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JULY 22, 2023 • MOUNT VERNON NAZARENE UNIVERSITY

Dr. Gustavo A. Crocker, General Superintendent
Rev. Wendell D. Brown, District Superintendent

 **NCO** NORTH CENTRAL OHIO DISTRICT
CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

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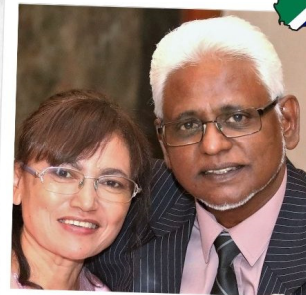
DISTRICT TOURS



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April 28-May 5, 2024



Collin & Shireen Elliot
April 27-May 4, 2025

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February 17-19, 2024



SAVE THE DATE

NCO DISTRICT Discipleship Dinner

FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024
WOOSTER, OHIO

 **NCO** NORTH CENTRAL OHIO DISTRICT
CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

NORTH CENTRAL OHIO DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

July 22, 2023



Welcome to District Assembly!

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Romans 12:1 NIV

What do we offer to Christ? We can offer our talents to serve Him. We can offer our time to honor Him. We can offer our treasures for Him to use for the building of the Kingdom. Each of these are important in their own right, and each encouraged by God in His word. Yet when we consider the mercy of God, there is one response: SACRIFICIAL SURRENDER! In response to His kindness, favor, and forgiveness, we are to dedicate our lives to Him. True and proper worship finds its culmination in complete surrender.

There is much discussion in the world today about individualism and rights. There has and always will be a distinction between the world and the Christian that lives in this world. In a society that is about self, the Christian lives for Christ and Christ alone. A Christian gives up their rights for the glory of God. For the Christians in our churches, it is not just about sacrificial giving, it is also about sacrificial living. In light of all that God has done, worship doesn't happen in a building or only on Sunday as we give our tithe. Worship isn't just when we are gathering with other believers. Certainly, our worship can be enhanced by gathering and giving! In reality though, true and proper worship is found when I say, "God, if you can use anything, you can use me. All of me!"

Are you a living sacrifice? I hope so. This is holiness. We offer Him our lives, and He offers us His holiness. From our beginnings in 1908, Nazarenes have proclaimed, "Holiness Unto the Lord." As we ponder the mercy of God, and as we surrender to Him, may His holiness fill our hearts and direct our steps so that the world sees a group of people dedicated to living differently. Each story, each report has true and proper worship as its goal, because each report began with a living sacrifice to God! Welcome to District Assembly 2023! Come, let us WORSHIP together!

Rev. Wendell D. Brown
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT



DISTRICT OFFICERS, STAFF, AND BOARDS

DISTRICT SECRETARY Beth A. Heath

DISTRICT TREASURER Patrick Rhoton

DISTRICT NMI PRESIDENT Kathy Pelley

DISTRICT NYI PRESIDENT Ben Price Jr.

DISTRICT NDI PRESIDENT Curtis A. Cecil

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT Crystal Browning

2022-2023 DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD

Ministers

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2022-2023 NEW WORKS TEAM

Ministers

James Todd Gulley

Carolyn Ann Joseph

Keith Allen Martinez

Gregg E. Parkman

Brian E. Westover

Lay

Michelle Edwards

Sharon Griner

Warren Neal

Mike Pelley

James Radcliffe

2022-2023 DISTRICT PROPERTIES BOARD

Ministers

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James A. Lillo

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Peter J. Ryder

Lay

Bruce Heinlen

Jim Mayes

Donald Sharp

Jason Stuyvesant

Denny Taylor

THANK YOU, DISTRICT OFFICERS, STAFF AND BOARDS!

Our district cannot function without you! Each of you have prayed, served, and sacrificed not just for NCO but for God as He directed your steps. Somewhere along the way, someone recommended you to serve. Someone saw something in you that perhaps you didn't feel capable or worthy of. Yet, each of you said yes and committed to following after the heart of Jesus. Thank you for asking God to give you wisdom. Thank you for the hours you have invested in planning and working. Thank you for encouraging others to love Jesus. Thank you for allowing God to use your life! Each of you have modeled what it means to live sacrificially!

It is such a blessing to serve with such a committed group of men and women and our district is better because you said yes to serving God in this way. I believe we have the greatest collection of leadership in the church. I appreciate the partnership we share as we strive to resource, empower, and inspire our congregations to live and love like Jesus. May God continue to help us and may our days ahead be even greater! Thank you for serving!

In Christ,

Rev. Wendell D. Brown

District Superintendent

MISSION STATEMENT

The North Central Ohio District exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ by:

- 1. Resourcing our Pastors**
- 2. Empowering our Churches**
- 3. Inspiring our People**

1. Resourcing Our Pastors to Fulfill the Great Commission.

This is realized through: Recruitment of passionate ministers.
Development of gifts and abilities.
Training in practical areas.

Our district believes that we are called to fulfill the Great Commission in our context. As such, we place a high premium on reaching people with the love of Christ. This is a worthy endeavor as everything we do affects the eternal life of the residents in our communities. It is our intent that our ministers recognize the importance of the task and the limited time in which we have to complete the task for the glory of God.

2 Timothy 4:2 Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.

2 Timothy 2:2 And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.

2. Empowering Our Churches for Cultural Engagement.

This is realized through: Seeking to understand our rapidly changing culture.
Being present in our communities.
Knowing who we are in Christ.
Loving because Christ loves us.

John 17:18 As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.

1 John 4:19 We love because he first loved us.

3. Inspiring Our People for Missional Living.

This is realized through: Recognizing individual responsibility to make disciples.
Learning how to make disciples where you live, work, and play.
Living each earthly moment with Spirit-filled eternal importance.

John 15:8 This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

Romans 12:1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT IN JURISDICTION



Dr. Gustavo A. Crocker was elected the 41st general superintendent of the Church of the Nazarene at the 28th General Assembly in Indianapolis, Indiana, in 2013.

Prior to his election, Crocker had served as Eurasia regional director since 2004. Previously, he was senior vice president for programs at World Relief Corporation. Gustavo joined World Relief after serving as director of field management for Compassion International. Other ministry included several years as administrative director of Nazarene Compassionate Ministries International in Kansas City, Missouri, and three years as regional coordinator of Nazarene Compassionate Ministries out of Quito, Ecuador.

A Guatemalan by birth, Dr. Crocker was ordained as an elder in the Church of the Nazarene on the Mid-Atlantic District. He is a licensed architect with a master's degree in community planning from the University of Cincinnati, where he attended as a Fulbright Scholar. As a Latin American Leadership Scholar, he earned a Ph.D. in organizational leadership at Regent University. In 2014, Olivet Nazarene University honored him with a Doctor of Divinity degree for his contribution to the development of the global church.

Dr. Crocker has taught in various universities in Latin America, Europe, and the United States. He has also been a guest lecturer at several seminaries, colleges, and universities in the United States, Latin America, Asia, and Europe. Proficient in several languages, Dr. Crocker has authored several books and articles in Spanish and English, and his writings have been translated into more than 20 languages.

Dr. Crocker and his wife, Rachel, have two grown daughters, Raquel and Beth.

ASSEMBLY ORGANIZATION



AGENDA

SATURDAY, July 22, 2023, 8:30 a.m.

Worship	led by Mr. Aaron VanValkenburg
Welcome	Rev. Wendell D. Brown
Devotional Message from General Superintendent	Dr. Gustavo A. Crocker
Call to Order of the 49th Assembly	Dr. Gustavo A. Crocker
Organization of the Assembly	Dr. Beth A. Heath
Special Greetings	Dr. Beth A. Heath
Seating of Alternates	Dr. Beth A. Heath
Acknowledge New Pastors/Spouses	Rev. Wendell D. Brown
Ministerial Credentials Board (full report)	Dr. Gustavo A. Crocker/ Dr. Beth A. Heath
DS Report	Rev. Wendell D. Brown
Report of the Nominating Committee	Dr. Beth A. Heath
Voting	Dr. Beth A. Heath/Rev. Lois Moranville
NTS Video presentation	Dr. Gustavo A. Crocker
Board and Committee Reports	Dr. Beth A. Heath
Advisory Board	
Ministerial Studies Board	
New Works Team	
Church Properties Board	
District Treasurer	
Assembly Finance Committee	
University Report	Dr. David P. Wilson
Election Results	Dr. Gustavo A. Crocker/Dr. Beth A. Heath
Nazarene Foundation Presentation	Dr. Gustavo A. Crocker
Mission 59 Update	Chaplain Rev. James Laker
Memorial Service	Rev. Wendell D. Brown
Receive additional reports/Recognition of full-time evangelists, chaplains, missionaries, etc. Announcements/Closing Remarks	Dr. Beth A. Heath
Motion to allow the district secretary to edit and print minutes and to adjourn the assembly (sine die)	Dr. Gustavo A. Crocker
Any other presentation as called for by GS	Dr. Gustavo A. Crocker

ASSEMBLY ASSISTANTS, RECOMMENDATIONS, AND COMMITTEES

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY ASSISTANTS

Treasurer: Patrick Rhoton
Pages: Desiree B. Caluza, Philip A. Hurlbert, Katherine L. Morales
Election Secretaries: Bernard J. Dickson, Lois E. Moranville
Tellers: Christie Gulley, Danita Hurlbert
Recording Secretary: Thomas A. Duncan
Assembly Minutes Editor: Ryan Downs

RECOMMENDED VOTING AREA

Electronically per Manual 204; delegates must be present to vote

RECOMMENDED TIME OF SESSION

Saturday, July 22, 2023, 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

RECOMMENDED TIMES FOR SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

9:30 a.m. District Superintendent Report
11:00 a.m. University Report
11:30 a.m. Memorial Service
2:30 p.m. Ordination/Celebration of Ministry Service

COMMITTEES

Assembly Finance (2022-2023): Wendell D. Brown, District Superintendent; Austin Swallow, Chair, Ryan Brown, secretary; Patrick L. Rhoton, ex officio, District Treasurer; Cecil Curtis, NDI President; Ben Price, NYI President; Mindy Schemrich, Children's Ministry Director; Mike Dennis, Don Lain, Joe Proudfoot, Charley Fern, Wade Gray, Gary Hardesty, Terry Johnstone, Sue Sloan, Linda Wasil, Stuart Washington.

Nominating (2022-2023): Wendell D. Brown, Chair, Max Rodas (Metro), Jayne Loudermilk (Mid Central), Randy Diller (Midwest), Curtis Cecil (Northeast), Cora Freeh (Northwest), Daniel Vickey (Northwest), Andrew Bird (Southeast), Keith Martinez (Southwest), Katherine Morales (Southwest), and Crystal Browning, Recording Secretary.

NORTH CENTRAL OHIO DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY STATISTICAL GROWTH CHART

BOARD OF GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS

2022-2023

NORTH CENTRAL OHIO DISTRICT

ATTENDANCE/MEMBERSHIP

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Conversions	799	752	640	683	721	737	673	532	764	766
Baptisms	160	287	279	272	247	235	222	199	306	375
NDI Enrollment	13550	14273	13991	14121	12558	12693	11945	10865	12143	12981
NDI Attendance	7284	7322	7585	7474	7340	7214	6912	6704	6229	6769
Morning Worship	8990	9028	9561	9171	9030	9231	8596	8380	8889	10632
Church Membership	11463	11355	11493	11628	11541	11200	10917	10398	10448	10534
New Nazarenes	369	238	333	281	291	277	266	235	358	334
Total # of Org Churches	65	65	65	65	63	61	56	56	57	58
New Churches Organized	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1
Registered Churches	3	3	2	3	2	3	5	7	7	8
Total # of Churches	68	68	67	68	65	64	61	63	64	66

FINANCES

	Goal Based <u>on Income</u>	Amount Paid <u>2022-2023</u>	Percent of <u>Goal Paid</u>
World Evangelism Fund	\$813,590	\$730,494	89.79%
Pensions Fund	\$332,832	\$296,042	88.95%
Education Fund	\$332,832	\$268,745	80.74%
Fair Share Fund	\$687,854	\$650,060	94.51%
Total Church Income	\$15,912,035		
Total Adjusted Church Income	\$15,772,863		
Total Missions Specials	\$249,815		

HONORS/AWARDS

All Allocations Paid in Full	36
World Evangelism Church	19
World Evangelism Church of Excellence	11
Ten Percent and Above Level Recognition	10

FULFILLING THE GREAT COMMISSION

Churches that reported one or more conversions.

Amherst The River	Kelloggsville
Andover Cherry Valley	Lexington Journey
Ashland	Loudonville
Ashtabula The Ridge	Mansfield Heart City
Bedford	Marion First
Brunswick	Marion Life Link Community
Bucyrus First	Medina
Burton North East Community	Mount Gilead Fresh Faith Community
Cardington	Mount Vernon First
Cleveland Arabic	Mount Vernon Lakeholm
Cleveland Aviva	Mount Vernon New Life
Cleveland Lighthouse, Inc./Heaventrain	N. Royalton State Road Community
Cleveland Nueva Luz	Orwell Resurrection Life
Cleveland Victory	Painesville
Clyde	Richmond Heights
Cooperdale	Sandusky Community
Coshocton	Shelby
Crestline	Sullivan
Delaware Newstart	Sunbury
Eastlake Willo-Lake	Tiffin
Elyria Community	Vermilion
Fostoria First	Wadsworth/Orrville Now
Fremont	West Lafayette Living Faith
Galion Real Life	Westlake Parkside
Garfield Heights	Willard
Grafton Harvest Fellowship	Wooster
Jefferson	

ALL ALLOCATIONS PAID IN FULL 2022-2023

Amherst The River
Andover Cherry Valley
Ashland
Ashtabula Edgewood
Ashtabula The Ridge
Bedford
Brunswick
Bucyrus First
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Mount Vernon The Shepherd's House
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Shelby
Sunbury
Westlake Parkside
Willard

WORLD EVANGELISM CHURCH 2022-2023

Churches that give 5.5 percent of their income to WEF have met the base goal in their support of the global mission.

Ashtabula The Ridge
Bedford
Brunswick
Cardington
Clyde
Coshocton
Eastlake Willo-Lake
Elyria Community
Garfield Heights
Jefferson
Kelloggsville
Marion Life Link
Medina
Mount Gilead Fresh Faith
Mount Vernon First
Mount Vernon New Life
Orwell Resurrection Life
West Lafayette Living Faith
Willard

WORLD EVANGELISM CHURCH OF EXCELLENCE 2022-2023

Churches that give at least 5.7 percent (or \$1,500 USD, whichever is less) to WEF.

WEF giving beyond 5.5 percent invests in new world areas and works.

Amherst The River
Andover Cherry Valley
Ashtabula Edgewood
Grafton Harvest Fellowship
Marion First
Mount Vernon The Shepherd's House
Sandusky Community
Shelby
Sunbury
Vermilion
Westlake Parkside

WORLD EVANGELISM TEN PERCENT AND ABOVE RECOGNITION 2022-2023

Churches that give at least 10.0 percent to WEF and approved mission specials.

Ashland 20% Goal Level
Bucyrus First 10% Goal Level
Cleveland Victory 15% Goal Level
Cooperdale 10% Goal Level
Crestline 15% Goal Level
Fostoria First 15% Goal Level
Fremont 10% Goal Level
Loudonville 10% Goal Level
Mount Vernon Lakeholm 10% Goal Level
Warsaw 10% Goal Level

NEW FACES ON THE DISTRICT

Mike Cheek, MVNU



Since leaving NCO in 2020, Mike pastored the Akron Trinity Church of the Nazarene in Uniontown, Ohio, on the East Ohio District. In November of 2022, he was offered the opportunity to come back “home” to NCO and work at Mount Vernon Nazarene University. Undeniably, God opened multiple doors for this relocation. Mike resigned the pastoral ministry position and began work at MVNU in January 2023 as the Executive Director of Alumni and Advancement. Janis and Mike bought a “fixer-upper” and are enjoying creating their retirement home (whenever that will be). Janis is teaching at an online charter school. They are thoroughly enjoying life as grandparents and still periodically riding roller coasters.

Victor Cruz and Cecilia Quiñones, Cleveland Aviva

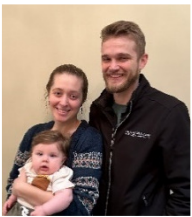


Victor serves as the Executive Pastor in the ministry of Administration at Aviva Church. His gifts are administration, giving, and teaching. In this role, he leads Aviva’s business and property management. He works at The Cleveland Vibrator Company, as the Regional Latin America Business Developer, and is a Certified Substance Abuse Counselor. He enjoys nutrition, reading, and is a Wall Street enthusiast.

Cecilia (Ceci) serves Aviva as a Discipleship Pastor through her ministry of discipleship and groups. Her gifts are shepherding, exhortation, and mercy. In this role, she supports the overall spiritual growth and organization of the church through shepherding, lay

counseling, and discipleship. She is also a gifted worship leader and teacher. Ceci enjoys nature, animals, and Japanese food, and works as an after-sales service agent. Ceci and Victor have been married for 20 years.

Dale Frye, Sunbury/MVNU



Dale recently moved back to Ohio with his wife, Sarah, and son, Ezra, after serving in California for the past year. Sarah and Dale celebrated their second wedding anniversary this year along with the birth of their first son! They both grew up in Northeast Ohio/Northwest Pennsylvania area. Dale has been serving within the Nazarene denomination since 2016 mostly as a youth pastor. Currently, he is serving Sunbury Nazarene as a part-time associate pastor and at MVNU as an admissions counselor. He likes to be outdoors and participating in all things sports. Dale is looking forward to serving in NCO once again!

Matt Gossard, Marion First



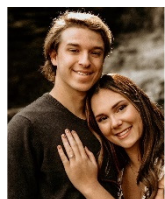
Matt Gossard is the Director of Discipleship at MarionNaz. Matt and his wife, Hannah, have three children ages 5, 15, and 20. He is a former U.S. Army Paratrooper and Iraq war veteran; he sustained multiple injuries during his service which led down a road of addiction and hopelessness. Eleven years ago, Matt gave his life to Jesus and Christ healed and delivered him from everything. Since that time, Matt has worked in addiction ministry, deliverance ministry, and has a love for discipleship. He enjoys hunting, fishing, and spending time with his family. Matt loves to see people growing closer to Christ and being a small part of that process.

Emily Kauble, Marion First



Emily Kauble was born and raised in Marion, Ohio. She started attending MarionNaz at age 16 and was saved at age 17 in 2014. She graduated from MVNU in 2018 with a biology degree and played softball. She felt a call to ministry a few weeks before she graduated in 2018 but in 2020 she finally accepted that call and has been working in the Children's ministry at MarionNaz. She just graduated in May 2023 with her Masters of Ministry from MVNU and is the elementary pastor at MarionNaz. She enjoys hanging out with her family, loves to go fishing with her Dad, getting her nails done with her sister, and spending time with her extended family.

Bailey and Taylor McVay, Mansfield Heart City/My Village Ministries



Bailey McVay and his wife Taylor, both graduated from Mount Vernon Nazarene University in 2023. Bailey has a degree in youth and family ministry and Taylor's degree is in social work. Bailey is an associate pastor at Heart City Church in Mansfield. He is passionate about youth and loves to do all things production related in the church.

Terry Passmore, Wadsworth Now



Terry serves as executive pastor at Wadsworth Now Church. He comes to the NCO District having pastored multiple churches over the last twenty years in Akron, Kenmore, Mineral City, and Green Ohio. He and his wife Kelly have three children Terry Jr., Sara, and Joshua. Terry enjoys fishing in his free time.

Marcella Rivera, Richmond Heights Hope United New Start



Marcella was born and raised in Kansas City, where her five children were born and raised as well until the Lord moved them to Ohio in 2016. While hesitant about moving to an unknown place without family and friends, the Lord reminded Marcella’s daughter of Hebrews 11:8. By faith, they moved to Ohio, though they had no idea what was in store. After receiving a Master’s degree in Pastoral Ministry from NNU in 2022, the Lord called Marcella to plant a church in Cleveland. Hope United has agreed to be the parent church while she is partnering with residents and organizations like Building Hope in the City who are magnifying the mission of Jesus in marginalized/under-resourced neighborhoods and communities all across Cleveland. Marcella currently lives in North Olmsted with four of her five children, as the Lord has blessed her oldest with a husband and three wonderful children.

Dylan Rush, Galion Real Life



Dylan has been in youth ministry since 2021 serving on the Midsouth District. He is currently continuing his Modular Courses to pursue his Ordination. When he isn't working with teens, he can be found playing basketball, playing piano, or watching football. His girlfriend is attending Trevecca to obtain her Worship Ministry Degree.

Bella Sears, Painesville



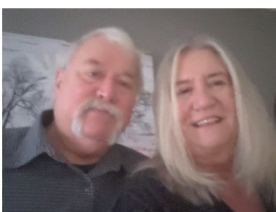
Bella Sears serves as the Children's Pastor at the Painesville Church. Bella and Bobby married in 2021. They have been members of the Painesville church since 2021 and were hired on staff in December 2022. She is working through the Certificate of Ministry Program at MVNU and enjoying it – so far! Bella loves spending time with her husband and friends, whether watching movies, drinking coffee, spending time outside, or serving in the church.

Shane Sevy, Fostoria



Shane Sevy was born and raised in South Bloomfield, Ohio, by his grandparents. After graduating high school, he met and became friends with Jennifer while working together. They later were married and had two children Lilly and Connor while living in Circleville. Shane attended Heritage Nazarene where he was saved and called into ministry. He worked and did ministry full time while attending both Ohio Christian University and MVNU. God gave him a passion for the older generation and a vision of a church in every nursing home. Along with that, he was hospital chaplain, led ministry in two nursing homes and assisted with two others while being part of the ministry with seniors at Heritage Nazarene. God then called Shane and his family to Fostoria First Church in August of 2022; they are excited to see what God does.

Kelli Simmons, Crestline



Kelli and her husband, Terry, recently moved to Mansfield, Ohio. Kelli was born and raised in the San Joaquin Valley of California. Kelli and Terry have two sons, John Paul and Bryan, daughter Blaire, son-in-law Casey and 5 amazing grandchildren. Kelli has spent much of her ministry as an associate pastor on the Central California District in Selma, California, while working full time as a Palliative Care and Hospice Chaplain in Fresno, California. Kelli is currently serving as a hospital chaplain in Mansfield. Kelli and Terry attend the Crestline Church and already feel like a part of that great church family! Terry and Kelli enjoy spending time with family and are looking forward to exploring the beautiful state of Ohio.

Olivia Stern, Mount Vernon Shepherd's House



Olivia Greenwich Stern grew up on the NCO district involved with many local and district activities. Olivia attended Crestline Church (where her grandfather, Dave Greenwich I, pastored) until she was 9. It was at the Crestline Church that Olivia received Christ as her savior and was baptized. Olivia was sanctified at church camp at the age of 15 and received her calling to ministry at church camp when she was 17. She has a Bachelor's degree in Intercultural Studies, a Master of Ministry degree, and a Master of Business Administration degree from MVNU. Olivia met her husband, Evan, in 2020 on a blind date that their mutual friend set up for them and they got married in 2022. Olivia became the lead pastor of Shepherd's House Church in 2022. Olivia and Evan live in Mount Vernon and enjoy visiting with family and friends, hiking, birding, traveling, watching tv shows or movies, reading, listening to music, gardening, and cooking. They also love playing and snuggling with the family Scottish Terriers, Leo and Isla.

Rob Utley, Kelloggsville



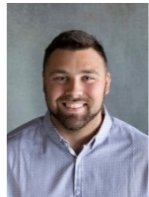
Pastor Robert Utley and his wife Melody were born and raised in Marion, Ohio. They met in high school and have two children: Madyson and Austin. Pastor Rob has served in various roles of ministry such as youth pastor, associate pastor, and executive pastor. He served on staff in Marion, Ohio as well as Huntsville, Alabama. Rob became the lead pastor at Kelloggsville in 2022. He and his family enjoy sports, traveling, and being together. He is a fan of Sherlock Holmes, The Ohio State Buckeyes, and the Cincinnati Bengals.

Jacob and Marissa Wilcox, Mount Vernon Lakeholm



Jacob is the Youth and Family Pastor at Lakeholm Church of the Nazarene. He is a 2023 graduate of MVNU with a bachelor's degree in Christian Ministry focusing on youth and family. Jacob is from Wellston, Ohio, and grew up heavily involved in the SCO district. He was saved at the age of 7 and received a call to ministry at 15. He and his wife, Marissa, met at MVNU and have been married for 2 years. Marissa is a high school English teacher at the Knox County Career Center and is currently pursuing her Master's of Education degree in School and Clinical Counseling. Together, they enjoy long walks, cooking, and playing with their two cats, Leo and Charles.

Ryan Wolfe, Mount Vernon New Life



Ryan Wolfe transitioned into the full-time Teen Life Pastor role at Mount Vernon New Life after serving in the role part-time throughout his senior year at MVNU. Ryan is from Ashville, Ohio, and recently graduated from MVNU with an Integrated Language Arts Education degree. Although he pursued said Education degree, Ryan has felt a calling to positively impact youth academically, athletically and most importantly, spiritually, which has led him to his role now at New Life. Ryan resides in Mount Vernon, and is engaged to be married to his fiancé, Megan Vollrath.

REPORTS TO THE ASSEMBLY



MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALS BOARD

2022-2023

We, the Board of Ministerial Credentials, respectfully submit the following reports.

Report No. 1

We recommend the following transfers be received:

Elders:

Mikel L. Cheek from East Ohio

Terry W. Passmore from East Ohio

Kelli Simmons from Central California

Robert M. Utley Jr. from Alabama North

Licensed Minister:

Alexes Church from Southwestern Ohio

Dale Joseph Frye from Central California

Corbin E. Kellum from Kansas (first)

Louis J. Woicinski from Sacramento

We recommend the following transfers be granted:

Elders:

Eric Roland Anderson to Northwestern Ohio

Ryan Brown to Central Gulf Coast

James D. Dorrough to Oklahoma

Charles H. Lahmon to Alabama North

Janet Mina Neal to Southwest Oklahoma

Derek D. Parson to Mid Atlantic

David B. Potter to Michigan

Sylvia A. Potter to Michigan

Henry (Hank) W. Spaulding III to South Central Ohio

Licensed Ministers:

Benjamin Shem Brown to Upstate New York

Corbin Kellum to Kansas (second)

Report No. 2

We recommend the following candidates for election to elder's orders:

Ben Price Jr.

Rhonda Reese Purtee

We recommend the following be granted a district minister's license (elder's candidate):

Victor Manuel Cruz Perez

Georgia Frank

Joseph Scott Hurst

Emily Kauble

Kyall Louis Kiko

Bailey Chase McVay

Cecilia Marie Quinones

Benjamin Luke Radcliffe

Bella Ann Sears

We recommend the following be granted renewal of a district minister's license (elder's candidate):

Madalyn Elise Booher

William David Browning

Alexandria Gabrielle Channels

Alexes Church

James Russell Copenhaver
Joshua Paul Evans
Dale Joseph Frye
Kasey Ellen Kindle
Caitlyn Ashley Leimbach
Reshea Soma Lyn McKibben
Luke Mohnasky
Jackson A. Moody
Kathryn Ponsart
Ben Price Jr.
Rhonda Reese Purtee
Marcella Elaine Rivera
Shane Sevy
Samantha Lynn Shreve
Erika Marie Snyder
William Charles St. John
Sheldon Lynn Stauffer
Jessica D. Stauffer
Olivia Ann Stern
Kirsten Marie Umphryes
Lumar Vargas
Jacob Elishah Wilcox
Louis Woicinski

Report No. 3

We recommend the following be granted certificate as commissioned minister of music (231.2): Keith Showalter.

We recommend the following be granted certificate as registered song evangelist (231.2): Rudy Cervantes.

We recommend the following be granted certificate as registered evangelists (231.2): Kenneth T. Eash, Lorraine Eash, George A. Small, Jr., Claude G. Nicholas.

We recommend the following be granted retirement relationship:

Elders:

Linda Kay Cronebaugh RA
R. Michael Dennis RA
David P. Flack RA
Carolyn B. Greene RA
Darryle A. Moody RA
Ronald J. Seigman RA
Michael G. VanZant RA
Max E. Wood RA

We recommend the following be granted chaplain status (not CHP role code):

John R. Cadwell, Chaplain, workplace endorsement
Lester R. Champer, Chaplain, public school endorsement
R. Michael Dennis, Chaplain, law enforcement endorsement
Mark J. Dettmer, Chaplain, law enforcement endorsement
Randy Lee Diller Jr., Chaplain, healthcare endorsement
Stephen M. Estep, Chaplain, law enforcement endorsement
Fred C. Fullerton, Chaplain, educational endorsement
Richard R. Henry Jr., Chaplain, healthcare and fire department endorsement
Hunter A. Hickman, Chaplain, law enforcement, hospice and healthcare endorsement

Ashley May Huber, Chaplain, healthcare endorsement
Philip A. Hurlbert, Chaplain, law enforcement endorsement
Andrew James Kohr, Chaplain, healthcare endorsement
Janice C. LaSalle, Chaplain, healthcare endorsement
Ray LaSalle, Chaplain, healthcare endorsement
David Marine Mabry, Chaplain, law enforcement endorsement
Kelli Simmons, Chaplain, healthcare endorsement
Erika Marie Snyder, Chaplain, healthcare endorsement
Daniel K. Vickey, Chaplain, law enforcement endorsement

We recommend the following be granted chaplain status (CHP role code):

Rebecca R. Belt, Chaplain, healthcare endorsement, CHP Status
James C. Carder, Chaplain, healthcare endorsement, CHP Status
Rudy Cervantes, Chaplain, healthcare endorsement, CHP status
Sean Hampton, Chaplain, military endorsement, PAS/CHP Status
James A. Laker, Chaplain, military endorsement, DA/CHP Status
Peter Michael Robinson, Chaplain, military endorsement, CHP Status

Report No. 4

We recommend the following be removed from the roll of ministers — deceased:

Elders:

Duane A. Lee
John M. Nielson
Gene R. Thompson

We recommend the following be removed from the roll of elders, having voluntarily resigned their credentials according to 539:

Erin Grace Valenti

We recommend the following be removed from the roll of elders, having filed their credentials according to 539:

Andrew P. Batten
Judy Ann Sommers

We recommend the following district licenses not be renewed:

Mark Norris Owen
Joshua Dillon Kirksey

Respectfully submitted,
PHILIP A. HURLBERT, Secretary
WENDELL D. BROWN, Chair

DISTRICT NOMINATING COMMITTEE

2023

The Nominating Committee met via Zoom on March 27, 2023. Present: Wendell D. Brown, Chair, Max Rodas (Metro), Jayne Loudermilk (Mid Central), Randy Diller (Midwest), Curtis Cecil (Northeast), Cora Freeh (Northwest), Daniel Vickey (Northwest), Andrew Bird (Southeast), Keith Martinez (Southwest), Katherine Morales (Southwest), and Crystal Browning, Recording Secretary.

