

MICHIGAN DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

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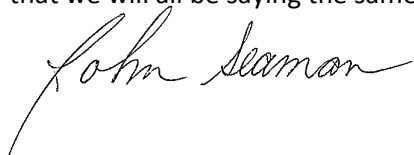
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of your Assembly
Handbook and an
Assembly Page
will deliver your
message where
you direct
them.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Welcome to the centennial assembly of the Michigan District of the Church of the Nazarene. In fact, it is the centennial celebration for all three districts since on the day we were born in Michigan there were congregations geographically located on what today are the Northern and Eastern Michigan Districts! It seems right then that our brother Michigan superintendents, Dr. Wayne Brown and Dr. Glen Gardner, would be here to help us celebrate.

At the first assembly held in December 1914 at the Grand Rapids Church of the Nazarene, today's GRIF, the delegates and attendees were mindful of the reason the district was launched when a Spirit filled group felt they could accomplish more effectively the proclamation of the message of heart holiness, the doctrine and experience of entire sanctification as a "second work of grace, subsequent to regeneration" by organizing themselves into a "Holiness band." That Holiness band, the Michigan District, has grown from 500 members and nearly 80 assembly delegates 100 years ago, to nearly 25,000 members across three districts today! Praise the Lord for His faithfulness.

The secretary at that first district assembly, Albert T. Harris, concluded the minutes of the assembly, a five day affair, by noting that "it was the best and most spiritual meeting that we had ever witnessed . . . it was all of God." My prayer is that when we adjourn *this* assembly that we will all be saying the same!


John Seaman
District Superintendent

100th
Greetings

From

Dr. John Seaman
District Superintendent



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Delegates:

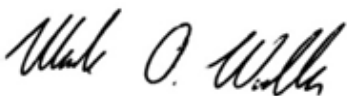
Welcome to the 101st Michigan District Assembly! This year we celebrate our centennial as a district. One hundred years is quite a reason for celebration. Over the years God has moved in incredible ways across our district. I celebrate in all of this, but I also look forward to the years ahead believing that God desires to work in and through us to accomplish even greater things for His Kingdom in the years ahead.

I want to thank everyone who has helped make this Assembly and this Handbook possible. Many people have completed reports and requests in a timely manner, and for that I am grateful. Richelle Martzke, our District Office Manager, has done a tremendous job designing and compiling this handbook.

Let me remind you that the District Assembly Handbook is not the official 2013 District Journal. The Official Directory section of the District Journal will be sent out via e-mail and posted to the District website shortly after District Assembly. When the District Journal is completed, it will be available for download at: http://nazarene.org/Document_Library/.

May God continue to bless each of you as you serve Him!

In Christ,



Mark Walker
Michigan District Secretary

101st
Greetings

From

Rev. Mark Walker
District Secretary



Rev. Mark Walker

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MICHIGAN DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Welcome delegates and friends of the 100th Michigan District Assembly:

The Michigan District has spent 99 years in preparation for this our 100th year celebration. We have enjoyed God's blessing and trust that 100% participation will be a goal that is met every year by the Michigan District.

Our 100th year marks a new beginning as we brought a District Business Manager on board and set the stage for even greater things during our next 100 years. Great things happened as God moved in Michigan during our first 100 years but even greater things are in store for the next 100 years.

Thanks are again due to all our local treasurers who continue to adjust to our budget process. Change is in the wind as we move into the 21st century. It has been a challenge but everyone seems to have risen to the occasion. Your prayers continue to be appreciated.

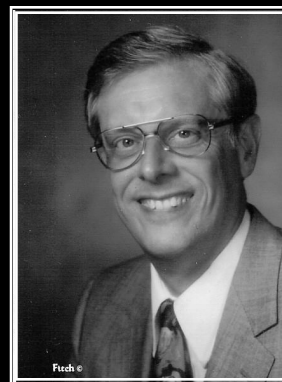


James B. Schweigert
Michigan District Treasurer

100th
Greetings

From

Dr. James Schweigert
District Treasurer



Dr. James B. Schweigert

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MICHIGAN DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Alma	Erma Shook, Sandra Wrath
Battle Creek First	Louise Carpenter, Marilyn Laak, Mary LaBarge, Richard Philo, Jill Shaver, Luella Williams
Bay City First	Louis W. Cobb, Lois J. Draper, Gertrude J. Matthews, Arthur W. Preston
Chapman Memorial	Edith Holcomb, Neil Morse, Henry Sportel
Corey	Dora L. Johnson, Lester "Butch" Westphal
Cross Community	Anna Burkett, Ruth Ilene Sumner
Durand	Jerald James Dorrance, Zela Irene Sexton, Margaret Ruth Springs
Eaton Rapids	Albert Cole, Leonard Fulcher, Steven R. Pratt, David Smart
Grand Haven	Doris R. Ohlendorf
Grand Ledge	David Davis
Grand Rapids Clyde Park	Edith Olman
GRIF	Margaret (Marge) Cummings, Helen (Lucy) Curtiss
Greenville	Janet Jacobs, Betty Jones
Hastings	Connie Voyles
Holt	Paul Peter Feldpausch
Ionia	Bob Hayes, Richard Taylor
Jackson First	Richard McCollum
Laingsburg	Claude "Shorty" Holcomb
Lansing First	Duane Ford
Lansing Kendon Drive	Russell Cain, Barbara May Pedé
Lansing South	Harold Albertson, June Boomer, Robert Bryant, Paul Helmker, Jean Johnson
Lansing Waverly	Orin Wirt
Mason First	Mansil Raymond, Linda Shattuck, Nancy Sherwood
Mason West Columbia	Jean Pollok
Midland Community	Betty Holey, Harriette Miller, George Swaney, Sr., Sally Swaney
Mount Pleasant First	Orvis Hymer
Muskegon Breakwater	Ann Grayson
New Faith	Marci Bankhead, Lloyd Parker, Sharon Witt
New Lothrop	Shirley Brashaw, Maxine Johnson
Owosso First	Mary Bender, Emily June Kelley, Ana Romero
Perry	Mary Vincent
Portland	Hammer Butler, Robert Jones, Marla Ross, Dorris Sins
Reading	Arlo Lane
Saginaw First	Frederic Miller

MICHIGAN DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Saginaw Swan Valley Donna Case, Helen Yager
Saginaw Valley Morris Owen
Sparta Kenneth Smith, Naomi Smith
St. Joseph George Rose
Spring Arbor Carol J. Baker, Marilyn L. Bishop
Sturgis Al Reeb
The Lakes Community Bessie Vellenga
Three Rivers Robert Alburtus, Shirley Alburtus, Brenda Bradford Miller, Karon Schwartz

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In Loving Memory

Northeast Missional Area

Missional Coordinator: Jeremy Selvidge (mpnazarene@gmail.com)

Undershepherd: Randy Owens (office@svcnaz.org)

Churches: Alma, Bay City Faith, Bay City First, Chesaning Market Street Square, Midland Bethel, Midland Community, Midland Nease Memorial, Mount Pleasant Faith Indian, Mount Pleasant First, New Lothrop, Saginaw Burk Memorial, Saginaw First, Saginaw New Life, Saginaw Swan Valley, Saginaw Valley, St. Louis, Sumner

Northwest Missional Area:

Missional Coordinator: Nathan Gray (Nathan.gray@elmdalenaz.org)

Undershepherd: Tim Smith (trsmithspartami@juno.com)

Churches: High Pointe Community, Elmdale, Grand Haven, Grand Rapids Clyde Park, Grand Rapids International Fellowship, Grand Rapids Northeast Community, Grand Rapids West International, Greenville, Holland New Life, Ionia, Lowell, Muskegon Breakwater, Muskegon The Lakes Community, Ravenna, Sparta

Southeast Missional Area:

Missional Coordinator: Phil Stout (admin@jaxnaz.com)

Undershepherd: Bob Tharp (coldwaternazarene@hotmail.com)

Churches: Albion, Charlotte New Faith, Coldwater, Eaton Rapids, Hillsdale, East Jackson, Jackson First, Mason First, Mason West Columbia, Nashville, Reading, Spring Arbor

Southwest Missional Area:

Missional Coordinator: Jeff McVay (pastorjeff@3naz.org)

Undershepherd: Bob Anderson (officemanager@threeriversnazarene.org)

Churches: Buchanan, Battle Creek First, Battle Creek Hope, Corey, Hastings, Kalamazoo Cross Community, Kalamazoo South Side, St. Joseph, South Haven Capstone Community, Sturgis, Three Rivers, Vicksburg Chapman Memorial, White Pigeon The Light House Community

Capital Missional Area:

Missional Coordinator: Larry McKain (ldmckain@gmail.com)

Undershepherd: Will Baker (wrbaker7@sbcglobal.net)

Churches: Corunna, Durand, Grand Ledge, Holt, Lansing Breakthrough, Lansing Central, Lansing First, Lansing Kendon Drive, Lansing South, Lansing Waverly, Lansing Woodview, Laingsburg, Okemos, Owosso City, Owosso First, Perry, Portland, St. Johns, Williamston

2014-15 District Calendar

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June 2014	Ministry	Event Description	Time	Location
1	District	Pastor's Assembly Handbook Paragraphs Due		District Secretary
1	District	Assembly Handbook Ordinand Profiles Due		District Secretary
1	District	Assembly Handbook Retiree Profiles Due		District Secretary
1	District	Assembly Handbook Nominee Profiles/Photos Due		District Secretary
8	SDMI	Pentecost Sunday Offering for World Literature		Local Churches
10	District	Assembly/Convention Reports Due		District Secretary
16-20	NYI	Middle School Camp		Indian Lake
23-27	NYI	High School Camp		Indian Lake
30-July 2	SDMI	Discovery Camp		Indian Lake
July 2014	Ministry	Event Description	Time	Location
June 30-2	SDMI	Discovery Camp		Indian Lake
4	Holiday	INDEPENDENCE DAY		
3-6	ILNC&CC	FAMILY FESTIVAL		Indian Lake
7-11	SDMI	Boys/Girls Camps		Indian Lake
11	District	C. Neil Strait Memorial Golf Outing		Binder Park, B.C.
13	District	CENTENNIAL Sunday School	9:00 AM	Indian Lake
13	District	CENTENNIAL Celebration Service	10:30 AM	Indian Lake
13	District	CENTENNIAL Assembly	6:30 PM	Indian Lake
13	District	CENTENNIAL Ordination Service	7:00 PM	Indian Lake
14	District	CENTENNIAL Assembly	9:00 AM	Indian Lake
14-18	District	FAMILY CAMP (Monday evening – Friday evening)	7:00 PM	Indian Lake
14-18	District	FAMILY CAMP (morning Bible Study)	9:00 AM	Indian Lake
14-18	District	FAMILY CAMP (morning Service)	10:30 AM	Indian Lake
19	NMI/NYI/SDMI	CENTENNIAL Conventions	9:00 AM	Indian Lake
20	District	FAMILY CAMP Sunday School	9:00 AM	Indian Lake
20	District	FAMILY CAMP Morning Worship	10:30 AM	Indian Lake
20	District	FAMILY CAMP Evening Service	4:00 PM	Indian Lake
August 2014	Ministry	Event Description	Time	Location
9	SDMI	Men's District Softball Tournament		Bailey Park, B.C.
27	ONU	Classes Begin		Bourbonnais, IL

