----- Misc. Services income	0.00	0.00	4,495.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 386,606.00</b>	<b>\$ 359,600.00</b>	<b>\$ 421,995.00</b>

## Expenses

District Employees Salaries & Wages	\$ 125,053.31	\$ 131,077.00	\$ 117,907.00
District Employee Benefits & Allowances	\$ 105,470.42	\$ 109,642.00	\$ 118,775.00
District Business & Professional	\$ 23,982.30	\$ 37,800.00	\$ 36,800.00
District Operational Expenses	\$ 46,571.67	\$ 48,013.00	\$ 51,540.00
District Activities	\$ 40,476.97	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 44,000.00
Pastoral Development & Assistance	\$ 16,647.45	\$ 15,400.00	\$ 16,200.00
Church & Ministry Support	\$ 3,644.51	\$ 22,568.00	\$ 33,300.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 361,846.63</b>	<b>\$ 409,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 418,522.00</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>-\$ 25,642.55</b>	<b>-\$ 49,900.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,473.00</b>

## Other Income - Non-operational

Sale of Manchester	82,339.62	0.00
Sale of Lookout Valley 1 Acre Parcel	2,100.00	0.00
Sale of Restland Burial Plot	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>\$ 106,363.17</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
		<b>\$10,000.00</b>

## Church Support - Non-Operational

Emergency Support Misc	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Support to local churches (Various)	23,985.00	0.00	0.00
	27,000.00	0.00	0.00
	\$ 50,985.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
	3,276.93	500.00	12,444.00
	11,367.88	18,774.00	0.00
	197.60	0.00	
	4,788.00	12,684.00	1,000.00
	618.01	0.00	12,444.00
	1,235.00	8,645.00	1,456.84
	1,347.22	4,500.00	12,684.00
	1,991.11	0.00	0.00
	-1,184.88	0.00	\$ 0.00
	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00
<b>Total Church Support - Non-Operational</b>	<b>\$ 86,621.87</b>	<b>\$ 58,103.00</b>	<b>40,028.84</b>

## Information and Recommendations 2023

### A. General Information

1. We recommend that the District Treasurer arrange for an annual audit or review of the district treasurer's books by a CPA with approval of the District Superintendent and the District Advisory Board.

2. We recommend that mileage to and from all official district meetings of boards and committees are reimbursed at the current standard mileage rate for business purposes set by the IRS.
3. We recommend that all local churches contribute annually to Nazarene Bible College and Nazarene Theological Seminary on the designated special dates or at some other suitable time.
4. We recommend that the local church pay all expenses of all its official representatives to district functions.
5. We recommend that each church promote stewardship and that the materials available from Foundry Publishing (formerly Nazarene Publishing House) be used.
6. We recommend that the local church consider methods of assistance for retired elders and spouses to specific local, district, and general church functions.
7. We encourage every church to utilize the Church of the Nazarene Foundation to facilitate planned and deferred gifts from their members to any Nazarene ministry, if that organization does not have its own endowment program, including gifts to the local church, and to use the Foundation to manage investment accounts, endowments, or charitable trusts. Visit [www.NazareneFoundation.org](http://www.NazareneFoundation.org) or call 1-866-273-2549.

#### **B. District Superintendent**

1. We recommend that the District Superintendent be reimbursed in full for his Social Security payment from the District Unified Funds by the District Treasurer.
2. We recommend that the cost of the District Superintendent's family health insurance be paid from the District Superintendent's compensation package.