District Superintendent Wendell Brown reminded the committee of the following policies of the District Advisory Board to be considered:

8/25/18 Motion: (Dennis) Amended policy from 5/13/06: To be considered for service on District Advisory Board (Ministerial or Lay) all budgets must be paid and the church must have at least 1 new conversion by profession of faith. Churches that have a history of paying budgets in full who have a single year of not paying will not be barred from nomination. However, two consecutive years does prohibit nomination to designated boards. Motion carried.

06/15/05 Motion: (Norris/Legg) Beginning with the 2006 nominations, a rotation system for the District Advisory Board will be implemented. No person will serve more than four consecutive years. Motion carried.

5/21/21 Motion: (Martinez/Swallow) Move to a three year term with at least one year off prior to serving again. Motion carried.

DISTRICT BALLOT:

The Nominating Committee recommends the following names for the respective boards and committees formulate the official ballot to the district assembly and that all positions be elected by plurality where necessary. Incumbents were listed as nominations by the district superintendent.

Advisory Board (Ministerial Representatives: vote for up to 1) (meets 5 times per year in person and via zoom)

Don Lain - Westlake Parkside

Keith Martinez - Sunbury

Advisory Board (Lay Representatives: vote for up to 2) (meets 5 times per year in person and via zoom)

Art Cheney - Marion First

Robyn Harriman - Mount Gilead Fresh Faith

Nesigh Say - Garfield Heights

Bill Thomas - Ashtabula First - DECLINED

Dan Yost - Mount Vernon New Life

New Works Team (Lay Representatives: vote for up to 2) (meets 3-4 times per year in person and via zoom)

Michelle Edwards - Crestline

Jim Radcliffe - Mount Vernon Lakeholm

Tim Phillips - Brunswick

Phil Bowman - Sunbury

Nazarene Discipleship International (Ministerial Representatives: vote for up to 1) (meets 5-6 times per year via zoom)

Desiree Caluza - Delaware Newstart

Shea McKibben - Ashtabula The Ridge

Ryan Stroop - Mount Vernon New Life

Nazarene Discipleship International (Lay Representatives: vote for up to 2) (meets 5-6 times per year via zoom)

Matt Gossard - Marion First

Emily Joseph - Cleveland Victory

Jim Parks - Mount Vernon First

Marsha Seibert - Loudonville - DECLINED

Peggy Wise - Mount Vernon New Life - DECLINED

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

The Nominating Committee recommends the following committee appointments be approved.

Assembly Finance Committee 2024 (meets annually in the spring)

Austin Swallow, chair, appointed

Wendell Brown, ex officio

Patrick Rhoton, ex officio

Curtis Cecil, NDI chair

Mindy Schemrich, Children's Ministry Director

Ben Price, NYI President

Kathy Pelley, NMI President

Don Lain - Westlake Parkside, Metro

Pete Ryder - Medina, Midcentral

Ray LaSalle - Bucyrus, Midwest

Sean Hampton - Ashtabula The Ridge, Northeast

Ryan Brown - Sandusky, Northwest

Joe Proudfoot - Mount Vernon First, Southeast

Steve Estep - Marion First, Southwest

Bob Robbins - N. Royalton State Road, Metro

Shawn Kline - Elyria Community, Metro

Linda Wasil - Sullivan, Midcentral

Rob Skidmore - Medina, Midcentral

Bob Marcum - Bucyrus, Midwest

Todd Martin - Bucyrus, Midwest

Gajendran Gopinathan - Eastlake Willo-Lake, Northeast

Ken Kister - Kelloggsville, Northeast

Sue Sloan - Elyria, Northwest

Wade Gray - Sandusky, Northwest

Keith Badger - Mount Vernon First, Southeast

Stuart Washington - Mount Vernon Lakeholm, Southeast

Bill Purtee - Marion Life Link, Southwest

Terry Johnstone - Mount Gilead Fresh Faith, Southwest

Motion passed that the names nominated for the respective positions formulate the official ballot recommended to the District Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,

CRYSTAL BROWNING, Recording Secretary

WENDELL D. BROWN, Chair

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Advisory Board (Ministerial Representatives: vote for up to 1)

Don Lain - Westlake Parkside



Keith Martinez - Sunbury



Advisory Board (Lay Representatives: vote for up to 2)

Art Cheney - Marion First



Church Board Member, Head Usher,
Restoration Team Leader, Sports
Ministries & CR Ministries
Superintendent, Marion County Engineers

Nesigh Say - Garfield Heights



Church Board, Treasurer
Pharmacy Technician, University Hospitals
Home Care Services

Robyn Harriman - Mount Gilead Fresh
Faith



NMI President/Board Sec./Comp. Min. Board
Member/Children's Min. Bridge Builder
District Restoration Committee
Counselor, Family Life Counseling

Dan Yost - Mount Vernon New Life



Finance Team, Kid Life Team, Small Group
Leader, Church Board
Commercial Project Manager, Siemens
Energy

New Works Team (Lay Representatives: vote for up to 2)

Michelle Edwards - Crestline



NMI President/NYI President
District NMI Council/New Works Team
Senior Specialist, Electronic Data
Submissions, Charles River

Tim Phillips - Brunswick



Church Board, Worship Team, Outreach,
Sound/Maintenance
Retired, Firefighter/EMS

Jim Radcliffe - Mount Vernon Lakeholm



Choir/SDMI and Nursery Volunteer
Lay Alumni Rep., MVNU Board of Trustees
Former Nazarene missionary, PNG
Retired Surgeon

Phil Bowman - Sunbury



Church Board, Small Group Leader, Bible
Study
District Work and Witness, Disaster Relief,
New Works Team
Construction Project Manager
Operations Manager, R. J. Loyd

Nazarene Discipleship International (Ministerial Representatives: vote for up to 1)

Desiree Caluza - Delaware Newstart



Shea McKibben - Ashtabula The Ridge



Ryan Stroop - Mount Vernon New Life



Nazarene Discipleship International (Lay Representatives: vote for up to 1)

Matt Gossard - Marion First



Director of Discipleship
Former US Army Paratrooper

Emily Joseph - Cleveland Victory



Tech Team, Music Team, Children's
Ministry Team, Administrative Work
Medical Billing Production Supervisor

Jim Parks - Mount Vernon First



SS Teacher, Church Board, Safety Team
Assistant Director of Academic Services
for Correctional Education
Adjunct Professor, Ashland University
College of Business and Economics

ADVISORY BOARD

2022-2023

The District Advisory Board of the North Central Ohio District submits the following report to the forty-ninth annual District Assembly.

The Advisory Board met in six regular sessions (Zoom and face-to-face) since being elected at the last assembly. District Superintendent Wendell D. Brown chaired all sessions of the board. I have served as recording secretary, recording, and keeping on file the proceedings of all meetings with the assistance of Crystal Browning at the North Central Ohio District Office. The record shows that at each meeting Rev. Brown shared reports on specific churches, pastors, and various district activities. A devotional was offered at each of the meetings. The District Advisory Board has received regular financial reports from our district treasurer, Patrick L. Rhoton, and deems the district to be financially sound.

The District Advisory Board previously approved Patrick L. Rhoton to serve as district treasurer for a term of three years 2021-2024.

The District Advisory Board previously approved Beth Heath to serve as district secretary for a term of three years 2022-2025, until May 31, 2025.

The District Advisory Board approved the change in name of the following:

(Cleveland) Richmond Heights Church of the Nazarene to (Richmond Heights) Hope United Church of the Nazarene
Elyria Community Church of the Nazarene to (Elyria) Center Church of the Nazarene
Wadsworth Now Church of the Nazarene to Wadsworth Church of the Nazarene

The District Advisory Board declared the following church inactive: N. Ridgeville Starting Point.

The following were registered as new churches: (Tiffin) Freedom Church of the Nazarene, Orrville Now Church of the Nazarene

The following took action to become an organized church: Orrville Now Church of the Nazarene.

The District Advisory Board approved setting the dates for the statistical year as June 1, 2023 - May 31, 2024.

The District Advisory Board approved the ballot for the upcoming district assembly.

The District Advisory Board approved that the District Finance Committee arrange for the auditing of the district financial records each church year and report those findings to each annual district assembly.

The District Advisory Board elected Crystal Browning and Patrick Rhoton as paid assistants for the statistical year of June 1, 2023 – May 31, 2024.

The District Advisory Board approved the appointment of the following pastors as listed:

Burton North East Community	Brian E. Westover
Cleveland Arabic	Asaad Wahba
Cleveland Aviva	Lumar Vargas
Cleveland Nueva Luz	Felix Muniz
Cleveland Victory	Carolyn L. Joseph
Clyde	Ricky Hammonds (supply as per Manual 212)
Cooperdale	William David Phillips
Grafton Harvest Fellowship	Max E. Wood
Lexington Journey	Scott P. Maglott
Marion Life Link	Rhonda Reese Purtee
Mount Vernon Shepherd's House	Olivia Ann Stern
Orwell Resurrection Life	Lester A. Bolen
Strongsville Centered Life	Jason R. Wilson

Sullivan
Tiffin

Howard Russell (supply as per Manual 212)
Lois E. Moranville

The district superintendent with the consent of the church board and the District Advisory Board appointed J.L. Rip Wright as interim pastor of Warsaw and J. Mikel Norris as interim pastor of Mount Gilead Fresh Faith.

The District Advisory Board approved the transfer in of the following:

Elders:

Mikel L. Cheek from East Ohio
Terry W. Passmore from East Ohio
Kelli Simmons from Central California
Robert M. Utley Jr. from Alabama North

Licensed Ministers:

Alexes Church from Southwestern Ohio
Dale Joseph Frye from Central California
Corbin E. Kellum from Kansas (first)
Louis J. Woicinski from Sacramento

The District Advisory Board approved the transfer out of the following:

Elders:

Eric Roland Anderson to Northwestern Ohio
Ryan Brown to Central Gulf Coast
James D. Dorrough to Oklahoma
Charles H. Lahmon to Alabama North
Janet Mina Neal to Southwest Oklahoma
Derek D. Parson to Mid Atlantic
David B. Potter to Michigan
Sylvia A. Potter to Michigan
Henry (Hank) W. Spaulding III to South Central Ohio

Licensed Ministers:

Benjamin Shem Brown to Upstate New York
Corbin Kellum to Kansas (second)

The District Advisory Board approved the following licensed ministers serving as pastors or with special circumstances:

Madalyn Elise Booher, Mansfield Heart City
James Russell Copenhaver, Wadsworth/Orrville NOW
Shane Sevy, Fostoria First
Olivia Ann Stern, Mount Vernon Shepherd's House
Kirsten Marie Umphryes, Cardington
Lumar Vargas, Cleveland Aviva

The District Advisory Board has granted permission to the following elders with membership on the North Central Ohio District to serve outside the denomination within the geological boundaries North Central Ohio District:

Elders:

John R. Cadwell	RA/SPC-Pastor, Southside Gospel Chapel, Uhrichsville, OH
Larry L. Carr	SPC-Pastor, Pierpont Presbyterian Church, Pierpont, Ohio
Thomas E. Clark	SPC-Envoy, Salvation Army, Wooster, OH
Mark J. Dettmer	SPC-Pastor, Pleasant Grove Community Church, Bellville, OH
Thomas S. Fowler III	SPC-Pastor, Liberty Chapel/Beulah United Methodist Churches, Mount Vernon, OH
W. Andrew Grimes	SPC-Worship Pastor, Wesleyan Church, Marengo, OH
William J. Jones	SPC-Pastor, United Church of Christ, New Bedford, OH
Richard D. McCartney	SPC-Pastor, United Methodist Church, Crestline, OH
Wayne Joseph Pessia	SPC-Faculty, Indiana Wesleyan University and Ohio Christian University

Gary M. Sivewright	SPC-Interim Pastor, New Church Specialties as assigned
Robert E. Stanley	SPC-Indiana Wesleyan University
Deacons:	
Victoria Lynn Clark	SPC-Envoy, Salvation Army, Wooster, OH
Steven C. Myer	SPC-Manager, Lower Lights Christian Health Center, Columbus, OH

The District Advisory Board has granted permission to the following elders with membership on the North Central Ohio District to serve outside the denomination within the geological boundaries and with approval of the Northwestern Ohio District.

Elder:

Frederick L. Below - SPC-Associate Pastor, Evangelical Free Church, Findlay, OH

Michael W. Legg - RA/SPC-Associate Pastor, Findlay First Church of the Nazarene in Findlay, OH

The District Advisory Board has granted permission to the following elders with membership in the North Central Ohio District to serve outside the denomination within the geological boundaries and with the approval of the East Ohio District.

Elder:

Russell F. Gumm - SPC-Pastor, Alliance Evangelical Friends Church, Alliance, OH

Interim ministerial transfers have been processed and referred to the Ministerial Credentials Board in accordance with Manual paragraphs 223, 228.9, 228.10, and 432.

Respectfully submitted,

BETH A. HEATH, Recording Secretary

WENDELL D. BROWN, Chair

MINISTERIAL STUDIES BOARD

2022-2023

We, the Board of Ministerial Studies, have met once in this year to evaluate NCO students' educational progress and submit this report.

Elder's Course of Study:

We recommend that the following be graduated from the Elder's Course of Study: Joseph Scott Hurst, Bailey Chase McVay, Ben Price Jr., Rhonda Reese Purtee, Shane Curtis Sevy, Jacob Elishah Wilcox.

We recommend that the following be continued in Level Four: Caitlyn Ashley Leimbach, Kristen Marie Umphryes.

We recommend that the following be placed in Level Four: Georgia B. Frank, Luke D. Mohnasky, Jackson A. Moody, Erika Marie Snyder, Sheldon Lynn Stauffer.

We recommend that the following be continues in Level Three: Madalyn Elise Booher, Kasey Ellen Kindle, Lomar Vargas.

We recommend that the following be placed in Level Three: Alexes Natalie Church, James Russell Copenhaver, Joshua Paul Evans, Emily M. Kauble, Lous J Woicinski.

We recommend that the following be continued in Level Two: Reshea Soma Lyn McKibben, William Charles St. John, Jessica D. Stauffer

We recommend that the following be placed in Level Two: Victor Manuel Cruz, Kyall Louis Kiko, Cecilia Marie Quinones, Benjamin Luke Radcliffe, Bella Ann Sears.

We further recommend that senior pastors encourage their associates in their course of study and allow them time to complete their studies.

Every Nazarene minister, assigned or unassigned, is to complete annually a minimum of twenty (20) Lifelong Learning Hours (Manual 529.6). The goal of this requirement is to establish and perpetuate a culture of learning fueled by a passion for effectiveness and excellence in making Christlike disciples in the nations. Lifelong Learning is an essential element of ministry in the Church of the Nazarene (Manual, 515.11,529.6). Establishing a pattern of lifelong learning is necessary to understanding changes in the wider church and in society, and is foundational to furthering the spiritual, mental, and skill development of the minister. For this reason, each minister is accountable for pursuing a well-rounded lifelong learning plan aimed at increasing effectiveness in ministry and furthers personal growth. Ministers should create an account and track their lifelong learning hours at learning.nazarene.org.

Respectfully submitted,

LESTER R. CHAMPER, Secretary

JAMES TODD GULLEY, Chair

NEW WORKS TEAM

2022-2023

The North Central Ohio District New Works Team submits the following report to the forty-ninth District Assembly.

The purpose of the New Works Team is to guide the NCO District in the formulation of missional strategies to carry the Gospel to under reached and under achieved areas of our district so that lives might be changed.

Many goals were established in this year, that will be realized in the days ahead:

First, it is the desire of the New Works Team that we will double the footprint of our churches in the next 25 years. This strategy will encompass great energy and greater focus on identifying leaders for new congregations so that NCO District continues to grow and not decline. We believe that with current attrition and population changes, this strategy is needed as 80% of people who attend a church plant have never been Christians.

Second, we seek to establish New Works in the following locations: Holmes County (we currently have no church presence there), Medina County, Geauga County, Cuyahoga County, Delaware County, Lorain County.

Third, we have worked through a website change that will be implemented this summer that will address key steps in planting a church on the NCO District and how NCO supports church planters.

Finally, it is our goal that each church that is currently on our district will commit to planting a church or helping in a church plant every three years.

We are pleased to report a new work was registered in Seneca County this year: Tiffin Freedom Church of the Nazarene (Parent Affiliated Congregation of Tiffin Church of the Nazarene).

Additionally, we will be participating in the regional new works training center and would encourage anyone who is interested in church planting to go to this center in Piqua, Ohio, to determine your next steps and how God might utilize this call on your life. The next regional assessment will be November 9-11, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,
WENDELL D. BROWN, Chair

MISSION 59

2023

Grace and peace to you in the strong name of Jesus Christ. As we focus this assembly year on the significance of worship, I am excited to report ministers, ministries, and laypeople throughout the greater Cleveland area are participating in meaningful worship experiences. These intentional and diverse experiences shape our corporate life together, build our inner-lives of faith, and increase our missional witness in the world.

Over the last year, the Church of the Nazarene in Cleveland celebrated the one-year anniversary of Aviva Church. This worship celebration reminded us of God's amazing faithfulness to the people of Cleveland and God's call to fill Cleveland with more believers participating in God's mission in the world.

Those of us in Cleveland also celebrated the conversion and baptism of new Christians. In one particular instance, we celebrated God's incredible grace capturing the heart of a former Muslim. Local churches partnering together provided this new believer a safe place to be welcomed into the covenant community through baptism and blessing during a worship service.

Other initiatives in Cleveland reveal how worship changes our inner hearts and outward lives. A partnership with Nueva Luz Urban Resource Center and Garfield Heights Church demonstrated this when partnering with the city to welcome immigrants and refugees in need of loving neighbors. Galilean Theological Center has modeled this with its continued work of preparing Latino/Latina ministers for a life of mission through study, worship, and service. Likewise, Hope United Church, formerly known as Richmond Heights, has responded to God's leading through worship experiences to invest in local missionaries and exponentially expand its reach by partnering with other ministries across Cleveland.

Finally, I admit that we have further to go. In our pursuit of Christlikeness, we are discovering that shared worship challenges and changes us. My prayer for those who work, live, play, and pray in Cleveland is that they might worship together more often bringing delight to the Father and hope to the world.

God is not finished in Cleveland. Worship is shaping us and moving us towards a fuller expression of God's reign in the world, in our hearts, and in Cleveland. We praise the Lord for the opportunity and responsibility to live lives full of worship!

Grace and Peace,
JAMES LAKER, Missionary to Cleveland

CHURCH PROPERTIES BOARD

2022-2023

The Church Properties Board handles the requests of the churches of our district for property sale, purchase, remodeling, and refinancing.

The Church Properties Board has worked in cooperation with the churches on the district seeking to give advice and help where needed for the various projects presented to us. After careful consideration, permission was granted to move forward with the following projects:

- Delaware Newstart to sell property
- Galion Real Life to enter into lease agreement
- Marion First to enter into lease agreement

Additionally, the Properties Board forms were updated to ensure an easier process and more focused information gathering to aide in decision making.

Respectfully submitted,
WENDELL D. BROWN, Chair

TREASURER'S REPORT

NCO District - Church of the Nazarene
Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Net Assets - Modified Cash Basis
May 31, 2023

<u>Assets</u>	
<u>Current Assets</u>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 409,291.85
Prepaid Deposit	150.00
Prepaid Expense	<u>57,225.49</u>
Total Current Assets	466,667.34
<u>Property and Equipment</u>	
Equipment	35,000.00
Vehicle	64,556.00
Buildings and Land	<u>410,000.00</u>
Total Property and Equipment	509,556.00
<u>Other Assets</u>	
Investments - Knox County Foundation	50,289.12
Investments - Nazarene Foundation	585,771.83
Loan Receivable - Ashtabula Edgewood	32,417.28
Loan Receivable - Grafton Harvest Fellowship	36,445.00
Loan Receivable - Starting Point Worship Center	17,020.85
Loan Receivable - Tiffin	<u>9,996.00</u>
Total Other Assets	<u>731,940.08</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 1,708,163.42</u>
<u>Liabilities and Net Assets</u>	
<u>Current Liabilities</u>	
Accounts Payable - Credit Cards	\$ 9,045.16
Deferred Revenue - Registrations	<u>8,093.29</u>
Total Current Liabilities	17,138.45
<u>Long-Term Liabilities</u>	
None	<u>0</u>
Total Liabilities	17,138.45
<u>Net Assets</u>	
Without Donor Restrictions	1,691,024.97
With Donor Restrictions	<u>0</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>1,691,024.97</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 1,708,163.42</u>

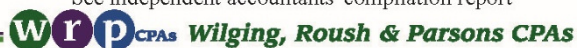
See independent accountants' compilation report



NCO District - Church of the Nazarene
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Net Assets - Modified Cash Basis
For the Year Ended May 31, 2023

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
<u>Changes in Net Assets</u>			
<u>Support and Revenue</u>			
Fair Share Revenue	\$ 635,198.01	\$ 0.00	\$ 635,198.01
NCO Non Budget Income	50,995.21	0.00	50,995.21
NMI Revenue	1,137.45	0.00	1,137.45
NYI Revenue	445,070.00	0.00	445,070.00
NDI Revenue	10,469.41	0.00	10,469.41
Children Revenue	34,544.07	0.00	34,544.07
MVNU Education Revenue	264,235.99	0.00	264,235.99
Interest and Dividend Income	20,122.09	0.00	20,122.09
Realized Gain (Loss) on Sale of Investments	(31,472.14)	0.00	(31,472.14)
Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments	4,857.09	0.00	4,857.09
Miscellaneous Income	13,894.50	0.00	13,894.50
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Support and Revenue	1,449,051.68	0.00	1,449,051.68
<u>Expenses</u>			
NMI Expense	19,014.48	0.00	19,014.48
NYI Expense	439,404.12	0.00	439,404.12
NDI Expense	29,340.68	0.00	29,340.68
Children Expense	78,808.54	0.00	78,808.54
MVNU Education Expense	264,235.99	0.00	264,235.99
Ministerial Assessment	2,199.54	0.00	2,199.54
District Assembly Expense	57,878.09	0.00	57,878.09
District Administrative Expense	8,921.03	0.00	8,921.03
Salaries and Wages	271,309.90	0.00	271,309.90
Employee Benefits	35,927.99	0.00	35,927.99
Payroll Taxes	27,917.75	0.00	27,917.75
Retirement Expense	9,806.00	0.00	9,806.00
Liability Insurance	8,671.58	0.00	8,671.58
Maintenance and Repair	340.00	0.00	340.00
Printing and Postage	3,432.76	0.00	3,432.76
Rent	4,800.00	0.00	4,800.00
Utilities and Telephone	2,684.71	0.00	2,684.71
Office Expenses	18,139.32	0.00	18,139.32
Fees and Charges	7,855.82	0.00	7,855.82
Professional Expense	11,497.87	0.00	11,497.87
Meetings and Conference Expense	10,591.32	0.00	10,591.32
Pastor Expenses	49,232.71	0.00	49,232.71
Travel, Meals and Mileage Reimbursement	12,312.04	0.00	12,312.04
Miscellaneous Expense	11,121.47	0.00	11,121.47
NCO Ministry Support	140,611.70	0.00	140,611.70
Total Expenses	1,526,055.41	0.00	1,526,055.41
Decrease in Net Assets	(77,003.73)	0.00	(77,003.73)
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	1,768,028.70	0.00	1,768,028.70
Net Assets, End of Year	\$ 1,691,024.97	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,691,024.97

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NCO District - Church of the Nazarene
Schedule of Revenues and Expense - Modified Cash Basis
Children Ministries
For the Year Ended May 31, 2023

Schedule IV

	Amount
<u>Children Ministries Revenue</u>	
Fair Share Allocated Funds	\$ 45,000.00
Children's Quizzing Registration	1,040.00
Pre-Teen Camp	21,998.68
Primary Camp	9,172.53
Children World Quiz	2,332.86
Designated Funds Transfer	2,783.48
Total Children Ministries Revenue	82,327.55
 <u>Children Ministries Expenses</u>	
Camp Meeting Program	3,996.45
Children's World Quiz	7,116.34
Children's Bible Quizzing	2,261.71
Pre-Teen Camp Expense	38,345.66
Pre-Teen Ministry	1,628.13
Primary Camp Expense	23,137.98
Children Administration	1,572.27
Scholarships	750.00
Total Children Expenses	78,808.54
Net Children Ministries Revenue	\$ 3,519.01

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NCO District - Church of the Nazarene
Schedule of Revenues and Expense - Modified Cash Basis
NDI
For the Year Ended May 31, 2023

Schedule III

	<u>Amount</u>
<u>NDI Revenue</u>	
Fair Share Allocated Funds	\$ 21,000.00
Discipleship Dinner Registration	10,469.41
Total SDMI Revenue	31,469.41
 <u>NDI Expenses</u>	
Prime Time Ministries	4,408.37
 General Expenses	
Discipleship Dinner Expense	21,158.82
Convention Expense	1,915.54
General Administrative Expenses	1,857.95
Designated Funds Transfer	1,000.00
Total General Expenses	25,932.31
Total NDI Expenses	30,340.68
Net NDI Revenue	\$ 1,128.73

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NCO District - Church of the Nazarene
Schedule of Revenues and Expense - Modified Cash Basis
NMI
For the Year Ended May 31, 2023

Schedule I

	Amount
<u>NMI Revenue</u>	
Fair Share Allocated Funds	\$ 22,500.00
Crisis Care Kit	35.00
NMI District Convention	72.45
Work and Witness	1,030.00
Total NMI Revenue	23,637.45
 <u>NMI Expenses</u>	
Camps Missionary in Residence	300.00
Deputation	3,250.57
District Council Meeting	1,076.52
District Leadership Conference	1,925.15
District Work & Witness	153.71
Honorarium	1,600.00
Missionary Care Fund	791.88
Missionary Christmas Gifts	1,000.00
Administrative Expenses	5,352.42
District Convention	3,564.23
Designated Funds Transfer	5,884.41
Total NMI Expenses	24,898.89
Net NMI Revenue	\$ (1,261.44)

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NCO District - Church of the Nazarene
Schedule of Revenues and Expense - Modified Cash Basis
NYI
For the Year Ended May 31, 2023

Schedule II

	Amount
<u>NYI Revenue</u>	
Fair Share Allocated Funds	\$ 52,100.00
Impact Team Donations	12,733.73
BLAST Registrations	15,625.00
NYC Registrations	382,761.00
NYI Campmeeting Activities	(75.25)
Quizzing	1,723.00
Teen Camp Registrations	32,302.52
Total NYI Revenue	497,170.00
<u>NYI Expenses</u>	
BLAST	14,573.12
Back to School Bash	3,669.71
Clergy Kids Retreat	650.00
Impact Team	27,073.02
Leadership Conference	4,548.65
NYC	324,600.85
Administrative Expenses	511.86
Camp meeting Activities	485.13
District Convention Rally Expenses	36.00
Stipends	1,500.00
Quizzing Expense	7,850.68
Regional Dues	500.00
Teen Camp	53,405.10
Designated Funds Transfer	80,208.15
Prior Year Carryover	(28,087.29)
Total NYI Expenses	491,524.98
Net NYI Revenue	\$ 5,645.02

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ASSEMBLY FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

2023

The Assembly Finance Committee of North Central Ohio met at the Brunswick Church on April 29, 2023 with the following members participating in person or via Zoom: Wendell D. Brown, District Superintendent; Austin Swallow, chair, Ryan Brown, secretary; Patrick L. Rhoton, ex officio, District Treasurer; Cecil Curtis, NDI President; Ben Price, NYI President; Mindy Schemrich, Children's Ministry Director; Mike Dennis, Don Lain, Joe Proudfoot, Charley Fern, Wade Gray, Gary Hardesty, Terry Johnstone, Sue Sloan, Linda Wasil, Stuart Washington.

After introductions and an opening prayer by Don Lain, chair Austin Swallow shared that the budget writing committee (composed of DS Wendell Brown, district treasurer Patrick Rhoton and Austin Swallow) were presenting the proposed 2023-24 district budget for this committee's review and approval. He then led the group through the proposal line by line. Swallow explained that while the 2022-23 year has been a challenge for district churches to fulfill their district Fair Share budgets, the district does NOT believe any change in the allocation of 4.65% of each church's income base is necessary for 2023-24. The committee agreed, after reviewing the budget, the committee approved and so passed this balanced budget proposal to the DAB at their May meeting.

Swallow then had a discussion on the two proposed modifications to the Stewardship and Finance sections of the church's manual which will be discussed at the General Assembly in June and sought advice on how he should vote.

Having no edits to the notes and guidelines below, we, your committee on finance, submit the following recommendations to the Annual District Assembly and go on record instructing the local churches to comply with the following:

Funding the Mission

The stewardship of the local church is a very sacred responsibility that requires administration. As part of the denominational organization, each local pastor and church embraces their responsibility of supporting the North Central Ohio District, Mount Vernon Nazarene University, and the global church and its missionaries. Just as individuals are instructed in the Word (Malachi 3:8-10) to bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so should a local church set aside a portion of the tithes and offerings they receive to share with others. Each pastor and congregation should make adequate provision in their yearly budget planning process for their assigned commitment to the district, the university and the general church. The Finance Committee recommends weekly or monthly support.