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September 2014	Ministry	Event Description	Time	Location
1	Holiday	LABOR DAY		District Office Closed
1	ONU Zone	Mini Purple & Gold Day		Bourbonnais
2-9	USA/Canada	DSLDP District Superintendent Training & Retreat		Williamsburg, VA
7	SDMI	Grandparents/Prime Time Day		Local Churches
11	District	District Finance Committee	10am – 4pm	District Office
13	NYI	Council Meeting		District Office
14	NMI	Ignite Service – Missionary Ruben Fernandez	6pm	Saginaw Valley
14-17	ONU	Fall Revival		Bourbonnais, IL
14-21	NMI	Missionary District Tour – Ruben Fernandez		
15-17	District	Ministerial Team Fall Workshop	(Mon-Wed)	Indian Lake
18	District	District Advisory Board	6:30pm	District Office
19-20	District	Encounter God Weekend		Lansing South
19-20	ONU Zone	Red Carpet Days (sophomores/juniors)		Bourbonnais, IL
21	NMI	Ignite Service – Missionary Ruben Fernandez	6pm	Kalamazoo Cross Com
23	ONU Zone	SDMI Prime Time Days		Bourbonnais, IL
26-27	SDMI	Tri-District Men's Retreat		Cran-Hill Ranch
28	SDMI	"Engage the Word" Series		Local Churches
October 2014	Ministry	Event Description	Time	Location
Sept 30 – Oct 1	ONU	Board of Trustees		Bourbonnais, IL
2-4	SDMI	Come to the Fire Women's Conference		Grove City, OH
3-4	ONU Zone	Purple & Gold Days		Bourbonnais, IL
4	District	Church Health Board	9:30 am	District Office
12-15	District	Purity & Power Conference		Lansing South
13	NMI	Council Meeting	5:30-9:30 pm	District Office
13-14	ONU	Fall Break		Bourbonnais, IL
16-18	NYI	Youth Pastor's Retreat		Kalkaska, MI
19	SDMI	Caravan Sunday		Local Churches
24	NYI	District Lock-In		3 Mile Project
24-25	ONU Zone	Purple & Gold Days		Bourbonnais, IL
tba	ONU Zone	Pastor Appreciation Days		District Office
November 2014	Ministry	Event Description	Time	Location
Oct 30 – Nov 2	ONU	Homecoming		Bourbonnais, IL
tbd	SDMI	Children's Quiz Meet #1		tbd
7-8	Olivet Zone	Purple & Gold Days		Bourbonnais, IL
20	District	District Advisory Board	6:30 pm	District Office
21-22	District	Missions in America		Lansing South
21-22	ONU Zone	Purple & Gold Days		Bourbonnais, IL
26-30	ONU	Thanksgiving Holiday Break		Bourbonnais, IL
27-28	Holiday	THANKSGIVING		District Office closed

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December 2014	Ministry	Event Description	Time	Location
1	ONU Zone	Classes Resume		Bourbonnais, IL
1	District	Christmas Gala		Jackson First COTN
tbd	ONU Zone	District Superintendent's Retreat		Shipshewana, IN
6	District	Church Health Board	9:30 AM	District Office
14	SDMI	Global Offering for American Bible Society		Local Churches
12	ONU Zone	ONU Christmas Break Begins		Bourbonnais, IL
23 – Jan 2	Holiday	CHRISTMAS Break		District Office Closed
January 2015	Ministry	Event Description	Time	Location
1	Holiday	NEW YEAR'S DAY		
12	ONU	Registration New Student Orientation		Bourbonnais, IL
13	ONU	Classes Begin		Bourbonnais, IL
15	District	District Advisory Board	6:30 PM	District Office
tbd	SDMI	Children's Quiz Meet #2		tbd
19	ONU Zone	Mini Purple & Gold Day – MLK Day		Bourbonnais, IL
23-24	NYI	District Celebrate Life		Kuyper College
27	District	Ministerial Team Winter Day Break		Perry
30-31	District	Encounter God Weekend - Grand Rapids area		tbd
30-31	ONU Zone	Purple & Gold Days		Bourbonnais, IL
February 2015	Ministry	Event Description	Time	Location
2	NMI	Council Meeting	5:30–9:30pm	District Office
6	ONU	Winter Break		Bourbonnais, IL
7	District	Church Health Board	9:30 AM	District Office
9-11	USA/Canada	M15 – Mid-Quadrennial Conference		Kansas City
tbd	USA/Canada	District Superintendent's Retreat		tbd
11	ONU Zone	Mini Purple & Gold Day – for juniors		Bourbonnais, IL
16	ONU Zone	Purple & Gold Days – Presidents Day		Bourbonnais, IL
18	Global	Ash Wednesday – Lent Begins		Local Churches
tbd	SDMI	Children's Quiz Meet #3		tbd

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March 2015	Ministry	Event Description	Time	Location
7	Tri-District	TEAM DAY		Perry
7-15	ONU	Spring Break		Bourbonnais, IL
20-21	ONU Zone	Purple & Gold Days		Bourbonnais, IL
tbd	SDMI	Children's Quiz Finals		tbd
19	District	District Advisory Board	6:30 PM	District Office
20-21	NYI	Youth Encounter God Weekend		Lansing South
23	NMI	District Council Nominating Committee	5:30 – 9:30 pm	District Office
29	Holiday	PALM SUNDAY		
April 2015	Ministry	Event Description	Time	Location
3-6	ONU	Easter Break		Bourbonnais, IL
5	Holiday	EASTER		
11	District	Church Health Board	9:30 AM	District Office
16	District	District Nominating Committee	7:00 PM	District Office
17-18	ONU	Purple & Gold Days		Bourbonnais, IL
21-23	District	Ministerial Team Spring Retreat	(Tues - Thurs)	Crystal Mountain
23 - May 3	NMI	District Missionary Tour - Andrew & Judy Bennett		
29 - May 3	NMI	District Missionary Tour – Gary & Penney Sidle		
26	NMI	Ignite Service – Missionaries Andy & Judy Bennett	6:00 PM	Mason COTN
tbd	ONU Zone	Ladies' Day		Bourbonnais, IL
28	District	Credentials Board	(Tues) 8:30 am	District Office
May 2015	Ministry	Event Description	Time	Location
3	SDMI	Baby Day		Local Churches
3	NMI	Ignite Service – Missionaries Gary & Penney Sidle	6:00 PM	Lansing South
3	NMI	Ignite Service - Missionaries Andy & Judy Bennett	6:00 PM	Sparta COTN
8	ONU Zone	Board of Trustees/Baccalaureate Service		Bourbonnais, IL
9	ONU	Commencement		Bourbonnais, IL
11-16	ONU	PrimeTime Tour		Bourbonnais, IL
14-16	NYI	ONU Zone Celebrate Life		Bourbonnais, IL
16	NMI	Project 5K		ILNC
19	District	Studies Board	(Tues) 8:30 am	District Office
19	District	Credentials Board	(Tues) 8:30 am	District Office
21	District	District Advisory Board	6:30 PM	District Office
25	Holiday	MEMORIAL DAY		
27-29	ONU Zone	PALCON 2015		Bourbonnais, IL

2015-16 District Calendar

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June 2015	Ministry	Event Description	Time	Location
1	District	Pastor's Assembly Handbook Paragraphs Due		District Secretary
1	District	Assembly Handbook Ordinand Profiles Due		District Secretary
1	District	Assembly Handbook Retiree Profiles Due		District Secretary
1	District	Assembly Handbook Nominee Profiles/Photos Due		District Secretary
10	District	Assembly/Convention Reports Due		District Secretary
14	SDMI	Pentecost Sunday Offering for World Literature		Local Churches
14	SDMI	Children's Sunday		Local Churches
15-19	NYI	Middle School Camp		Indian Lake
22-26	NYI	High School Camp		Indian Lake
29-July 1	SDMI	Discovery Camp		Indian Lake
July 2015	Ministry	Event Description	Time	Location
29-July 1	SDMI	Discovery Camp		Indian Lake
2-5	ILNC&CC	FAMILY FESTIVAL		Indian Lake
4	Holiday	INDEPENDENCE DAY		
tbd	SDMI	Boys and Girls Camp(s)		Indian Lake
8-12	NYI	NYC2015		Louisville, KY
10	SDMI	41st Annual C Neil Strait Golf Scramble		Binder Park
12	District	Sunday School	9:00 AM	Indian Lake
12	District	Assembly	6:30 PM	Indian Lake
12	District	Ordination Service	7:00 PM	Indian Lake
13	District	Assembly	9:00 AM	Indian Lake
13-19	District	FAMILY CAMP (Monday evening – Friday evening)	7:00 PM	Indian Lake
13-19	District	FAMILY CAMP (morning Bible Study)	9:00 AM	Indian Lake
13-19	District	FAMILY CAMP (morning service)	10:30 AM	Indian Lake
19	NMI/NYI/SDMI	Conventions	9:00 AM	Indian Lake
19	District	FAMILY CAMP Sunday School	9:00 AM	Indian Lake
18	District	FAMILY CAMP Morning Worship	10:30 AM	Indian Lake
19	District	FAMILY CAMP Evening Service	4:00 PM	Indian Lake
August 2015	Ministry	Event Description	Time	Location
8	SDMI	41st Annual District Slow Pitch Softball Game		Bailey Park
30	SDMI	SS Promotion Sunday/Teacher Appreciation		Local Churches

Board of Tellers #1	Board of Tellers #2
Nancy Arius	Melinda Abrams
Joyce Aulds	Diana Arens
Rebecca Barber	Evelyn Benedict
George Beal	Bill Bowen
Norma Beardslee	Marilyn Brillhart
Amy Beck	Denise Bundenthal
Bob Berrington	Tracy Collier
Marcia Bittenbender	Belinda Cook
Kay Bullock	Floyd DeVoe
Ron Burnette	Evette Duck
Mark Cassel	Dave Garrett
Kate Connors	Frank Green
Becky Crandall	Beverly Gross
Beth Dean	Fred Grunert
Caron DiMercurio	Tammy Hall
Kelly Doolittle	John Hanson
Chris Douglas	John Harris
Wayne Hall	Lisa Hay
Keith Hurt	Melissa Heydenburg
Hanna Hunt	Becky Holden
Julia Jodoin	Marie Holden
Beverly Ledyard	Marianne Huff
Lee Lehner	Ron Lavrack
Dan Lewis	Margaret Marriner
Stephen Murphy	Jane Michaels
Rick Norton	Crystal Mingus
Cindy Pepper	Dick Near
Don Pierce	Jeff Pasch
Greg Roath	Jerry Ryan
Darlene Ruhl	Sharri Sackett
Joe Sanger	Andrea Smith
Jodi Schnetzler	Troy Tennyson
Kate Shaw	Mike Thacker
Rosemary Wilson	Marcia Weeks

MICHIGAN DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD

Clergy—Vote for 2

Three-year term; expires 2017

- ☐ Rev. Dave Anderson
- ☐ Rev. Robert Anderson
- ☐ Rev. David Downs
- ☐ Rev. Marlene Webster

DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD

Laypersons—Vote for 2

Three-year term; expires 2017

- ☐ Tim Brenner
- ☐ Steve Lyle
- ☐ Eva Schoon
- ☐ Jim Schweigert

CHURCH HEALTH BOARD

Clergy—Vote for 1

Three-year term; expires 2017

- ☐ Rev. Brad Stockton
- ☐ Rev. Marlene Webster

CHURCH HEALTH BOARD

Layperson—Vote for 1

Three-year term; expires 2017

- ☐ Janie Hathaway
- ☐ Rachel Joslin

MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALS BOARD

Clergy—Vote for 3

Four-year term; expires 2018

- ☐ Rev. Robert Anderson
- ☐ Rev. Brian Huff
- ☐ Rev. Dallas McFarland
- ☐ Rev. Jeff McVay
- ☐ Rev. Esther Sapp
- ☐ Dr. Phil Stout

MINISTERIAL STUDIES BOARD

Clergy—Vote for 1

Four-year term; expires 2018

- ☐ Rev. Ray Duck
- ☐ Rev. Esther Sapp

ONU BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Lay—Vote for 1

Three-year term; expires 2017

- ☐ Lance Delbridge
- ☐ Joel Sheldon Jr.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

SUNDAY SCHOOL & DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

Chairman—Yes or No

Two-year term; expires 2016

Kelly Downs

_____ Yes

_____ No

SUNDAY SCHOOL & DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

Clergy Council Members—Vote for 1

Three-year term; expires 2017

_____ Rev. Lonny Bumgardner

_____ Rev. Ray Duck

_____ Rev. Aaron Gregory

_____ Rev. Phil Michaels

_____ Rev. Michael Rhodabarger

_____ Rev. David Williams

SUNDAY SCHOOL & DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

Lay Council Members—Vote for 2

Layperson with the highest number of votes will serve a 3-year term.

Layperson with 2nd place seat based on a lower number of votes will serve a 2-year term.