#### **C. Ministerial Support**

1. We recommend that each local church reimburse its pastor for the entire amount of his/her Social Security payments, including parsonage, rental allowance, and utilities, in the basic income figure in calculating the Social Security; that this reimbursement be made regularly; that in case of pastoral change during the year, Social Security payments shall be brought up to date based on months of service rendered.
2. We recommend that the local church board or appropriate committee take time once a year to consider all aspects of the pastor's financial situation--salary, fringe benefits, expenses, etc.; those adjustments be made based on rising costs of living; and that raises in salary be given. Also, consideration shall be given to providing car and professional expenses required in the church work, since these are the obligations of the local church.
3. We recommend that each local church provide a minimum paid vacation each year (including paying guest minister) of two weeks for its pastor; that consideration be given for longer vacations commensurate with years of service rendered in the ministry on the following basis: 1 to 5 years, two weeks; 6 to 15 years, three weeks; 16 to 20 years, four weeks; and over 20 years, five weeks. Time used for attending district and general functions should not be counted as vacation time. A provision for a love gift at Christmas of at least one week's salary and benefits should be made. We recommend that a pastor's years of service be considered in the provision of a sabbatical during the pastor's 7<sup>th</sup> year of service to the local congregation

and that the District Superintendent be available for consultation if necessary.

4. We recommend that each local church consider setting aside monthly in a savings fund a predetermined amount, looking forward to paying the pastor's expenses in attending the General Assembly.
5. We recommend that each local church give financial assistance to its pastor to attend district, college, and general church functions where they are expected to be in attendance and where their attendance may bring benefit to the local church.
6. We recommend that each local church board provide the pastor funding for a retirement plan.
7. We recommend that each local church pay the premiums for the term life insurance offered by the general church and accidental death and dismemberment and long-term disability insurance offered by the general church.
8. We recommend that each local church consider the cost of the pastor and dependents' health insurance coverage, as well as eligible staff and dependents' insurance coverage, in setting the annual compensation packages, in accordance with the then applicable law.
9. We recommend that each local church consider paying a minimum to an evangelist twice the weekly salary of the pastor, plus travel expenses one way.
10. We recommend that each local church that calls a commissioned, registered or tenured evangelist pay Social Security to him or her on the same basis as is recommended for the pastor in proportion to the remuneration paid.
11. We recommend that each local church remember the evangelists who have served them during the year with a Christmas check of appreciation.
12. We recommend that Sections "A," "C," and "E" of this Finance Committee report be sent to the secretary of each church board to be distributed to each board member. This letter will be sent from the District Finance Committee Chairperson. The District Office will also send a copy to each local church treasurer.

#### **D. Budget Information**

1. District Income and Expenses – please see District Treasurer Report 2023
2. Scottsville Camp Income & Expenses – report not submitted at time of printing
3. Auxiliary Income and Expenses – please see individual Auxiliary budget reports

#### **E. Fund Allocation to Churches**

1. Fund Computation
  - A. That a unified fund be established to include District Administration / Home Missions expense, NMI, NYI and NDI and that it be known as the District Unified Fund.
  - B. That the funds for the District, World Evangelism Fund (general church), ministers' pensions and benefits, and zone education be calculated by using the Funding the Mission website: <https://fundingthemission.org>. The key principles of the calculation are:

- Percentages are calculated using the local church's Adjusted Church Income (bottom item under Line 32 of the Annual Pastor's Report) less amounts given for WEF (Line 33) and Mission Specials (Line 34) [Referred to as "Net Fund Base" in this report].
- Funding the Mission allocation goals are 5.5% of Net Fund Base for the World Evangelism Fund (WEF), 2.25% for Pensions and Benefits USA, 2.25% for Education and 5.5% for District Unified Fund.
- c. All Fund payments should be sent on a monthly basis by the fifteen of the following month. (Example: April income, Missional funds due by May 15).

2. That each new church plant, until organization, gives 10% of its tithes and offerings as their allocation. These funds should be sent to the District Treasurer. (See #4a below.)

3. That income for local organized churches is defined as all income that would qualify as a tax-deductible contribution to the donor, minus the amount(s) paid to the World Evangelism Fund and approved mission specials as noted on the *Funding the Mission* website.