Each church should remit payment for all funds using the Funding the Mission link, located on the district website www.ncodistrict.org/treasurers or the denominational website www.fundingthemission.org. This interactive website offers a "track giving" tab which has been designed to help local churches monitor their progress towards full payment of their allocations as well as several other features that add value.

Each church, in accordance with the formula set out by the global church to shall give at least

- 5.50% of its income base to the World Evangelism Fund (WEF)
- 2.25% of its income base to Pensions and Benefits
- 2.25% of its income base to Mount Vernon Nazarene University
- 4.65% of its income base to the District Fair Share Fund

This covers all district operations, provides for district ministry support and the three departments (NYI, NMI and NDI).

Notes: Amounts given to WEF and approved mission specials are excluded from the income base and NOT to be included when figuring total income. Church income is any donation received by the church that qualifies as a charitable contribution. All donations that qualify to appear on a charitable contribution receipt are included in church income. This includes all non-cash donations of \$5,000 or more.

Pastoral Support

- A. The support of a pastor is a sacred honor and responsibility of the church board. Manual 32.3 states: **The church is obligated to support its ministers, who have been called of God, and who, under the direction of the church, have given themselves wholly to the work of the ministry.**
- B. As a district, we understand more than 40% of our pastors are considered bi-vocational. As such, we encourage congregations not to demand or even suggest that a person needing to work outside the church to provide for their families commit full-time service to the church. Furthermore, any spousal income should have NO bearing in determining financial compensation for the pastor.
- C. Therefore, we suggest each church board designate a committee (be it the Finance or Personnel Committee or a separate stand-alone committee) to oversee the care of the pastoral family(ies) shepherding their congregation.

D. As part of the process of calling a new pastor, that a compensation agreement detailing the annual salary, benefits and reimbursements be drafted and signed to avoid misunderstanding by either party prior to the beginning of the relationship. Manual 115.4. Copies should be sent to the district office and entered into the official church board minutes.

i. The district has provided a compensation worksheet to assist this process, located on the district website www.ncodistrict.org/treasurers.

E. That annually, the church board review all pastoral staff compensation and adjust in accordance with stated pastoral performance goals for the year and the income of the church. Manual 129.8

i. When conducting said compensation review, church boards be reminded of the difference between a COLA (cost of living adjustment) and a salary increase. A COLA simply brings a pastoral salary up to last year's level. It is not an increase.

ii. Employee benefits and reimbursement adjustments are handled differently by the IRS and are not considered salary increases. While appreciated, these adjustments generally have minimal impact on the financial welfare of the pastoral family.

F. The general church has informative resources that are readily available as well. These may be found at pbusa.org/memos.

Compensation Package

Part 1: Cash Salary

Actual cash salary is but one part of a compensation package for a full-time pastor. Provisions for housing, appropriate benefits, plus reimbursements for applicable business and professional expenses, and providing for retirement equal the entire compensation package which are the church's responsibility.

Above all, we are reminded while there is no one definitive source a church board can look at to determine an equitable compensation for their leaders, we urge local church boards to consider the following resources:

- Our district superintendent
- The Pensions and Benefits office of the general church which has an annual compensation by size and location report posted under the resource tab <http://pbusa.org/pbusacalculator>
- Local sources, such as the school board and/or hospital salary scales

Most importantly, the central objective of a church's compensation package should be to allow a pastor to effectively carry out his/her responsibility to the church and to God, both administratively and spiritually while not having to worry about providing for his/her family.

1. With the recent changes in tax law, it is important to remember each church board should attempt to structure compensation packages to help the pastor minimize their annual tax liability.

2. All employees, ministerial or lay, must be provided a W-2 each year which reflects cash salary paid as compensation, any bonus or love offering, social security/Medicare tax allowances and taxable fringe benefits.

Compensation Package

Part 2: Housing Allowance

Whether the local church still maintains a parsonage for their pastor(s) or provides rental or mortgage assistance, the federal tax code (Section 107) contains wording that creates a substantial tax benefit to pastors.

In the case of a minister of the gospel, gross income DOES NOT include

1. *the rental value of a home furnished to him/her as part of their compensation OR*
2. *the rental allowance paid to him/her as part of their compensation, to the extent used by him/her to rent or provide a home and to the extent such allowance does not exceed the fair rental value of the home, including furnishings and appurtenances such as a garage, plus the utilities and reasonable repair costs.*

Bi-vocational ministers may have a housing allowance, but only from their ministerial income. It can however, be up to 100% of that compensation. It cannot exceed it.

Each church board must designate this amount in advance (with official action and recorded in the minutes). It is suggested church boards either make this declaration part of the agenda for the first meeting of each calendar year or make the wording open-ended enough upon hire to cover from that point forward.

While excluded from federal income tax, housing allowances must be included for Social Security and Medicare tax purposes (SECA) in those computations. Church treasurers are urged to work with their pastor(s) to ensure compliance with the tax code and reporting. Additional assistance is available from the district finance team and the general church Pensions and Benefits website pbusa.org/memos.

Compensation Package

Part 3: Benefits

Self-Employment Tax: (SECA) Most laity do not realize the Social Security rules for pastors are different and each pastor must pay this tax. It is currently 15.3% of reported cash income. Each church should budget for this amount when determining pastoral compensation.

Retirement:	Supporting pastors in retirement requires planning and saving, just like it does for laity. Whether churches use the Nazarene 403(b) retirement savings plan or work with their pastor(s) on an individualized plan, a designated amount should be set aside monthly as part of their compensation. Designated amounts can be sheltered from income tax.
Health Insurance:	No pastoral family should serve without health (including dental) insurance coverage. With the passage of the Affordable Care Act back in 2010, those who cannot find an available and applicable group policy, may purchase insurance through government-supported plans. The enrollment period is in the fall of each year. In the case of a bi-vocational pastor or a pastor whose spouse has an insurance option available, the church board should work to provide either the monthly premium or applicable spousal contribution amount.
Life and Disability:	If possible, policies are available at relatively low cost and should be considered as part of a compensation package. It is far better to plan ahead rather than have to face the issue of what to do if a pastor passes away or is disabled and unable to serve for an extended period of time.
Death Benefit:	The district provides a \$10,000 benefit to the designated beneficiary on file at the district office for any district lead pastor who passes while serving in that role. Please contact the district office for further details and beneficiary form.
Education:	The Nazarene church has long supported the educational aspirations of their pastors. Indeed, the creation of our Nazarene colleges and universities across the world have benefited our local congregations throughout the years. However, many pastors have significant educational debt and church boards should work to assist in the repayment of that debt AND/OR expenses should the pastor(s) wish to gain further education.
Vacation:	Each local church should provide for annual time away for their pastor(s). Our district recommendation is based on years of ministerial service: 1-5 years in the ministry 2 weeks (including 2 Sundays) 6-10 years in the ministry 3 weeks (including 3 Sundays) 10-15 years in the ministry 4 weeks (including 4 Sundays) over 15 years in the ministry 5 weeks (including 5 Sundays) That any pulpit supply be remunerated by the church. Furthermore, that each church should remember the pastor(s) and their family(ies) at Christmas with at least an additional week's salary.
Sabbatical:	Each church should establish a policy to respond to the need of pastors for withdrawal from the day-to-day rigors of an assignment for scholarly review and personal renewal. This policy should be planned for and included in the annual budgeting process. Within the seventh year of a ministry assignment, the pastor, be they serving in a senior pastorate or staff position, should develop and plan for his/her reflection and renewal for a period of time up to seven weeks and present the plan to their church board and the District Superintendent. A follow-up with "lessons learned" should also be presented to both the local church board and the District Superintendent.
Maternity/Paternity: Leave	A maternity leave of six weeks and/or a paternity leave of two weeks is recommended upon the birth, adoption, or assumption of legal guardianship of a child. We recommend an additional two weeks be granted for a birth by Cesarean section or other birthing complication(s). We recommend pastors receive their full salary and benefits while on such leave. Should a church have either a long-term or temporary disability plan that could be utilized in such a situation, we recommend that such a plan be used to offset the pastor's salary and benefits provided by the church during the maternity and/or paternity leave.

Compensation Package

Part 4: Business and Professional Reimbursements

With the 2017 tax reform, it behooves a pastor and church board to examine their reimbursement agreements. Unless a structure is set up to reimburse the pastor (upon receiving receipts within thirty (30) days and/or detailed documentation as to use, that money MUST be added to the annual W-2 as TAXABLE income to the pastor. The District Finance Committee recommends that each church board formally adopt and record a reimbursement policy to include:

- provisions for ministry use of an automobile (mileage at IRS standards)
- If a church provides a vehicle, the pastor must keep track (with detailed odometer readings) of miles used for personal use which includes driving to and from the church from home.
- Business-related entertainment
- professional books and magazines
- professional membership dues
- stationery and stamps for ministry use
- cell phone
- educational expenses: to include seminars for ongoing learning (see benefits)

Many of these expenses should be included in your annual budgeting process.

Furthermore, it is recommended each church budget for and pay all expenses for

- the pastoral family to attend district meetings such as district assembly, district family camp, district gatherings, and pastor and spouses' retreats.
- if at all possible, to allow the pastor (and family) to attend the General Assembly by providing for their expenses. Since this global church event is held once every four years, the church board is advised to set aside an amount in their annual budgets to offset these expenses. Time spent attending assemblies or gatherings should NOT be considered part of a pastor's vacation time.

The district has a compensation worksheet available on the district website www.ncodistrict.org/treasurers. It is strongly advised each church board annually use this form which then should be forwarded to the district superintendent each year.

Local Church Procedures

- A. That a committee of two or more non-related individuals shall count and record all money received by the church. (Manual 129.22)
- B. That the church board arranges for an annual financial review of the treasurer's books and that each church that operates a daycare, elementary or secondary school additionally forward said financial review to the district superintendent within sixty (60) days of the close of the statistical year. (Manual 129.23)
- C. That the treasurer's book be open at all times to the pastor and the district superintendent or their designate.
- D. In no case should a person serve as treasurer of a local church who is not willing to conform to the position(s) of the Manual.
- E. All elected or appointed church officials, with the exemption of the pastor(s), shall serve without remuneration.
- F. That when payment of funds has been approved by the church board, that such payment should be made as expediently as possible and for the purpose(s) designated.
- G. In the handling of all funds for future expansion and development that such funds be deposited in a separate account and that no withdrawals be made without two signatures.
- H. Each church shall implement a proper screening process for both volunteer and employed persons who work with children and teens as it pertains to sexual and physical abuse (Manual 129.30) including budgeting for appropriate background checks. We further recommend that insurance programs be reviewed periodically in this area.
- I. When calling an evangelist to conduct a meeting at a local church: that their remuneration be twice the weekly salary of the senior pastor, plus SECA expense and one-way travel.
- J. That in the annual budgeting process, a goal of at least 10 percent of all money received be paid to the World Evangelism Fund (WEF) and approved specials with priority being given to WEF.
- K. That the local church financially supports any student attending Mount Vernon Nazarene University with a minimum scholarship of \$1,000.

District Policies and Procedures

- A. It is the local church's responsibility to budget for and pay all general, district, and university allocations. Manual 130. The District Advisory Board will appoint a committee to assist any church unable to pay their annual budgets with setting a balanced budget for the upcoming district year.
- B. When a local church has not paid budgets in full for two (2) consecutive years or has not had at least one (1) conversion by profession of faith, no member of that church's congregation may be entered into nomination for an elected district office/board position. (District Advisory Board 8/2018)
- C. The District Advisory Board has adopted criteria for potentially closing a church per Manual 106. When 3 of the 4 criteria for consideration are present for two years, the church will be considered for closure at the first DAB meeting of the following assembly year. (District Advisory Board 10/2018)
- D. No congregation may undertake a building expansion and/or remodeling project that exceed 10% of the annual amount raised for all purposes until such proposed expenditures are approved by the District Church Properties Board Manual 234
- E. A district allocation exemption will be made available to congregations conducting a capital stewardship campaign which has been approved by the District Properties Board. To qualify, a project must equal or exceed the annual income of the church. The exemption will extend for three years and will only apply to giving designated for the approved project.
- F. Any district church or compassionate ministry receiving district support shall apply annually for renewal. Applications are due August 1st of each year with decisions being made to fund at the August District Advisory Board meeting. Successful applicants shall make a report to the following assembly.
- G. Pastors and church boards are reminded that before hiring pastoral staff members and/or during the annual rehiring process, approval of the district superintendent must be obtained Manual 129.2
- H. When there is a pastoral change at a district church, the District Finance Committee will appoint a representative to conduct a review of the church's financial records, policies and procedures and present a report to the District Superintendent and the District Advisory Board prior to the calling of a new pastor. (District Advisory Board 11/2019)
- I. If a district ministry department (NMI, NDI, or NYI) should for any reason overspend its budget in one district year, that same amount will be reduced from the next budget cycle. (District Advisory Board 3/2018)
- J. Any district sponsored group travel shall be coordinated through the approved travel agency on file at the district office. No individual arrangements are to be made. (District Advisory Board 8.18)
- K. In the event of a merger between two churches, a property transference agreement should be completed, and a copy submitted to the district office. (District Advisory Board 10/2019)

- L. Per IRS regulations, any self-employed individual or an unincorporated business receiving \$600 or more from a church or ministry during the calendar year must receive a Form 1099-MISC showing the compensation amount.
- M. As part of his/her yearly responsibilities, the District Treasurer will contract with an accredited accounting firm to conduct a certified financial review of the district's finances for that year. Said review will be completed prior to and included in the printed assembly journal.
- N. We recommend each church utilize the Church of the Nazarene Foundation to facilitate planned and deferred gifts from their members to any Nazarene ministry, including gifts to the local church, and to use the foundation to manage investment accounts, endowments or charitable trusts. Information can be found at cnf.NazareneFoundation.org or by calling 866-273-2549.
- O. The Assembly Finance Committee Secretary shall be authorized to edit the Assembly Finance Committee Report as needed and appropriate.

IV. Finances

- A. That a sub-committee of the Finance Committee be charged with creating a yearly budget to be presented to the full committee for their review and recommendation to the District Advisory Board.
- B. That the Advisory Board be authorized, in their discretion, to make proper adjustments in the event of inequity in the application of the Pensions and Benefits Fund for a deceased minister's family if the local church has not paid their budgets in full.
- C. That the Fair Share district budget as recommended by the district Finance Committee and approved by the District Advisory Board is 4.75%.

2023-2024 Budget

I. District Ministries		
A. District Activities		
Clergy Excellence Initiative	6,000	
District Activity Administration	4,000	
District Assembly/Campmeeting	45,000	
Mileage and Meals	6,000	
Ministerial Assessment	2,000	
Ministry Support Grants	4,000	
NCO General Assembly	0	
Pastor and Spouse Retreat	35,000	
Pastor Counseling	1,000	
Pastor's Christmas Dinner	13,000	
Pastor's Continuing Education	500	
Pastor's Life Insurance	3,400	
Subtotal		\$119,900
B. District Office Business/Professional		
DCM Professional Expense	1,500	
DS Auto Travel & Repairs	6,000	
DS Discretionary	2,500	
DS Meetings, Conferences, Cont. Ed.	11,000	
DS Professional Expense	5,000	
Subtotal		\$ 26,000
C. District Office Operations		
Audit	3,000	
Equipment	3,000	
Insurance	9,000	
Maintenance and Repair	1,000	
Foundation/CDM+ Fees	500	
Postage	2,000	
Printing	2,500	
Rent	4,800	
Stewardship Tech Fees	2,000	
Supplies	7,000	
Utilities	1,500	
Web Ops	9,500	
Subtotal		\$ 45,800
D. Staff Benefits		
AA – Administrative Assistant	19,308	

CM – Missionary to Cleveland	7,105	
DS – District Superintendent	47,541	
TR – Treasurer	2,000	
Worker’s Compensation Insurance	1,200	
Subtotal		\$ 77,154

E. Staff Salaries \$258,980
(Cleveland Missionary, District Superintendent, District Secretary, District Treasurer, Office Administrator, Support Personnel)

F. NCO Ministry Support \$ 72,808

Total District Expenditures \$600,642

G. Departments

CHILDREN	46,000	
NDI	21,000	
NMI	22,500	
NYI	52,100	
Subtotal		\$ 141,600

Total Unified Budget \$ 742,242

V. Education

- A. That each church on the district welcomes representatives from Mount Vernon Nazarene University. We urge our churches to cooperate fully in supporting our Nazarene educational institutions, including Nazarene Theological Seminary and Nazarene Bible College by receiving a generous annual offering. We also urge our church attendees to support Mount Vernon Nazarene University by participating in their employer’s matching fund program. (For church’s reporting purposes, the personal contribution portion may be applied to the assigned educational budget of the local church but NOT the matching fund portion.)
- B. That the pastor’s continuing education is important. The district has set aside funds to assist pastors who desire to pursue advanced degrees. A set amount will be placed in the yearly budget and distributed until depleted. Applications will be due by June 15th for the following Fall semester and grants awarded following the August District Advisory Board meeting.
- C. It is our desire to help build up a new generation of top talent for the district and the church in general. The district has adopted a policy for supporting such calls. Based on the model of investing in an individual’s promise in return for a prescribed period of working to repay the investment, the district will identify such worthy individuals upon a pastor or professor’s recommendation and application process. (District Advisory Board 8/2020)
- D. Per agreement with Mount Vernon Nazarene University, all funds given over 85% of the University’s allocation in any given year will be directed to the district’s endowed scholarships housed within the university’s endowment.

Respectfully submitted,
RYAN BROWN, Secretary
AUSTIN SWALLOW, Chair

IN MEMORIAM

July 22, 2023

We pause to remember those from the North Central Ohio District who have joined the Church Triumphant this past year.
May God bless the memory of each one as He gives comfort to their loved ones and friends.

<i>ELDERS</i>	<i>Duane A. Lee, John M. Nielson, Gene R. Thompson</i>
<i>Amherst The River</i>	<i>Chris Zimmerman</i>
<i>Andover Cherry Valley</i>	<i>Francis (Buck) Gordon</i>
<i>Ashland</i>	<i>LaDonna Krichbaum Barr</i>
<i>Ashtabula First</i>	<i>Letha Long, Alice Miller, Bud Pallutch</i>
<i>Bedford</i>	<i>Virginia Davison, Joan Hodges, Stephen Ley, David Lynch, Marilyn May, Jane Roscoe, Wanda Worthington</i>
<i>Brunswick</i>	<i>Cindy Gates</i>
<i>Bucyrus First</i>	<i>Richard Awbrey, Keith Berry, Darlene Cady, Karen Griffin, Mary Hart, Sarah Hough, Richard Lynch, Ryan Martin, Phyllis Ross, Bob Sand, Linda Smith, Wilma Springer, Norma Stuckert, Darlene Wisterman</i>
<i>Cardington</i>	<i>John Levings Sr.</i>
<i>Cleveland Nueva Luz</i>	<i>Pilar Aquino</i>
<i>Cleveland Aviva</i>	<i>Carmen Hernandez</i>
<i>Coshocton</i>	<i>Zera Bible, Robert Dalzell, Carolyn Gonder</i>
<i>Crestline</i>	<i>Dorothy George</i>
<i>Delaware Newstart</i>	<i>Gertrude Garver</i>
<i>Eastlake Willo-Lake</i>	<i>Joan Steigauf</i>
<i>Elyria Community</i>	<i>Bill Erick, Joyce Monroe</i>
<i>Fremont</i>	<i>Bobby Morrison, Darrell Reid</i>
<i>Galion Real Life</i>	<i>Eva Kendall, Gail Mills</i>
<i>Grafton Harvest Fellowship</i>	<i>Richard McArthur</i>
<i>Jefferson</i>	<i>Gene Parks</i>
<i>Kelloggsville</i>	<i>Joyce Funk, Ruth Clark, Wayne Johnson, Wilma Maurer</i>
<i>Lexington</i>	<i>Thomas Weaver</i>
<i>Mount Vernon First</i>	<i>Sharon Booth, Joe Brown, Daryl Christner, Janet Kramer</i>
<i>Mount Vernon Lakeholm</i>	<i>Violet Banton, John Nielson, Donna Robson, Ruth Shock</i>
<i>Mount Vernon New Life</i>	<i>Patricia Anderson, Julia Kotterman, Rick McKee</i>
<i>Mount Vernon Shepherd's House</i>	<i>Jason Auck, Alice Williams</i>
<i>N. Royalton State Road Community</i>	<i>Rebecca Silk</i>
<i>Painesville</i>	<i>Roger Bowers, Rebecca Fannin</i>
<i>Sandusky Community</i>	<i>Maxie Marshall, Susan Sanford, Kerry Westcott</i>
<i>Shelby</i>	<i>James Hickman</i>
<i>Sunbury</i>	<i>Sue Barr, Dane Scholl</i>
<i>Wadsworth NOW</i>	<i>LaDonna Franks, Linda Hardman</i>
<i>Warsaw</i>	<i>Barbara Emerson</i>
<i>Willard</i>	<i>Fadana Schultz, Owen Tussing, Paulette Uselton</i>
<i>Wooster</i>	<i>Anne Billheimer, Tom Curtiss, Vivan Duffy, Scott Johnson, Garnet Sargeant, Robert Swartz, Shirley Thorpe, John Tisher</i>

CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY SERVICE

SATURDAY, July 22, 2023, 2:30 p.m.

Order of Service

Welcome
Processional/Congregational Hymn
Statement of Purpose and Invocation
Presentation of the Ordinands
Receiving and Examination of the Ordinands
Scripture Reading
Recognition of Retiring Ministers
Challenge to Newly Licensed Ministers
Minister's Choir
Manual Reading 502-502.6
Message
Ordination Ritual and Prayer
Presentation of gift from MVNU
Sending Forth and Benediction

Newly Licensed Ministers

Victor Manuel Cruz Perez
Georgia Frank
Joseph Scott Hurst
Emily Kauble
Kyll Louis Kiko
Bailey Chase McVay
Cecilia Marie Quinones
Benjamin Luke Radcliffe
Bella Ann Sears

Ordination Class of 2023

Ben Price Jr. was born in Garfield Heights, Ohio. Ben was raised in the Islamic faith but fell away from the religion in his high school years. Through a college relationship with Rachel, who would eventually become his wife, Ben was led to Jesus. Ben accepted Christ as his Savior when he was 20 years old and was sanctified at 23. Shortly after his baptism and sanctification, Ben made himself available to God to serve in any capacity that was needed. After volunteering in a youth group, Ben's calling toward youth ministry was made clear. Ben received his first district minister's license in 2020 on the North Central Ohio District. Ben has a Bachelor of Arts from Baldwin Wallace University and completed his course of study through the Nazarene Bible College and Mount Vernon Nazarene University. A significant verse for Ben's life is Hebrews 12:1-3.

Ben serves as an Associate and Youth Pastor at Bedford Church of the Nazarene. He previously served as the Campus Life Director for Greater Cleveland Youth for Christ. Ben and Rachel have been married for 16 years and have seven children: Ean, Maxwell, Ty, Ella, Ruby, Ezra, and Boaz.

Rhonda Reese Purtee was born in Ohio. Rhonda accepted Christ as her Savior at age seven and fully surrendered her life in sanctification at 25. Growing up a pastor's child, Rhonda wanted to pursue a career outside the church and be a layperson in her church. However, God planted a small question in Rhonda's mind on whether she was called to ministry or not. After questioning, praying, seeking direction, and researching others' calls, Rhonda received a clear answer that she was set apart for ministry. Rhonda received her first district minister's license in 2009 from the North Central Ohio District. She completed her course of study through Mount Vernon Nazarene University and Northwest Nazarene University.

A favorite verse of Rhonda's is Micah 6:8.

Rhonda is now the Lead Pastor at Marion Life Link Church of the Nazarene. She previously served as a Discipleship Pastor and Director of GriefShare at Delaware Newstart. Rhonda has been married to her husband, Bill, for 36 years. They have three children: Jaqulynn, Jylian, and Jocelynn. They also have three grandchildren.

Retiring Ministers

Linda Kay Cronebaugh was ordained as an Elder in the Church of the Nazarene in 2009. She has professionally served with the Church of the Nazarene at Mount Vernon Lakeholm (OH), Rockford Samuelson Road (IL), and Mount Gilead Fresh Faith Community (OH). Linda began her ministry in 1985 alongside her late husband, Rev. Tom Swiderman. As Tom's health declined, Linda felt God calling her to intercede and fulfill Tom's ministerial calling as a volunteer. It was not until 2003 that Linda received her personal call to ministry. One of Linda's greatest joys from her ministry has been mentoring and journeying with others toward the calls God has given them. Through her roles in children and youth ministry, Linda has mentored students of all ages, including those working toward ordination. A true blessing was being able to mentor her son, Cory, while he was studying for ministry at MVNU.

To those entering ministry, Linda advises them to be flexible and listen to God's voice and follow it.

A significant verse for Linda is Philippians 4:13.

Linda resides in Mount Vernon, Ohio. Her life has been blessed by her late husbands, Rev. Tom Swiderman (2005) and Mr. Dave Cronebaugh (2014), her one biological child, two stepchildren, two grandchildren, and one step-grandchild.

R. Michael Dennis was ordained as an Elder in the Church of the Nazarene in 1984. He has served as a pastor with the Church of the Nazarene in Tennessee, Ohio, and Florida and as a missionary in Guatemala. Mike has a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in Biblical Theology from Trevecca Nazarene College (now University). One of Mike's greatest joys in his ministry was discipling an atheist to faith in Christ. Through that relationship, Mike was able to help the man lead his dying mother to Christ, and Mike later prayed over him at his ordination to be a minister.

To those entering ministry, Mike advises them to keep saying yes to the Lord and learn when to say "no" to people. Always lead with the love you have for Christ.

A significant verse for Mike is Philippians 3:10-11.

Mike resides in Bedford, Ohio. His life has been blessed by his wife, Debbie, their three children, and ten grandchildren.

David P. Flack was ordained as an Elder in the Church of the Nazarene in 1983. He has served as a Youth Pastor at Kansas City Southwood (MO), Associate Pastor at Painesville (OH), Lead Pastor at North Royalton State Road Community (OH) and Sandusky Community (Ohio) Church of the Nazarene. David has a Bachelor of Arts from Olivet Nazarene College (now University) and completed work toward a Master of Divinity from Nazarene Theological Seminary. One of David's greatest joys from his ministry was observing spiritual growth in the lives of the people to whom he ministered. David remembers a specific couple who attended his church and went from a shallow faith to generous, thoughtful, and strong Christians who are still serving the Lord. David saw the power of prayer as God worked through the couple and changed their hearts. To those entering ministry, David advises them to preach the Word, love the people, pray diligently, and hold steady.

A favorite verse for David's life is Proverbs 3:5-6.

David resides in Sandusky, Ohio. His life has been blessed by his wife, Barbara, their five children, and five grandchildren.

Carolyn B. Greene was ordained as an Elder in the Church of the Nazarene in 2003. She has served as a Pastor at Whitesboro (TX) and Middletown (NY) Church of the Nazarene and as an Evangelist with the Church of the Nazarene. Carolyn has a Bachelor of Arts from Eastern Nazarene College (now University), a Master of Divinity from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and a Doctor of Ministry in Formational Counseling from Ashland University. A great joy from Carolyn's ministry was inviting people to her family's home for lunch each Sunday. Hospitality was a cornerstone in her ministry. Her table witnessed the sharing of dreams, the offering of support, and the strength of a community bound together by love and faith—a haven for those seeking solace, companionship, and a warm meal. To those entering ministry, Carolyn advises them to learn from Ezekiel chapters 2 and 33. Be faithful and leave the results to God.

Carolyn's favorite passages of Scripture are John 14 & 1 John 4.

Carolyn resides in Fredericktown, Ohio. Her late husband, Ramon E. Greene was a major part of her ministry. Ray often said the main reason God called him to ministry was to open doors for Carolyn. Ray died in 2021 as a result of his service to our nation on 9/11. Her life has been blessed by Ray, their ten children and 35 grandchildren.

Darryle A. Moody was ordained as an Elder in the Church of the Nazarene in 1997. He has served as a Pastor at Fulton, Orrville Harvest Hills, and Cardington Church of the Nazarene, all on the North Central Ohio District. Darryle has a Bachelor of Arts from Mount Vernon Nazarene College (now University). Darryle's greatest joy from ministry was leading the lost to a saving knowledge of Jesus and helping them develop a practice of discipleship in their own life. Through 30 years of ministry, he has marveled at every conversion to Christ. To those entering ministry, he advises them to put God first, family second, and ministry third.

A significant verse in Darryle's life is Philippians 4:12-13.

Darryle resides in Newark, Ohio. His life has been blessed by his wife, Rebecca, their three children and their spouses, and 12 grandchildren.

Ronald J. Seigman was ordained as an Elder in the Church of the Nazarene in 1996. Ron has served in pastoral ministry at Greenwood Community (SC), Shelby First (NC), Ashtabula First (OH), and Jefferson (OH) Church of the Nazarene. Ron has a Bachelor of Arts from Nazarene Bible College and a Master of Arts in agency counseling. He is an independent licensed mental health and chemical dependency counselor with the State of Ohio. His ministry has included the opportunity to serve as the Crisis Coordinator for Ashtabula County ministering to those in crisis, jail, and emergency situations. One of Ron's greatest joys in ministry has been for he and his wife Jenni to journey with their daughter through her spiritual life, calling, and now ministry. Ron was able to baptize his daughter, bring her into church membership, officiate her wedding, and serve with her in ministry.

To those entering ministry, Ron advises them to faithfully honor and respect every opportunity to present God's Word. Strive to make a good first impression with the knowledge that you may never have the opportunity to present God's Word to them again.

A favorite life verse of Ron's is Proverbs 3:5-6.

Ron resides in Ashtabula, Ohio. His life has been blessed by his wife, Jenni, their daughter and her spouse, and two grandchildren.