_____ Floyd DeVoe

_____ Linda Garza

_____ Jane Michaels

_____ Lisa Michaels

_____ Amy Smith

_____ Bethany Stockton

MICHIGAN DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

District Advisory Board—Clergy (Elect 2)



Rev. David Anderson

MIDLAND NAZARENE
Lead Pastor

Ballot

Votes ____

Elected

Yes ____ No ____



Rev. Robert Anderson

THREE RIVERS CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Lead Pastor

Votes ____

Yes ____ No ____



Rev. David Downs

(VICKSBURG) CHAPMAN MEMORIAL
Lead Pastor

Votes ____

Yes ____ No ____



Rev. Marlene Webster

OWOSSO CITY
Lead Pastor

Votes ____

Yes ____ No ____

District Advisory Board - Nominee Profiles



MICHIGAN DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE



District Advisory Board—Lay (Elect 2)

Tim Brenner

LANSING SOUTH CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Self Employed CPA, Coffee Roasting & Distributing, Aircraft &
Real Estate Leasing, Church Board, Finance Committee



Steve Lyle

KALAMAZOO CROSS COMMUNITY
Zoetis Senior Principal Scientist, Church Treasurer, Board
Member, Junior Church Teacher, Orchestra member



Eva Schoon

GRIF CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Church Administrator, Church Board Member, District Fi-
nance Committee Member



Jim Schweigert

SAINT JOHNS CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Self-employed Dentist, NMI President, Church Treasurer

Ballot

Votes ____

Votes ____

Votes ____

Votes ____

Elected

Yes ____ No ____

Yes ____ No ____

Yes ____ No ____

Yes ____ No ____

District Advisory Board - Nominee Profiles



MICHIGAN DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Church Health Board—Clergy (Elect 1)



Rev. Brad Stockton

OWOSSO FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Lead Pastor

Ballot

Votes ____

Elected

Yes ____ No ____



Rev. Marlene Webster

OWOSSO CITY
Lead Pastor

Votes ____

Yes ____ No ____

Church Health Board—Lay (Elect 1)



Janie Hathaway

GRAND RAPIDS NORTHEAST COMMUNITY
Pastor's Wife, Personal/Farm Lines Director at Hastings
Mutual, NMI Chair, NYI Leader, Sound, Nursery, Children's
Church

Votes ____

Yes ____ No ____



Rachel Joslin

LANSING CENTRAL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Greater, Women's Ministry, Hospitality Team

Votes ____

Yes ____ No ____

Church Health Board - Nominee Profiles

MICHIGAN DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Ministerial Credentials —Clergy (Elect 3)



Rev. Robert Anderson

THREE RIVERS CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Lead Pastor



Rev. Brian Huff

ALMA CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Lead Pastor



Rev. Dallas McFarland

EATON RAPIDS
CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Lead Pastor



Rev. Jeff McVay

(KALAMAZOO) CROSS COMMUNITY
CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Lead Pastor



Rev. Esther Sapp

(KALAMAZOO) CROSS COMMUNITY
CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Borgess Medical Center, Hospice Care of Southwest Michigan,
Full-time seminary student, teach and preach as requested,
assist with Prayer Meetings.



Dr. Phil Stout

JACKSON FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Lead Pastor

Ballot

Votes ____

Votes ____

Votes ____

Votes ____

Votes ____

Votes ____

Elected

Yes ____ No ____

Yes ____ No ____

Yes ____ No ____

Yes ____ No ____

Yes ____ No ____

Yes ____ No ____

Ministerial Credentials Board - Nominee Profiles

MICHIGAN DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Ministerial Studies (Elect 1)



Rev. Ray Duck

LANSING FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Lead Pastor

Ballot

Votes ____

Elected

Yes ____ No ____



Rev. Esther Sapp

(KALAMAZOO) CROSS COMMUNITY
CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Borgess Medical Center, Hospice Care of Southwest Michigan,
Full-time seminary student, teach and preach as requested,
assist with prayer meetings

Votes ____

Yes ____ No ____

ONU Board of Trustees —Lay (Elect 1)



Lance Delbridge

LANSING SOUTH CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
High School Principal, Mason Public Schools, Praise Team,
Leadership Team, Lay preacher (3-4 times per year)

Votes ____

Yes ____ No ____



Joel Sheldon Jr.

SAGINAW VALLEY CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Law Enforcement Administrative Sergeant, Delta College Po-
lice Academy Instructor, Board Member, Finance Committee
Chair, Sunday School Teacher

Votes ____

Yes ____ No ____

SDMI Chairperson —(Yes/No)



Kelly Downs

(VICKSBURG) CHAPMAN MEMORIAL
CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Co-Director of Ladies Ministry, Kids Hope partnership with
Indian Lake, Children & Worship teacher for 15 years.
Pastor's wife

Votes ____

Yes ____ No ____

Ministerial Studies - ONU Board of Trustees - SDMI Chair

MICHIGAN DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

SDMI Council—Clergy (Elect 1)



Rev. Lonny Bumgardner

PERRY CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Associate Pastor, Worship & Children's Ministries



Rev. Ray Duck

LANSING FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Lead Pastor



Rev. Aaron Gregory

MUSKEGON THE LAKES COMMUNITY CHURCH OF
THE NAZARENE
Lead Pastor



Rev. Phil Michaels

DURAND CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Associate Pastor, Rural Carrier Associate for U.S.P.S., Pastoral
Ministry in Discipleship/Small Groups, Young Adults/Young
Families, Oversight of Youth Ministry



Rev. Michael Rhodabarger

BAY CITY FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Lead Pastor



Rev. David Williams

LANSING WOODVIEW CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Assistant Professor, and Associate Director at M.S.U., Pastor
of Discipleship, Men's Group Leader, Worship Team guitar
player

Ballot

Votes ____

Votes ____

Votes ____

Votes ____

Votes ____

Votes ____

Elected

Yes ____ No ____

Yes ____ No ____

Yes ____ No ____

Yes ____ No ____

Yes ____ No ____

Yes ____ No ____

SDMI Council - Nominee Profiles

MICHIGAN DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

SDMI Council—Lay (Elect 2)



Floyd DeVoe

BAY CITY FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
SDMI Chair, Church Board Member, Sunday School Teacher,
Retired Teacher, Current Substitute Teacher, District SDMI
Treasurer

Ballot

Votes ____

Elected

Yes ____ No ____



Linda Garza

LANSING SOUTH CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Instructional Paraprofessional, Children's Ministries

Votes ____

Yes ____ No ____



Jane Michaels

GRAND RAPIDS CLYDE PARK
Underwriting Specialist at Farmer's Insurance, SDMI
Superintendent, Church Treasurer

Votes ____

Yes ____ No ____



Lisa Michaels

DURAND CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Stay-at-home mother, homeschooling mother of five,
youth worship band, college/young adults small groups,
spiritual formation

Votes ____

Yes ____ No ____



Amy Smith

SAINT JOHNS CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Stay-at-home mom, Sunday School Superintendent, Elevate
Kids Program/Teacher, Nursery worker, Toddler Church
Teacher

Votes ____

Yes ____ No ____



Bethany Stockton

OWOSSO FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Praise & Worship Team, Sunday School

Votes ____

Yes ____ No ____

SDMI Council - Nominee Profiles

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RESOLVED that a new paragraph be added to the *Manual* as follows:

Resolutions amending the Articles of Faith (paragraphs 1-22) shall be referred by the General Assembly to the Board of General Superintendents for review by a study committee, including theologians and ordained ministers, appointed by the Board of General Superintendents that reflect the global nature of our Church. The committee shall report, with any recommendations or resolutions, to the subsequent General Assembly.¹

REASONS:

1. The Articles of Faith encompass the essential doctrinal positions of the Church of the Nazarene.
2. Changes in our Articles of Faith should require deliberate and comprehensive study by qualified individuals, including theologians that reflect the world-wide nature of our denomination.
3. This study should take place prior to any action taken by a General Assembly.
4. The subsequent General Assembly will have the benefit of the study along with any well-researched recommendations or resolutions, if necessary, to help guide its decision.
5. Placing this resolution within the Constitution ensures that it, like the Articles of Faith, would not be subject to the vote of a single General Assembly.

¹The 2013 *Manual* Editing Committee revised some of the original language that was presented to and adopted by the 2013 General Assembly. This is in accordance with their duties as outlined in *Manual* paragraph 902.4. The actual paragraph number and location in the 2013-2017 *Manual* will also be determined by this Editing Committee.

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RESOLVED that *Manual* paragraph 18, Article of Faith XIV, be amended as follows:

18. We believe in the Bible doctrine of divine healing and urge our people [to seek] to offer the prayer of faith for the healing of the sick. We also believe God heals through the means of medical science.

(2 Kings 5:1-19; Psalm 103:1-5; Matthew 4:23-24; 9:18-35; John 4:46-54; Acts 5:12-16; 9:32-42; 14:8-15; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; James 5:13-16)

REASONS:

1. The current grammatical construction is ambiguous and awkward. Two infinitive phrases—"to seek to offer"—would normally be connected by the conjunction "and."
2. If we are encouraging our people to simply offer the prayer of faith for the healing of the sick, removing the phrase "to seek" would be in order. If we are encouraging our people to seek the prayer of faith for the healing of the sick and to offer such prayers, adding the word "and" would clarify the current statement. Either amendment is an improvement.

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RESOLVED that *Manual* paragraph 27.1, item 3, be amended as follows:

27.1 First. By doing that which is enjoined in the Word of God, which is our rule of both faith and practice, including:

3. Being courteous to all [men] people (Ephesians 4:32; Titus 3:2; 1 Peter 2:17; 1 John 3:18).

FURTHER RESOLVED that *Manual* paragraph 27.1, item 5, be amended as follows:

27.1 First. By doing that which is enjoined in the Word of God, which is our rule of both faith and practice, including:

5. Seeking to do good to the bodies and souls of [men] people; feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and ministering to the needy, as opportunity and ability are given (Matthew 25:35-36; 2 Corinthians 9:8-10; Galatians 2:10; James 2:15-16; 1 John 3:17-18).

REASONS:

1. The Church of the Nazarene has always supported the equality of men and women and recognizes that gender inclusive language is important in promoting that equality. (*Manual* paragraphs 903.5, 903.6)
2. The language in our Covenant of Christian Character should reflect our commitment to gender equality.

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RESOLVED that *Manual* paragraph 27.2, item #3, be amended as follows:

27.2. Second. By avoiding evil of every kind, including:

3. Sexual immorality, such as premarital, [or] extramarital, or same-sex relations[,]; perversion in any form [.] or looseness and impropriety of conduct (Genesis 19:4-11; Exodus 20:14; Leviticus 18:22; 20:13; Matthew 5:27-32; Romans 1:26-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; Galatians 5:19; 1 Thessalonians 4:3-7; 1 Timothy 1:10).²

REASONS:

1. Clarification is necessary as to our biblical beliefs regarding homosexual sexual activity regardless of any given culture's definition of marriage.
2. Since homosexual practice is not mentioned anywhere else in our Constitution, our ministers and churches need this clarification in order to be able to clearly make the case that this is our Church's stance.
3. While homosexual practice is addressed in the Covenant of Christian Conduct, several factors make the Covenant of Christian Character a more suitable location for its mention.
4. The Covenant of Christian Conduct is an expression of "collective Christian conscience," (*Manual* paragraph 33.2) while the Covenant of Christian Character is introduced as "...that which is enjoined in the Word of God, which is our rule of both faith and practice....". (*Manual* paragraph 27.1)
5. The Covenant of Christian Conduct is preceded by an encouragement that "They should be followed...". (Italics added by presenter for emphasis.) (*Manual* paragraph 33.2). The Covenant of Christian Character is preceded by the admonition that "It is required of all who desire to unite with the Church of the Nazarene...". (*Manual* paragraph 27)
6. The Covenant of Christian Conduct "...purposes to relate timeless biblical principles to contemporary society..." (*Manual* paragraph 33.1), whereas the Covenant of Christian Character communicates regarding issues specifically addressed by Scripture.

²Scripture references are supportive of the Articles of Faith and were placed here by action of the 1976 General Assembly but are not to be considered part of the Constitutional text.