4. Monies are to be sent to the following addresses:

a. **District Unified Fund**

Make checks payable to NORTH/EAST DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Monies are to be sent to:

NORTH/EAST TEXAS DISTRICT TREASURER

PO BOX 831269

RICHARDSON, TX 75083

b. **World Evangelism Fund and approved mission specials**

Make checks payable to GENERAL TREASURER CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Monies are to be sent to:

GLOBAL TREASURY SERVICES

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

PO BOX 843116

KANSAS CITY MO 64184-3116

c. **Online Payments**

Churches may make online payments - via credit card or bank transfer - at [www.fundingthemission.org](http://www.fundingthemission.org) at the "Contributions" tab, for the following funds: World Evangelism Fund, Pensions & Benefits, and Mission Specials.

5. Out of the "10% funds" given by each local organized church pursuant to E.1.a. above, the District Treasurer shall retain a 4.525% share for District administration and shall remit the balance received in the prior month no

later than the 24th day of each month to the appropriate treasurer for the following and in the specified shares (which total 5.475%): Pensions and Benefits (2.25%); SNU (2.25%); District NMI (0.325%); District NYI (0.325%); and District SDMI (0.325%). The District Treasurer shall hold enough cash as working capital in the District's operating account from time to time so that the remittances can be made no later than the 24th day of each month, liquidating investments as necessary to do so.

7. We recommend that the District Advisory Board, Scottsville Camp Board, District NMI Council, District NYI Council, and District SDMI Board submit a proposed operating budget for each assembly year. Each budget should be completed and submitted to the District Advisory Board and the Budget Team Leader by April 1.

8. The District Superintendent, District Secretary, and Budget Team Leader will be consulted before any funds are loaned or transferred from the District funds to Scottsville Camp, District Auxiliaries, or any other organization (or vice-versa).

9. The Budget Team Leader (or other person as appointed by the District Advisory Board) shall administer the District Investment Fund on behalf of the District, and shall promptly inform, the District Superintendent and District Advisory Board of all actions regarding, and the status of, the Fund.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Rusty Williams, Finance Team Leader

Montie Brown, Recording Secretary

Jennifer Otey, District Treasurer

**Informe del Comité de Finanzas del Distrito:**

## **Información y recomendaciones 2023**

### **Información General**

1. Recomendamos que el Tesorero del Distrito haga arreglos para una auditoría o revisión anual de los libros del tesorero de distrito por un CPA con la aprobación del superintendente de distrito y la Junta Consultora de Distrito.
2. Recomendamos que el kilometraje desde y hacia todas las reuniones distritales oficiales de juntas y comités de ser reembolsados ??conforme a la tarifa estándar actual para fines comerciales establecidas por el IRS.
3. Se recomienda que todas las iglesias locales contribuyan anualmente al Colegio Bíblico Nazareno y el Seminario Teológico Nazareno en las fechas especiales designadas o en algún otro momento adecuado.
4. Recomendamos que la iglesia local pague todos los gastos de todos sus representantes oficiales a las funciones del distrito.
5. Se recomienda que cada iglesia promueva la mayordomía y que utilice los materiales disponibles de Foundry Publishing (Casa Nazarena de Publicaciones.)
6. Recomendamos que el programa de seguro para el Distrito de Dallas sea administrado por el superintendente de distrito y la Junta Consultora de Distrito.
7. Se recomienda que la iglesia local considere métodos de asistencia a los Presbíteros jubilados y cónyuges en funciones locales, distritales, y generales de la iglesia.

### B. Superintendente del Distrito

1. Recomendamos que el Superintendente del Distrito reciba el reembolso por su pago de Seguridad Social en su totalidad de los Fondos Unified Distrito por medio del Tesorero del Distrito.
2. Recomendamos que el costo del seguro familiar de salud del Superintendente del Distrito sea pagado como parte del paquete de compensación del Superintendente del Distrito.