Michael G. VanZant was ordained as an Elder in the Church of the Nazarene in 1993. He has served as a Pastor at Ottawa Free Methodist (KS), Eudoria Friends (KS), Louisville Valley (KY), Louisville Grace Community (KY), and Fairmont First (WV) Churches of the Nazarene. He served as a missionary and professor at Africa Nazarene University (Kenya, Africa) and a professor at Mount Vernon Nazarene University (OH).

Mike has a Bachelor of Arts from Mid-America Nazarene College (now University), a Master of Divinity, and a Ph.D. in Old Testament Literature and Archaeology from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Throughout his education and ministry career, Mike has been in the Middle East as an archaeologist and student thirteen times; these experiences have shaped him as a minister and teacher. One of Mike's greatest joys from his ministry is being able to baptize both of his daughters when they were teenagers.

To those entering ministry, Mike advises them to study and be lifelong learners so that they can be effective preachers in this constantly changing world.

A favorite verse of Mike's is Micah 6:8.

Mike resides in Kentucky. His life has been blessed by his wife, Julie, their two daughters, sons-in-law, and four grandchildren.

Max E. Wood was ordained as an Elder in the Church of the Nazarene in 1998. He has been in ministry for 55 years as a pastor, evangelist and counselor and most recently has served as Lead Pastor at Harvest Fellowship Church of the Nazarene in Grafton, Ohio, for 28 years. Max has a Bachelor of Theology from Clarksville School of Theology. One of Max's greatest joys from his ministry was the opportunity to disciple others, both individuals and entire groups. He enjoyed hearing testimonies and seeing evidence of spiritual growth in grace.

To those entering ministry, Max advises them not to be overly influenced by the opinions of others nor try to impress them. Seek God and mind Him.

An important verse for Max is Ecclesiastes 9:11.

Max resides in Elyria, Ohio. His life has been blessed by his wife, Erma, their four children, seven grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

CHURCH REPORTS

ALPHABETICAL LISTING



Amherst The River

Richard R. Henry Jr., Elder

Organized: 1967

Pastor Began: 3/21/1988

Address: 210 Cooper Foster Park Rd., Amherst, OH 44001

Pastor Email: racquetwarrior@gmail.com

Phone: 440-988-9014

Statistics:	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>			
Conversions	2	5	3			
Baptisms	1	0	2	<u>Funding the Mission</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Worship Average	25	35	35	World Evangelism	\$5223	Yes
NDI Average	29	30	17	Pensions Benefits	\$1961	Yes
New Nazarenes	3	2	0	MVNU	\$2232	Yes
Membership	77	75	74	District	\$3772	Yes
Tithes/Offerings	\$111685	\$134949	\$86511	Missions Recognition Level	World Evang Excellence	

Worship Average = In Person + Online

Report to the Assembly: *How worship is transforming your church? How is worship guiding your people to: engage their community, share the love of Jesus, and live holy lives (Romans 12:1)?*

There is a friend of The River who said God told him, "I'm preparing the land, setting the table, and honoring the effort." We certainly believe the Lord to be doing this among us, with worship being a high priority. Over this past year, we've had beautiful and meaningful times of worship as a community where praise and thanksgiving flowed to God – and at the same time the sense of His presence was powerful, inspiring, and lifting.

Just recently, following our time of singing, we sat in silence for about 20 minutes connecting with God in private worship and praise. For two Sundays in a row, His presence has been so tangible and powerful that we never got to the preaching part of our worship. These are stimulating times which have moved us deeper into relationship with Christ, while creating passion to connect with those who are lost. Our church secretary and his wife have been a prayer beacon to their neighborhood by connecting with those who need Jesus. A board member has become chaplain for her union. She is passionately in love with Christ, actively witnessing to coworkers, starting a morning prayer group at work, and actively discipling several people. Her vision and passion are contagious stirring us all for the more God intends to give.

As a result of a baptismal service on the shore of Lake Erie last year, Rob began attending the church in large part because one of the members noticed his interest and struck up a conversation with him. A number of our people are participating in Bless Every Home (a neighborhood prayer movement – strategy) to connect people to Christ. We continue to believe that the best is yet to come.

Andover Cherry Valley

Richard A. Meier, Elder

Organized: 1922

Pastor Began: 8/1/2010

Address: 3410 US Highway 6, Andover, OH 44003

Pastor Email: pastorrich@centurylink.net

Phone: 440-293-7937

Statistics:	2021	2022	2023			
Conversions	12	13	12			
Baptisms	2	3	3	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	66	80	164	World Evangelism	\$9403	Yes
NDI Average	52	80	52	Pensions Benefits	\$3727	Yes
New Nazarenes	3	0	0	MVNU	\$3727	Yes
Membership	57	57	57	District	\$7703	Yes
Tithes/Offerings	\$159765	\$168450	\$174376	Missions Recognition Level	World Evang Excellence	

Worship Average = In Person + Online

Report to the Assembly: How worship is transforming your church? How is worship guiding your people to: engage their community, share the love of Jesus, and live holy lives (Romans 12:1)?

Worship has been great in our church this last year. We have gone through some transitions - moving from two services back to one service. This was in an effort to unite our church family. We have a blended service of contemporary and traditional worship. I believe that a worshiper always went out before the battle all throughout God’s word. When we are worshipping, we often feel the atmosphere changing in the church, and a shifting over to love and adoration for Jesus. That sets us up for receiving the Word through the message of the gospel. Our people have had a breakthrough this past year with hunger and willingness to make use of the altar. Due to Covid, people had gotten away from physical contact and even seeking the Lord around the altar due to fear and habit. Now I see our people around the altar seeking and hungering for the Lord. Our people are beginning again to seek God for healing and miracles. They believe He is a God of the impossible. We are longing for more of Jesus and asking for boldness to be able to share the word of God with those around us daily. Have we made this shift without problems or disagreements at times? No. In fact, we realize that worship and God’s glory stirs something inside of us and can often get messy. We are in it for the long haul making Christlike Disciples.

Highlights:

- Our 100 Year celebration: we had food trucks and guest speakers that were former members of our church and God called them while here, now they are in leadership and ministries of their own. What a time of celebration it was with a tent outside the church to revisit how our church came about 100 years ago. In 1922, in a tent revival on the Cherry Valley town square, a church was born. We are now reaping the seeds that were sown in the past 100 years as families came together seeking Jesus, and that seeking has continued on for 100 years - praise God.
 - Another highlight of the year, was our tent revival that took place following the 100 year celebration. We had great services with Rev. Rob McCorkle. Many received help from the Lord.
 - Another highlight would be a small restructuring to our Sunday School classes, and a challenge to get new teachers to teach all the different age groups. We have been able to see people begin to teach that have not taught before.
 - Last but not least, I would be amiss if I didn’t tell of a small moment of great impact while we hosted the Impact Team. During their worship time, God’s Glory broke out all over the place. Though worship went silent for a period of time, worship was overflowing out of people all over. We had teens praying for one another all throughout the sanctuary. Many were in a posture of prayer, kneeling and laying on the floor wherever they were, just seeking a move of the Holy Spirit - and moving He was!!
- Quote: “When God stops a church service, to start a revival”- Chris Bailey.



Ashland

David E. Langdon, Elder

Organized: 1926

Pastor Began: 11/9/2014

Address: 1196 Milton Township Rd. 1506, Ashland, OH 44805

Pastor Email: pastordlangdon@gmail.com

Phone: 419-289-2664

Statistics:	2021	2022	2023			
Conversions	4	7	5			
Baptisms	0	5	3	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	73	64	70	World Evangelism	\$10509	Yes
NDI Average	65	45	54	Pensions Benefits	\$3864	Yes
New Nazarenes	0	3	7	MVNU	\$3864	Yes
Membership	123	126	133	District	\$7986	Yes
Tithes/Offerings	\$146847	\$147061	\$199867	Missions Recognition Level	20% Goal Level	

Worship Average = In Person + Online

Report to the Assembly: *How worship is transforming your church? How is worship guiding your people to: engage their community, share the love of Jesus, and live holy lives (Romans 12:1)?*

Worship has been transforming our church in the areas of evangelism and spiritual growth. There has been a steady flow of first-time guests and repeat attenders this year. This has contributed to a fresh atmosphere of fellowship and encouragement as we see lives being transformed by the living presence of Christ in our church.



In January, over 30 adults participated in an 11-week outreach program on Wednesday nights. The Alpha Course explored life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open, and informal environment. Each week, three small groups shared a meal together and watched a video presentation designed to engage and inspire conversation. These groups included several people who had never attended our church, and God moved powerfully in their lives. A few began faithfully attending on Sundays after Alpha ended. The overall impact and spiritual growth in our congregation as a whole, has been significant. We look forward to seeing more people involved with inviting their unsaved friends to our second round of Alpha in September.

In March, we continued the outreach momentum with what we called “Encounter Weekend.” Evangelist Jeremiah Bolich offered a new “revival” format that also included an extended teaching time on Saturday morning. Jeremiah’s son, CJ, also came to minister to the youth with a Friday pizza and game night after the service, and bowling on Saturday afternoon. The people responded well, and this was a great next step for many individuals who had been making progress in their faith journey as Alpha wrapped up.

Leading up to Easter, we participated in “Saturate Ashland County.” In conjunction with our ministerial association and SaturateUSA, we joined 14 churches in distributing Easter invitation packets in our county. Our church volunteers distributed 500 bags to the homes surrounding our church. Along with information about our church and other invitation materials, each bag contained a DVD of The Jesus Film. We will participate again, as the goal is for all 17,000 homes in our county to be “saturated” with the gospel over the next two years.



We continue to see an increased involvement with our youth group. In June, they took a trip to Kentucky, which included the Ark Encounter, Creation Museum, and work at Care Net (Northern Kentucky Pregnancy Center). Two of our teens joined the NCO Impact Team this year and we hosted another powerful worship service. We also have two teens and a leader participating in NYC.

We received 7 new members this year (including 4 teens!). Several individuals have made professions of faith, and 3 were baptized on Pentecost Sunday with several more to be baptized soon. As we worship together, lives are being transformed! To God be the glory!



Ashtabula Edgewood

Kevin D. Ellis, Elder

Organized: 1955

Pastor Began: 1/22/1996

Address: 3025 N. Ridge E., Ashtabula, OH 44004

Pastor Email: revkevinellis@icloud.com

Phone: 440-997-5645

Statistics:	2021	2022	2023			
Conversions	0	6	0			
Baptisms	0	1	0	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	15	19	21	World Evangelism	\$2733	Yes
NDI Average	0	5	4	Pensions Benefits	\$1118	Yes
New Nazarenes	0	6	0	MVNU	\$1118	Yes
Membership	119	124	124	District	\$2360	Yes
Tithes/Offerings	\$52828	\$43706	\$49682	Missions Recognition Level	World Evang Excellence	

Worship Average = In Person + Online

Report to the Assembly: How worship is transforming your church? How is worship guiding your people to: engage their community, share the love of Jesus, and live holy lives (Romans 12:1)?

It is with great pleasure to bring to you my twenty-eighth annual report on behalf of the wonderful Edgewood Family. This congregation has continued to support this bi-vocational pastor who, week-by-week, finds himself pulled in a myriad of directions. God’s calling continues to faithfully give strength for each new day.

On a personal note, we welcomed a new granddaughter this year, nearly a year after her older sister went to be with Jesus. Julie and I are enjoying our new roles. We are blessed with three wonderful sons and one unbeatable daughter-in-law. Our church family, although small, finds genuine ways of loving and caring for one another and seeks to be welcoming to our visitors by preparing and sharing snacks, engaging in ministry to children, comforting the elderly, and genuinely loving each other.

This was a year of new starts. Debbie, who had lost her husband many years ago, and who faithfully brings her mother to church each week (the last charter member of our congregation), this past year began to bring her friend with her. Mike, an old friend of hers from years gone by, had been widowed a couple years ago. Their friendship kindled and before long, Mike popped the question and would ask me to do the honors of uniting them in marriage. They received their adult children’s blessings and continue to faithfully attend, along with Mike’s new mother-in-law.

God has protected and brought healing; to a teenage girl who had to have a lump removed from her breast, a young boy who had emergency surgery to remove an infected appendix, and those hearts strained by grief beyond compare. God continues to challenge our people and we continue to press onward in keeping with His plan. God is good.

Ashtabula The Ridge

Sean M. Hampton, Elder

Organized: 1921

Pastor Began: 11/25/2018

Address: 1820 S. Ridge W., Ashtabula, OH 44004

Pastor Email: pastorsean.afc@gmail.com

Phone: 440-992-0246

Statistics:	2021	2022	2023			
Conversions	25	5	45			
Baptisms	1	4	0	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	130	165	148	World Evangelism	\$17243	Yes
NDI Average	80	119	176	Pensions Benefits	\$7054	Yes
New Nazarenes	11	8	7	MVNU	\$7054	Yes
Membership	118	187	188	District	\$14579	Yes
Tithes/Offerings	\$313465	\$270250	\$332704	Missions Recognition Level	World Evangelism	

Worship Average = In Person + Online

Report to the Assembly: How worship is transforming your church? How is worship guiding your people to: engage their community, share the love of Jesus, and live holy lives (Romans 12:1)?

“Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love” (1 Corinthians 16:13-14 NIV). This was the challenge presented to The Ridge Nazarene, as Pastor Sean Hampton prepared to deploy last July as an Army Chaplain. At the heart of this challenge was to trust that God had been, and would continue to be, working through the staff and the congregation. That trust has been sustained through consistent and faithful worship of our Creator and Sustainer.

In the Sunday gathering at our two campuses, throughout the week amongst the staff, and out into the community, we lifted up the name of Jesus and our trust has deepened. We worship Him for bringing salvation and new life to 45 adults, youth, and children, due in part to our working with Fellowship of Christian Athletes. We worship Him for using us to bring hope and healing through both DivorceCare and GriefShare. We worship him for giving us the opportunity to speak Jesus into the community through our Upward soccer league. We worship God because He placed the right people in the right positions for a year without our pastor.

There have been many struggles to accompany the blessings, and some days it is difficult to stand firm. While new members have come in, others have moved on. While some people served for the first time, others stepped down. While some embraced the challenges of multi-site ministry, others have wanted no part. Yet we still worship Him because He is our God, and we trust Him. The difficulties do not change the challenge, they do not impede our desire to worship with all our lives. We know He is trustworthy. We know He is working to shape us and make us into what he wants us to be. We look forward to all that comes next.



Bedford

R. Michael Dennis, Elder

Organized: 1937

Pastor Began: 8/13/2013

Address: 365 Center Rd., Bedford, OH 44146

Pastor Email: mdennis248@aol.com

Phone: 440-232-7440

Statistics:	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>			
Conversions	2	10	3			
Baptisms	2	7	3	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	343	340	315	World Evangelism	\$37077	Yes
NDI Average	320	330	330	Pensions Benefits	\$15223	Yes
New Nazarenes	12	3	3	MVNU	\$15168	Yes
Membership	463	465	462	District	\$31347	Yes
Tithes/Offerings	\$622644	\$637078	\$713079	Missions Recognition Level	World Evangelism	

Worship Average = In Person + Online

Report to the Assembly: *How worship is transforming your church? How is worship guiding your people to: engage their community, share the love of Jesus, and live holy lives (Romans 12:1)?*

Dr. Crocker, Pastor Wendell, members, and friends:

In view of our approaching retirement, it is a great privilege to offer my 10th report as Pastor of the wonderful people of Bedford Church, as the LORD wills, my last report as a full-time pastor in the Church of the Nazarene. Forty years ago, Debbie and I started our journey as freshly graduated college students sent to shepherd a little home-mission church in Tennessee. Truth be told, they shepherded us. They helped us feed and clothe our children, took care of us, and loved us every minute. We have found this to be the case wherever the Lord has taken us.

We were dedicated as babies in our home church back in the 1950s. The Church has been our mother, our father, our teacher, and our refuge all our lives. We were saved, married, and called to the ministry, all while at our home church.

While preparing at TNU, we were sanctified and specifically called to preach. We have been poor, we have done well, we have had an abundance of friends, and at times been abundantly lonely. We have rejoiced with the victorious and wept with the sorrowful. Our children were all raised in the churches we served and are all serving Jesus today. Glory to God.

I have joyfully found Isaiah's writings to be true for us:

"I will go before you and will level the mountains. I will break down gates of bronze and cut through bars of iron.

I will give you the treasures of darkness, riches stored in secret places, so that you may know that I am the Lord, the God of Israel, who summons you by name." Isaiah 45:2-3

He has NEVER FAILED US! For a time, we served as Nazarene missionaries in Guatemala. The church trained us, supported us, and sent us. While this was a brief moment, it was profound, providing an incredible close-up perspective of our global family.

Bedford received us as weary and broken shepherds and loved us back to health and peace. We will always love them and will owe them a deep debt of gratitude. We could not have crossed the finish line in a better place.

Please believe together with us that the greatest days lie ahead for BedNaz and all of us.

Sincerely,

Mike and Debbie Dennis

Brunswick

In Transition

Organized: 1958

Address: 3965 Center Rd., Brunswick, OH 44212

Phone: 330-225-6957

Statistics:	2021	2022	2023			
Conversions	0	9	6			
Baptisms	0	0	0	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	64	67	111	World Evangelism	\$6910	Yes
NDI Average	34	93	159	Pensions Benefits	\$2826	Yes
New Nazarenes	0	16	0	MVNU	\$2830	Yes
Membership	105	123	119	District	\$5840	Yes
Tithes/Offerings	\$117621	\$125976	\$132485	Missions Recognition Level	World Evangelism	

Worship Average = In Person + Online

Report to the Assembly: How worship is transforming your church? How is worship guiding your people to: engage their community, share the love of Jesus, and live holy lives (Romans 12:1)?

Renovations are in progress to our sanctuary and sound/camera system.

This year started-off with a study led by James Laker, our district missionary to Cleveland, teaching about what it means to be missional. He asked, if our church ceased to exist, would our community miss us? We are moving in the right direction of being known in our community by reaching out through opening our church for:

- A recovery program
- Overdose Awareness Service
- ESL Classes
- Personal Care Pantry
- Many children's programs/activities
- Completion of our children's department - The Jungle
- First VBS in several years, raised \$800 for Mission 59
- Family Movies Nights
- Bingo Night



Kids leading worship



Sanctuary under renovation



Easter Egg Hunt

New children's area



VBS



Bucyrus First

Ray LaSalle, Elder

Organized: 1933

Pastor Began: 12/27/1992

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Pastor Email: rl@rrohio.com

Phone: 419-562-0256

Statistics:	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>			
Conversions	25	27	29			
Baptisms	13	10	13	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	832	897	1081	World Evangelism	\$72815	Yes
NDI Average	354	269	270	Pensions Benefits	\$28150	Yes
New Nazarenes	34	30	13	MVNU	\$28150	Yes
Membership	811	833	832	District	\$57377	Yes
Tithes/Offerings	\$1132311	\$1249596	\$1351705	Missions Recognition Level	10% Goal Level	

Worship Average = In Person + Online

Report to the Assembly: *How worship is transforming your church? How is worship guiding your people to: engage their community, share the love of Jesus, and live holy lives (Romans 12:1)?*

Bucyrus Nazarene joins with the early church of Acts 14:27 in rehearsing what God has done WITH us, and how He has OPENED doors for the 2022-2023 church year. The television, radio, and live stream audience have joined with all three of our campuses in reaching out to people. A number of new people are seen weekly at the four services being held. We continue to be in the people business for God.

We have partnered with the Global & District church by being financiers for 56 continuous years of total budgets paid, as well as 10% giving. This ministry continues to send young people to the university campuses for continued higher education.

We do not plan to let up, slack off, or coast. The vision is to continue onward and upward in every area. It is our desire to produce excellence in music, ministry, discipleship, and leadership.

As times have changed in our culture with divorce, death, and drugs; we have turned some of our outreach toward divorce recovery, GriefShare, alcohol and drug recovery, and sharing of food with the hungry.

Education informs, religion reforms, sin deforms, and the world conforms, but God transforms. We've "presented our body of believers," to be a living, holy, acceptable service to the will of God.

Burton North East Community

Brian E. Westover, Elder

Organized: 2013

Pastor Began: 7/8/2003

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Pastor Email: april4brian@gmail.com

Phone: 440-636-2836

Statistics:	2021	2022	2023			
Conversions	2	0	1			
Baptisms	2	0	0	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	55	65	68	World Evangelism	\$2719	No
NDI Average	61	42	26	Pensions Benefits	\$1295	No
New Nazarenes	0	0	1	MVNU	\$2120	Yes
Membership	29	27	28	District	\$4241	Yes
Tithes/Offerings	\$92747	\$90412	\$83513	Missions Recognition Level	--	

Worship Average = In Person + Online

Report to the Assembly: How worship is transforming your church? How is worship guiding your people to: engage their community, share the love of Jesus, and live holy lives (Romans 12:1)?

This past year God has been encouraging our people to look more specifically at how well we are loving others through discipleship and Evangelism. The call to worship Christ is a call to serve others and look out for their interests as more important than our own.



Our ladies' group has excelled in this, by getting together monthly to pray and study the word. Ladies from unchurched backgrounds, Catholic backgrounds, and some who go to other churches, but enjoy the time together show up to encourage and share life stories and struggles. They search the Word so they can learn to live the way Christ desires. The rest of the month, these ladies are building relationships and inviting more ladies to come be a part of what they are doing. They are ministering to the needs of others in practical ways as well.

Early last year I asked a couple ladies if they would be interested in writing cards to people who needed encouragement or who hadn't been in church for a while. They said yes, and before I could give them direction, they began meeting on Fridays. The group has grown to several ladies, and they are known as "The Card Angels." They send cards to prisoners, people who haven't been in church in a while, students who need encouragement and others who are struggling in life. The Card Angels also spend time praying for all those to whom they send a card. Their ministry is reaching outside our church walls and impacting those inside our church walls through pen on paper. This past October, my son Nathan and our youth volunteer, Justin, developed an outreach called "Just One". It stands for just one way to eternal life, which is Jesus, but it also stands for just one question. They set up a tent at a local community event and asked one engaging question to get people thinking about faith and salvation. Anyone who engaged with them they gave a free homemade cookie. The impact on them, as well as, those they spoke with was one of a kind.



I am thankful for all that God is doing to draw us into a life of discipleship. I pray we only continue to grow and be a light in our community.



Cardington

Christopher Umphryes, Elder

and **Kirsten Marie Umphryes**, Licensed Minister

Organized: 1926

Pastor Began: 10/31/2021

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Pastor Email: christopherumphryes@gmail.com; kmumphryes@gmail.com

Phone: 419-864-6801

Statistics:	2021	2022	2023			
Conversions	1	0	4			
Baptisms	0	0	3	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	164	32	41	World Evangelism	\$4835	Yes
NDI Average	35	30	42	Pensions Benefits	\$1978	Yes
New Nazarenes	1	0	6	MVNU	\$2067	Yes
Membership	47	48	48	District	\$4088	Yes
Tithes/Offerings	\$70738	\$64297	\$93329	Missions Recognition Level	World Evangelism	

Worship Average = In Person + Online

Report to the Assembly: *How worship is transforming your church? How is worship guiding your people to: engage their community, share the love of Jesus, and live holy lives (Romans 12:1)?*

It has been an exciting year at Cardington Church of the Nazarene. God is teaching all of us what it looks like to live holy lives of worship as we live and move through each new day.

The Holy Spirit is leading, guiding, and bringing hope to the Village of Cardington.

God has given us so many opportunities to engage our community. We were able to connect with over 600 people from our village at a Halloween party we hosted on the front lawn of the church. A prominent leader in our community called us and said that seeing the event from afar brought her to tears because it was such a beautiful sight of hope and unity. God is working in Cardington.

We have also been able to host open mic nights at a local coffee shop to raise money for the Cardington Community Food Pantry. It started as a small Christmas event, but the owner asked us to do it every season because of the positive response of the community.

God has done amazing things through every planned event, but when the people of the church live their lives as living sacrifices, transformation happens. People are getting saved, baptized, and becoming members of Cardington. God is mending broken relationships and drawing people to himself. Every sporting event, dinner conversation, moment of grief or celebration experienced together has proven to be avenues of God's compassion and hope.



Cleveland Arabic

Asaad Wahba, Elder

Organized: 2011

Pastor Began: 4/19/2009

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Pastor Email: pastorasaad_wahba@hotmail.com

Phone:

Statistics:	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>			
Conversions	10	15	2			
Baptisms	1	2	1	<u>Funding the Mission</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Worship Average	7	10	13	World Evangelism	\$0	No
NDI Average	7	19	19	Pensions Benefits	\$0	No
New Nazarenes	0	2	1	MVNU	\$0	No
Membership	17	19	20	District	\$210	No
Tithes/Offerings	\$7200	\$6000	\$7200	Missions Recognition Level	--	

Worship Average = In Person + Online

Report to the Assembly: *How worship is transforming your church? How is worship guiding your people to: engage their community, share the love of Jesus, and live holy lives (Romans 12:1)?*

Second work of grace:

About living holy lives, we believe that the world will never change until the church first changes. We also believe that the second birth is not the whole work of grace, it is just the first step. We encourage our people to experience the Gospel's full blessing and move to be filled with the Spirit of God and to be Christian like Jesus, our example.

Sharing the good news with Muslim friends:

As an Arab church, we are distinguished by our understanding of the Arabic language and our complete knowledge of the Qur'an (the holy book of our Muslim friends). We feel a special responsibility towards them to help them realize the only way of salvation in Christ Jesus. We know that much of what is in the Qur'an is copied from the Bible, and we can build on it to explain Christ's saving message. We believe that the Bible must be preached first in all the world before the second coming of the Lord. And preaching to Muslim friends brought joyful results, and many of them accepted Christ in the Arab world. All the glory be to God.

Salvation and baptism of a Muslim friend:

I would like to tell a blessed testimony of salvation for a Muslim friend who was looking for the right religion. In his research, he moved between Indian religions to Christianity. We met him and proved to him the greatness of Christ above Mohamad the prophet of Islam. It is a settled issue that could not be contradicted. Jesus, among all the prophets, is the greatest without a doubt. The Qur'an respects the Lord Jesus Christ and does not deny that He is the Word of God and that he was born without a human father. Qur'an does not deny the miracles of Jesus, nor his ascension to heaven. Faced with these facts, our Muslim friend believed and gave his life to Jesus, acknowledging that Christ is greater than Muhammad and all prophets. And with overwhelming joy he obeyed Christ's command to be baptized. He also invited his son-in-law to attend our church. We pray the Lord reaches their wives and their children too. Amen

Cleveland Aviva

Lumar Vargas, Licensed Minister

Organized: New Start

Pastor Began: 9/1/2020

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Pastor Email: lumar.vargas@avivacleveland.org

Phone: 802-432-8482

Statistics:	2021	2022	2023			
Conversions	4	112	25			
Baptisms	0	0	18	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	30	75	100	World Evangelism	\$0	No
NDI Average	0	55	105	Pensions Benefits	\$0	No
New Nazarenes	2	80	25	MVNU	\$0	No
Membership	2	81	106	District	\$2500	No
Tithes/Offerings	\$39574	\$82000	\$164362	Missions Recognition Level	--	

Worship Average = In Person + Online

Report to the Assembly: How worship is transforming your church? How is worship guiding your people to: engage their community, share the love of Jesus, and live holy lives (Romans 12:1)?

Throughout 2022, we partnered with the following organizations in outreach and financial support: Building Hope In the City, Galilean Theological Center, Cleveland Fire Department, A.S.P.I.R.E Academy, Mujeres Empoderadas, Norma Herr Women's Shelter, and three Latino churches in the urban context. In June 2022, we took a missions and worship trip to Colombia and were able to raise support to bless 79 families, with a special focus on women, children, and cancer patients. In August 2022, we baptized 18 people and have had over 50 people give their lives to Jesus since launch Sunday. In the fall of 2022, we purchased a duplex home for ministry, Casa Aviva, and now use this home as an outreach ministry to complete Deuteronomy 10:18: "He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing."



Between the months of December 2022 and February 2023, we had 70+ new first-time visitors. We began January 2023 with a series titled "Sin Excusas" (No Excuses). During this, we saw our greatest attendance numbers since launch Sunday, and a genuine desire to reconnect with Jesus and the church. Since then, we have tailored our sermons around our core values of restoration and transformation, teaching how we can live healed and whole through a series titled "Saludables" (Healthy) and "Cicatrices" (Scars). We create a weekly sermon-based curriculum connected to the sermon for our discipleship groups to discuss mid-week.



We began forming a worship team with five people in June 2021 and through the leadership of Emanuel Vargas and Talina Morales, the team has grown to more than 25 members in 2022, many are youth and young adults.



In April 2023, we celebrated our first anniversary. There, we also prayed over our first Associate Pastors (Victor Cruz & Cecilia Quiñones) and ministers (Ricardo & Ruthy Reyes).

These two couples are on the journey towards ordination and studying at the Galilean Theological Center. Beginning in June 2023, we will have a series of one-day away leadership retreats in an effort to multiply our ministry team and form future leaders. Many at Aviva are enrolled at the Galilean Theological Center for additional training. We believe Aviva will be a sending church of future Latino/a pastors.



Cleveland Lighthouse, Inc.

Judith A. Bean, Elder

Organized: Compassionate Ministry

Pastor Began: 7/17/2013

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Statistics:	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Conversions	0	4	3
Baptisms	0	0	0
Worship Average	0	0	0
NDI Average	214	257	317
New Nazarenes	0	0	0
Membership	18	12	12
Tithes/Offerings	\$0	\$81804	\$0

Report to the Assembly:

HeavenTrain 2022 surpassed expectations and built on the momentous year we had in 2021. God's presence and leading was evident throughout the entire year and we give praise and thanks for His guiding hand.

One of the most exciting times was HeavenTrain Christmas. On Saturday, December 10th, we concluded the season with our annual HeavenTrain Christmas Gift Giveaway. God answered prayers for extra help as thirty-seven volunteers from different churches gathered at McDonald's Restaurant at 3050 Carnegie Avenue in Cleveland for morning instructions, prayer, and a group photo.