7. The Covenant of Christian Character is part of the Constitution, which is more difficult to change than the Covenant of Christian Conduct. Changes to the Constitution require a two-thirds majority of the General Assembly, and ratification by two-thirds of the district assemblies (Phase 2 and Phase 3), whereas changes to the Covenant of Christian Conduct do not require any ratification by district assemblies.
8. The Covenant of Christian Conduct was designated by the 2009 General Assembly to be cared for by the regions in regional handbooks rather than being included in the new Global Manual. This would leave us without any global statement on homosexual practice. This resolution remedies that.
9. Our prohibition of homosexual practice needs to be stated clearly, simply, and authoritatively. Our Covenant of Christian Character has always been understood to include homosexual practice under the category "extramarital." We need to make this understanding explicit, in order to avoid any confusion or misconstrual of our longstanding intent.

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RESOLVED that a new paragraph be added to the *Manual* as follows:

28.1. We are agreed that there are three legislative entities in the structure of the Church of the Nazarene: local, district, general. The regions serve as administrative entities for mission strategy and implementation.

REASONS:

1. This paragraph specifies the responsibilities of regions as strategic and administrative while local, district, and general entities are legislative.
2. The regions function as an administrative extension and strategic arm of the Global Mission Department and the Board of General Superintendents.

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RESOLVED that *Manual* paragraph 30 be amended as follows:

Article III. District Assemblies

30. The General Assembly shall organize the membership of the church into district assemblies, giving such lay and ministerial representation therein as the General Assembly may deem fair and just, and shall determine qualifications of such representatives, provided, however, that all assigned ordained ministers shall be members thereof. The General [Assembly] Boundaries Committee shall [also] fix the boundaries of assembly districts[, and]. The General Assembly shall also define the powers and duties of district assemblies. (200-5.6)

REASONS:

1. In practice, the General Assembly does not establish boundaries. This service is provided by the General Boundaries Committee.
2. This resolution clarifies this process.

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RESOLVED that *Manual* paragraph 32 be amended as follows:

Amendments

32. The provisions of this Constitution may be repealed or amended when concurred in by a two-thirds vote of the General Assembly members present and voting, and when concurred in by not less than two-thirds of all the Phase 3 and Phase 2 district assemblies of the Church of the Nazarene. A majority vote is required on each constitutional amendment item by any Phase 3 or Phase 2 district assembly. Either the General Assembly or any Phase 3 or Phase 2 district assembly may take the initiative in the matter of proposing such amendments. As soon as such amendments shall have been adopted as herein provided, the result of the vote shall be announced by the Board of General Superintendents, whereupon such amendments shall have full force and effect.

REASON:

1. This adds language to clarify that the vote required by a district assembly is only a majority one.

DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD

The 2013-2014 Advisory Board of the Michigan District met at the District Office Complex in Grand Ledge for our regular bimonthly meetings. The board meetings always begin with a Spiritual emphasis that is present throughout the remainder of the meeting. Among the actions taken by the DAB were:

The Advisory Board sought to carefully monitor the finances of the Michigan District under the leadership of the District Treasurer, Dr. James Schweigert and the District Finance Committee.

After several years of wonderful service to the district the Advisory Board approved the resignation of Dawn Stemen who accepted an assignment with Olivet Nazarene University. Richelle Martzke was hired as the new District Office Manager.

The Advisory Board voted to work with Olivet Nazarene University to bring education opportunities to Michigan. The District office will be the first site in Michigan where classes will be held.

The Advisory Board voted to approve the sale of the Lansing New Hope sanctuary property.

The Advisory Board voted to approve the sale of some property owned by the Charlotte church. The Advisory Board closed the Revolving Fund. We are grateful for the many years that this fund served the needs of churches on the district and are deeply grateful for the faithful stewardship of Mac Delbridge who managed the fund.

We approved the following transfers of Licensed Ministers and Ordained Ministers:

Transfers out (Elder):

Rodger D. DeVore to Central Florida, Kenneth J. Garner to Chicago Central, Teresa Beth Garner to Chicago Central, Charles "Kip" Hasselbring II to Southern Florida, Ronald Wes Hershberger to Northwest, Robert Mitchell to Chicago Central, James M. "Jim" Norman Jr. to Eastern Kentucky, Keisha L. Plaskett to Southwestern Ohio, Philip Matthew Starr to Northwestern Ohio.

Transfers Out (Licensed):

Jonathan D. Croft to Chicago Central, Rodney A. Kilgore to Southern California, Brent L. Norman to Chicago Central, Sharon Denise Norman to Chicago Central, Michael David Watson to Kentucky.

Transfers In (Elder):

Aaron A. Gregory from Chicago Central, Jeffrey P. Hodge from Chicago Central, Randall K. Hartman from Eastern Michigan, Michael A. Rhodabarger from Indianapolis.

Transfers In (Licensed):

Christopher Richard Davies from Southwest Oklahoma, Leslie Noel Davies from Southwest Oklahoma, Carlo Di Mercurio from Colorado, Tabitha McLaren from Kansas City, Phillip Matthew Michaels from Northeast Indiana, James Planck from South Central Ohio.

We recommend the renewal of license for the following Licensed Ministers serving as pastor:

Douglas E. Corwin Jr., William Isaiah Dulworth, Murphy Lee Gill, Beth A. Hanson, David Alexander Joslin, Douglas Brian Westbrook, David Michael Watson.

We approve the ministerial transfer of jurisdiction for the following:

Lonnie Kellogg from Alabama South; Tom Travis to Eastern Michigan.

The following churches were dropped:

Anchor of Hope (left the denomination), Ravenna.

We are anticipating the beginning of the next 100 years on the Michigan District as God leads us to "Make Christlike Disciples in the Nations."

Respectfully submitted,

DR. JOHN SEAMAN, CHAIRMAN

DAVID DOWNS, SECRETARY

CHURCH HEALTH BOARD

The Church Health Board (CHB) exists to encourage, nurture, and assist our congregations to experience church health. In this endeavor, the Michigan District has charged the CHB with oversight for the following:

- Financial position of the Reserve Army
- Diverse Culture Ministries Director
- New Start Strategy Team
- Evangelism Director
- Christian Action Committee
- Missional Investment Funds

Church Health—Healthy churches are churches people want to be a part of. Working with the mission-al area leadership, the CHB seeks to assist pastors in the growing of healthy church communities by providing tools to assess and review on an ongoing basis the health of their congregations. Looking at where the congregation is struggling through several assessment tools is the first step toward church health. Other tools help a pastor and church board to take next steps. The CHB approved tools are made available to pastors through the website www.onecml.org.

Dr. Larry McKain represented CHB well at TEAM Day by offering several workshop sessions focusing on church health signs and assessment tools. We hope each pastor and church will avail themselves of such resources.

Diverse Cultural Ministries – People naturally congregate and align themselves with those who are like them. As the world around us changes (the United States is becoming less and less Euro-centric and looking more and more like the variety of ethnic groups we see around the world), the CHB serves as a catalyst to resource local churches to reach diverse cultures in their communities. This engagement by local churches with cultures different than themselves is fraught with tension and requires a long time-line for people to interact and accept others different from themselves. Going takes encouragement and support and resources for understanding and engagement.

Georges Carole has provided unique cross-cultural leadership in this area this past several years but is now moving with his wife Susan to California. We are deeply grateful for the foundational work that Rev. Carole has laid on our district, and we are now in prayer for the right person to build upon that foundation.

New Start Strategy Team (NSST) – The CHB assists the NSST by providing resources to local churches in the new start and restart processes. This year Dr. Larry McKain stepped down to focus on ILNC, and Rev. Mark Montgomery assumed the leadership of NSST.

One of the events that CHB help sponsor under Rev. Montgomery's Leadership was Nazarene Missions in America on October 12, 2103 at Lansing South Church with Rev. Darrell MacLearn as the keynote speaker. The CHB is happy to continue that conference sponsorship again on November 21-22, 2014.

CHURCH HEALTH BOARD (con't)

Evangelism – Holiness is the hallmark of the Nazarene church. Throughout the Nazarene denomination's history, a spirit-filled life has been the central focus; a key method for focusing on holiness has been revival services. Rev. Harold Myers works with churches to enable the traditional revival service (identifying evangelists and the Reserve Army providing funding where needed). He has also been involved in recruiting pastors to attend another revival event.

CHB has been happy to help sponsor a revival weekend called Encounter God. Held twice a year at our Lansing South Church, plans are in the works to hold an Encounter God weekend on the Northwest Missional Area this fall. The goal of CHB is to see at least one Encounter God event held on each of our missional areas. If you have not attended one of these, plan on doing so soon. It is life changing!

Missional projects funded – The CHB and MIF seek to resource new, out of the box ideas local churches are engaging for the purpose of reaching local communities for Christ. However, due to funding cut-backs this year, no Missional Investment Fund projects were allocated.

Christian Action Committee – After a couple years of being dormant, this committee is being revived with Dana Mulder as chair person. This committee keeps the district informed of ways in which our churches and members can engage with and positively impact the culture and social concerns of our day as Christ would have us do.

Other Highlights of the Year - The CHB held a planning retreat in August at ILNC. Dr. Larry McKain led us through some strategic planning and helped us to review the assessment tools that we are asking our churches to use.

In October CHB met with our district NMI and NYI leadership, discussing ways that we could better partner for the sake of overall church health. As a result CHB helped to sponsor the first Youth Encounter (patterned after the Encounter God weekend), held March 28-29, 2014. It was a great spiritual success with more than 100 youth involved.

In our April meeting Mrs. Ruth Jandik led us in a session on mediation as a tool that God can use in our churches. More discussion on this topic will continue in the new church year.

Thank you for the privilege of serving the district churches as the Church Health Board this past year. We thank God for all those who are an integral part of the CHB and look forward to another productive year ahead for the Kingdom of God and the Michigan District.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Hand
Secretary

Michael McCarty
Chairman

MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALS BOARD

We recommend that the following transfers be received: *Elders*: Aaron A. Gregory, Chicago Central; Randall K. Hartman, Eastern Michigan; Jeffrey P. Hodge, Chicago Central; Michael A. Rhodabarger, Indianapolis. *Licensed Ministers*: Christopher Richard Davies, Southwest Oklahoma; Leslie Noel Davies, Southwest Oklahoma; Carlo Di Mercurio, Colorado; Tabitha Dawn McLaren, Kansas City; Philip Matthew Michaels, Northeast Indiana; James Planck, South Central Ohio.

We recommend that the following transfers be granted: *Elders*: Rodger D. DeVore, Central Florida; Kenneth J. Garner, Chicago Central; Teresa Beth Garner, Chicago Central; Charles “Kip” Haselbring II, Southern Florida; Ronald Wes Hershberger, Northwest; Robert Mitchell, Chicago Central; James M. “Jim” Norman Jr., Eastern Kentucky; Kiesha L. Plaskett, Southwestern Ohio; Philip Matthew Starr, Northwestern Ohio. *Licensed Ministers*: Jonathan Daniel Croft, Chicago Central; Rodney A. Kilgore, Southern California; Brent L. Norman, Chicago Central; Sharon Denise Norman, Chicago Central; Michael David Watson, Kentucky.

We recommend the following to the election of Elder’s Orders: Murphy Lee Gill, Ryan Andrew Wolford.

We recommend the following for new district minister’s license: Shane MacKay Albert, Morgan Elizabeth Bundenthal, Daniel Murphy Gill, James Haldane, Beth A. Hanson, Chris Heydenburg, David Alexander Joslin, Bradley Kevin Julien, Jessica Marie Myers, Raffaello Rego, David James Rice, Dean Shaw.

We recommend the following for renewal of district minister’s license: Benjamin Beck, Bethany Brooke Chatman, Marcus Jon Cleveland, James Kenneth Compton, Rebecca Compton, Douglas E. Corwin, Jr., Christopher Richard Davies, Leslie Noel Davies, Ryan Daniel Davis, Carlo Di Mercurio, William Isaiah Dulworth, Amanda J. Earley, Dean Douglas Eddy, Jacob Allen Gregory, Gerald Wilfred Greuling, Joshua Mark Guy, Tyler James Hubbell, Nickolas Scott Kellar, Tabitha Dawn McLaren, Dalton E. McNulty, Rebecca Jean McNulty, Philip Matthew Michaels, Dana Ann Mulder, Travis Allen Myers, Amy Ann Orban, Chance Jeofrey Peter, James William Planck, Marzella Catherine Rasmussen, Staci R. Rhodabarger, Richard Charles Saunders, Lynn M. Simpson, Lynford Smith, Benjamin David Strait, Marvin E. Stuart, Gary Eugene Truitt, David R. Watson, Crystel M. Watts, Douglas Brian Westbrook, David Michael Williams.