### C. Apoyo Ministerial

1. Se recomienda que cada iglesia local reembolsar a su pastor por el importe total de sus pagos al Seguro Social, incluida la casa pastoral, subsidio para alquiler y los servicios públicos, en la figura de la renta básica en el cálculo del seguro Social; que este reembolso se haga regularmente; que en caso de cambio pastoral durante el año, los pagos del Seguro Social sean puestos al día sobre la base de meses de servicio prestados.
2. Recomendamos que el costo del seguro de salud familiar del Superintendente Distrital sea pagado como parte del paquete de compensación del Superintendente del Distrito. Recomendamos que cada iglesia local reembolse a su pastor la cantidad total de sus impuestos como trabajador por cuenta propia (por ejemplo, el Seguro Social), incluyendo la casa pastoral, el subsidio de alquiler y las utilidades;

3. Recomendamos que cada iglesia local proporcione un mínimo de vacaciones pagadas cada año (incluyendo el pago del ministro invitado) de dos semanas por su pastor; Que se considere la posibilidad de prolongar las vacaciones en función de los años completos de servicio prestados en el ministerio sobre la base siguiente: 1 a 5 años, dos semanas; 6 a 15 años, tres semanas; 16 a 25 años, cuatro semanas; Y más de 25 años, cinco semanas. Tiempo utilizado para asistir a las funciones del distrito y generales no debe ser considerado como tiempo de vacaciones. Se debe hacer una provisión para una ofrenda de amor en la Navidad de al menos una semana de salario. Le recomendamos que los años de servicio de un pastor se considerarán en la prestación de período sabático durante el séptimo año del pastor al servicio de la congregación local y que el Superintendente del Distrito esté disponible para su consulta en caso necesario.

4. Se recomienda que cada iglesia local considere apartar mensualmente en un fondo de ahorro una cantidad predeterminada, con miras de pagar los gastos del pastor para asistir a la Asamblea General.

5. Se recomienda que cada iglesia local dé asistencia financiera a su pastor para asistir a funciones de distrito, la universidad y de la iglesia en general en el que se espera que asistan y en las que su presencia puede traer beneficios a la iglesia local.

6. Se recomienda que cada junta de la iglesia local proporcione recursos un plan de jubilación del pastor.

7. Se recomienda que cada iglesia local pague las primas para el seguro de vida, de muerte accidental y desmembramiento y el seguro de discapacidad a largo plazo ofrecido por la iglesia en general.

8. Recomendamos que cada Iglesia Local considere el costo de la cobertura de Seguro de Salud para el pastor y sus dependientes, así como para los demás miembros del personal bajo salario y sus dependientes, al fijar el paquete de compensación anual, de acuerdo con la ley aplicable en ese momento.

9. Se recomienda que cada iglesia local de una cuidadosa consideración para pagar a un evangelista el mínimo del doble del salario semanal del pastor, además de los gastos de viaje de ida.

10. Recomendamos que cada iglesia local que llama a un evangelista comisionado, registrado o titulado que le pague el Seguro Social de él o ella en las mismas condiciones que se recomienda para el pastor, en proporción a la remuneración pagada.

11. Recomendamos que cada iglesia local recuerde a los evangelistas que les han servido durante el año con un cheque de agradecimiento en Navidad.

12. Recomendamos que las secciones "A", "C" y "E" de este informe del Comité de Finanzas se envíe al secretario de cada junta de la iglesia para ser distribuida a cada miembro de la junta. Esta carta será enviada por Presidente del Comité de Finanzas del Distrito. La Oficina del Distrito también enviará una copia a cada tesorero de la iglesia local.

#### **D. Información presupuestaria**

1. ingresos y gastos del distrito: consulte el Informe del Tesorero del Distrito 2022
2. Scottsville Camp Income & Expenses – informe no presentado en el momento de la impresión
3. Ingresos y gastos auxiliares: consulte los informes individuales del presupuesto auxiliar Asignación de fondos a las iglesias