HeavenTrain returned for its 42nd season in 2023 and what a wonderful return it has been! The Lord blessed both outings in May with returning HeavenTrain kids, adults, and lots of new children. As we prepared for the outing on May 13th, 200 lunches were made. Typically, attendance is lower on the first day back in the communities but God...But God!

We saw children waiting for us at the first stop eager to hop on the HeavenTrain bus. Our prayer warriors asked God to send the children - and they came in large numbers. Our plans are surely not God's plans because after the third HeavenTrain stop, food was running out and there were two more HeavenTrain stops in the afternoon. After a trip to a local grocery store, our team made more lunches. The fourth stop saw two busloads of children and only 24 lunches remained for the fifth and final stop of the day. Per stop, we averaged 60 plus last year, would these lunches be enough for the fifth stop?

Without having any idea of how many children would visit at the final stop, we put our trust in the Lord to provide. And He did! Whether it was a miscount of lunches (only skeptics think this) - or God provided a modern-day "loaves and fishes" miracle, 45 children and caregivers attended HeavenTrain, and we had exactly 45 lunches ready to give them! But God! But God!

It has been an amazing season so far, and we're only two weeks in. Besides God's love being shown to the children, the Lord presented our team with several opportunities to pray over men and women who brought their children to the bus. One woman said she needed to hear God's Word that day due to a traumatic time the night before in the community where she lives. We are blessed to be in the communities to listen and pray with men, women and children who need the peace of the Lord.

HeavenTrain runs on the second and fourth Saturdays until early December. We welcome all visiting volunteers 12 years and older to check out HeavenTrain; and if the indications so far are a beginning, God is planning something amazing.



Cleveland Nueva Luz

Felix Muniz, Elder

Organized: 1975

Pastor Began: 6/5/2005

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Pastor Email: munizfel@aol.com

Phone: 216-651-8236

Statistics:	2021	2022	2023			
Conversions	0	2	7			
Baptisms	0	0	0	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	20	30	45	World Evangelism	\$160	No
NDI Average	39	28	53	Pensions Benefits	\$0	No
New Nazarenes	0	2	11	MVNU	\$115	No
Membership	89	90	100	District	\$1149	No
Tithes/Offerings	\$46999	\$51678	\$41930	Missions Recognition Level	--	

Worship Average = In Person + Online

Report to the Assembly: How worship is transforming your church? How is worship guiding your people to: engage their community, share the love of Jesus, and live holy lives (Romans 12:1)?

This year the Lord has provided great opportunities at Nueva Luz Community Church of the Nazarene to evangelize and share the love of Christ with special populations. As you may know, the U.S. government has granted advance travel authorization for up to 30,000 non-citizens each month to come to the United States to seek parole on a case-by-case basis under the processes for Cubans, Haitians, Nicaraguans, and Venezuelans. Due to this divine intervention, over 10 families from Nicaragua have been attending Nueva Luz Community Church of the Nazarene and are being served with the love of Christ, legal aid, housing, employment, and medical assistance. This new compassionate ministry is a joint effort between Nueva Luz Community Church of the Nazarene, Nueva Luz Urban Resource Center, and other organizations.

In addition, Nueva Luz now has access to entering Correctional Institutions like, Lorain Correctional Institution, Grafton Correctional Institution and Marion Correctional Institution. Nueva Luz now has the opportunity to minister to those who are incarcerated with the love Christ and we are able to provide Worship Service, Bible Studies, Discipleship, and Educational Trainings to those with substance use disorders. For the word of God says, "I was a stranger and you invited me in; I was in prison, and you visited me; I was sick and you healed me....."

Praise the LORD!



Cleveland Nueva Luz Urban Resource Center

Max M. Rodas, Elder

Organized: 1975

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Phone: 216-651-8236

Pastor Began: 8/16/1999

Pastor Email: mrodas@nlurc.org

Report to the Assembly:

Since October 2022, we have been presented with a new opportunity for ministry as many immigrants from Nicaragua, Venezuela, Cuba and Latin America have made their way to our community without housing, work, healthcare and in some cases, even without food. Pastor Felix Muniz from Galilean Theological Center & Nueva Luz (Spanish speaking) Church along with the two ministries led by Pastor Max Rodas - Nueva Luz Urban Resource Center and Garfield Nazarene church - had to develop a very abrupt ministry strategy to attempt to meet the felt and spiritual needs of these newcomers. It gives us great joy to testify to the fact that we have seen literal miracles of God's provision, as our fundraising has been effective and timely to acquire the necessary survival resources. We have 32 families we minister to on an almost daily basis now, and many of them are believers who attend the Nueva Luz (Spanish) Church.

NLURC has served more than 1,000 people in 2022-23 (without counting our immigrant brothers and sisters), but what is special about this last year is, how it has been done. Because of the poverty of this city and the entrenchment of darkness in this urban setting, there has been a need for a well-balanced ministry strategy comprised of spiritual proclamation and physical compassion. In all of my years here in Cleveland, we have never been this balanced and bold to accomplish what God has called us to do, and what NCO has provided finances for. I have never been more optimistic than today, that the Church of the Nazarene can and will be used to rescue the perishing and bring a bright day to this part of Northeast Ohio.

Cleveland Victory

Carolyn L. Joseph, Elder

Organized: 1983

Pastor Began: 6/1/2013

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Pastor Email: cityofhope4him@aol.com

Phone: 216-881-3115

Statistics:	2021	2022	2023			
Conversions	2	4	2			
Baptisms	0	0	0	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	57	49	49	World Evangelism	\$3600	Yes
NDI Average	58	49	48	Pensions Benefits	\$1420	Yes
New Nazarenes	0	1	1	MVNU	\$1420	Yes
Membership	16	17	18	District	\$3000	Yes
Tithes/Offerings	\$58551	\$64643	\$66354	Missions Recognition Level	15% Goal Level	

Worship Average = In Person + Online

Report to the Assembly: *How worship is transforming your church? How is worship guiding your people to: engage their community, share the love of Jesus, and live holy lives (Romans 12:1)?*

30 AA group & church members prepping walls



Packing 168 bags with hats, gloves, scarves and blankets.

Our new look



50 parents and children joined us for "Breakfast with the Elves"



"To God Be the Glory"

This year at Victory was one of transformation. We had work projects and events that brought connection and joy to those who participated.

We had a reality check when one of our AA friends was murdered. We ministered to over 150 hurting people.

We handed out an average of 130 meals every Thursday night, up from 90 last year. Thank you Bedford, State Road, Willo-Lake, and Medina Churches! What a blessing you are to us!!!

Had the privilege of praying with 2 people who accepted Jesus!!

Totally enjoying our new meal and discipleship round table chats after the morning service.

Our fellowship is growing!

Thank you to all who support our ministry here in Cleveland!

Clyde

Ricky Hammons, Ministry Leader

Organized: 1938

Pastor Began: 3/1/2022

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Pastor Email: ricky_cd_88@yahoo.com

Phone: 567-855-5002

Statistics:	2021	2022	2023			
Conversions	2	2	3			
Baptisms	3	3	0	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	26	12	26	World Evangelism	\$781	Yes
NDI Average	39	39	30	Pensions Benefits	\$323	Yes
New Nazarenes	3	0	6	MVNU	\$323	Yes
Membership	41	41	40	District	\$661	Yes
Tithes/Offerings	\$21362	\$21362	\$14871	Missions Recognition Level	World Evangelism	

Worship Average = In Person + Online

Report to the Assembly: How worship is transforming your church? How is worship guiding your people to: engage their community, share the love of Jesus, and live holy lives (Romans 12:1)?

This past church year we really made it a point to change our thoughts, minds, and thinking when it came to worship. I noticed last year that it seemed the body of our church as a whole was just going through the motions during our praise and worship. So, we took a look into how David praised God, how he gave his all to God no matter what was going on around him. Not caring who was watching or what people were thinking about him. Giving thanks to God for all of our needs and counting every single blessing.

Now when we sing during praise and worship, you can see everyone giving their all to the Lord. People are brought to tears, being so thankful for everything. The children are singing and clapping, not on beat yet, but we will get them there. Before, the children would just goof off; and now, they want to sing in front of the church. Our church wanted to add a night of praise and worship every quarter, so we go around inviting people and put up fliers. From this, it has given us a chance to talk to people about Jesus and show the love of God. I feel the church is hungrier for the word of God and living a life that shows the world the light of Jesus. All from changing the way we think, act, and feel about praise and worship. Our church has more people wanting to get involved with different events and groups around the church. They're even wanting to help clean and cut the grass. Just showing more honor and respect to God and His house.



Cooperdale

William David Phillips, Elder

Organized: 1924

Pastor Began: 9/26/2021

Address: 17816 State Route 60, Dresden, OH 43821

Pastor Email: wmdavidp@gmail.com

Phone: 740-263-0269

Statistics:	2021	2022	2023			
Conversions	0	0	12			
Baptisms	0	0	0	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	50	48	47	World Evangelism	\$5700	Yes
NDI Average	28	40	70	Pensions Benefits	\$2315	Yes
New Nazarenes	0	1	3	MVNU	\$2322	Yes
Membership	52	37	40	District	\$4858	Yes
Tithes/Offerings	\$60209	\$87775	\$110889	Missions Recognition Level	10% Goal Level	

Worship Average = In Person + Online

Report to the Assembly: How worship is transforming your church? How is worship guiding your people to: engage their community, share the love of Jesus, and live holy lives (Romans 12:1)?

- 3 new members - One of them called to ministry! And one of them her car broke down, she shared, "Well at least I can walk to this church close by..."
- Developed a working library - book shelves and everything.
- Youth outing! More and more teens coming; struggle to deal with the number of new teens; teen place renovated in just two weeks.
- New sidewalks
- Massive crowd for Christmas, nothing crowd next Sunday.
- Talking about missions, giving to missionaries, praying, praying. Helping with projects.
- Preaching through Romans.
- Older members feel comfortable coming and helping and giving!
- Kids feel comfortable coming - well on Wednesday. Maybe it's the meal and wonderful teaching.
- Remodeled with new carpet, new bathrooms, bright white walls, and more.
- Support for pastor to attend General Assembly
- We keep praying and God keeps answering. Some amazing yeses, some heartbreaking noes, a whole lot of testimonies. One woman, "I am so full of joy, I just wish I could wave a hankie or something...."



D came on Palm Sunday. His first time back in church in 40 years. He would not tell us his full name or where he lived. He said he liked the service. He might be back. We prayed God would bring him back. Wednesday night a few weeks later, D shows up asking if we have an AA meeting there at 6:30 pm. He had seen it in the paper for four weeks. Weird, we didn't put anything in the paper? Two of us talk with him for almost 40 minutes, while the rest are in Bible study praying for us. D wants to be free from alcohol. We prayed for him, talked with him a bunch more and he heads for home. Two weeks later he shows up on Pentecost Sunday! I kind of think, maybe, the Holy Spirit is doing something!

What a year!

Thank you, Lord! You are a great God!!



Cooperdale missionary speaker new sanctuary

Cooperdale missionary speaker old sanctuary

Coshocton

Andrew Bird, Elder

Organized: 1919

Pastor Began: 11/1/2020

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Phone: 740-622-1912

Statistics:	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>			
Conversions	0	0	3			
Baptisms	5	6	3	<u>Funding the Mission</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Worship Average	227	139	160	World Evangelism	\$16604	Yes
NDI Average	120	59	142	Pensions Benefits	\$6793	Yes
New Nazarenes	5	0	0	MVNU	\$6793	Yes
Membership	535	527	527	District	\$14038	Yes
Tithes/Offerings	\$324826	\$313168	\$320098	Missions Recognition Level	World Evangelism	

Worship Average = In Person + Online

Report to the Assembly: *How worship is transforming your church? How is worship guiding your people to: engage their community, share the love of Jesus, and live holy lives (Romans 12:1)?*

God has been so gracious to us at Cosh Naz this past year, as we have sought to worship him. Worship is a living sacrifice of our lives to a God that is so worthy. While worship is so much more than just music and lights, God blessed us with new lighting and sound this past year. For the second year in a row, we delivered hundreds of Thanksgiving meals to families in our community. We were blessed to assist in summer school at our local elementary school as well. What a wonderful celebration at Christmas Eve this year. We focused on the story of the little drummer boy, and what we might have to bring to our Jesus as a gift of worship. It was our major Christmas worship service, and it was one to remember. We also had the opportunity to lead our Baccalaureate Service this year and it was a blast. God provided a new ministry role this past year. Louis Woicinski (and his wife, Dasha) joined us as our Youth and Family Pastor in August. Louis and Dasha have been a great addition to our ministry team, our church, and our community. Plans are underway to begin our new Celebrate Recovery Ministry as we seek to be the hands and feet of Jesus in Coshocton.

Crestline

Robert A. Weaver, Elder

Organized: 1936

Pastor Began: 8/1/2021

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Pastor Email: b.c.weaver@citynet.net

Phone: 419-683-1700

Statistics:	2021	2022	2023			
Conversions	0	3	8			
Baptisms	0	0	0	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	53	43	244	World Evangelism	\$5980	Yes
NDI Average	62	26	31	Pensions Benefits	\$2455	Yes
New Nazarenes	0	1	9	MVNU	\$2450	Yes
Membership	43	49	58	District	\$5045	Yes
Tithes/Offerings	\$110018	\$108211	\$106154	Missions Recognition Level	15% Goal Level	

Worship Average = In Person + Online

Report to the Assembly: How worship is transforming your church? How is worship guiding your people to: engage their community, share the love of Jesus, and live holy lives (Romans 12:1)?

This has been an exciting year for the people of Crestline Church of the Nazarene, as we have managed with the help of the Lord to show improvement in our attendance and finances over the year before.



The following are a few of the significant changes that happened this past year.

We expanded our music ministry by adding a worship team that has aided in leading our worship experience. The congregation has responded positively to this effort and has joined in with great enthusiasm. Thanks to our music/choir director, worship team, and choir who give of their time and talents to make our worship service the best that it can be.

In August, we were able to restart our VBS ministry with the help of several adult volunteers who went door to door handing out invitations to our neighbors. The oldest passing out flyers that day was 83 years young! The week was highlighted by ministering to our own kids and several guests from the neighborhood.

During the month of September, we joined the rest of our community by sponsoring a booth at the Crestline Harvest Festival. It gave us tremendous exposure to the community and enabled us to hand out literature and invitations to our church. Michelle Edwards worked tirelessly to organize and set up the booth with the help of other volunteers to man the booth every day.

In September we welcomed 8 new members, and in March we took in 5 more for a total of 13 new members. We are glad to see these new folks, who had already dedicated themselves to the Lord, take the next step and become part of our Crestline family of believers.



Several facility improvements to the church, parsonage, and parking lot were made. We were able to resurface a portion of our parking lot and install new heating and air conditioning in the parsonage. A freak flooding event during a storm this past summer made it necessary to remodel the basement. We had not planned any of these but thank the Lord we had the funds on hand to complete the job for this and the other projects, all paid for in cash.

There is instilled in us a new optimism to reach out to the lost in our community and a desire to explore new and old avenues of ministry.



Delaware Newstart

R. Gregory McNichols, Elder

and **Nathaniel Joseph Porter, Elder**

Organized: 2004

Pastor Began: 9/1/1999

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Pastor Email: gregm@NewStart4U.org

Phone: 614-785-9908

Statistics:	2021	2022	2023			
Conversions	18	12	17			
Baptisms	13	6	21	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	264	241	558	World Evangelism	\$1875	No
NDI Average	85	181	94	Pensions Benefits	\$765	No
New Nazarenes	8	6	3	MVNU	\$765	No
Membership	215	201	207	District	\$1595	No
Tithes/Offerings	\$693283	\$663619	\$657072	Missions Recognition Level	--	

Worship Average = In Person + Online

Report to the Assembly: *How worship is transforming your church? How is worship guiding your people to: engage their community, share the love of Jesus, and live holy lives (Romans 12:1)?*

Greetings from Newstart church. As a new lead pastor on the NCO district, it has been a blessing to watch God continue to pour out into the lives of his people. This year has been no exception. We have witnessed God do some amazing things as people continue to be drawn to him, and the church body helps them take the next step in their relationship.



The week following Easter Sunday (our largest recorded attendance), we had a fantastic baptism service where God was moving, and as a church, we could highlight God's power. One young adult who was baptized called his dad to baptize him. His dad was a pastor for many years and is now retired and gladly drove in, with a ton of family, to support him in his decision. This young man had never taken that step in his faith on his own. It was a wonderful and emotionally powerful moment to watch a father get to baptize his adult son. As they celebrated this moment together, it was a reminder of how good God is and how he continues to bring families closer to one another and closer yet still to him.



This past year we have had a solid group of men begin a monthly men's breakfast. This ministry has grown and allowed many new men to find community with other men. We have had atheists, agnostics, and disenfranchised men find a place to talk about their struggles and relationally engage with believers. Men have invited unchurched co-workers, friends, and family members to participate in this multi-generational moment to build into one another. We had a golf and games day in May where 40 men and boys fellowship together. However, the highlight of this ministry is the team leading. God laid this burden on the heart of a few men, and those men have built a fantastic team around themselves to reach disenfranchised and discouraged men. It has been a pleasure to serve and equip them as they are doing the work of ministry God has laid on their heart.



We will continue to serve, empower, and equip the people God sends us as we remain faithful to advance the Kingdom in Delaware, Ohio. We love God and just want to make a big deal about him.

Eastlake Willo-Lake

James Todd Gulley, Elder

Organized: 1958

Pastor Began: 1/1/2009

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Pastor Email: pastortoddg@hotmail.com

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Statistics:	2021	2022	2023			
Conversions	1	1	1			
Baptisms	1	0	0	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	42	32	45	World Evangelism	\$5320	Yes
NDI Average	27	16	19	Pensions Benefits	\$2176	Yes
New Nazarenes	0	0	0	MVNU	\$2176	Yes
Membership	114	113	112	District	\$4498	Yes
Tithes/Offerings	\$96551	\$82620	\$103354	Missions Recognition Level	World Evangelism	

Worship Average = In Person + Online

Report to the Assembly: *How worship is transforming your church? How is worship guiding your people to: engage their community, share the love of Jesus, and live holy lives (Romans 12:1)?*

Over the past few years, we have increased our partnership with Project Hope for the Homeless, the only homeless shelter in Lake County. We have had representatives visit to share how God has blessed their ministry, and soon after one of these visits, we had the opportunity to make an immediate impact in the life of one of their residents.

A family from our church who wanted to re-home a daybed also had a flyer from the shelter. They called Pastor Todd to ask if Project Hope could use a daybed. Skeptical at first, the pastor emailed the shelter director, not expecting a positive response. The director emailed back within a few minutes, "Sure, we can take it!" One of their senior residents was moving into a permanent housing situation the very next day! So, instead of needing a storage facility or worse, the garbage heap, by this small but meaningful donation, God blessed both the giver and the receiver. The church was able to be the middleman in the endeavor.

Through many such community relationships, the Kingdom is growing in Lake County! Numbers do not tell the whole story. It has been another challenging year in many respects, However, we are excited about the prospects, looking back at God's faithfulness, looking forward with hope, trusting God each day to transform lives and eternities.



Project Hope
for the Homeless
Restoring Hope. Renewing Lives.

Elyria Center

Scott Timothy Eastburn, Elder

Organized: 1930

Pastor Began: 8/2/2021

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Pastor Email: scotte@elyrianaz.org

Phone: 440-324-5700

Statistics:	2021	2022	2023			
Conversions	0	7	12			
Baptisms	0	2	9	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	124	109	102	World Evangelism	\$11716	Yes
NDI Average	117	86	164	Pensions Benefits	\$4804	Yes
New Nazarenes	4	3	1	MVNU	\$4804	Yes
Membership	354	330	335	District	\$9928	Yes
Tithes/Offerings	\$267213	\$241743	\$227542	Missions Recognition Level	World Evangelism	

Worship Average = In Person + Online

Report to the Assembly: How worship is transforming your church? How is worship guiding your people to: engage their community, share the love of Jesus, and live holy lives (Romans 12:1)?

In the 2022-23 church year we asked God to help us rediscover a clear Mission and Vision for ECCN. This process really began prior to our recent pastoral transition. The church knew, especially post Covid-19, that new strategies would be crucial to seeing God do great things at ECCN. God’s plan began to unfold in the calling of Pastor Scott Eastburn to ECCN. God began to plant a Mission and Vision for ECCN in his heart. At the same time, God was planting a similar vision in the hearts of the people of ECCN. In the process of preparing ECCN’s church profile, as part of the pastoral transition, the church discovered that there are over 150,000 people living within 5 miles of the church. These people represent several communities that are outside of and connect to Elyria. This indicated that the new mission and vision would need to have an identity that could reach beyond the city of Elyria.

At the same time, God was giving Pastor Scott a simple picture of what an authentic Christ-centered church could be. This picture is like when you drop a rock into a pond or lake. When you drop the rock into the water it immediately has an impact and creates a ripple effect. The ripple effect spreads outward, increasing across the body of water. It spreads, multiplies, and expands. A church with a clear and purposeful identity could impact several communities and have the same ripple effect. Elyria is the county seat and center of Lorain County. ECCN is at the center of 150,000 individuals and nearly 53,000 homes. ECCN could be the Gospel Ripple Effect that spreads throughout Lorain County. To better identify with this mission and vision, Elyria Community Church of the Nazarene could become Center Church.

At Center Church, our mission is to place Jesus at the Center of Life. We believe our first priority is to place Jesus, the church, and our faith family at the center of our Lives. Our vision is to become a Center for hope, healing, and love in Lorain County.

In January we examined the mission and vision God gave to Pastor Scott. We spent six months praying together, learning together, and asking God to provide unity in this new mission and vision. God clearly spoke and provided wisdom, unity, and direction. In May, the congregation overwhelmingly voted to affirm and approve the new Mission and Vision. We will become Center Church, a Church of the Nazarene, placing Jesus at the center of life!



Fostoria First

Shane Sevy, Licensed Minister

Organized: 1930

Pastor Began: 2/8/2004

Address: 339 Sandusky St., Fostoria, OH 44830

Pastor Email: bdickson5@gmail.com

Phone: 419-435-6262

Statistics:	2021	2022	2023			
Conversions	2	4	1			
Baptisms	0	1	0	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	52	30	106	World Evangelism	\$3657	Yes
NDI Average	28	16	30	Pensions Benefits	\$1496	Yes
New Nazarenes	0	2	0	MVNU	\$1496	Yes
Membership	77	77	77	District	\$3092	Yes
Tithes/Offerings	\$96134	\$106790	\$70146	Missions Recognition Level	15% Goal Level	

Worship Average = In Person + Online

Report to the Assembly: How worship is transforming your church? How is worship guiding your people to: engage their community, share the love of Jesus, and live holy lives (Romans 12:1)?

Since I started as Lead Pastor of Fostoria Nazarene in August, God has done so much. The church has been transformed and renewed. Our church is now alive and seeking to be used by God to share the gospel of Jesus. The congregation has stepped up in obedience to God’s calling. One event we had was a Fall Festival for our community where we had games, community resources, lunch, and candy. We had a big turnout with several that began attending our church because of it. We also started Bible Quiz with our two children and three more joined. We have been able to plant seeds and watch the children and families be impacted. Another, outreach event we had was an Easter Egg Hunt with 25 children and then their families attending, with an interactive family service. Besides these three things, we also added Children’s Sunday School and Children’s Church, Women’s and Men’s Bible Study groups, in addition to the Sunday morning Sunday School and Sunday Service that were here when I began. Our doors are open to the community to welcome them into our church, and we have added people that walk from the surrounding area. We are also actively helping in the soup kitchen each month. Many more things will be happening this year and I see that the congregation is alive and on fire for Jesus and willing to be used by Him in what He has called them to do. The congregation has begun reading and studying their Bibles, and are committed to making sure each child that comes to church has a Bible. They have begun trusting God in areas I believe they were not before, and I can see a change in them. The transformation that God has done in this church is night and day. It has been amazing to see new life in this church and the community has had a good response to the change that we have had here. I have loved to see all that God has done in the church and the people in their own lives. We have had growth, people come and surrender their life to Christ, and are actively growing in their relationship with Christ. God is transforming lives and moving in Fostoria.

Easter Egg Hunt 2023



Bible Quiz 2022

Fall Festival 2022



Fremont

Daniel K. Vickey, Elder

Organized: 1933

Pastor Began: 2/1/2010

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Pastor Email: d789_77sun@yahoo.com

Phone: 419-332-6427

Statistics:	2021	2022	2023			
Conversions	0	2	3			
Baptisms	0	0	0	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	73	63	55	World Evangelism	\$6955	Yes
NDI Average	48	21	16	Pensions Benefits	\$2875	Yes
New Nazarenes	0	0	0	MVNU	\$2875	Yes
Membership	100	88	86	District	\$5942	Yes
Tithes/Offerings	\$134742	\$114189	\$135784	Missions Recognition Level	10% Goal Level	

Worship Average = In Person + Online

Report to the Assembly: *How worship is transforming your church? How is worship guiding your people to: engage their community, share the love of Jesus, and live holy lives (Romans 12:1)?*

Wow, another year has passed by. Worship Service has been a challenge at times. We started Youth Sunday School beginning at 11:00 am during our worship service. Giving those youth more time to "Sleep-in" on the weekend. LOL! I believe the youth have been inspired to attend on a more regular basis as a result. God has been moving at FNC.

We have participated more in our community events at the cookouts and parks.

As you can see in the picture, our youth have some great interaction with our Law Enforcement Community.



Galion Real Life

Hunter Anthony Hickman, Elder

Organized: 1926

Pastor Began: 11/15/2019

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Pastor Email: pastorhunter@reallifenaz.com

Phone: 419-468-1262

Statistics:	2021	2022	2023			
Conversions	1	1	1			
Baptisms	6	5	0	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	74	70	112	World Evangelism	\$25	No
NDI Average	85	61	147	Pensions Benefits	\$0	No
New Nazarenes	8	20	3	MVNU	\$0	No
Membership	78	93	84	District	\$0	No
Tithes/Offerings	\$136843	\$147749	\$142092	Missions Recognition Level	--	

Worship Average = In Person + Online

Report to the Assembly: How worship is transforming your church? How is worship guiding your people to: engage their community, share the love of Jesus, and live holy lives (Romans 12:1)?

I am thankful to report that the Spirit of God is moving in powerful ways at Real Life Naz. The year has held many experiences. In the valleys, we have grieved deaths, struggled with failing marriages, transferred members, and crunched finances. On the mountaintops, we have identified and adopted our unique Mission and Vision statements, celebrated new memberships, hosted strategic discipleship opportunities, cared for and nurtured our community, and experienced a new freedom during worship. This year has reminded us, it takes intentional cultivating today, if we hope of reaping a harvest tomorrow. There is no doubt that God is moving through the Nazarene Church in Galion, but sometimes His timing doesn't match our desires and expectations.

Among wins for our church family, we have had over one hundred visitors on Sunday mornings and have signed a five-year lease agreement with an online school that provides a steady income for ministry. In addition, we provided cupcakes & prayers on the 1st day of school for every employee in two local school systems. We prepared an appreciation banquet for over 200 employees and their families who work for the City of Galion to extend a heart of gratitude to those working in the water department, electric department, line department, health department, water treatment department, fire, police & EMS departments, and all City Hall elected officials. We have hired a youth pastor who will begin in June and will host MVNU's Music & Ministry Team in Galion's Heise Park where we have invited the community and several church families to join.

In the midst of adversity, the largest evident change in our church has been our spirit of worship exemplified through our people. We have movement during the service, a statement that cannot be well explained through words but is easily experienced in person. Our worship within our church is transforming lives beginning with each member who surrenders their will for God's. Hands are raised, feet are moving, tears are falling, and prayers for the Spirit to fall fresh overwhelm us week after week. As our people experience their God, they are stirred to invite others into that same experience. As we wait for the "success" often measured in quantitative ideals, we will continue to worship, preparing our hearts for whatever God decides His people need, when they need it.



Cupcakes provided to every employee over 2 School Systems on 1st day of School.



Jammie Drive done through Galion providing 100 Jammies to Foster children.



We installed a brand new playground for the community to use and demolished the old dangerous equipment.



We hosted a "Pound" class fundraiser to raise money for our Children's Department.

Garfield Heights

Max M. Rodas, Elder

Organized: 1953

Pastor Began: 7/11/2012

Address: 5711 Turney Rd., Garfield Heights, OH 44125

Pastor Email: mrodas@nlurc.org

Phone: 216-587-2660

Statistics:	2021	2022	2023			
Conversions	3	1	2			
Baptisms	0	0	0	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	40	60	50	World Evangelism	\$3231	Yes
NDI Average	30	0	47	Pensions Benefits	\$1322	Yes
New Nazarenes	3	1	2	MVNU	\$1322	Yes
Membership	97	102	104	District	\$2731	Yes
Tithes/Offerings	\$60000	\$70000	\$64000	Missions Recognition Level	World Evangelism	

Worship Average = In Person + Online

Report to the Assembly: How worship is transforming your church? How is worship guiding your people to: engage their community, share the love of Jesus, and live holy lives (Romans 12:1)?

Sometimes the challenges of ministry can be taxing, and we start wondering about our own effectiveness in ministry. I was experiencing one of those moments last year when God made it clear to me that what He needed from me was just to be faithful to my pastoral assignment. A pastor here at Garfield also called me one day and told me that he prays for me and my Kingdom post. After 11 years of pastoring this congregation, I am clear about my calling and happy with the love that I experience with this part of the body of Christ.

One of the most visible highlights of the faithfulness of God for us was the miraculous encounter that David Sedlak had with our living God in early May - when he surrendered to the Lordship of Jesus and accepted Him to be his Savior and Lord. His mother, Amy, and her friend, Linda, have been attending our services for over a decade and they had been praying for their adult children faithfully and this conversion is a trophy of God's relentless grace.