We recommend the following be removed from the roll of ordained ministers, not by our desire, but by His design, having deceased: Louis W. Cobb.

We recommend the following be granted retirement status: Thomas D. Crider (RA), Richard E. Lee (RA), Timothy L. Oyer (RA), John H. Tharp (RA).

We recommend the following file their credentials: Todd A. Perkins.

We recommend the following not be renewed as district licensed ministers: Kurt Michael Glover, Bart Lynn Simpson, Nancy Anne Welchner.

We recommend the following credentials be resigned: Rebecca Lynn Parks (Deacon), Thomas A. Parks (Elder).

We recommend the following transfer of jurisdiction be received: Lonnie Kellogg.

We recommend the evangelism certificates as follows: granted registered evangelist—Kenneth T. Eash, Jr., Lorraine M. Eash; granted commissioned evangelist—Amanda Pettit, Benjamin Pettit, David Tran; granted commissioned song evangelist—Marilyn Tran; granted evangelism service retired—Harold Myers, Sandra F. Myers.

MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALS BOARD (con't)

We recommend the approval of Special Service (SPC) status for: Harold M. DeMott, Dean Douglas Eddy, Paul R. "Bob" Evans, Gregory A. Freed, Richard W. Hand, Charles W. Jacobson, Joseph P. Knight, Marzella Catherine Rasmussen, B. Michael Sapp, Kyle L. Thompson, Steven Ray Turrell.

We recommend that all licensed ministers on the Michigan District have a background check completed. After this time, all newly licensed ministers on the Michigan District will have to pay the appropriate one-time fee so that a background check can be completed.

Respectfully submitted,

DR. JOHN SEAMAN, *Chairman*

MARK O. WALKER, *Secretary*

**MINISTERIAL STUDIES BOARD
2013-2014 Annual Report**

I.

Graduated from the course of study in 2013-2014:

From district elder's course of study – Christopher Richard Davis, Leslie Noel Davies, Ryan Daniel Davis, Murphy Lee Gill, Philip Matthew Michaels, Tabitha Dawn McLaren, Ryan Andrew Wolford.

II.

We recommend the following persons be:

A. Placed/continued in level one, elder's course of study – Jacquelyn Barnes, Brent Bittenbender, Andrew Brashaw, Monica Brown, Morgan Elizabeth Bundenthal, Tracy Collier, Joseph Decker, Carlo DiMercurio, Edward Douglas, John Fisher, Daniel Murphy Gill, Chris Heydenburg, Bradley Kevin Julien, Angie Okay, Joni Real, Bart Simpson, Devon Staples, Gary Eugene Truitt.

B. Placed/continued in level two, elder's course of study – Douglas E. Corwin, William Isaiah Dulworth, Gerald Wilfred Greuling, James Haldane, Dalton E. McNulty, Travis Allen Myers, Jessica Marie Myers, Deborah Nuzzi, Amy Ann Orban, James Real, LavVerne Reed, Raffaello Rego, Staci R. Rhodabarger, Richard Charles Saunders, Dean Shaw, Steven Smith.

C. Placed/continued in level three, elder's course of study – Marcus Jon Cleveland, James Kenneth Compton, Dean Douglas Eddy, Kurt Glover, Michael Herner, Tyler James Hubbell, David Alexander Joslin, Nickolas Scott Kellar, Rebecca Jean McNulty, Chance Jeofrey Peter, Marzella Catherine Rasmussen, Benjamin David Strait, David R. Watson, Crystel M. Watts, Douglas Brian Westbrook, David Michael Williams.

D. Placed/continued in level four, elder's course of study – Benjamin Beck, Joshua Mark Guy, Beth A. Hanson, Sidney Wright.

E. Placed/continued in level two, deacon – David James Rice, Lynn M. Simpson.

Placed/continued in level three, deacon – Shane MacKay Albert, Bethany Brooke Chatman.

Respectfully submitted,

TIMOTHY E. HARMON, *Chairman*

GERHARD F. WEIGELT, *Secretary*

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT

We, your Committee on Ministerial Support, recommend the following:

I. Ministering to Our Pastors and Ministerial Staff

- A. That our church boards do all they can to relieve the pastor from financial worry and discomfort, as well as from the need of secular employment, by striving to supply the following compensations; and that the pastor make every effort to give full time to the work of the church, not engaging in secular work except where it is absolutely necessary:
1. Moving expenses for new pastor (i.e., van costs, family travel expenses, interim salary compensations, etc.).
 2. Adequate starting salary, not including fringe benefits (i.e., commensurate at least with starting teacher salaries in the community).
 3. Car reimbursement, in addition to the pastor's salary, be given.
 4. A Medical Plan, paying the premiums covering the pastor and family.
 5. Full self-employment tax reimbursement, computed on basic salary, fringe benefits, parsonage allowance and/or fair rental value of parsonage, paid at least quarterly.
 6. Vacations granted to all ministers on the church staff, with salary and pulpit supply paid by the church; that the dates are to be set at their discretion with the approval of the senior pastor and the church board, and the vacation time shall be based on the following formula:
 - a. at least two weeks for pastors serving the denomination 1-5 years
 - b. at least three weeks for pastors serving the denomination for 6-14 years
 - c. four weeks for pastors serving the denomination for 15-19 years
 - d. five weeks for pastors serving the denomination for 20-24 years
 - e. six weeks for pastors serving the denomination for 25 years and over
 7. That each local church give the week of Camp Meeting to their pastor to attend the District Camp Meeting, not counting this as part of the pastor's vacation (one week, including one Sunday).
 8. That the church provide funds for mileage, baby-sitter, Housing, meals, etc., for all district and general church functions.
 - a. Official district church meetings (i.e., assembly, pastors' workshop, District Ministry Team Retreat, seminars, Camp Meeting, and pastors' revivals)
- b. Official general church meetings (i.e., general assembly, Evangelism Conference

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9. That the church provide funds for continuing pastoral education (i.e., book allowance, PAL-CON, Institute of Church Management, district continuing educational program, etc.).
10. That all church-owned parsonages on the Michigan District be furnished with the heavy major appliances (refrigerator, range, washer and dryer, dishwasher, and such other appliances and conveniences as may be common to the local congregation).
11. That the level of appreciation and respect for the ministry among the congregation be lifted by remembering the pastor, the pastor's spouse, and the parsonage children in special ways on birthdays, anniversaries, and Christmas.
12. That our churches participate in Nazarene Retirement Program (tax-sheltered annuity) by contributing at least an amount equal to 5 percent of the pastor's salary; and that our pastors consider contributing additionally to the fund.
13. That our church boards plan a Pastor/Staff Appreciation Day suggested in October or some-time during the year.
14. That pastor and all staff salaries and benefits be thoroughly reviewed annually. Salary increases in cash or benefits shall be at the discretion of the church board.
15. That each local church consider ways of guarding needed private time for their pastor and the pastor's family to maintain and enrich their relationships. They represent the church's most valuable resource.

They deserve our love, our support, and our prayers. We recommend pastors take a day off each week.
16. That churches and pastors giving consideration to study leaves are asked to consult with the district superintendent for guidelines in planning.
17. That a sabbatical plan be considered for a pastor who has served a minimum of seven years in the same church. A sabbatical plan is available through the district office, or the Clergy Development office at the GMC.

II. Ministering to Our Evangelists

(tenured, commissioned, registered, and song evangelists employed by the local church for ministerial services)

- A. That each church board agree on minimum compensation to a called evangelist. Realizing that he receives no paid vacation, receives no remuneration for time lost due to sickness or seasonal inactivity, we recommend that the church board be generous in paying evangelists (i.e., two times the pastor's salary, plus cash benefits, per week) when the evangelist provides his own housing during the meeting, he be compensated for the same or consider designating a portion of the compensation as housing allowance.

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- B. That our churches plan some program to underwrite the major portion of the evangelist's compensation prior to the meeting, and that added consideration be given to husband/wife teams carrying the total program.
- C. That the local church board remember with a Christmas gift the evangelists and song evangelists that have served their local church during the past year; we suggest a gift equal to 5 percent of the compensation given them.
- D. That the local church with a commissioned evangelist or a commissioned song evangelist as a member pay one-half of the evangelist's district hospitalization and one half of the evangelist's Social Security tax.

III. Ministering to Our Retiring Pastors and Evangelists (those receiving basic pension)

That the church board endeavor to express in a tangible way its love and appreciation to its retiring pastor or evangelist through ongoing assistance with medical insurance, farewell activities, paying moving expenses or a portion thereof, and a love gift of monetary value.

IV. Other Recommendations

- A. That copies of this report be sent by the district secretary to the pastor and church board secretary of each local church, and that the local church board secretary present this report to the local church board at its September meeting.
- B. That following a salary review a report be sent to the district office by the church board secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

DR. JOHN SEAMAN, *Chairman*

REV. DAVID DOWNS, *Secretary*

**SABBATICAL POLICY
MICHIGAN DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**

PURPOSE OF SABBATICAL

To provide long-term pastoral staff and their family the opportunity of a sabbatical leave for the purpose of professional development, personal and spiritual renewal, rest, and visioning. By means of a sabbatical leave, the congregation wishes to express gratitude and affirmation to our pastor and family.

At the same time, it is the intent that the church will be challenged to a special time of renewal as well as an enlarged vision of its ministry.

SABBATICAL TIME FRAME FOR THE SENIOR PASTOR

A sabbatical leave of seven to thirteen weeks will be provided to the senior pastor after the completion of each seven years of consecutive full time employment.

It is preferred that the seven to thirteen week sabbatical be taken in consecutive weeks. However, a two session sabbatical could be considered, by each local church.

The scheduling of the sabbatical leave shall take into consideration the needs of the congregation, the scheduling needs from the pastor's proposal, and other pertinent concerns as may be established.

SABBATICAL TIME FRAME FOR ASSOCIATE PASTORS

A sabbatical leave may be considered for full time associate pastors at the discretion of the senior pastor and church board. A sabbatical leave provided for an associate pastor shall follow the same guidelines as for the senior pastor and as set forth in this outline.

SABBATICAL PLANNING

The use of the seven week sabbatical will be primarily planned by the pastor and shall require church board approval. It is recommended and preferred that the sabbatical include activities and events that will carry out the purpose of the sabbatical as stated above.

The church board shall appoint a Sabbatical Committee to receive and review the pastor's proposed plan of sabbatical leave. It shall help establish specific expectations of the sabbatical and present the plan to the church board for review and approval. It shall help develop a plan for implementing the sabbatical leave and carrying on the ministry of the church in the pastor's absence.

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These specifics shall be followed:

1. It shall be the responsibility of the church board to initiate the planning by setting aside funds on a regularly scheduled basis to finance a sabbatical. A budget line item should be established to track the accumulation of funds.
2. At the end of the Pastor's sixth year of employment, the board shall appoint a committee of a minimum of three individuals from the board and the congregation. The committee will serve from the date of receipt of the pastor's sabbatical plan until the sabbatical evaluation is completed upon the pastor's return.
3. At the end of the pastor's sixth year of employment, the board shall ask the pastor to prepare a sabbatical leave itinerary to be presented to the church board. The pastor's proposed plan shall be received by the Sabbatical Committee six months prior to the planned date of commencement of the sabbatical. The proposed plan should focus on the specific objectives of the leave. The proposed plan shall also outline how the pastoral duties will be carried out in the pastor's absence.

PROCEDURE FOR CONTINUING THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH DURING THE PASTOR'S SABBATICAL LEAVE

The pastor will provide a proposed plan for the continuing ministry of the church during the sabbatical. The pastor will be responsible for appointing persons from the pastoral staff or arranging for interim leadership to carry out the administrative duties, congregational care ministries, and pulpit responsibilities.

It is recommended that only normal activities and regularly scheduled events in the ministry of the church (i.e. Sunday morning, Sunday evening, and Wednesday evening service, regularly scheduled board meeting) are to be carried out.