## **E. Fondo de Asignaciones a las Iglesias**

1. Se recomienda que cada iglesia local organizada de sus diezmos y ofrendas de la siguiente manera:
  - a. 10% de su ingreso actual al Distrito que cubrirá los siguientes elementos: Ministerios del Distrito (District incluye, NMI, SDMI y JNI), Pensiones y Beneficios y SNU. Estos fondos deben ser enviados al Tesorero del Distrito. (Ver # 3 más abajo.)
  - b. 5.5% como mínimo de sus ingresos al Fondo de Evangelismo Mundial. Estos fondos deben ser enviados al Tesorero General. (Ver # 4a abajo.)
2. Que cada nueva iglesia, hasta su organización, den 10% de sus diezmos y ofrendas como su asignación. Estos fondos deben ser enviados al Tesorero del Distrito. (Ver # 4a más abajo.)
3. Que los ingresos para las iglesias locales organizadas se definan como todos los ingresos que calificarían como una contribución deducible de impuestos al donante, menos la(s) cantidad(es) pagadas al Fondo de Evangelismo Mundial y Aprobados Especiales para misiones como se indica en el sitio web de Financiando la Misión.
4. Los fondos deberán ser enviados a las siguientes direcciones:

- a. Distrito Fondo Unificado

Hacer los cheques a nombre de NORTH/EAST TEXAS DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Los fondos deberán ser enviadas a:

NORTH/EAST DISTRITO TESORERO

PO BOX 831269

RICHARDSON TX 75083

- b. Fondo de Evangelismo Mundial y Aprobados Especiales para misiones

Haga los cheques a nombre de GENERAL IGLESIA TESORERO DEL NAZARENO

Los fondos deberán ser enviadas a:

SERVICIOS GLOBALES DEL TESORO

IGLESIA DEL NAZARENO

PO BOX 843116

KANSAS CITY MO 64184-3116

- c. Nota especial: Las Iglesias pueden realizar pagos en línea, mediante tarjeta de crédito o transferencia

bancaria, en [www.fundingthemission.org](http://www.fundingthemission.org) en la pestaña "Contribuciones", para los siguientes fondos: Fondo de Evangelismo Mundial, Pensiones y Beneficios y Especiales de Misión.

5. Por lo menos mensualmente, el Tesorero Distrital remitirá fondos al tesorero apropiado para los siguientes: Pensiones y Beneficios, SNU, Distrito de MNI, JNI y SDMI de distrito. Los porcentajes del Fondo Unificado de Distrito será el siguiente: Administración Distrital, 4,525%; SNU, 2,25%, Pensiones y Beneficios, 2,25%; Distrito de MNI, 0,325%; JNI de Distrito, 0,325%; y el Distrito SDMI, 0,325%; total de todos estos es igual a 10%. El Tesorero de Distrito mantendrá, de vez en cuando, suficiente efectivo como capital de trabajo en la cuenta operativa del Distrito para que las remesas se envíen a más tardar el día 24 de cada mes, liquidando inversiones según sea necesario para hacerlo.

7. Recomendamos que la Junta Consultora del Distrito, la Junta del Campamento-Scottsville, el Concilio Distrital de MNI, el Concilio de la JNI de Distrito y la Junta del Distrito de MIEDD presenten un presupuesto operativo para cada año de asamblea. Cada presupuesto debe completarse y enviarse al presidente del Comité de Finanzas de la Asamblea del Distrito antes del 1 de abril.

*Respetuosamente,*

Rusty Williams, Finance Team Leader

Montie Brown, Recording Secretary

# Memorial Roll Report

*"O God our Refuge and Strength, always a present help in time of stress and strain, we thank you for countless blessings bestowed upon these your disciples throughout the days of their lives. We praise you, too, for the lives received, the way they responded to periods of sunshine and rain, the relationships they cherished, virtues they embraced, and above all, their dependence upon you for goodness and grace."*

**We thank God for the lives of the following elders:**

Bernard D. Johnson – Longview

Gaylon White - Hilltop

**In addition, we praise God for the lives of the following members from our churches:**

**Athens** - Todd Hopson, Shirley Montgomery, Betty Parker, Donna Kelly, JK Gilliam, Stanna Barden, Sarah Clanton, Dale Cast