Grafton Harvest Fellowship

Max E. Wood, Elder

Organized: 1958

Pastor Began: 4/1/1995

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Pastor Email: maxwood100@yahoo.com

Phone: 440-748-1067

Statistics:	2021	2022	2023			
Conversions	9	6	8			
Baptisms	0	0	3	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	22	21	17	World Evangelism	\$2440	Yes
NDI Average	9	21	17	Pensions Benefits	\$997	Yes
New Nazarenes	5	6	2	MVNU	\$1008	Yes
Membership	28	32	24	District	\$2162	Yes
Tithes/Offerings	\$22331	\$21127	\$44221	Missions Recognition Level	World Evang Excellence	

Worship Average = In Person + Online

Report to the Assembly: *How worship is transforming your church? How is worship guiding your people to: engage their community, share the love of Jesus, and live holy lives (Romans 12:1)?*

This has been a pivotal year for Grafton Harvest Fellowship. Our church services continue to be alive with the presence of the Lord, however, we have purged our membership roll for consistency in reporting which has resulted in a net loss of membership.

We also continue to minister to the residents of our rehabilitation program, including them in church ministry where we can, as well as, following up with them after they leave the program. We had several special events on the property this past year involving the families of those we minister to, through the program. Through this, we were able to connect with new people who are already benefitting from the program’s practical work.



We also continue to partner with the Nueva Luz ministry in Cleveland through the use of our facility for the launching of a new Latino church. There are also plans in the making for future use of our facility as a satellite for the Galilean Center, which is an extension of their ministry for the training of substance abuse counselors.

This is an exciting opportunity, to offer solid training for future Latino ministry on our district and beyond. Nueva Luz is also ministering in the Grafton Correctional Institute under the leadership of Pastor Felix Muniz. Future plans include a possible program for ministering to prisoners outside the prison walls on our grounds. We are delighted see our church re-engaging in prison ministry even if our role is a small one. We rejoice in the work Pastor Muniz is doing.



Toward the end of this church year, we have been able to start a program to upgrade our facilities which has been a long-standing need. First on the list was replacing our worn-out overhead projector and screen. We have been “off the wall” for some time, but we are now back on the wall.



All of these are ways in which we are engaging our community and speaking the gospel into the 21st century. Worship is far beyond what many think. Everything, if done rightly, can and should be an act of worship. “And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men” (Col. 3:23). Keeping this one focus continues to inspire our members to live holy lives which in turn challenges them toward transformation and outreach.

Jefferson

Curtis Andrew Cecil, Elder

Organized: 1932

Pastor Began: 4/8/2019

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Pastor Email: pastorcurtis@jeffnaz.org

Phone: 440-536-8575

Statistics:	2021	2022	2023			
Conversions	38	41	23			
Baptisms	5	6	10	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	274	297	251	World Evangelism	\$23575	Yes
NDI Average	121	155	159	Pensions Benefits	\$9644	Yes
New Nazarenes	3	3	4	MVNU	\$9644	Yes
Membership	314	313	314	District	\$19931	Yes
Tithes/Offerings	\$505031	\$436328	\$455191	Missions Recognition Level	World Evangelism	

Worship Average = In Person + Online

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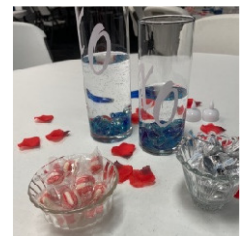
I am not a “word” of the year person. That’s just not me. I know many who pray each year that God would give them a word to focus their journey with Christ around. Yet this year I clearly had two words given. The first being “Together” and the second being “Healing”. Our culture has been split over many preference issues and it is being seen even in the church. So how do we heal this isolation? Patrick Morley in many of his books uses the phrase “Discipleship is Relationship”. This has been a large part of our focus this past year at Jefferson, the relational aspect of discipleship. Training and developing our church to be on mission with what God is doing in and around us, and not just what we hope He is doing.

So, we’ve been focused on Training and Developing:

- Through an intentional three-year journey of reading every book of the Bible together, sermon series based on our readings.
- Theological courses to train up future leaders on Biblical Theology.
- Marriage enrichment through a Marriage Event at our church for our mission area (With hopes next year to open to the community!)
- Partnering with the village on events so as to encourage interaction with our neighbors!
- Inviting our community to hear from the missions speakers to help engage them not on the News Media’s view of culture, but of what God is doing in our culture.
- Growing the number of Life Groups offered and encouraging each group to SERVE together in missions.
- Connecting to our community through events at our park during the Covered Bridge Festival, as well as, just simply handing out over 600 things of Cotton Candy during Trick or Treat. One of the results of this has been a solid group of individuals with gifts in teaching and preaching. They are learning that their call to minister the Gospel is only limited by themselves. Amber is a great example of this. She comes from a family history of addiction. I had her father’s funeral after drugs took his life. Amber hit rock bottom about a year after the funeral and came to Jefferson. She got saved, baptized, and now is a core leader in the youth ministry. It hasn’t been a road without some “mess” but God has been growing her. She now works in a rehab facility and almost every Saturday my wife and I get a text of “God saved another one!” She’s using her workplace to share the Hope of Jesus Christ that she learned from being Together in community with other believers!

Pray for us this year as we have a big dream that will impact our city. This big dream is not something we can afford and are currently seeking a grant for funding. It will be simply another way to connect our congregation to their own neighbors and to create relational space for God to show up and show off!

Pastor Curtis Cecil and Staff



Kelloggsville

Robert M. Utley, Elder

Organized: 1944

Pastor Began: 8/28/2022

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Statistics:	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>			
Conversions	4	4	4			
Baptisms	10	5	1	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	138	90	120	World Evangelism	\$11616	Yes
NDI Average	30	12	46	Pensions Benefits	\$4752	Yes
New Nazarenes	2	4	5	MVNU	\$4952	Yes
Membership	145	145	133	District	\$11196	Yes
Tithes/Offerings	\$212921	\$205856	\$223422	Missions Recognition Level	World Evangelism	

Worship Average = In Person + Online

Report to the Assembly: How worship is transforming your church? How is worship guiding your people to: engage their community, share the love of Jesus, and live holy lives (Romans 12:1)?

At Kelloggsville Church of the Nazarene our people have been experiencing great spiritual growth through serving, discipling, and accountability. Our worship service is starting to take form with the emphasis being placed on allowing the Spirit to move through the entire service without feeling scripted.

The sermons are Scripture-focused and Spirit-led. Our agenda is to help our people understand what it means to live, love, and look like Jesus. Through Scripture, we are challenging the people to engage in their relationship with God and with each other. Those who lead in song have been more focused on prayer and guidance from the Holy Spirit when selecting songs for the worship service. We have also placed more focus on songs that are theologically sound and do not contradict or stray from our holiness doctrine.

We are adamant about supporting ministries in our community such as The Mya Women’s Center and Local prison ministries. We recently started a clothing ministry called Joe’s Closet that helps people in the community who need clothing.

During our Back-To-School service, we gave away over 100 backpacks filled with school supplies and hosted a lunch after the service for those kids and their families that were gearing up for the new school year. We also hosted a Trunk-or-Treat outreach event that drew in over 250 people from the community that we were able to share Christ with and give an open invitation to come visit us in our Sunday morning worship service.

During the Easter season, we hosted an egg hunt for the community that drew in 125 people. This was a great event that allowed families in our community to come to a safe, family environment and engage with followers of Christ. This was a great time of seed planting.

We are currently working on developing a strong small group ministry which recently kicked off a new group called K-Nine Dog Group that allows dog owners to come together with their pet to study God’s word and do various ministry works within the community. We are also working to develop our Wednesday night prayer service. No doubt God is doing great things in and through the people of Kelloggsville Church of the Nazarene.

Lexington Journey

Scott Patrick Maglott, Elder

Organized: 1957

Pastor Began: 5/1/2017

Address: 154 Clever Ln., Lexington, OH 44904

Pastor Email: scottymaglott@gmail.com

Phone: 419-884-3600

Statistics:	2021	2022	2023			
Conversions	1	1	4			
Baptisms	0	1	1	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	33	35	31	World Evangelism	\$365	No
NDI Average	17	18	19	Pensions Benefits	\$20	No
New Nazarenes	0	0	0	MVNU	\$0	No
Membership	74	57	26	District	\$0	No
Tithes/Offerings	\$35889	\$28401	\$28426	Missions Recognition Level	--	

Worship Average = In Person + Online

Report to the Assembly: How worship is transforming your church? How is worship guiding your people to: engage their community, share the love of Jesus, and live holy lives (Romans 12:1)?

We found real transformation in our worship as we shifted our focus to weekly communion. This allowed us to go from Pastor Scott just talking about Jesus, to each of us gathering around the table the Lord has set for us to experience his presence through this means of Grace. As we pray in our communion liturgy, it has been our prayer “to be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.”

Moved by His Grace and Mercy, one week, we had a gentleman ready to get saved before we were even done singing. Another week, someone was asking to be saved before service even began. Several also began to embrace worship as more than just what happens inside the church or during church sponsored events. Believers began to see their jobs as a form of worship, as ministry opportunities. Others looked for opportunities to do more and be involved in their neighborhoods to help and serve others.



Worship, as well as ministry, became something we shared with others, as we partnered with other churches for special services. Trunk or Treat, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, and Good Friday services with neighboring churches, are becoming foundational in what we do, recognizing that it's not just about our church, it's about His Church and the Kingdom. We are better together. To be a redeemed and purified people of His very own, who are eager to do good, it means we continue to look for the good that the Lord is already doing and join him in it...word and deed, faith and action...to reach Lexington and the greater Mansfield area.



Loudonville

Beth Ann Heath, Elder

Organized: 1933

Pastor Began: 6/13/2021

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Statistics:	2021	2022	2023			
Conversions	0	2	5			
Baptisms	0	0	3	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	35	39	55	World Evangelism	\$4261	Yes
NDI Average	22	30	42	Pensions Benefits	\$1743	Yes
New Nazarenes	0	1	2	MVNU	\$1743	Yes
Membership	61	58	62	District	\$3602	Yes
Tithes/Offerings	\$59415	\$87770	\$86048	Missions Recognition Level	10% Goal Level	

Worship Average = In Person + Online

Report to the Assembly: How worship is transforming your church? How is worship guiding your people to: engage their community, share the love of Jesus, and live holy lives (Romans 12:1)?

At Loudonville Nazarene our worship both collectively and individually is helping us to connect to God, to each other, and to the community. This is our focus and vision, and it is a phrase that helps shape our plans and activities. This year this has looked like an intentional focus on prayer through an extended sermon series and a weekly prayer service leading up to our Revival. We have also focused on continuing to grow together in discipleship and fellowship through small groups, our Sunday School classes, and fellowship times. The highlight of the year would be the ways our congregation individually and collectively have connected with our community.

Highlights of the year:

- During the school year our amazing MVNU interns have been holding a midweek student connection with youth from 4th – 8th grade. They have been helping the students to connect to God and each other, all while having some fun.
- Our monthly connections play group continues to be a way that we connect and create community. Moms and grandmas and their littles enjoy times to play and fellowship together. It has been fun to watch the littles grow and develop friendships. This summer instead of being monthly, we will hold one every Monday.
- The adult Sunday School heard that no one was ministering to those in a group home in our community and have been going there to hold a bible study and share snacks together. We are thankful for how they connect to others in the community.
- The Free Fall Family Fun Day continues to be a highlight of our year. The upcoming one will be even better as other area churches have agreed to join us and reach out and connect to our community. We are excited about the ways we will be able to have some fun and share the love of Christ with our community.

God is working and He is moving. We as a congregation and individually, are trying to join Him in what He is already doing. We are excited to see how God will continue to help us connect with Him, with each other, and with our community.



Mansfield Heart City

Jacob Michael Booher, Elder

and Maddie Elise Booher, Licensed Minister

Organized: 2022

Pastor Began: 6/1/2020

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Phone:

Statistics:	2021	2022	2023			
Conversions	7	7	12			
Baptisms	8	6	5	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	40	50	50	World Evangelism	\$0	No
NDI Average	26	32	31	Pensions Benefits	\$0	No
New Nazarenes	2	9	5	MVNU	\$0	No
Membership	8	26	31	District	\$0	No
Tithes/Offerings	\$22828	\$54573	\$44036	Missions Recognition Level	--	

Worship Average = In Person + Online

Report to the Assembly: How worship is transforming your church? How is worship guiding your people to: engage their community, share the love of Jesus, and live holy lives (Romans 12:1)?

This year, our theme has been "Who's Going With You?" Our goal is to have a crystal-clear focus on Jesus Christ, follow him as closely as we can, and bring as many people with us as we follow Christ into the Kingdom of God. We believe that if we keep our focus on Jesus, and let our lives be conformed to HIS will, then our lives will be transformed, and many will come to salvation because of it. As we have been walking this path, the Lord revealed the importance of obedience.

Time and time again we have seen individuals and families come to a point where the Lord calls them to a deeper level of worship and commitment, and they have a choice: to obey and continue to grow, or to disobey and become stagnant. For those truly living a life of worship—offering their lives as a living sacrifice—their decision was simple, and their obedience has led to such vibrancy and life for Heart City Church.

For the 12 individuals who accepted Christ and received Salvation for the very first time, their obedience to the call of the Holy Spirit led them to everlasting life. And as a result, their obedience led to great celebration and renewed vigor and excitement for the church as we seek to fulfill the Great Commission together!

For Natalie, Jazmine, Beth, Jodi, and Hayden, their obedience led them to making a public profession of Jesus Christ through baptism. This was a chance for the church to celebrate and further encourage them in their walk with Christ, but it was also an opportunity to get several unbelievers into the church to witness the power of their testimony and the glory of our God!

For Billie, her obedience led her to finally accept the call to ministry that the Lord had placed on her heart. This gave the church the opportunity to rejoice as the Lord has called yet another worker into His harvest field to sow the seeds that have been planted!

For Kenzie, her obedience led her to lay down her whole life in submission to the Lord, desiring nothing more than to serve Him with every piece of her life. This act of obedience gave us such great encouragement as we remember that the Lord is still refining and sanctifying His children, and our confidence in the doctrine of holiness was strengthened!

As the Church sees people living lives of worship - receiving salvation, publicly professing Christ, living into their calling, and getting sanctified - we are energized and excited to follow the Lord and serve Him. We know that his work is far from finished in Mansfield!

Marion First

Organized: 1913

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Stephen M. Estep, Elder

Pastor Began: 6/4/2017

Pastor Email: sestep@marionnaz.org

Statistics:	2021	2022	2023			
Conversions	17	69	128			
Baptisms	19	37	76	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	968	709	802	World Evangelism	\$84775	Yes
NDI Average	287	371	313	Pensions Benefits	\$28507	Yes
New Nazarenes	7	13	6	MVNU	\$28874	Yes
Membership	915	879	875	District	\$59672	Yes
Tithes/Offerings	\$1469027	\$1273854	\$1337387	Missions Recognition Level	World Evang Excellence	

Worship Average = In Person + Online

Report to the Assembly: How worship is transforming your church? How is worship guiding your people to: engage their community, share the love of Jesus, and live holy lives (Romans 12:1)?

Worship is about sacrifice and surrender. The more we surrender to the Lordship of Jesus, the more useful we become in His mission to see the desperate find hope, the lost found, the broken healed, and captives freed. That’s what we have experienced this year at Marion Naz! Surrendered people have become useful vessels in God’s mission to redeem Marion.

We are engaging our community. Marion Nazarenes are praying – by name – for nearly 2,500 of our neighbors. A new partnership with Advantage Early Learning Academy opened in May 2023. At capacity, we will provide care for over 200 children and create 40 new jobs. Hope for Health Clinic opened with the mission to provide wholistic care to address the mental health needs in Marion and do it in the name of Jesus. Our 4th build with Habitat for Humanity is nearing completion.

We are sharing the love of Jesus. Several weekends this year we celebrated life change with baptisms at Celebrate Recovery, our Kensington Campus, and Downtown Campus. Children are going from raising their hands in worship to inviting their friends to church. Teens are owning their faith and influencing their friends. Adults are repenting, being baptized, experiencing freedom from addiction, joining life groups, and discovering the joy of a surrendered life.

We are growing in holiness. Former addicts taking responsibility for their actions and recovery - for the first time in their lives. Business owners and leaders courageously serving as ambassadors for Christ in the workplace. Spouses learning to live the selfless and sacrificial way of Jesus. Dozens signing up to serve in their areas of giftedness. Increased financial faithfulness. These are some of the practical implications of what happens when people are being renewed in the image of Jesus. Holiness is being preached – and lived in Marion.

- 126 Salvations
- 76 Baptisms (43 kids/teens, 33 adults)
- Regularly seeing 250+ at Celebrate Recovery, which has become a catalyst for ecumenical ministry in Marion and a training place for new CR’s in OH
- Hosted Lifepoint Church Plant for 50 weeks until they got their own facility
- Hosted the Marion Police Dept and Marion County Sheriff’s Office annual awards lunch
- Hosted Marion County Drug Court Graduations
- New “Salvation Wall” in the lobby at both campuses
- Numerous facility improvements at both campuses



Easter at Downtown Campus



Worship at Celebrate Recovery



Baptism at Kensington Campus

Marion Life Link

Rhonda Reese Purtee, Ordinand

Organized: 2001

Pastor Began: 6/4/2017

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Statistics:	2021	2022	2023			
Conversions	2	4	2			
Baptisms	0	2	0	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	26	28	27	World Evangelism	\$3414	Yes
NDI Average	19	20	41	Pensions Benefits	\$1473	Yes
New Nazarenes	2	2	0	MVNU	\$1397	Yes
Membership	71	42	42	District	\$2887	Yes
Tithes/Offerings	\$53907	\$57107	\$65496	Missions Recognition Level	World Evangelism	

Worship Average = In Person + Online

Report to the Assembly: How worship is transforming your church? How is worship guiding your people to: engage their community, share the love of Jesus, and live holy lives (Romans 12:1)?

As recipients of God’s unconditional love, those of us who are part of the Life Link family are drawn together to respond to that amazing grace through our worship. We encounter the presence of God and continue to be transformed by the Spirit as we sing together, receive from His Word, agree in prayer, gather at His table, bring our tithes & offerings, and fellowship, seeking always to more fully live out the mission of God in our community. Worship begins in our heart and becomes our lifestyle. At Life Link we talk about worship being expressed in everything we do, not just what happens during scheduled services. It is experienced as time is shared with others, as tasks that enable ministries are completed, as hungry are fed, as intercession is made, as scripture is studied, as cards are mailed, and as lives fully surrendered to God’s will are daily lived.

A few weeks back a gentleman came into church late Sunday afternoon, he introduced himself as Tony. There were just 4 of us there, cleaning up after a lunch meeting. Tony was headed to Columbus for transitional housing. He was recently released from incarceration and had been staying with his mother, but she had unexpectedly died, and he had no other local housing options. He was hoping for a cup of coffee and a word with the pastor before leaving town. One of the other folks there had prepared the lunch for our earlier meeting and quickly offered the same homecooked meal to Tony, which he gladly accepted. As Tony ate, he shared that he knew of Life Link because one of our members was his AA sponsor and had brought him to meetings. Other members had previously served him in the Food Pantry and by helping him with funds for his prosthetic eye. Still, another member helped him with transportation. Now, sharing that his mother had been worried for him telling him he needed to get his life straightened up because she wouldn’t always be here to look after him when he messed up, Tony wanted to pray with the pastor, so that is what we did.

We filled a travel mug with fresh coffee for the road and he expressed hope that a new environment would help him resist the temptation of old patterns encouraged by unhealthy influences. He asked if I remembered his name, I assured Tony that I did and I would be continuing to pray for him. He asked me to tell people his story, and that when he needed help, Life Link was there. Tony was talking about that day, but I could so clearly see that it was the living out of Romans 12:1 by fully devoted disciples before that Sunday that had translated the Gospel message into the language Tony could hear and understand.



Medina

Peter J. Ryder, Elder

Organized: 1941

Pastor Began: 12/1/2002

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Statistics:	2021	2022	2023			
Conversions	3	2	3			
Baptisms	0	1	0	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	66	75	86	World Evangelism	\$7832	Yes
NDI Average	41	26	31	Pensions Benefits	\$3141	Yes
New Nazarenes	0	5	0	MVNU	\$3141	Yes
Membership	121	131	77	District	\$6490	Yes
Tithes/Offerings	\$144383	\$139855	\$146257	Missions Recognition Level	World Evangelism	

Worship Average = In Person + Online

Report to the Assembly: How worship is transforming your church? How is worship guiding your people to: engage their community, share the love of Jesus, and live holy lives (Romans 12:1)?

Worship is a key component of life at Medina Naz. Our worship is the springboard for many ministries in the church, and our worship service is usually the first interaction someone has with Medina Naz, both online and in-person. Our Worship Team is talented, committed to God and to excellence. Our sermons are based in Scripture, creative, and practical. But our worship is not just limited to a service. We stress the importance of leading lives of worship, practicing personal spiritual disciplines, and allowing the Holy Spirit to grow us spiritually, day in and day out.

One way that our worship is guiding us to engage our community is through a new Hispanic ministry. This past year we held two bilingual services. Pastor Abisai Corzo preached in Spanish, translated into English, and the Worship Team alternated leading in both languages. This ministry to the Hispanic community in Medina will continue into this coming church year – we began an ESL class this Spring. Our worship is leading us to a group in our community that needs God’s love.

We also had a wonderful children’s Christmas Program this past December. Our kids presented several songs and readings, centered around the Christmas story. Many families and friends who are new to the church attended, so this was a great outreach opportunity as the Gospel was presented (and people got to see their kids in action).

There is a great sense of community and caring in our church. We have revitalized our Hospitality Ministry, greeting and connecting with newcomers. Whether on the Hospitality Team or not, many in the church connect with each other before and after services, and it is not unusual to see a circle of folks gathered to pray spontaneously for someone in the foyer or the sanctuary. Our worship and love for Jesus is spilling over into our relationships with others.

At Medina Naz, a lifestyle of worship is reflected in our mission - ‘We Live to Love People to Life!’



Mount Gilead Fresh Faith

In Transition

Organized: 2011

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Phone: 419-751-7065

Statistics:	2021	2022	2023			
Conversions	6	86	5			
Baptisms	8	2	3	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	130	118	87	World Evangelism	\$10515	Yes
NDI Average	130	118	42	Pensions Benefits	\$4416	Yes
New Nazarenes	4	5	6	MVNU	\$4532	Yes
Membership	130	129	135	District	\$9059	Yes
Tithes/Offerings	\$199567	\$176842	\$201856	Missions Recognition Level	World Evangelism	

Worship Average = In Person + Online

Report to the Assembly: How worship is transforming your church? How is worship guiding your people to: engage their community, share the love of Jesus, and live holy lives (Romans 12:1)?

This has been a year of growing in our prayer journey as a congregation. Through a pastoral transition we are focusing on seeking the heart of God as He guides and directs our steps in these days of change. We have seen answered prayer and miraculous intervention in physical healing. A member of our congregation was facing a life-threatening diagnosis that ended up being a condition manageable with medication. When the medication was too expensive to afford and insurance was failing to pay, we continued to pray, and the medication was approved. Multiple times this year we have joined in praying for members of our community who have suffered catastrophic physical illness and then watched as God has moved miraculously and healed them.

Worship through souls reached for Christ:

We have also seen God move miraculously in the lives of individuals who are new in their faith journey or just taking the first step. Individuals are stepping in to serve God in the church and extending grace in the face of adversity that is beyond what is humanly possible . . . the kind of grace that comes from Jesus. When an individual who had previously attended our church passed away, the family had a memorial service at Fresh Faith. The son gave his heart to Christ the night before the memorial service. The son-in-law gave his heart to Christ on the day of the memorial service.

Worship through ministry to the lost, lonely, and hurting at our Nazarene Compassionate Ministry Center, Fireside Ministries at Hidden Lakes:

A service of dedication was held where Christians from all over our county, some from our church but many from surrounding churches, came together with the residents of Hidden Lakes and praised and worshipped God as we dedicated our ministry center to His work and purpose for our county. The afternoon was cold and rainy and just as



Fireside Ministry Center Prayer of Dedication

we gathered to lay hands on the center and pray, the sun broke through the clouds. God opened doors for a monthly distribution of food items. Our church and community came together to minister to the families at Christmas time as we have done every year for many years. And God recently opened the door for routine counseling services to occur in the ministry center through a lay person at our church and a counseling center in Mount Vernon.



Fireside Ministry Center Dedication Service



Fireside Ministry Center Prayer of Dedication



Christmas outreach at Fireside Ministry Center

Mount Vernon First

Joseph Proudfoot, Elder

Organized: 1922

Pastor Began: 10/1/2019

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Phone: 740-392-8466

Statistics:	2021	2022	2023			
Conversions	21	42	125			
Baptisms	0	9	30	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	432	479	568	World Evangelism	\$54067	Yes
NDI Average	210	336	267	Pensions Benefits	\$22214	Yes
New Nazarenes	1	13	10	MVNU	\$20492	Yes
Membership	591	608	621	District	\$42351	Yes
Tithes/Offerings	\$955835	\$1008861	\$1040187	Missions Recognition Level	World Evangelism	

Worship Average = In Person + Online

Report to the Assembly: *How worship is transforming your church? How is worship guiding your people to: engage their community, share the love of Jesus, and live holy lives (Romans 12:1)?*

We are "All In" at FirstNaz.

This year we launched an all-church initiative called "All In" to chase after God's dream for our church. Through the initiative, we spent 21 days in prayer and fasting, met together in leadership prayer and worship meetings, and committed financially to a common goal – do whatever it takes to go make disciples.

Through our initiative, we began creating new goals and new ambitions to be a church that not only reaches people with the Gospel but is committed to our community and intentional in discipleship. The people of FirstNaz are committing over \$725,000 over the next two years to see facility updates made to reach people with the Gospel and make disciples. The "All In" Initiative will give us the capital to address many of our aging facility issues. For example, we can complete a new front entrance, update restrooms, update HVAC and classrooms, and remodel our Foster Ministry house.

Pastor Todd led us on various community service days, finding ways to serve our neighbors and friends in new and creative ways. Sylvia Cook has stepped in to run our Foster Ministry house brilliantly. Each week we feed people with food and hope.

Austin Swallow, our NDI director, helped us pivot to "in-home sermon-based small groups." Seeing many connect in deeper and more meaningful relationships for the first time in their spiritual lives.

Pastor Bryan and Christine led us in our biggest year of growth in kids and in teens. Pastor Bryan's BARF (Bring a Real Friend) Nights have been a highlight for our students, inviting new friends to each event night. Pastor Christine and her team have seen many new families connect through VBS, Upward, and our Easter Eggstravaganza. We have already begun to outgrow our newly remodeled kids' space in many classes.

All of this has been possible because of the faithfulness of the great people of FirstNaz. The spirit, eagerness, loyalty, and hopefulness are contagious. I am excited about our days ahead. I sense our best days are before us. God is on the move as we go All-In!



Mount Vernon First Dios Es Suficiente

Joseph Proudfoot, Elder

This year our intern Gracie did a wonderful job running our after-school tutoring program and engaging many of the students through our mid-week kids and teen programming. Through much discussion, we decided to pivot the tutoring program to the campus of MVNU utilizing education students to run the program.

Weekly, we see many of our Spanish Ministry kids and teens connect to our youth and kids' programs.

Since COVID, we still struggle to draw families to a Spanish service and small group. We continue to pray and hope we can see an interest in the ministry again soon.

Mount Vernon Lakeholm

Scott E. Sharpes, Elder

Organized: 1970

Pastor Began: 8/28/2011

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Pastor Email: pastor@lakeholm.org

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Statistics:	2021	2022	2023			
Conversions	4	14	2			
Baptisms	3	3	3	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	290	294	259	World Evangelism	\$35280	Yes
NDI Average	416	164	203	Pensions Benefits	\$14100	Yes
New Nazarenes	2	0	4	MVNU	\$15500	Yes
Membership	455	453	450	District	\$28300	Yes
Tithes/Offerings	\$639930	\$604571	\$613602	Missions Recognition Level	10% Goal Level	

Worship Average = In Person + Online

Report to the Assembly: *How worship is transforming your church? How is worship guiding your people to: engage their community, share the love of Jesus, and live holy lives (Romans 12:1)?*

When asked which commandment was the greatest, Jesus said this: “Love the Lord your God with all of your heart, mind, soul, and strength.” He added, “The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.” Our worship can be framed in a similar way. Our response to God’s grace and mercy in our lives is a total act of surrender involving our heart, mind, soul, and strength. But it is also an outpouring of love to our neighbor.

When we think of worship, our first response might be to think of music. Music does help to set the environment in which to worship. And while we may have our preferences, the design of music is to draw us into the presence of God. We’ve utilized blending many different formats and styles from some orchestral to praise and worship. Worship is not geared to just one particular demographic, but should incorporate every generation, helping each to appreciate the nuances that make worshipping together so enriching. So, we embraced the belief that says, yes, you too have a place in the story of God.



But worship cannot be something that we just do on Sunday, at a particular place and at a particular time. It is also embracing the necessity for discipleship. We took God’s Word and journeyed through a church-wide discipleship program called Think, Act, Be Like Jesus. Here we answered these questions:

- a) What do I believe and why does it matter?
- b) How can I put my faith into action?
- c) Am I becoming the person God wants me to be?

Through discipleship groups, connections, and time spent together we embarked on the exploration of becoming more like Jesus.

Finally, worship would not be complete without service to our community and the world. In our local community we were active participants in a Good News Club, as well as mentoring and tutoring at Twin Oak Elementary. We hosted GriefShare each week and provided much-needed support for those dealing with the loss of a loved one. We supported other local ministries such as Out of Darkness, Starting Point, Place for Grace, the Escape Zone, and Beneath the Shade.



Our mission as Christians is not only to our neighborhood but “to the end of the earth.” May we continue to help people find their place in the story of God, because everyone has a story, and everyone has a place.