During the sabbatical, contact with the senior pastor should be limited to the following:

1. Serious illness or death of a member of the congregation.
2. Any event that the Sabbatical Committee and the interim pastor jointly determine to be an emergency situation; and/or . . .
3. A specific prearranged request by the senior pastor.

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FINANCING OF SABBATICAL LEAVE

1. The church shall make the following financial commitment during the pastor's sabbatical leave:

The pastor's full salary and benefits will continue. There will be no reduction of salary or benefits during the duration of the sabbatical.

2. Seminar or educational expenses incurred by the pre-approved sabbatical plan will be supported by the church according to professional development policies.
3. A sabbatical budget will be established with the amount to be approved by the church board after consideration and approval of the sabbatical plan. The budget may assist with additional expenses (e.g. travel expense).

THE PASTOR'S FAMILY DURING SABBATICAL LEAVE

The pastor and his or her spouse shall determine the role family members will take in the sabbatical leave. That role shall be included in the proposed plan for sabbatical that the pastor submits to the Sabbatical Committee for board approval.

The pastor's immediate family members may, but are not expected to, attend regularly scheduled services and/or activities. The pastor and family members shall be free to communicate with the church community as they desire.

However, to enable the sabbatical to accomplish the intended purpose, it will be requested of the congregation and the board that no direct communication be made with the pastor or the pastor's family members.

RETURN FROM SABBATICAL

Upon return from sabbatical leave, the pastor shall first meet with the Sabbatical Committee and interim pastor before re-entering his duties of ministry. A date shall be scheduled for this meeting prior to the commencement of the sabbatical leave. The purpose of the meeting shall be twofold. First, the committee and interim pastor will inform the pastor of all issues that have arisen in his absence, bring him up to date on all activities, and discuss the effect the sabbatical has had on the church. Second, the pastor may in turn give a brief oral report to the Sabbatical Committee on his activities and what he feels transpired with regard to carrying out the goals of the sabbatical.

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The pastor and the Sabbatical Committee shall each prepare a written report at approximately one month following the pastor's return.

The first Sunday worship service following the pastor's return should be planned as a celebration of renewal for the pastor and congregation.

STIPULATIONS

1. Sabbatical leave will not negate any of the pastor's earned vacation. Vacation days may not be used to extend the length of sabbatical leave.
2. Sabbatical leave will be in addition to board approved events or seminars throughout the sabbatical year.
3. No more than one member of the pastoral staff may be on sabbatical leave at any one time.
4. No personnel shall be hired or terminated while the senior pastor is on sabbatical, unless approval is given by the senior pastor.
5. It is advised that district responsibilities held by Pastor or Staff be suspended during the sabbatical time, except for "end-of-year" reports.
6. This sabbatical leave policy shall be reviewed periodically.
7. The purpose of this policy is for direction and is not intended to be all conclusive. Proposed changes or additions in the above policy may be submitted to the Sabbatical Committee and presented to the church board for approval.

Resources to check out:

www.nazarene.org

www.nazarenepastor.org (Clergy Resources)

www.pinmin.org (Pinnacle Ministries)

www.pastorsretreatnetwork.org (various retreat locations)

www.lillyendowment.org/religion (funding for sabbaticals)

www.louisville-institute.org

Reviewed 2011

EVANGELISM

This is my ninth report as Evangelism Director on the Michigan District, and every year it is a challenge serving in this capacity. I enjoy working with the Church Health Board and accept the role I play on our district. I am trying to get our district and leaders to see that Holiness Revivalism must not lose its roots which date back to our forefathers. I am working with evangelists and church pastors to make sure we realize that there is a place for both of them in the Kingdom work. I have been working with the Church Health Board on a budget that was approved for \$2500 for one year to help churches experience revivals.

I am also challenged as Evangelism Director to help the district on the Properties Board. I have a deep commitment to help our district to be functional in every area of ministry so we can see growth in leading people in an experience of salvation.

I am also currently working with Dr. Seaman as interim pastor at Sumner Center Church of the Nazarene. I have been there 6 months and healings have been taking place.

My goal as Evangelism Director is to see churches on our district not to lose purpose for what we stand for. Our churches need to see new converts become nurtured and disciples to deep commitment to Jesus Christ. Evangelism and Revivalism working together will accomplish our goals.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you in this capacity on our district.

Your friend in Christ,

HAROLD MYERS, *Evangelism Director*

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Michigan District Nominating Committee, Dr. John Seaman (chairman), Rev. Mark Walker (secretary), Robert L. Anderson, Dr. Harold M. DeMott, Kelly Downs, Murphy Lee Gill, Daniel L. Hathaway, Brain C. Huff, Jessica Marie Myers, Judy Owens, Don Pierce, Myra Richardson met at the district office on April 17, 2014, at 7:00 P.M. Chairman Seaman called the meeting to order and asked Brian C. Huff to open in prayer.

The following is recommended:

1. That all elections be by plurality vote, and that all elections take place on one ballot, with the exception of those that require a separate ballot.
2. That Advisory Board members be elected to three-year terms, as provided by the *Manual* (paragraphs 203.14, 221).
3. That five ministerial and five lay members of the Advisory Board be elected as provided by the *Manual* (paragraph 203.14, 221).
4. That no incumbent may be re-nominated for the Advisory Board if he/she will have served for eight consecutive years at the time of the election. Any non-incumbent may be nominated.
5. That the Nominating Committee will present at least twice the number of nominees as the number to be elected in each category on the regular ballot. Those receiving the most votes from the Nominating Committee will be presented on the ballot.
6. Each nominee is to be contacted, *and the nomination will be ratified upon acceptance of the nominee.*
7. Ballots will be prepared for district offices and a list of the names on these ballots, with their church membership, shall be included in the district assembly handbook.
8. Ballots will be accepted as valid if the number of votes is equal to or less than the number of positions that are to be elected.
9. That the following be nominated:

District Advisory Board (three-year term; expires 2017; clergy, elect two)—David P. Anderson (Midland Community), Robert L. Anderson (Three Rivers), David M. Downs (Chapman Memorial), Marlene Joy Webster (Owosso City).

District Advisory Board (three-year term; expires 2017; layperson, elect two)—Tim Brenner (Lansing South), Steve Lyle (Cross Community), Eva Schoon (GRIF), James B. Schweigert (St. Johns).

Church Health Board (three-year term; expires 2017; clergy, elect one)—Janie Hathaway (Grand Rapids Northeast Community), Rachel Joslin (Lansing Central).

Church Health Board (three-year term; expires 2017; layperson, elect one)—Brad E. Stockton (Owosso First), Marlene Joy Webster (Owosso City).

District Ministerial Credentials Board (four-year term; expires 2018, elect three)—Robert L. Anderson (Three Rivers), Brian C. Huff (Alma), Dallas E. McFarland (Eaton Rapids), Jeffery D. McVey (Cross Community), Esther M. Sapp (Cross Community), Phillip R. Stout (Jackson First).

District Ministerial Studies Board (four-year term; expires 2018, elect one)—Ray Lynn Duck (Lansing First), Esther M. Sapp (Cross Community).

Olivet Nazarene University Trustee (three-year term; expires 2017; layperson, elect one)—Lance Delbridge (Lansing South), Joel Sheldon Jr. (Saginaw Valley).

SDMI Chair (two-year term; expires 2016, yes/no vote)—Kelly Downs (Chapman Memorial).

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District standing committees (first person named shall serve as chairperson):

Auditing—elected by the District Advisory Board.

Christian Action—Chair—Dana Mulder (Holt), Board—*to be named*.

Christian Education—Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries Board.

Church Properties—Chairman—Ken McNulty (Lansing South), Don Chapman (Sparta), Jim Kundrat (Lansing South), Harold Myers (Sparta), Art Salisbury (Lansing Waverly).

Court of Appeals—Dr. John Seaman (District Superintendent), clergy—Harold DeMott (Lansing South) (2017), Jerald O. Batterbee (Sparta) (2017), laypersons—Mac Delbridge (Lansing South) (2016), Ed Richardson (High Point) (2016).

Daily Journal—appointed by the District Secretary.

District Evangelism Director—Harold Myers.

Ministerial Support—Advisory Board members.

Respectfully submitted,

DR. JOHN SEAMAN, *Chairman*

MARK WALKER, *Secretary*

INDIAN LAKE NAZARENE CAMP END OF THE YEAR

What a joy it is to provide an update on the work of Indian Lake Nazarene Camp for the 2013-2014 church year. In May, prior to the new church year, which starts on June 1, the District Advisory Board of the Michigan District Church of the Nazarene (DAB) declared ILNC to be "in crisis." This provided the opportunity for ILNC to reevaluate its' mission, programming and future. Dr. John Seaman (DS) appointed a new fifteen member ILNC Governing Board (ILNC-GB) to oversee the crisis work.

The District Assembly approved a motion to confirm and continue the previously appointed new "Governing Board" to oversee ILNC. The new fifteen-member board (later reduced to nine), with Dr. Larry McKain serving as the chair, began close oversight of the operations of the camp. Steve Butler and Russ Bredholt provided day-to-day and financial oversight. Myra Richardson coordinated and planned ILNC board meetings and served on the executive committee as board secretary.

After the resignation of Paul Casarez on July 3rd, Dave Johnson became the Interim Resident Manager from July 22 – October 31, 2014 to lead ILNC through the summer and fall. Chris Freed, Greg Freed, Sherry Hulliberger and Diane Shoup, along with many other employees and volunteers, carried the camp through the summer. Their hard work ensured the continuation of the camps and improvements were also made on the grounds. Mr. Johnson's term was to last only for the summer, so a search for a director began.

In October of 2014, the ILNC governing board, after a board visioning exercise, hired Edward Richardson as the Interim Director of ILNC. As Interim, Ed was to assist the board with policy governance matters and lead the operations of the camp. The DAB and ILNC-GB came to an agreement on an "empowering resolution," which outlines the structure of authority and accountability between the entities. In short, the boards wanted to accomplish the following goals:

- Keep ILNC solvent and subordinate to the ownership of the Michigan District and the Church of the Nazarene
- Review the mission of ILNC and determine future business and ministry plans
- Determine proper authority and accountability for both entities
- Change the oversight model to have the ILNC-GB be the responsible entity for the camp, including its' mission, operations, ministry and business plan, while maintaining ownership by the Michigan District and ILNC's policy, legal and operational agreement with the manual of the Church of the Nazarene

With these goals, the ILNC Governing Board has been meeting monthly to accomplish them.

Some of the accomplishments of this church year include:

- ILNC operated in the "black" on a "cash basis" (not including the costs of depreciation) for the 2013-2014 church year.
- Approximately \$169,000 was received and pledged in the "I Love My Camp" debt reduction initiative. Over \$100,000 dollars in cash offerings/pledges have been received to date.
- More than \$60,000 in principal was paid off on the "Waterfront Project" loan this year.
- All back-payments of the "Land Purchase Annuity" of 1995 have been paid (Approx. \$24,000).
- The Michigan District provided financial support for this payment.)

INDIAN LAKE NAZARENE CAMP END OF THE YEAR (Cont'd)

Our ILNC stated mission is “to provide a place where we can live reconciled with God and each other.” The approved logo is a campfire with the flames in the shape of a descending dove and the logs in the shape of a cross. Our slogan is “Our Camp/God’s Love/In Unity.” We want to accept responsibility for the success and environment of our camp. It’s our job. We also want to acknowledge it is only God’s love that is important to share with everyone at INLC. His love in us is the important difference. Finally, we desire for each of us to be in unity with each other and with God’s reconciliation of the whole world to himself. We are in the ministry of reconciliation:

II Corinthians

16 So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: [a] the old has gone, the new is here! 18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: 19 that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. 20 We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God.

In closing, we all owe a great debt to the leaders, supporters, employees and camp users of the past. We must never forget their contributions and vision. It is also imperative that we never stop seeking how to be in harmony with God in action. We must always ask, “What should the role of ILNC be today to participate in God’s reconciliation of the world?” We are examining the scriptures to examine ourselves and answer this question. We believe God has done, is doing and will do great things at Indian Lake Nazarene Camp.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Larry McKain,
Chair of the ILNC-GB

Edward D. Richardson,
ILNC Interim Executive Director

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

It is an expectation that each local church pay its denominational budgets in full each year.