**Bruton Terrace** - Ladarius Williams

**Carrollton** - Barbara Hamrick

**Cornerstone Community** - Joyce Bodine

**Dallas First** - Oscar Linnstaedter, Robert Middleton

**Denison** - Esther Jackson, Kim Tucker McGee

**Faith Community** - Joyce Jackson

**Faith Fellowship** - Gloria Hill, Grady Hill, Robert LaRue, George Saddler

**Gladewater** - Dan Flynn

**Gun Barrel City** - Jonathan Michel

**Heritage** – Barbara Armstrong, Donny Brown, Dorothy Choate, Marilyn Dawson, Betty Elwood

**Jacksonville** - Earl Gray, Marshall Holder

**Kilgore** – Kathy Mix Morris, Margaret Rogers, Thomas Edward Rogers, Deborah Williams

**Longview** - Dorothy Erickson

**LSCC-Collin County** - Phylis Doll, Pam Selman

**LSCC-Hunt County** - Jim Glick

**LSCC-Navarro County** - Tammy Bryant, Randall Cunningham, Carol Turnbo

**Marshall** - Donald (Don) Nichols

**Martin's Chapel** - Josh Campbell

**Mt. Pleasant Journey** - Wayne Clark, Wade Hill

**Mt. Pleasant Monte Ararat** - Ma. Guadalupe Ruiz Navarro

**New Life of Paris** - Roy Bowden, Robert (Bob) Brainard, Betty Jackson, James Reuland, Kenneth Rhodes

**North Dallas** - Danny Kaiser, Hope Powell

**Palestine** - Jan Douthit

**Pittsburg** - Carolyn Baker

**Richardson** - Jean Pryor, Joseph (Joe) York

**Round Up Cowboy** - Cotton Alsbrook, Mark Blubaugh

**Texarkana** - James (Jimmie) Allen, Glenn Hanson

**the Haven** - Vicki Bear, Vicki Easley, Martha Howard

# District Advisory Board

## SAMPLE BALLOT

### Ballot for Election

Minister Member Please vote for One

- Don Gardner (Palestine)
- Jonathan Odom (Journey Community)
- Ed Schauer (Gun Barrel City)
- Larry Williams (Dallas First)

Lay Member Please vote for One

- Darren Cummings (Texarkana)
- Marcia Freeman (Bruton Terrace)
- Phil Lindquist (Nexus Community)



Odom



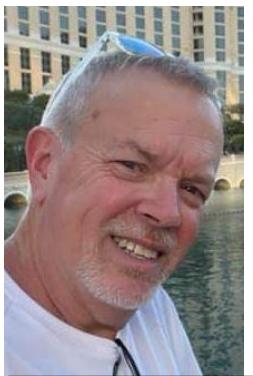
Schauer



Gardner



Williams



Cummings



Lindquist



Freeman



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# NDI – Nazarene Discipleship Council

## SAMPLE BALLOT

### Ballot for Election

#### NDI District Chair Please vote for One

- Charlie Ashby (Gladewater)
- David Baker (Martins Chapel)



Baker

#### NDI Council Minister Member Please vote for One

- Tracey Hord (Kilgore)
- Lindsey Parson - LSCC Collin County
- Michael Scarlett (Hilltop)



Ashby

#### NDI Council Lay Member Vote for Two

Vote for 2

##### Steve Martin (Martins Chapel)

- Yes
- No

##### Kelli Odom (Journey Community)

- Yes
- No

##### Julie Williams (Round Up Cowboy)

- Yes
- No



Hord



Scarlett

Parson

Williams

Odom

Martin

# NMI – Nazarene Missions International Council

## SAMPLE BALLOT

### Ballot for Election

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Vice President NMI Council (Only one candidate)

Vote for 1

Gloria Nelson (Richardson)

Yes       No



Nelson



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# Trust

IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR  
HEART, AND LEAN NOT ON YOUR  
OWN UNDERSTANDING; IN ALL  
YOUR WAYS ACKNOWLEDGE  
HIM, AND HE SHALL DIRECT  
YOUR PATHS.

PROVERBS 3:5-6



2022-23 VERSE OF THE YEAR