Mount Vernon New Life

Troy C. McNichols, Elder

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Pastor Began: 5/15/2001

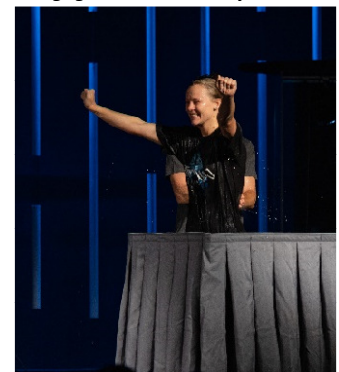
Pastor Email: troy@newlifenz.net

Statistics:	2021	2022	2023			
Conversions	42	27	20			
Baptisms	11	27	24	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	409	557	622	World Evangelism	\$71555	Yes
NDI Average	141	156	170	Pensions Benefits	\$29275	Yes
New Nazarenes	7	5	24	MVNU	\$29275	Yes
Membership	251	240	256	District	\$60500	Yes
Tithes/Offerings	\$1035663	\$1239770	\$1334479	Missions Recognition Level	World Evangelism	

Worship Average = In Person + Online

Report to the Assembly: How worship is transforming your church? How is worship guiding your people to: engage their community, share the love of Jesus, and live holy lives (Romans 12:1)?

There have been many great things going on through the ministry of New Life over this past year. Here’s just one story. We had a young man (30ish) come into our church office one day to pay the rent for his storage unit that we have on the church property. To be honest, he was a rough looking guy who had been all tattooed up. Not that tattoos are bad, but you get the point. I had the opportunity to connect with him while he was in the office lobby. Come to find out, we had both been raised in the Columbus area which brought our conversation onto common ground.



I invited him to come to New Life sometime for church. The very next Sunday he showed up. This was somewhat of a surprise. It was obvious that he had very little church or religious background. I think the timing was somewhat providential in that the sermon topic was about Jesus being the Good Shepherd. It was a timely sermon for someone who was unchurched to hear. Between our 3 Sunday morning services, we also baptized 10 people that morning, to which he got to witness 5 of them and their personal testimonies in the first service.

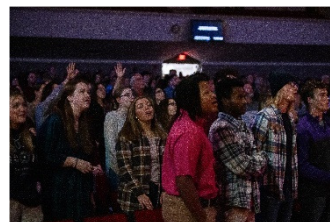


I texted him later that week to tell him it was great to have him at church and to invite him back for the following Sunday. (Note: We were going to be having a guest speaker with a powerful testimony of redemption from a destructive life of drugs and prison.) This was his response. “Unfortunately, I have a 3-day vacation in a county jail. Gotta turn myself in Friday morning. I will attend the following Sunday though. Thank you though, I’m glad I went yesterday.” I shared the story with my family in a group text and said, “He doesn’t know it, but I’ll be baptizing him before long.”

How does this story relate to Romans 12:1 and worship? I want my life of worship to be one that’s zealous and purposeful in pointing others to Jesus. It’s simple, one of the greatest ways I can worship him, is by doing what he said, which is to simply make disciples. May this be the heartbeat of New Life Church of the Nazarene! To God be all the glory!



Respectfully Submitted,
Troy McNichols



P.S. If, or should I say when, I end up baptizing him this coming year, I’ll try to remember to let you know at District Assembly 2024! Be praying for David!

Mount Vernon The Shepherd's House Olivia Greenwich Stern, Licensed Minister

Organized: 2011

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Pastor Began: 10/1/2022

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Statistics:	2021	2022	2023			
Conversions	2	1	0			
Baptisms	2	1	2	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	31	35	43	World Evangelism	\$2905	Yes
NDI Average	10	0	25	Pensions Benefits	\$1192	Yes
New Nazarenes	2	0	3	MVNU	\$1192	Yes
Membership	28	32	26	District	\$2463	Yes
Tithes/Offerings	\$51000	\$49400	\$54592	Missions Recognition Level	World Evang Excellence	

Worship Average = In Person + Online

Report to the Assembly: How worship is transforming your church? How is worship guiding your people to: engage their community, share the love of Jesus, and live holy lives (Romans 12:1)?

Shepherd’s House Church of the Nazarene has had a year of ups and downs, but God remains faithful. The previous pastor retired in June 2022. While searching for a pastor, the church entered a three-month preaching rotation with the three licensed ministers attending the church; Alex Varughese, Janet Neal, and Olivia Stern. During this time, Olivia was approached by several people about being the pastor. After two months of praying, Olivia accepted the position and agreed to start in October. Since that time, Shepherd’s House has started discipleship programs for adults and children after Sunday worship services and now has monthly potlucks. From September to March, Shepherd’s House partnered with our sister congregation, Circle Church, to have a small group for teens. There have been several joint services with Circle Church: some for fellowship and some for special church holidays (Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, and Good Friday). As the discipleship programs sparked interest in membership, Shepherd’s House held a membership class in April and accepted 3 new members in May. God has used these elements to grow connection and shared holiness within this body of believers. In Shepherd’s House’s pursuit of loving our neighbors, the church has Wednesday night tutoring and English as a Second Language for the Latinx community in Mount Vernon. Shepherd’s House is also relationally and financially investing in a family of refugees. The relationships built with the Latinx community have blessed Shepherd’s House in many ways. Shepherd’s House also put out winter clothes, baby blankets, hygiene products, and a community resource booklet throughout the winter months for anyone in need. Anyone could take what they needed, and the booklet provided directions and contact information for local food banks, hot meals, and various non-profits. God has used these things to graft Shepherd’s House and Circle Church into loving worship. It has been incredible to grow together in holiness through the last year, and we trust that God will continue to lead us with tender grace and love into whatever lies ahead.



N. Royalton State Road Comm.

Philip A. Hurlbert, Elder

Organized: 1961

Pastor Began: 2/5/2007

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Pastor Email: philhurlbert@sbcglobal.net

Phone: 440-237-2344

Statistics:	2021	2022	2023			
Conversions	5	5	5			
Baptisms	2	3	4	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	57	76	87	World Evangelism	\$395	No
NDI Average	54	74	36	Pensions Benefits	\$183	No
New Nazarenes	2	3	3	MVNU	\$228	No
Membership	150	151	153	District	\$487	No
Tithes/Offerings	\$98203	\$100192	\$88376	Missions Recognition Level	--	

Worship Average = In Person + Online

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It is probably the season I find myself in, but there are four words that stand out to me in that passage:

Sacrifice

Worship

Acceptable

Transformation

One Sunday afternoon in March, I met with a 30-year-old man who was extremely broken by the relational conflict he was experiencing. I knew I needed to ask him some tough questions, which I did. He left my office and 30 minutes later took his life. His family called me while they were still on the phone with 911. I was on the scene moments after first responders and stayed until the last of the emergency personnel cleared the scene.

The pain was palpable. The family had no church affiliation. I got to know them through my co-vocational ministry of driving school bus. I knew I wanted to lead the charge with our congregation and with the other bus drivers of doing something tangible to help this family. I thought if we could raise \$600, it would be a drop in the bucket, but would speak volumes to them in the midst of the pain. I pitched the idea of having a pancake breakfast at the bus garage as a fundraiser to the school administration, my Church Board, and a Baptist co-vocational bus driver/ pastor friend of mine. The plan was that Baptists and Nazarenes would work side by side serving breakfast to help with the financial burdens. The morning of the breakfast was one of the most beautiful things I have seen in a long time. Our small act of sacrificial obedience raised over \$6000 and was enough to cover all funeral expenses. The family was completely blown away by the generosity of two churches, of which they were not a part, and the family of bus drivers. I am confident that in time we will see lives changed for all eternity because of the seeds planted in early Spring.



Orwell Resurrection Life

Lester A. Bolen, Elder

Organized: 1953

Pastor Began: 1/1/2018

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Pastor Email: lad3bolen@yahoo.com

Phone: 440 437-2004

Statistics:	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>			
Conversions	3	4	8			
Baptisms	0	0	0	<u>Funding the Mission</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Worship Average	60	60	77	World Evangelism	\$6086	Yes
NDI Average	35	38	64	Pensions Benefits	\$2503	Yes
New Nazarenes	0	0	17	MVNU	\$2503	Yes
Membership	0	0	22	District	\$5145	Yes
Tithes/Offerings	\$94230	\$107180	\$116732	Missions Recognition Level	World Evangelism	

Worship Average = In Person + Online

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When most of us think of worship our mind goes to music, and we have some great musical worship at Res. Life. Music isn't the only way we worship though. We are committed to spending more time in prayer. We are learning to pray and expect big answers from God, and He has not disappointed us. One of my favorite ways we worship is with testimonies. Hearing how God is answering prayer and moving in the lives of people. We recently heard of one of our people who is celebrating 1 year sober. A lady in our community was healed of stage 4 cancer, and 1 of our teens was healed in a miraculous way. So, we are worshipping God for listening and answering our prayers. We look forward to what God is going to do in the future and ways we can worship Him for all He does.

Painesville

Brian M. Forney, Elder

Organized: 1937

Pastor Began: 11/26/2017

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Pastor Email: bforney34@gmail.com

Phone: 440-352-3703

Statistics:	2021	2022	2023			
Conversions	7	4	8			
Baptisms	0	1	0	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	93	112	135	World Evangelism	\$15587	No
NDI Average	88	93	150	Pensions Benefits	\$3188	No
New Nazarenes	11	0	9	MVNU	\$3188	No
Membership	223	224	233	District	\$6589	No
Tithes/Offerings	\$254819	\$260855	\$315039	Missions Recognition Level	--	

Worship Average = In Person + Online

Report to the Assembly: How worship is transforming your church? How is worship guiding your people to: engage their community, share the love of Jesus, and live holy lives (Romans 12:1)?

At PCN, we have seen the worship of God, born out of the awareness of the amazing grace that he has lavished on us in Christ, and this worship has challenged and changed our people to live holy lives. One way that this has been demonstrated is through commitment to God’s Church and his people. Approximately 75-80-- of our congregation is fully committed to the mission of our house through discipleship, serving, and tithing. This is a considerable increase from the previous year. People are responding to the Lord’s calling to live for him.

We have also seen worship transform our church through sacrificial giving. In the past year, we held a capital giving campaign and were able to raise over \$20,000 dollars to aid in much needed repairs to our building. We have seen a consistent increase in the number of people who have begun tithing, those who are giving regularly and faithfully, and our financial picture is currently as good as it has been in decades. Over \$1,000 dollars were received for Alabaster offerings and were able to bless our missionary guests with a deputation offering of another \$1,000.

Another way that our worship is transforming our church is that holy living has sent us out into our community to be a light for Christ. This year we were able to serve 701 families—an increase of 250-- of the families that we were able to help the previous year (282). We provided spiritual care and support to those who were sick, hospitalized, needed cheering up, or had birthdays. We sent college and military care kits to those from our flock who are currently away from home. In addition, we were able to help those who needed food, gas cards, help with rent, utility bills, funeral expenses, hospital expenses, vehicle repairs, and various other items that would fall under compassionate ministries. We distributed 30 Thanksgiving meals, 25 Christmas meals, 24 Easter meals, and 108 gifts to children in need for Christmas.



Richmond Heights Hope United

Stephen M. Banks, Elder

Organized: 1956

Pastor Began: 8/21/2005

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Pastor Email: pastorstephenbanks@gmail.com

Phone: 216-486-6674

Statistics:	2021	2022	2023			
Conversions	10	5	20			
Baptisms	0	3	6	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	170	140	135	World Evangelism	\$6209	No
NDI Average	65	85	135	Pensions Benefits	\$2540	No
New Nazarenes	3	3	8	MVNU	\$1300	No
Membership	158	159	169	District	\$5250	No
Tithes/Offerings	\$126833	\$107332	\$119900	Missions Recognition Level	--	

Worship Average = In Person + Online

Report to the Assembly: *How worship is transforming your church? How is worship guiding your people to: engage their community, share the love of Jesus, and live holy lives (Romans 12:1)?*

True Worship always involves Trust, Surrender, and Action. We decided to trust God can bring transformation. We surrender our past and our desires for God's future and his plan for our church. And we put that worship into action by bringing hope to our city and being a safe place for all people.

- Changed the church name to better represent our vision to bring Hope to a city and a people who can be united in Jesus.
- Partnered with Pastor Marcella Rivera to start a new work and plant a healing ministry in Cleveland
- Put in a digital sign
- Converted a hot tub into a baptismal.
- Increased enrollment and staff at our daycare
- Hosted Coffee with a cop at our church
- Huge Easter week events attended by 400 people (immersive Good Friday walk, Easter Egg Hunt)
- Brought our biggest group to Teen District Blast



Sandusky Community

In Transition

Organized: 1932

Address: 1617 Milan Rd., Sandusky, OH 44870

Phone: 419-625-0804

Statistics:	2021	2022	2023			
Conversions	25	22	17			
Baptisms	16	13	6	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	291	301	325	World Evangelism	\$27206	Yes
NDI Average	266	184	199	Pensions Benefits	\$10760	Yes
New Nazarenes	14	4	9	MVNU	\$10760	Yes
Membership	346	349	346	District	\$22236	Yes
Tithes/Offerings	\$446883	\$478571	\$505238	Missions Recognition Level	World Evang Excellence	

Worship Average = In Person + Online

Report to the Assembly: *How worship is transforming your church? How is worship guiding your people to: engage their community, share the love of Jesus, and live holy lives (Romans 12:1)?*

This church year at SCCN has been a year of partnerships and growth. We have intentionally focused on serving our community, seeking to be a spring of hope by partnering with organizations in the Sandusky area. These organizations include Victory SOUP Kitchen, Nehemiah Center, and the Erie County Fair.

Partnering with Victory Kitchen, an organization that feeds the hungry in Sandusky; we helped make meal boxes, collected hats, gloves, and toys for shoebox gifts during the holiday season, and donated over 500 lbs. of ham for families during the Easter season. We partnered with the Nehemiah Center, an organization that serves underprivileged youth in our community. SCCN volunteers served weekly in the kitchen and provided food and resources to the center. SCCN also participated in the centers' community outreach events. We partnered with our county at the Fair. We have served at the fair for many years and the impact of our presence and partnership continues to grow. We are granted a 90 x 20 tented space in a prime location that offers a rest-pit spot, as well as, fun and games for families. New this year, we offered a shuttle service with our golf carts, from the parking lots to the gates. We also were entrusted with the opportunity to organize and sponsor Kids Day at the fair. We serve the carnival employees with meals and personal hygiene items. We serve the fair board leadership team by simply helping to provide volunteers when needed, we openly pray with and for them and serve them by providing a special dinner for their team. Our partnerships have been prayerful and intentional. The purpose has never been to "get people to come to our church", but to be a spring of hope to our community. As a result, we have seen healing, restoration, salvation, and growth.

Finally, God has been blessing us with many new families. We have seen consistent numerical and spiritual growth at SCCN this year, and that growth has been diverse in age and ethnicity. It has been a blessing and an answer to ongoing prayer to see SCCN look more like the community in which we belong.



Shelby

Lester R. Champer, Elder

Organized: 1929

Pastor Began: 11/13/1995

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Pastor Email: lesterchamper@gmail.com

Phone: 419-342-3496

Statistics:	2021	2022	2023			
Conversions	2	0	10			
Baptisms	1	0	0	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	50	45	215	World Evangelism	\$8099	Yes
NDI Average	50	104	88	Pensions Benefits	\$3329	Yes
New Nazarenes	2	0	0	MVNU	\$3614	Yes
Membership	108	105	103	District	\$7280	Yes
Tithes/Offerings	\$144121	\$171667	\$139935	Missions Recognition Level	World Evang Excellence	

Worship Average = In Person + Online

Report to the Assembly: How worship is transforming your church? How is worship guiding your people to: engage their community, share the love of Jesus, and live holy lives (Romans 12:1)?

To answer the questions, how is worship transforming our church, engaging the community, sharing the love of Jesus, and living Holy lives, I decided the best way to get answers was by a churchwide survey. The survey was embraced with open arms and the rest of the report is a summarization of what was shared.

1. How is worship transforming our church?

The messages of the pastor from God’s Word continually motivate, strengthen, uplift, provide confidence, inspire, help give guidance renew, encourage, challenge, restore balance, to continue to be a better follower of Jesus.



2. How is worship helping us to engage the community?

The monthly memorization of Scripture verses allows the Bible to be used by each of us to help others that we come in contact with to meet the needs of their lives. Experiencing weekly worship helps me to be encouraging to my neighbors. Worship teaches us how to serve our community. Worship motivates us to share Jesus’ love throughout the week. Worship enables and encourages us to engage our broken world with the message of hope, love, and grace. Worship allows us to be a positive influence out in our community wherever we go. Worship gives us the confidence to engage our community for Christ

3. How does worship help share the love of Jesus?

Time with God and the church family each week refuels us to be modes of Jesus’ love throughout the week. Worship time revives us and refocuses us on who Jesus is and wants us to be in our home and world. Worship time draws me closer to God and better able to love others. Learning about the love of Jesus helps us to be the love of Jesus. Worship helps us love like Jesus through our kind actions to complete strangers and our kind words of blessing and hope.



4. How does worship help us live Holy lives?

By taking the truth of God’s spoken work each week and applying it to all aspects of our lives. By recalling songs/lyrics that come to mind that we continue to sing about who God is to us. Worship helps us to continue to push towards the goal to be Holy for another week. Worship helps us to sustain a Holy walk with God. The experience of worship helps us to seek holiness and live lives that can handle all of life’s situations vicariously. Being in contact with a Holy God in worship keeps us wanting to be like Him.

Sullivan

Howard Russell, Ministry Leader

Organized: 2022

Pastor Began: 11/1/2021

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Phone: 419-736-2551

Statistics:	2021	2022	2023			
Conversions	1	3	4			
Baptisms	0	0	0	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	20	24	29	World Evangelism	\$0	No
NDI Average	32	34	39	Pensions Benefits	\$1263	Yes
New Nazarenes	0	7	0	MVNU	\$0	No
Membership	32	51	50	District	\$0	No
Tithes/Offerings	\$39119	\$31073	\$56943	Missions Recognition Level	--	

Worship Average = In Person + Online

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Worship has now wrongly become defined as an emotional expression built by tempo and rhythm.

At Sullivan we know and experience what true Worship is built upon righteousness. We know that righteousness can be obtained by doing I John 1:9, we confess, He forgives, and we receive righteousness.

Righteous worship becomes a contagious activity to all who are within its practice. Righteous worship changes people. Changed people impact their world every day of the week.



Our community is noticing the difference righteousness makes.

Our hunger, because of righteousness, is to glorify God in all we do. One demonstration of this is that we have taken inventory of the condition of our place of worship.

Does our church plant and property Glorify God? Our evaluation is that these need work.

Because of this, we have significantly upgraded the entries into our building. We have replaced our over 50-year-old carpet. We are upgrading and padding our pews. We are replacing the burned-out lights in our church sign.

Our community is noticing. People are being drawn to our fellowship and participating in the upgrading and thus joining our worship. All the while our call is to righteousness.

Our children are seeing the difference righteous worship makes both in our behavior and how we take care of God's property. Our children participate in our services as well as our care of our physical property.

How do you impact a community? By impacting your community.

We are impacting our community physically and spiritually

All of the above examples are seeing people pointed to Christ. Some have come to physically help. They have been changed spiritually.



Sunbury

Organized: 1944

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Phone: 740-965-2760

Keith Allen Martinez, Elder

Pastor Began: 4/2/2017

Pastor Email: kamartinez81@gmail.com

Statistics:	2021	2022	2023			
Conversions	0	0	5			
Baptisms	0	0	0	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	56	69	54	World Evangelism	\$9158	Yes
NDI Average	37	27	43	Pensions Benefits	\$3466	Yes
New Nazarenes	0	0	6	MVNU	\$3466	Yes
Membership	166	166	171	District	\$7164	Yes
Tithes/Offerings	\$180923	\$173530	\$165768	Missions Recognition Level	World Evang Excellence	

Worship Average = In Person + Online

Report to the Assembly: How worship is transforming your church? How is worship guiding your people to: engage their community, share the love of Jesus, and live holy lives (Romans 12:1)?

God continues to move in the SunburyNaz Faith Family, and we are excited about the coming year. There is a sense of excitement as we expect God to do great things in our church.

Worship has been a large part of how and where God is at work at SNC. Our worship team is composed solely of laypeople whom He has equipped and called. It is a blessing to watch the team members and those in the sound booth give those gifts back to God as an act of worship as they lead us.

At SNC, worship provides a platform for us to continue growing in our relationships with God and with each other and offers an opportunity to walk out our faith in the community of believers.

Since Easter 2022, SunburyNaz has been active in the community through the local ministerial association, as well as, the local civic association. That participation involved, helping with the community Easter Egg hunt, but has also included Community Worship Services.

This has given the SunburyNaz Faith Family an opportunity to engage the community by joining in with other Sunbury Churches for the purpose of lifting the name of Jesus through song, prayer, and The Word. The events we participated in throughout the last church year are: 4th of July Community Worship Service at the football stadium, Community Thanksgiving Service (hosted by SunburyNaz), and Night of Worship. It has been a blessing to worship together with other members of God's family.

Other highlights from the last year include: Journeying with multiple people – including 3 children – as they accepted Christ as Savior; Started a new offsite Bible study for single women; Fall Family Festival which served around 250 kids and their families from the Sunbury area; Members of SunburyNaz serving in disaster relief roles in Kentucky and Florida; Collected items and assembled 60 Crisis Care Kits; Vacation Bible School.



Tiffin

Lois E. Miller, Elder

Organized: 1931

Pastor Began: 9/22/2019

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Pastor Email: loismoranville@icloud.com

Phone: 419-447-0363

Statistics:	2021	2022	2023			
Conversions	6	5	7			
Baptisms	5	3	0	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	44	69	55	World Evangelism	\$1420	No
NDI Average	26	27	60	Pensions Benefits	\$903	No
New Nazarenes	4	3	0	MVNU	\$1048	No
Membership	34	36	36	District	\$1917	No
Tithes/Offerings	\$69359	\$69778	\$64487	Missions Recognition Level	--	

Worship Average = In Person + Online

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Engage the community

- July 4th Celebration – Approx 50 in attendance- relationships built
- Three church members participate in Tiffin Weekday Religious Education (WRE)
- Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner – 306 meals served. Many from the community joined us to help serve!
- Youth idea to paint rocks with encouraging words and Bible verses; give to people in the community to encourage them
- Hosted Daniel Shayestah a born-again Muslim to share his journey with God and help us know how to share with Muslims.



Share Jesus love

- Share plan of salvation and pray with people at the Tractor Pull
- Love offerings to several individuals and families for needs
- Sharing testimony and praying with people
- The plan of salvation was shared through Tiffin WRE to more than 400 throughout the year.



Live holy lives

"I believe my true calling is to work with teens and kids. Only took me about 51 years to figure it out. Not as a teacher, never had a desire for that, but in sharing God with them and sharing my experiences as well. I am a helper with the local Weekly Religious Education, and I lead the teen Sunday school class at my church. The only thing I want anyone to see in me is God. I want them to know God is always with you and will get you through anything. Daily I pray for the middle school girls that were in WRE and also the teens in the Sunday school class. If you have a child in the Tiffin Middle School, I ask you to consider them joining WRE during the school year. It is non-denominational, and we share from the Bible. I am praying that the WRE class grows and also my Sunday school class." – (posted on Kim H. Facebook page)



Vermilion

David R. Johnson, Elder

Organized: 1960

Pastor Began: 1/6/1986

Address: 14907 Kneisel Rd., Vermilion, OH 44089

Pastor Email: djohnson34068@roadrunner.com

Phone: 440-320-8567

Statistics:	2021	2022	2023			
Conversions	4	2	3			
Baptisms	0	0	1	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	38	22	36	World Evangelism	\$3190	Yes
NDI Average	18	14	13	Pensions Benefits	\$1195	Yes
New Nazarenes	0	0	0	MVNU	\$0	No
Membership	73	73	71	District	\$0	No
Tithes/Offerings	\$62546	\$53526	\$55298	Missions Recognition Level	World Evang Excellence	

Worship Average = In Person + Online

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God is good, all the time! It is exciting to see God working, calling and encouraging our people to be used by god. We have seen God working through one of our young ladies to serve in our children’s ministry. She has taken on the task of doing special programs for Christmas and Easter and for the first time in several years VBS. God has blessed us through this outreach in a wonderful way. We see our children excited about singing the songs of worship every Sunday morning. Young and old alike, God is moving in the hearts of our people in the worship services. We are seeing others who are now looking at ways we can open our doors to our community in hopes of getting them to come and have fellowship with us. We are looking at starting a few programs to invite the community in. BBF (Breaking of the Bread Fellowship), game night along with Trunk or Treat. We know that we cannot sit around and wait for them to come, we must do what we can to show our community we care and love them, and we are here for them. From the oldest to our youngest, we will serve the LORD.



Wadsworth/Orrville Now

Jim R. Copenhaver, Licensed Minister

Organized: 1926

Pastor Began: 6/5/2022

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Phone: 330-336-4258

Statistics:	2021	2022	2023			
Conversions	30	66	74			
Baptisms	27	52	34	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	178	241	464	World Evangelism	\$15294	No
NDI Average	125	152	191	Pensions Benefits	\$6297	Yes
New Nazarenes	31	22	35	MVNU	\$6330	Yes
Membership	143	151	181	District	\$13174	Yes
Tithes/Offerings	\$330885	\$320647	\$347838	Missions Recognition Level	--	

Worship Average = In Person + Online

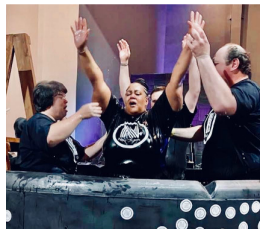
Report to the Assembly: *How worship is transforming your church? How is worship guiding your people to: engage their community, share the love of Jesus, and live holy lives (Romans 12:1)?*

There’s no doubt that worship continues to transform our church in all areas of life. We see these results in our worship settings, our church ministries, our homes, and in individual lives as they continue to grow in the grace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. At Now Church, we continue to create an atmosphere where the Holy Spirit has the freedom to move in the heart of individuals. Our leaders pray that God would move in our services from the welcome to closing prayer.

We continue to do our best to carry out the words of the Apostle Paul as he addressed the Christians in Rome with these words, “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.” (Romans 12:1) We know worship is an integrated part of every believer’s life. We have been created to worship God.

We see worship happening monthly as our volunteers go out into our communities and distribute food, being the hands and feet of Jesus Christ. We see worship happening around fellowship tables sharing a meal with one another reflecting on the importance of friendship that our Lord displayed to His disciples. We see worship happening in lifted hands of victory of people coming up out of the watery grave into a new life in Christ Jesus breaking the chains of addictions and sin. We see worship happening in our young people standing hand-in-hand together in public settings boldly proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ to their friends and family.

The greatest act of worship that we could put on display for the world to see, is a love for God and a love for others. We have not perfected that at Now Church, but we continue to pursue deep relationships with God, and a passion to love the world around us for His glory. It’s been a great year at Now Church because we worship a great God. Worship is so much more than the 20 minutes before the sermon on Sunday mornings, it is our desire that Now Church would be filled with believers who worship in spirit and in truth each and every day of the week.



Warsaw

In Transition

Organized: 1932

Address: Mail: PO Box 235 (117 Bridge St.), Warsaw, OH 43844

Phone: 740-507-7664

Statistics:	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>			
Conversions	1	0	0			
Baptisms	0	0	0	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	10	8	10	World Evangelism	\$1242	Yes
NDI Average	10	13	13	Pensions Benefits	\$484	Yes
New Nazarenes	0	2	0	MVNU	\$355	No
Membership	22	26	26	District	\$732	No
Tithes/Offerings	\$13635	\$19382	\$21431	Missions Recognition Level	10% Goal Level	

Worship Average = In Person + Online

Report to the Assembly: *How worship is transforming your church? How is worship guiding your people to: engage their community, share the love of Jesus, and live holy lives (Romans 12:1)?*

This was an exciting year at Warsaw Naz! Each year, we pass out candy on Halloween. This year we handed out treat bags with our church's information to 300 kids!

We also had a winter clothing line for our community. Over the colder months, we set out over a hundred items!

In February, Pastor Faith announced her resignation because of the travel necessary for the out-of-state adoption of a relative. Taylor's brought home their niece in May and went back to celebrate with the congregation a couple weeks later.

While the church is in transition, we trust that God will lead our district and this congregation to the future God has for them.

West Lafayette Living Faith

James A. Lillo, Elder

Organized: 1927

Pastor Began: 2/12/1999

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Pastor Email: pjllilo@yahoo.com

Phone: 740-545-6407

Statistics:	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>			
Conversions	3	4	3			
Baptisms	1	1	1	<u>Funding the Mission</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Worship Average	60	60	60	World Evangelism	\$6578	Yes
NDI Average	30	30	69	Pensions Benefits	\$2705	Yes
New Nazarenes	3	0	0	MVNU	\$0	No
Membership	93	93	93	District	\$5568	Yes
Tithes/Offerings	\$125132	\$123305	\$125588	Missions Recognition Level	World Evangelism	

Worship Average = In Person + Online

Report to the Assembly: *How worship is transforming your church? How is worship guiding your people to: engage their community, share the love of Jesus, and live holy lives (Romans 12:1)?*

Here at Living Faith, we need to focus on being His and acceptable to Him through Christ first. In a time when there's not a lot of difference between the organized Church and the world. Allowing His word and His spirit to transform us from the inside out, so those in our community can see we are different because we are His, a Light shining in such a dark time.