We, the Finance Committee, recommend the following:

That Eternal Investment Funds (District, SDMI, NYI, NMI, and Church Health) be 5.5 percent of charitable donations received, excluding missions giving (W.E.F., 10 percent approved mission specials, Designated Home Mission Projects, and New Church Starts) and Capital Improvement Projects (C.I.P.) that have prior approval of the District Advisory Board. Funds are to be sent to the Michigan District Office.

2. That the World Evangelism Fund for each local church be 5.5 percent, P&B 2.25 percent, and ONU 2.5 percent of all charitable donations received excluding missions giving (WEF and Approved Missions Giving). Each local church is encouraged to use the Global Ministries website, www.FundingtheMission.org, to assist in calculating the amounts due. WEF and Approved Missions Giving funds are to be sent to Global Treasury Services. ONU and P&B funds are to be sent to the Michigan District Office.

3. The Capital Improvement Project (CIP) shall be defined as “funds raised for the purpose of paying for the purchase, or principal on debt retirement, of church owned properties, facilities, and the furniture, fixtures and equipment included in the original facility construction project approved by the District Advisory Board.”

4. May 31 is the close of the church fiscal year, and anything received at the district office after the first week of June will be applied to the new church year apportionments.

5. All churches give emphasis to our *Manual* (2013-2017 edition), par. 38.1, which states, “Storehouse tithing is a scriptural and practical performance of faithfully and regularly placing the tithe into that church to which the member belongs. Therefore, the financing of the church shall be based on the plan for storehouse tithing, and the local church of the Nazarene shall be regarded by all of its people as the storehouse. All who are a part of the Church of the Nazarene are urged to contribute faithfully one-tenth of all their increase as a minimum financial obligation to the Lord and freewill offerings in addition as God has prospered them for the support of the whole church, local, district, educational, and general. The tithe, provided to the local Church of the Nazarene, shall be considered a priority over all other giving opportunity which God may lay upon the hearts of His faithful stewards, in support of the whole church.”

6. The office of the District Treasurer shall communicate a progress report on payment of the District Unified Fund periodically to the churches.

7. The office of the District Treasurer shall inform monthly to the SDMI, NYI, and NMI treasurers the amounts received at the District Office.

8. The District Business Manager shall send a monthly report to the President/Chairperson and Treasurer of SDMI, NYI, and NMI.

9. The ILNC Treasurer shall send a monthly report to the District Superintendent and District Treasurer.

10. That the District Budget shall be established based on the projected amount of money that the district anticipates receiving (a.k.a. Zero Based Budgeting).

11. That any additional funds received above the projected amount will be directed to the District Account under the direction of the District Finance Committee and the District Advisory Board.

12. That the following items be established in the District Operations apportionment:

	2014-15	2013-14
a. Salaries, Wages, Benefits, Business, Professional Expenses and Honoraria		
(1) District Superintendent Compensation		
(a) Salary	60,000	58,000
(b) Health/Life Insurance	0	8,000
(c) Housing Allowance	38,000	38,000
(d) Social Security–SE Tax	19,560	19,400
(e) Tax-Sheltered Annuity	12,000	12,000
(f) Gifts	1,500	2,500
	131,060	137,900
(2) District Superintendent Expense		
(a) Medical Reimbursement	10,000	750
(b) Automobile and Travel	14,000	15,000
(c) Continuing Education	2,700	2,700
(d) Hospitality Reimbursement	3,500	4,500
(e) Leader’s Conference	1,000	1,500
(f) Regional ONU	500	500
	31,700	24,950
(3) Assistant to the DS		
(a) Salary	0	0
(b) Social Security	0	0
(4) Office Manager		
(a) Salary	29,500	29,500
(b) Tax-Sheltered Annuity	1,200	1,200
(c) FICA Tax-Employer Portion	2,700	2,700
(d) Mileage	400	800
(e) Gifts/Bonuses	250	500
	34,050	34,700
(5) Assistant to Office Manager		
(a) Salary	0	625
(b) FICA Tax-Employer Portion	0	25
	0	650

¹See reimbursement.

	2013-14	2012-13
(6) Bookkeeper		
(a) Salary	20,000	18,720
(b) Social Security	1,530	1,928
(c) Gifts	250	200
(d) Mileage	400	0
	22,180	20,848
(7) District Treasurer Honorarium	0	0
(8) District Secretary Honorarium	5,500	5,500
(9) District Secretary Expenses		
Office Expense	2,000	0
Other	1,700	0
(10) Awards/Honoraria/Gifts/Bonuses	0	0
	9,200	5,500
(11) Other District Insurances		
(a) Health Insurance (Ina Strait)	3,700	2,000
(b) Workers' Compensation	800	800
	4,500	2,800
(12) Custodian		
(a) Wages	1,575	1,560
(b) Social Security	125	120
	1,700	1,680
People Total	234,390	229,028

	2013-14	2012-13
b. District Office		
(1) Building Insurance	4,800	3,600
(2) Maintenance/Repairs	2,000	1,000
(3) Utilities	9,500	9,500
(4) Office Equipment	9,000	6,000
(5) Office Expense	2,000	2,000
(6) Postage	4,000	3,500
(7) Telephone (cell/office)	8,000	6,000
(8) CPA Accounting System	2,000	5,320
(9) King's Pointe Development Fees	7,000	5,400
(10) Custodial Supplies	350	300
Total	48,650	42,620
c. District Expenses		
(1) Conferences/Seminars	2,000	2,000
(2) District Assembly	7,000	5,200
(3) District Secretary Expense	0	1,500
(4) General Assembly	0	0
(5) District Meetings	5,660	5,000
(6) Evangelist	500	800
(7) Flowers/Memorials	3,500	3,500
(8) Missional Area Expenses	1,500	2,500
(9) Miscellaneous	1,000	0
(10) ONU Yearbook	200	0
(11) Ministerial ONU Scholarship	3,200	2,400
(12) ILNC District Properties	3,500	3,000
(13) ILNC District Activities	25,000	15,000
(14) TEAM Day	0	800
(15) District Managed Properties	1,500	4,800
(16) IT/Software	3,000	1,000
(17) ILNC Emergency Subsidy	30,000	65,000
(18) District Reserves	45,000	0
(19) Attorney	2,500	4,000
(20) ILNC Audit	0	0
Total	135,560	116,500

²See Conferences/Seminars

	2013-14	2012-13
Operations Total	184,210	159,120
District Total	418,600	388,148
13. That the District EIF be	418,600	388,148
14. That the Church Health Board EIF be	17,000	12,400
15. That the SDMI EIF be	28,000	26,668
16. That the NYI EIF be	35,400	50,565
17. That the NMI EIF be	28,000	22,400
TOTAL	527,000	500,181

18. That each church be a 10 percent church for world evangelism, which includes the World Evangelism Fund (WEF), Approved Mission Specials, Designated Home Mission Projects, and New Church Starts.

19. That all auxiliary and/or boards make their request for their projected EIF budgets for the coming assembly year in writing no later than January 31 of the current fiscal year. These requests should be submitted to the District Office.

20. The total of honorariums for auxiliary officers may not exceed \$2,000 per auxiliary. The council of each auxiliary is to decide how to distribute this total among their officers.

21. That a uniform housing, travel, and per diem will be established across the board for all General Assembly and General Conventions Delegates by the District Finance Committee.

22. That the standard reimbursement rate is \$.40 per mile for all authorized travel under district auspices (committees, boards, auxiliaries, etc.).

23. That the Reserve Army be continued with no more than four promotions made during the year.

24. That all monies received from the sale of property from officially closed churches, less encumbrances, be turned over to the District Advisory Board to be used at their discretion in accordance with the 2013-2017 *Manual* par. 106.2.

25. That any group insurance plan and any necessary adjustments be left to the District Advisory Board.

26. That each church budget for the expenses of all of their delegates, including pastor and spouse and pastoral staff, for all district conventions and activities.

27. That each church budget or receive special offerings for Nazarene Bible College and Nazarene Theological Seminary and that the money be remitted promptly to the appropriate office (see instruction in General Information section of this district journal).

28. That each local church treasurer submit an itemized written report to the monthly meeting of the local church board and disburse all money at the direction of the church board (see 2013-2017 *Manual*, par. 136 through 136.6, and par. 129.21).

29. That the local church is encouraged to invest funds only in federally insured banking institutions or their equivalent. Pastors shall not be a signatory on any church checking or savings account. That an annual audit/compilation of the books be conducted in accordance with the *Manual* (see 2013-2017 *Manual*, par. 129.23).

30. That each local church should use some type of accounting system, such as Quickbooks, and in doing so be compatible with the District software.

31. Recognizing the full-time minister's responsibility at retirement, we recommend that each pastor and church participate in the 403(b) of the general church.

32. That individuals be encouraged to remember the district and Indian Lake Nazarene Camp in their wills and estate planning.

Respectively submitted,

MARK WALKER, *Secretary*

DR. JOHN SEAMAN, *Chairman*

**Indian Lake Nazarene Camp Profit & Loss
May 2014**

Jun '13 - May 14

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

4000 · Admin/Misc	12,254.99
4010 · Camp projects	6,959.00
4030 · Contributions & Donations	184,535.54
4040 · Michigan District Monies	36,283.55
4050 · Family Festival Income	1,604.51
4055 · Food services	69,140.02
4070 · Groups	200,237.63
4090 · Ann'l Sewer Inv - Passthru Bond	26,674.99
4092 · Sewer Usage Payments	53,383.69
4100 · Leaseholder Service Fees	93,360.73
4155 · Waterfront Operation	43,125.92
4180 · Rentals	155,918.22
4300 · RV Laundry Room Proceeds	598.75

Total Income

884,077.54

Gross Profit

884,077.54

Expense

6100 · Camp Administrative	34,548.24
6120 · Camp Meeting Expenses	1,183.98
6123 · Contract Labor	47,181.38
6124 · Contributions/Donations	25.00
6125 · District Center Board	910.57
6130 · Equipment Expense	15,252.19
6170 · Equipment Rental	429.80
6180 · Food Service	82,664.12
6189 · Gas Tanks	9,239.61
6200 · Housekeeping Supplies	5,707.28
6210 · Insurance	28,242.23
6220 · Interest Expense	38,147.49
6225 · LH Misc Fees	2,286.05
6230 · Licenses, Permits, and Dues/Fee	4,175.00
6240 · MI District C/N Expenses Reimbu	1,587.07
6245 · Miscellaneous	8,189.96
6250 · New Land Payments (Vallad)	31,274.04
6260 · Office	27,429.17
6265 · Pass-Through Account Payouts	11,063.47
6270 · Payroll Expenses	137,148.25

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**Indian Lake Nazarene Camp Profit & Loss—continued
May 2014**

	<u>Jun '13 - May 14</u>
6270v · IPN Fees	271.47
6272 · Payroll Taxes	16,500.00
6274 · Program Expense	11,007.83
6280 · Projects	86,866.08
6290 · Rental Expense/Refunds	526.20
6300 · Repair/Maintenance	44,156.46
6315 · Sewer Usage Quarterly Payment	86,267.60
6320 · Shop	6,118.02
6335 · Taxes Township	41,045.31
6385 · Trash Pick-up	5,693.52
6390 · Utilities - Electricity	40,357.84
6400 · Utilities - Natural Gas	5,671.47
6410 · ILNC Water Supply	6,577.95
6500` · Volunteer Worker Support	6,811.60
6690 · Reconciliation Discrepancies	1,444.81
6995 · Bad Debt	265.98
Total Expense	843,377.42
Net Ordinary Income	40,700.12
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
7030 · Other Income	465.00
7112 · Investment Interest	12.60
7113 · Gain on Investments	5,498.19
Total Other Income	5,975.79
Net Other Income	5,975.79
Net Income	

Footnotes:

1. This report is compiled on a cash basis
2. Depreciation (a noncash expense) of approximately \$8,000 per month is not included
3. Unrestricted funds are the operational funds necessary to operate the camp on a daily/weekly basis.
4. Restricted funds are designated as such by either the donor(s) or the ILNC Board of Governors for special projects/needs.
They are not considered for operational needs and released only upon approval of the financial manager or his designee.
Restricted funds are also not used for other restricted purposes and are managed/maintained in separate accounts.
5. All pledges rec'd as a part of the "I luv my camp" campaign are placed into the restricted account. Now that the sewer/water project is completed, all pledged amounts will be used for Waterfront/Road Dev loan debt reduction.
6. The original Waterfront/Road Dev loan has been refinanced at a lower rate. Interest only payments are made monthly from the operating account and principle payments are made from the restricted account from funds designated for debt reduction.