Westlake Parkside

Donald E. Lain, Elder

Organized: 1932

Pastor Began: 9/22/2019

Address: 23600 Hilliard Blvd., Westlake, OH 44145

Pastor Email: dlain1058@gmail.com

Phone: 440-333-3998

Statistics:	2021	2022	2023			
Conversions	2	0	3			
Baptisms	0	0	0	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	47	50	47	World Evangelism	\$8965	Yes
NDI Average	83	95	81	Pensions Benefits	\$3600	Yes
New Nazarenes	2	4	1	MVNU	\$4000	Yes
Membership	98	104	101	District	\$7330	Yes
Tithes/Offerings	\$178740	\$169036	\$167941	Missions Recognition Level	World Evang Excellence	

Worship Average = In Person + Online

Report to the Assembly: *How worship is transforming your church? How is worship guiding your people to: engage their community, share the love of Jesus, and live holy lives (Romans 12:1)?*

In Parkside’s list of prayer priorities is a call to prayer for God’s anointing to be upon our worship leaders and our times of worship. It is in worship that we join our hearts with God, opening our hearts to hear and see what God sees. Clearly included in what God sees is the lost of our community. If we are truly connecting with God, the natural outcome will be hearts that long to help seekers find Jesus.

Also included in our times of worship, is an emphasis on the importance of being infilled and empowered of the Holy Spirit. This too is one of our prayer priorities. Once again, if we are filled with God’s Holy Spirit, then the outcome will be a heart for seekers. Acts 1.8 is clear: “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be my witnesses....”

We are still learning how to move from worship and Spirit-filling, to reaching those who need Jesus. Currently, our reaching is through scheduled events like Easter Egg Hunts, Neighborhood Block Parties, Inflatables, and free food for July 4th Gatherings (Fireworks are directly across the street from the church). These have been successful (see pics below) but our prayer is that God will help us to move beyond event evangelism to friendship evangelism and relational evangelism. We will continue to strive to this end.

Last year I was saddened to report zero conversions. How I pleaded with God that this would never happen again. Praise God, this year we can report three brand new converts. Thank you, Jesus!

Fall 2022 Neighborhood Block Part



Telling the Easter Story to Neighborhood Children



2023 Easter Egg Hunt (largest neighborhood gathering of the year. PTL)

Willard

James Damon Pomerich, Elder

Organized: 1941

Pastor Began: 12/1/2020

Address: 4414 Townline Rd. 12, Willard, OH 44890

Pastor Email: pomerich@gmail.com

Phone: 419-935-4851

Statistics:	2021	2022	2023			
Conversions	6	9	8			
Baptisms	0	6	7	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	85	98	117	World Evangelism	\$7825	Yes
NDI Average	85	51	97	Pensions Benefits	\$3201	Yes
New Nazarenes	4	6	33	MVNU	\$3201	Yes
Membership	105	103	131	District	\$6615	Yes
Tithes/Offerings	\$133693	\$146483	\$151601	Missions Recognition Level	World Evangelism	

Worship Average = In Person + Online

Report to the Assembly: How worship is transforming your church? How is worship guiding your people to: engage their community, share the love of Jesus, and live holy lives (Romans 12:1)?

After Paul explains the doctrine of salvation, he moves on to how we should live, how we should respond to God’s great mercy towards us. That response should be a life of worship, a life of bowing down and throwing our crowns at His feet, a life of surrendering our will to His. It is the only appropriate response to God’s mercy that we have received.



This year, as we have grown in worship, we have looked for ways to join God in what He is doing. Midway through the year, He called us to a 21-day period of prayer and fasting. This then transformed into a 24 hour a week prayer covering. Every Friday beginning at 6pm until Saturday at 6pm we ask people to pray for one hour for their church and community. This time of prayer has focused us on each other and on God and what He was calling us to.

One Sunday, God brought us 3 immigrants from Haiti to our church. The church was quick to embrace them and using Google translate, we began communicating with them to see what we could do to help. The Church helped them with food, housing, appliances, furniture, trips to the doctor, and immigration issues. Over time, God called some members to help them learn English so every week there is a class offered. One person took it upon themselves to learn their language and is teaching another member of the church so that we can better communicate. We now have ten Haitians that are members of our church, and we are trying to help them get their kids here. We can’t wait for that day.



Lastly, this life of worship has brought us together with other churches to focus on the needs of our community and share the love of Jesus Christ. One example was when three churches got together on a Sunday morning to do service projects for widows and shut ins. Many projects were done and those that weren’t able to physically serve did prayer walks and visited people to pray with them. We then all met for a service in our park to praise God and celebrate what God did through these service opportunities.



Wooster

Nathan P. Ward, Elder

Organized: 1927

Pastor Began: 5/1/1995

Address: 3100 Oak Hill Rd., Wooster, OH 44691

Pastor Email: npw@woosterchurch.org

Phone: 330-262-1471

Statistics:	2021	2022	2023			
Conversions	150	74	40			
Baptisms	30	66	76	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	1148	1796	2002	World Evangelism	\$65000	No
NDI Average	1993	1705	1623	Pensions Benefits	\$35000	No
New Nazarenes	23	51	40	MVNU	\$10000	No
Membership	1120	1162	1195	District	\$106354	Yes
Tithes/Offerings	\$1832743	\$1936575	\$2345621	Missions Recognition Level	--	

Worship Average = In Person + Online

Report to the Assembly: How worship is transforming your church? How is worship guiding your people to: engage their community, share the love of Jesus, and live holy lives (Romans 12:1)?

Worship has been at the heart of Wooster Naz for many years ... and still is. We believe worship is a catalyst for experiencing God. It's not an event but a lifestyle of surrender, being sold out to loving God, loving people, and living transformed. This happens as we consistently gather, link, and thrive. Our "Values" building blocks are kindness, generosity, truth, prayer, and worship.

This lifestyle of worship is a powerful witness to a watching world and can be properly called "worship evangelism." In other words, it's powerful, contagious, transformational, and undeniable!

The unmistakable presence of God in our gatherings is of primary importance, for it has the power to impact and change hearts and lives. We plan, pray, and participate - always making space for anticipated spontaneous God-moments in our gatherings. Our wonderful altars are still used regularly and are central in our response to His presence.

Our Gatherings present many opportunities for "Pray Now" moments with people, old and new. When a need is discovered or expressed, we take that opportunity to "Pray Now" for that person in need. "Pray Now Pods" [prayer groups] are multiplying, and on-location "Pray Now Pop Ups" are happening regularly around our community. For example, this summer, several of these will take place on several school campuses.

Practicing hospitality is another way we invade and saturate our community and we do this aggressively. This year we'll be serving more than six thousand meals to schoolteachers and staff, firefighters, police, deputies, EMTs, Life Care Hospice staff and volunteers ... and this list goes on. These simple acts of kindness touch and tenderize hearts. We believe genuine worshipers can't help but be generous and hospitable.

In part, our Wooster Naz vision summary reads ... "We believe everything rises and falls on relationships. Our circle of influence expands in genuine relational ways because any person is one friend away from knowing and loving Jesus."



Wooster Naz is truly a "Gathering of Jesus." Through our lifestyle of worship, we are privileged to represent Jesus to people in a culture that so needs to see and experience Him. "Everyone who connects with Wooster Naz will be exposed to love, hope, and new life."

DISTRICT CALENDAR



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
			NYC 2023 @ Tampa Bay, Florida, USA			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
NYC 2023 @ Tampa					NCO Golf Outing	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	NYI Teen Camp					District Assembly
			Family Camp @ MVNU			
					NDI, NMI, NYI	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Primary Camp			Preteen Kids' Camp			
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
Preteen Kids' Camp					NDI Training for Local	

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 PreTeen Kids' Camp	31	1	2	3	4 NDI Training for Local	5
6	7	8	9	10 NDI Council (zoom)	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 Advisory Board	31	1	2

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
				Advisory Board		
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
						Impact Team NYI Quiz
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Impact Team						Children's Council
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		Clergy Excellence New Works Team				
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
						Children's Quiz

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
				Pastors and Spouses Retreat (@ Maumee Bay Lodge)		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
				NDI Council (zoom)		Impact Team
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Impact Team		Strategic Diversity				NYI Quiz
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		Clergy Excellence				
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
				MVNU Board of Trustees		Children's Quiz

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
				MVNU Board of Trustees		Children's Quiz
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Children's Council				Impact Team
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Impact Team		Advisory Board			NYI Tri-State Quiz	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
District Prayer Watch				NCO Ministers' Christmas		NYI Quiz @ St. Louis

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 District Prayer Watch	27	28	29	30 NCO Ministers' Christmas	1 NYI Quiz @ St. Louis	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 NYI Fun Quiz	9
10	11	12	13	14 NDI Council (zoom)	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 New Works Team	10	11	12 Preleem Retreat	13 Advisory Board Impact Team
14 Preleem Retreat Impact Team	15	16	17	18	19 Ministry Assessment	20 Ministry Assessment NYI Quiz
21	22	23 Clergy Excellence	24	25	26	27 Children's Quiz
28	29	30	31	1	2	3 Impact Team

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2	3 Impact Team
4 Impact Team	5	6	7	8 NDI Council (zoom)	9	10 NYI Quiz
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 MVNU Clergy KGds
18 MVNU Clergy KGds Retreat	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	1 NDI Discipleship	2 NYI Quiz (Team)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	29	1	2
					NDI Discipline	NYI Quiz (Team)
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Children's Quiz	Exponential					Impact Team
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Impact Team	Nominating Committee	Children's Council		MVNU Board of Trustees		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Advisory Board	New Works Team				
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
Easter Sunday						NYI Quiz Individual

North Central Ohio District Church of the Nazarene				Apr 2024 (Eastern Time - New York)			
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
31 Easter Sunday	1	2	3	4	5	6 NY Quiz Individual	
7 Children's Quiz	8	9	10	11 NDI Council (zoom)	12	13 Impact Team	
14 Impact Team	15	16 Clergy Excellence Strategic Diversity	17	18	19 Big Serve Event	20	
21 Big Serve Event	22	23	24	25	26 Credentials/Studies Board	27	
28	29	30	1	2	3 MVNU Baccalaureate	4 MVNU	

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1

Adult Retreat

NYI East Central Field Quiz

Advisory Board

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MVNU Baccalaureate

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 NDI Council (zoom)	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 NY Quiz Q2024 @ Point Loma	25	26	27	28	29
30	1	2	3	4	5	6

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Family Camp @ MVNU	11	12	13 NCO District Assembly
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Children's Primary
21 Children's Primary Camp	22 Children's Primary Camp	23 Children's Proben Camp	24	25	26	27 Children's Quiz
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

MATERIALS FOR PASTORS





CLERGY EXCELLENCE SERIES 2023-2024



September 19

THEME: How to Help in a Crisis

Led By: Jim Smith, Professor Emeritus, Ohio Christian University
2-4 PM Mansfield Heart City Church



October 24

THEME: Identifying What God is Already Up To and Joining In

Led By: Kevin Ulmet, Pastor, Nashville First Church of the Nazarene
1-3 PM Medina Church



January 23

THEME: Organizing a Generational Church for Mission

Led By: Joe Proudfoot, Pastor, Mount Vernon First Church of the Nazarene
2-4 PM Wadsworth Church



April 16

THEME: Engaging Emerging Adults

Led By: Stephanie Lobdell, Campus Pastor, Mount Vernon Nazarene University
1-3 PM Mount Gilead Fresh Faith Church

PASTORS AND SPOUSES RETREAT

O C T O B E R 5 - 7 , 2 0 2 3

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Thursday:

- 3:00-8:00pm - Registration
- 6:30-7:30pm - Pizza
- 8:00pm - Worship Service

Friday:

- 9:30am - Brunch
- Afternoon - Free time
- 6:00pm - Dinner
- 7:30pm - Worship Service
- 9:00pm - Bonfire

Saturday:

- 9:30am - Brunch
- 10:30am - check-out of rooms
- 10:30am - Worship Service
- Depart for home

OPTIONAL EXTRA NIGHT

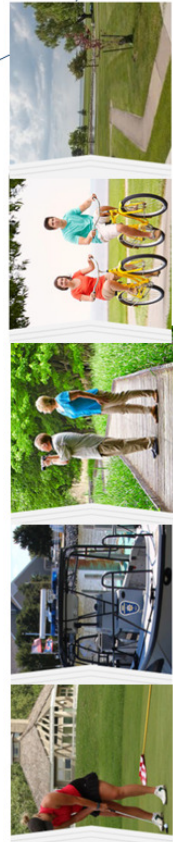
Stay an extra night before or after the retreat for a some additional time relaxing. One night lodging \$165/room

SPEAKERS

General Superintendent Gustavo Crocker and District Superintendent Wendell Brown

DRESS

Casual (jeans are appropriate); don't forget to plan appropriately for activities such as golf, swimming, hiking, and shopping.



LOCATION and ACTIVITIES

Maumee Bay Lodge & Conference Center is home to some of Ohio's best vacation experiences. We're within walking distance of countless outdoor activities such as hiking trails, birding trails, bike rentals, tennis and pickle ball courts, 18-hole Scottish links golf course with full service practice facility, and charter fishing. And after the day's activities, Maumee's lodging and amenities will help you relax and renew. Indoor activities include swimming, racquetball courts. Let the fresh air and the state's natural beauty take your next vacation, wedding, or reunion to the highest level. Located right on Lake Erie, Maumee offers a picturesque setting.

Enjoy Friday relaxing at the lodge, playing outdoors or exploring nearby. Area attractions include: Toledo Zoo, Cedar Point, Toledo Museum, Imagination Station, Put In Bay, Cabela's, Lake Erie Circle Tour, The Butterfly House, African Safari Wildlife Park, Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village, and Sauder Village.

COST

Thursday-Saturday Package:

Two people per room-\$460
One person per room-\$395

Ala Carte:

One night lodging \$165/room
Brunch \$20/person Dinner \$15/person



**WESLEYAN
INVESTMENT
FOUNDATION**

Thank you Wesleyan Investment Foundation for helping offset part of the cost for Friday Dinner!

Retired ministers may choose to attend the fall retreat or the spring adult retreat for half-price using the code "HALF"

Registration Due September 1

www.ncodistrict.org/fallretreat

**NORTH CENTRAL OHIO DISTRICT
CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**

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North Central Ohio District Church of the Nazarene

Pastors Safety Network

There are times in life and ministry when we feel overwhelmed and unable to cope with the pressures that exist. I have an open door policy and want to serve as your pastor. I promise to do my best to encourage you and will always pray with you and for you in any situation.

Realizing that there are times and situations where you may need and desire help beyond what friends, church, family and even the district can offer, we have developed a list of professional counselors around Ohio who are available for your personal use. In an effort to support your family, the district will provide senior pastors, pastoral staff and/or your spouse and dependent children with an initial assessment visit and follow-up visits in accordance with our contracts after insurance. Our typical benefit is \$500 per person per church year. If you would like to continue counseling services beyond the contract stipulations and are unable to afford them, please simply contact me so that we can extend our agreement with the counselor. All counseling services are provided anonymously. The district simply receives an invoice for Jane or John Doe. This map shows the various locations. Contact information is included on the reverse side.

We serve a great God and I'm thankful for His call in your life. Our paths are often filled with bumps and potholes that even our most intense times of personal prayer and reflection are not enough. It is my desire and that of the Advisory Board that this additional resource will help to heal and equip your spirit, your marriage and your family.

*With deep concern,
Wendell Brown, District Pastor*

Arbor Counseling

www.arborcounseling.org
2690 Billingsley Rd.
Columbus, Ohio 43235
info@arborcounseling.org; 614-766-0161

New Source Counseling

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Diana Yost
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diana@newsourcounseling.com

Martha Flemming
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Carrie Dennis
Reynoldsburg and Newark
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Daniel Ward Counseling

264 S Main St.
Marion, OH 43302-3933
dtwgolf@yahoo.com; 740-387-2027

Cornerstone Counseling

www.ashlandcornerstone.com
259 Sandusky St.
Ashland, OH 44805
419-289-1876

Life Changing Counseling Center

Jaree Ward
223 East Atwood, Galion, Ohio 44833
Jareeward2000@yahoo.com; 419-989-8260

North Coast Family Foundation

www.northcoastfamily.com
Parma Hts. Office
6929 West 130th St., Suite 500
Parma Heights, OH 44130
440-842-6867

Akron Office
1653 Merriman Rd., Suite L-1
Akron, OH 44313
330-929-1800

Pathways Christian Counseling

www.pathwayschristiancounseling.com
230 W. Sandusky St.
Findlay, OH 45840
pathwayscc@sbcglobal.net; 419-423-7812

Dynami Counseling, LLC

dynamitherapy.com
Jaime Hampton
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Meraki Counseling, LLC

www.galionmeraki.com
Ashley Hickman, MA, LPC
Galion, OH
ashley.hughes1993@gmail.com
419-777-1210

Additional Counselors

Ron Seigman (Jefferson CotN)
PO Box 993, Ashtabula, OH 44005
ronsjubari@rocketmail.com; 440-275-3520
(cannot accept insurance; will bill district)

Angela J. Stanley, MA, LPCC
Mount Vernon, OH
740-358-0593

For the most up-to-date list, please visit
www.ncodistrict.org/pastors

If you would like to recommend an agency/counselor, please contact the district office.



Spiritual Health

Leadership

- Lives Out Mission
- Encourages Congregants to do the same
- Leads in Faith

Discipleship Plan

- Evangelistic Training
- Holiness Teaching (Heart, Head, Hand)

Outward Focused

A Spiritually Healthy Church Will...

- Have New Converts, New Members, & New Baptisms Annually*
- Will have congregants that engage the world, make disciples, and pursue holiness*

Physical Health

Financial

- Proper Records/Accountability
- Congregants are encouraged to give/tithe
- Working Toward Cash Reserves
- Mission Support (Local/District/Global)

Building

- Neat/Orderly
- Security Plan In Place

Community Connection

A Physically Healthy Church Will...

- Have A Good Reputation in their local community and larger faith community*
- Have congregants embrace their responsibility to financially support the mission of the church*

Emotional Health

Fellowship

- Unity of Believers
- Relevant & Vibrant Worship
- Small Groups/Gatherings
- Regular Prayer Ministry
- Hospitable/Intentional with new comers

Leadership

- Sense of Teamwork Amongst Leaders (Pastor/Laity)
- Bilateral Love (Pastor to Congregation-Congregation to Pastor)

Agreed Purpose For Church Existence (Mission Statement)

An Emotionally Healthy Church Will...

- Have an attitude of worship when gathered (minors stay minor)*
- Have congregants who know their purpose*

NCO Policies, Procedures and Forms

POLICIES FOR PASTORS:

Standards for Ministers (updated as of 8/24/2021)

Creating a Culture of Confession (as of 9/9/2020)

Restoration Plan (as of 6/8/2021)

Lead Pastor Designation of Beneficiary (as of 11/19/2020)

Vacation/Pay (per Assembly Finance Committee Report)

Counseling Policy/Pastors' Safety Network (as of 2/18/20)

Counseling Policy: Counseling services will be provided for North Central Ohio District Church of the Nazarene clergy, spouses, and dependent children. The District will reimburse up to \$500 per person per year for counseling fees after insurance directly to the contracted agencies or to the individual if receipts are submitted. (District Advisory Board 5/20/2021)

NCO Sabbatical Information (as of 10/10/18)

Transferring Credentials - if you are coming to the NCO district, please contact your former district (give them your new assignment, home address, phone number and local church membership) and ask them to transfer your credential. If you are leaving the NCO district, please contact the district office (ncodistrict@mvnu.edu) and simply provide your new assignment, home address, phone number, district and local church membership.

Lifelong Learning Hours - per Manual 529.6 A minimum expectation is 20 hours of lifelong learning each year or the equivalent. All assigned and unassigned licensed and ordained ministers shall report on their progress in a program of lifelong learning as part of their report to the district assembly.

State of Ohio Minister License/Officiating a Marriage in Ohio - click [here](#) for information from the Ohio Secretary of State's office

Annual Staff Approval Request Form (Manual paragraph 159.1, 159.2, and 211.13)

POLICIES FOR CHURCHES:

Allocations/Amounts (per Assembly Finance Committee)

Loans to Churches/Churches Helping Churches

NCO District Lending Funds to Church Policy. As a general rule, the NCO district does. Not loan money to churches. It is the intent that each local church should find ways to fund ministry locally and be good stewards of the resources that God has supplied to them. (Refer to district finance report for further financial information.) (District Advisory Board 5/20/2021)

Criteria for Consideration of Church Closure (as of 10/8/2019)

Sabbatical Leave (per Assembly Finance Committee)

Church Health Quarterly Report

Church Health Explanation

Church Health Survey

Ministry Grants (as of 9/15/2020 Finance Committee)

Applications for the 21-22 budget year will be due by August 1. As a Finance Team, we will make a recommendation for funding to the DAB at their August planning session. Goal is to present criteria plan and application process to DAB at October meeting. ([Special application](#))

State of Ohio Articles of Incorporation - [check your status](#), [download forms](#) to renew or change agent

501c3 Tax Status Verification - Please complete this form to request a 501c3 letter from the General Church. <https://forms.nazarene.org/published/general-secretary/501c3.php>

POLICIES FOR DISTRICT:

1099 required for payments over \$600

Churches/District should issue an IRS Form 1099 for any payment of \$600 or more in a year as a gift, stipend for volunteer services, honorarium, etc. to an individual (not a corporation). If an IRS Form W-9 Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification is not already on file, the taxpayer will need to complete the form before a check is issued to the taxpayer.

Group Travel Guidelines

Any district sponsored group travel shall be coordinated through the approved travel agency on file at the district office. No individual arrangements are to be made. (District Advisory Board 8/25/2018)
Group Travel should be used for all group trips for all ministry departments on our district both domestic and international. They can be reached at: grouptravelservices.com/, 407.331.3237, 1.800.499.7516, ext. 5, or travelwithgts@aol.com

Qualifications for Serving on District Advisory Board/Department Leader

When a local church has not paid budgets in full for two (2) consecutive years or has not had at least one (1) conversion by profession of faith, no member of that church's congregation may be entered into nomination for district advisory board or ministry department chair. (District Advisory Board 8/2018)

Best Financial Practices for District Ministry Departments/

Reimbursement/Check Requests/Budget/Large Purchases

District Ministry Department Budgets

If a district ministry department (NMI, SDMI or NYI) should for any reason over spend it's budget in one district year, that same amount will be reduced from the next budget cycle. (District Advisory Board 3/2018)

Mandatory Financial Review for Church in Transition

When there is a pastoral change at a district church, the District Finance Committee will appoint a representative to conduct a review of the church's financial records, policies and procedures and present a report to the District Superintendent and the District Advisory Board prior to the calling of a new pastor. (District Advisory Board 11/2019)

Property Transfer Agreement

As a district we uphold the idea that we are "Better Together". As such, when a larger church assumes the ministerial work at a smaller congregation's location; whether that work will be conducted through a merger or closing of the smaller congregation; the larger church would inherit the asset of the smaller churches property at a rate of 20% per year for 5 years. At the end of 5 years, the property will be considered 100% the asset of the church and would be free to be used in a manner that blesses the congregation, even if that includes liquidating the property for the betterment of their financial picture. (District Finance Committee 7/31/2019)

Advisory/Properties Board forms

(necessary for permission to [sell church property](#), [build/remodel](#), [purchase property](#), [borrow money](#), [change church name](#))

NORTH CENTRAL OHIO DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE MISSION AREAS

METRO

1. Bedford
2. Cleveland Arabic
3. Cleveland Aviva
4. Cleveland Garfield Heights
5. Cleveland Heaventrain
6. Cleveland Nueva Luz
Cleveland Nueva Luz-Grafton
7. Cleveland Nueva Luz URC
8. Cleveland Richmond Heights
9. Cleveland Victory
10. N. Royalton State Road
11. Westlake Parkside

MID CENTRAL

1. Ashland
2. Brunswick
3. Loudonville
4. Medina
5. Orrville Now
6. Rittman Now
7. Strongsville Centered Life
8. Sullivan
9. Wadsworth Now
10. Wooster

MIDWEST

1. Bucyrus
Bucyrus-Upper Sandusky
Carey Ridge Chapel
2. Crestline
3. Fostoria First
4. Galion Real Life
5. Shelby
6. Tiffin
Tiffin Freedom
7. Willard

NORTHEAST

1. Andover Cherry Valley
2. Ashtabula Edgewood
3. Ashtabula The Ridge
Ashtabula The Ridge-Geneva
4. Burton North East Community
5. Eastlake Willo-Lake
6. Jefferson
7. Kelloggsville
8. Orwell Resurrection Life
9. Painesville

NORTHWEST

1. Amherst The River
2. Clyde
3. Elyria Community
4. Fremont
5. Grafton Harvest Fellowship
6. Sandusky Community
7. Vermilion

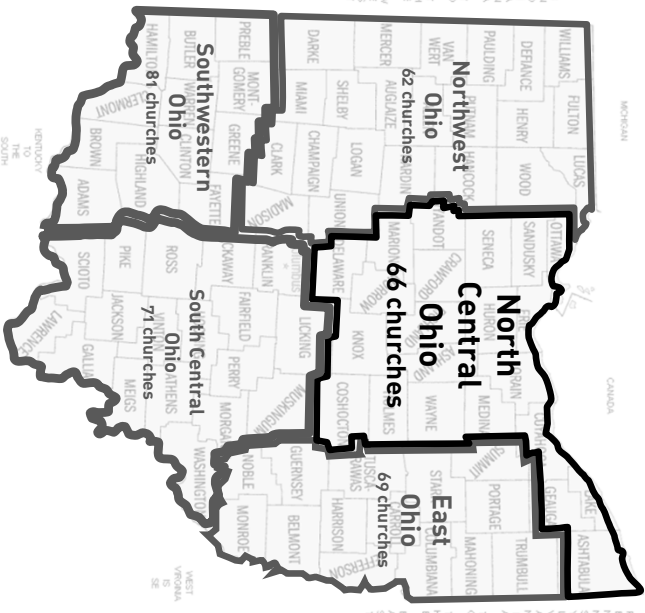
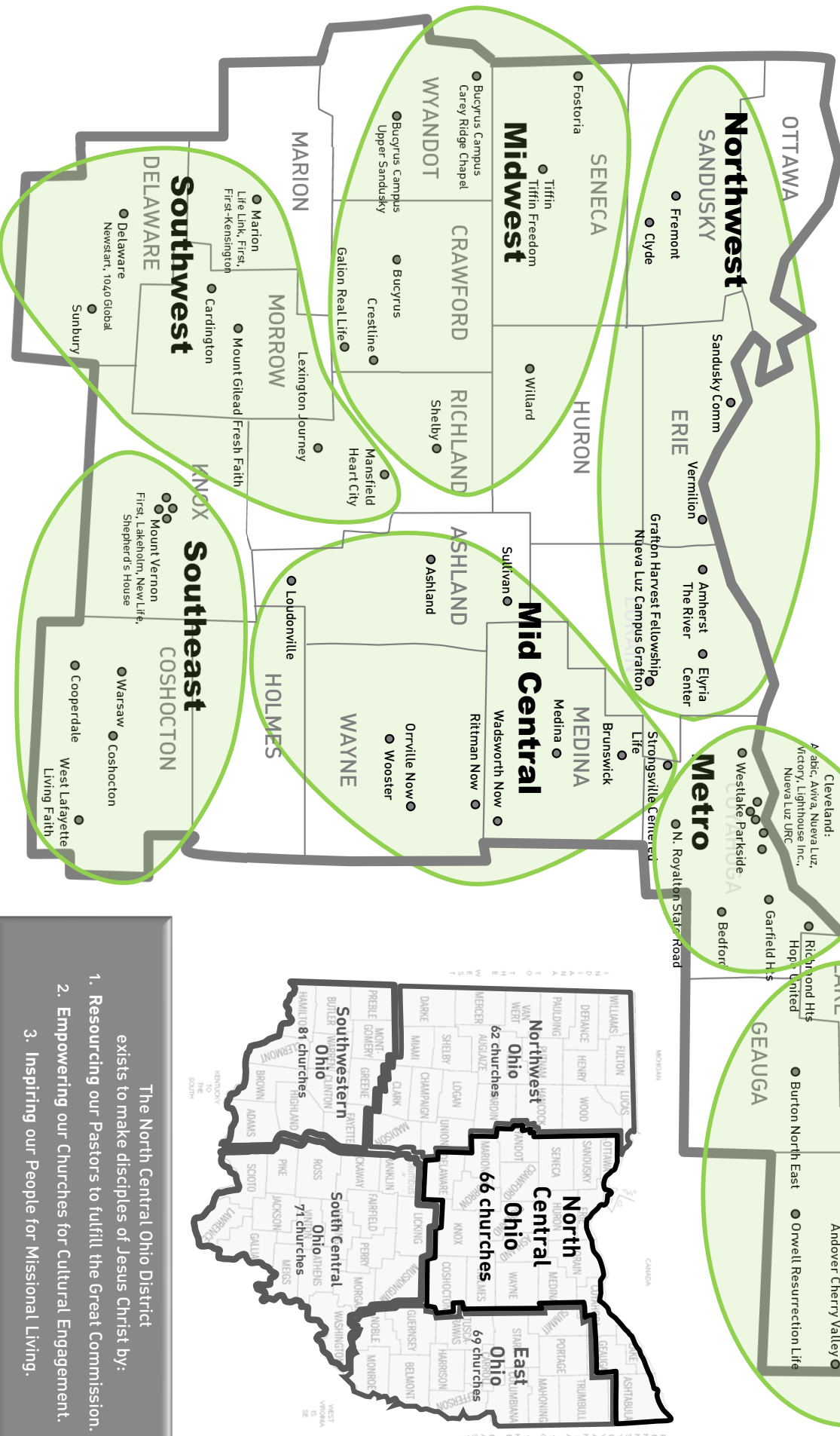
SOUTHEAST

1. Cooperdale
2. Coshocton
3. Mount Vernon First
Mount Vernon First-Dios Es Suficiente
4. Mount Vernon Lakeholm
5. Mount Vernon New Life
6. Mount Vernon The Shepherd's House
7. Warsaw
8. West Lafayette Living Faith

SOUTHWEST

1. Cardington
2. Delaware Newstart
Delaware-1040
3. Lexington Journey
4. Mansfield Heart City
5. Marion First
6. Marion Life Link
7. Mount Gilead Fresh Faith
8. Sunbury

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The North Central Ohio District exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ by:

1. Resourcing our Pastors to fulfill the Great Commission.
2. Empowering our Churches for Cultural Engagement.
3. Inspiring our People for Missional Living.