Indian Lake Nazarene Camp —continued

Restricted Account (Capital and Special Projects)	
Beg Bal a/o 05/01/14	\$41,421
Additions	\$6,940
Withdrawals	<u>\$10,000</u>
Ending Balance a/o 05/31/2014	\$38,361

I Luv My Camp Pledges & Status	
Cash Rec'd During District Assembly	\$39,453
Pledges Made During District Assembly	<u>\$130,000</u>
Total Pledges & Cash	\$169,453
Cash & Pledges Rec'd a/o 5/31/2014	
Pledges Rec'd to-date	\$67,133
Cash Rec'd at Assembly	<u>\$39,453</u>
Total Rec'd To-date	\$106,586

Bal of Special Projects/Debt Reduction Funds	
Dorm Project	\$2,027
LT Debt Reduction	\$7,918
Museum**	\$3,295
Washing Machine	\$150
Bell Tower	\$300
Athletic Field	\$20,900
CPA Fund	<u>\$3,770</u>
Totals	\$38,360

Status of Waterfront/Road Development Loan	
Original Loan (August 2013)	\$622,865
Debt Reductions To-date (since August)	<u>\$60,582</u>
Outstanding Balance (EOM May 2014)	\$562,283

*Values may not add due to rounding

**Includes the Naomi/Ken Smith Memorial Funds

Michigan District

Church of the Nazarene

District E.I.F. Worksheet

Church Name: _____

Reporting Period (Month/Day/Year)

From _____ To _____

Subtract W.E.F. & 10% Mission Specials

Equals Global Ministry Base < _____ >

W.E.F. = 5.5% of Base < _____ >

Send W.E.F. payable to:

General Treasurer

Church of the Nazarene

Global Treasury Services

P.O. Box 843116

Kansas City, MO 64184-3116

Michigan District

Income from charitable giving: _____

Subtract W.E.F. & 10% Mission Specials

Equals Global Ministry Base < _____ >

P&B = 2.25% of Base < _____ >

O.N.U. = 2.5% of Base < _____ >

Subtract Capital Improvement Projects

< _____ > from the Global Ministries

Base = District Base Income \$ _____

Michigan District E.I.F. (5.5%) \$ _____

(Multiply District Base by 5.5%)

P&B + ONU + EIF = Check amt. < _____ >

Send check payable to "Michigan District" for

District E.I.F., P&B, and O.N.U. to:

Michigan District Church of the Nazarene

Kings Pointe Business Park

15180 S. Wright Rd.

Grand Ledge, MI 48837

The website www.FundingtheMission.org will be

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Section Six

The Michigan District exists to assist and encourage our local churches in their mission of making Christ-like disciples

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MICHIGAN DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

DISTRICT

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2013-14	Totals
MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	435
• Lost	522
• Inactive	1229
• Total	9148
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	8562
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	4053
• Discipleship Groups	3643

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	767
• Baptisms	314
TOTAL INCOME	\$13,695,745
• Global Mission	\$1,179,339
• Pensions & Benefits	\$205,031
• District Mission	\$521,342
• Nazarene Education	\$249,271
• Local Mission	\$11673,168
TOTAL GIVING	\$13,856,839

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MICHIGAN DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

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Albion

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2013-14	Totals
MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	0
• Lost	0
• Inactive	0
• Total	33
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	26
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	31
• Discipleship Groups	7

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	2
• Baptisms	1
TOTAL INCOME	\$24,522
• Global Mission	\$2,640
• Pensions & Benefits	\$488
• District Mission	\$1,378
• Nazarene Education	\$676
• Local Mission	\$19,893
TOTAL GIVING	\$25,075

I am thankful for the continued privilege of serving as the Lead Pastor of Albion Church of the Nazarene. Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future". God has a plan for Albion Church of the Nazarene and He has a plan for each one of us.

There are 4 primary things that I believe God has called us to focus on for the Hope and future Vision of Albion Church of the Nazarene:

Worship God - We are called to be in love with Jesus and worship Him with our whole lives.

Win Souls - We are called to evangelize to those who have not yet heard the gospel of Jesus Christ

Warrior Preparation - We are called to go and make Christ like disciples and be a people of faith and prayer.

Work Together - We are called to live in unity, community and love one another.

It is a joy to serve the Lord in the harvest field He has called me to!

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Timothy Pepper

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MICHIGAN DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

CHURCH

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2013-14	Totals
MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	9
• Lost	7
• Inactive	0
• Total	76
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	46
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	32
• Discipleship Groups	0

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	2
• Baptisms	4
TOTAL INCOME	\$89,944
• Global Mission	\$7,447
• Pensions & Benefits	\$475
• District Mission	\$3,979
• Nazarene Education	\$2,040
• Local Mission	\$49,851
TOTAL GIVING	\$63,792

Since my wife, Marianne, and I came to Alma last August, we have been praying with the congregation that God would open our hearts and minds as a church and to give us a fresh sense of direction. The board has been faithful and open to new ideas. This May we took the entire board and the spouses that could attend on a spiritual retreat. We were refreshed and challenged and given a renewed sense of what the Lord would have us to do. The consensus after thirty-six hours of prayer, Bible study, fellowship, and forward planning (with the help of the Church Health Board's resources found at the onecml.org website) was that God had led us to analyze every ministry that we have in place and to allow ourselves the freedom to take some chances for the sake of the gospel in our community. That process has begun and we know that God has already been faithful in leading us to where we are. Discipleship attendance is growing, new areas of fellowship, Bible-study, prayer groups, outreach events, are all taking shape in a variety of ways. People are being transformed by the truth of the Word and the power of the Spirit. I went to the gym one day, don't laugh, and a man there told me I should join and work out with him. I told him he should come to church with me. Long story short; he has come to church more regularly than I have been to the gym. Praise be to God.

Rev. Brian Huff

Lead Pastor

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MICHIGAN DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

CHURCH

Battle Creek First

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2013-14	Totals
MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	15
• Lost	10
• Inactive	23
• Total	143
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	97
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	64
• Discipleship Groups	58

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	7
• Baptisms	0
TOTAL INCOME	\$204,837
• Global Mission	\$16,956
• Pensions & Benefits	\$4,243
• District Mission	\$7,388
• Nazarene Education	\$4,840
• Local Mission	\$177,079
TOTAL GIVING	\$210,535

This is my final report as pastor for the Battle Creek First Church of the Nazarene.

In the fall of 2012 we entered into a renewed relationship with Hope Church of the Nazarene to aid in their pastoral transition. At the start of the year the Lord brought Will Dulworth to serve as an associate pastor there while the two churches continued in collaborative ministries. We shared in a joint VBS, cooking and serving a meal at the local day shelter for 243 people, collecting and distributing food and non-food essentials to those in need, and sharing in fellowships which included an annual Faith Promise dinner. It was a day of celebration together when Will Dulworth moved from Associate to be installed as Senior Pastor of Hope.

First Kids Learning Center and His Hand Compassionate Ministry are like Christ's arms that reach to our community. We again saw Christ work in saving souls and building bridges to restore broken lives. We're assured of the continuation of the Lord's blessing as we recall His faithfulness. I trust Him with these precious people and pray for His chosen minister to continue all that He has begun.

Rev. Jim Spohn
Lead Pastor

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MICHIGAN DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

CHURCH

Battle Creek Hope

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2013-14	Totals
MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	1
• Lost	0
• Inactive	44
• Total	86
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	44
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	39
• Discipleship Groups	39

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	0
• Baptisms	0
TOTAL INCOME	\$77,069
• Global Mission	\$7,548
• Pensions & Benefits	\$1,307
• District Mission	\$3,864
• Nazarene Education	\$1,850
• Local Mission	\$61,350
TOTAL GIVING	\$76,275

In the last few months Hope has brought me on as Sr. Pastor. I previously served as the associate pastor. The move from associate pastor to senior pastor was part of a plan of "Positive Transition" that had been taking place over the last year with the help of the District and Battle Creek First COTN. For much of the church year Pastor Jim Spohn, from B.C. First Church, served as Sr. Pastor while helping to lead the church through the time of transition and mentor me. Through the positive transition Hope has grown in relationship with First Church and has seen an increase in energy, hope, and life.

As an extension of the partnership between Hope and First Church we have begun partnering in the ministry of His Hand CMC which was begun by First Church. As a part of the ongoing relationship Hope has provided housing for the CMC Director and appropriated the use of another of Hope's properties for His Hand. The goal is to create a space that will have an impact on our local community in ways that will help them develop life skills and convey to them the love God has for the whole person, while also exhibiting the heart of compassion that exists in the Hope congregation.

God has done a tremendous work over the last year in bringing unity between his churches, as well as lead us to a better understanding of what it means to be His church in our local context.

In His Grace,
Rev. Will Dulworth

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2013-14	Totals
MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	5
• Lost	1
• Inactive	9
• Total	59
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	60
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	20
• Discipleship Groups	30

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	13
• Baptisms	0
TOTAL INCOME	\$64,434
• Global Mission	\$1,716
• Pensions & Benefits	\$472
• District Mission	\$1,182
• Nazarene Education	\$538
• Local Mission	\$65,248
TOTAL GIVING	\$69,156

The Bible makes it very clear that if we want friends, one must first be friendly. I have led the way for our church in making sure that whoever should walk through Faith Nazarene's door will immediately be made to feel welcome and right-at-home. This is the first and foremost influence that people are touched by. Most of our people have followed my example and have moved visitors to say, and I quote: "I believe this is the friendliest church we have been in."

Services are spirit-filled and touched by God's wonderful presence! It's always a highlight in a pastor's life to have church members come to the altar to rededicate their lives, and in some cases to get saved! On Sunday, April 6, 2014, I preached a message titled, "Do You Remember When You Were Saved?" (date and time) I said, "If you don't remember, chances are you may not be." Thirteen people came forward of which most were members.

New to our church is "Kid's Nite" every Wednesday evening. Kid's Nite has increased from 6 children to 13 under the direction of two very dedicated workers. All of our children are fired-up and long to be in church. These children are our church of today and our church of tomorrow.

I look forward with great anticipation to this next church year and all the blessings God has in store for all of us here at Faith Church.

Serving The King,
Pastor Dwight W. Kingsbury

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Bay City First

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2013-14	Totals
MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	23
• Lost	13
• Inactive	21
• Total	76
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	65
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	45
• Discipleship Groups	10

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	3
• Baptisms	0
TOTAL INCOME	\$83,300
• Global Mission	\$10,613
• Pensions & Benefits	\$1,512
• District Mission	\$4,582
• Nazarene Education	\$2,086
• Local Mission	\$74,879
TOTAL GIVING	\$93,762

Leaders and Members of this assembly,

It is a great privilege to serve in the church my dad pastored for nearly a decade. Because of this fact, Kelly and I came into this pastorate with a pre-established relationship with the people of BC Naz. The church was discouraged, however. Last summer at camp meeting one of the board members was overheard saying that she was afraid Dr. Seaman was going to come up and close the church since it had reached such a low point. Well, God was not finished with this church.

Since August, the faithful folks of Bay City First have welcomed 14 new households into the church family. The new people are serving enthusiastically alongside the longstanding members. We took in 13 new members and more are inquiring about our "Words About God" class (membership/theology). We reported 3 conversions this year but there are endless conversations about people who are intentionally drawing closer to Christ and gaining victory over their weaknesses and struggles. God is doing a great work in Bay City.

We are beginning to reach out to the Good Samaritan Rescue Mission and are already enjoying fruitful ministry there as well. We fully anticipate a "God-Story" to come out of that ministry very soon. God is Good!

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MICHIGAN DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

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2013-14	Totals
MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	4
• Lost	4
• Inactive	3
• Total	33
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	43
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	34
• Discipleship Groups	14

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	6
• Baptisms	0
TOTAL INCOME	\$65,089
• Global Mission	\$6,558
• Pensions & Benefits	\$1,008
• District Mission	\$3,354
• Nazarene Education	\$334
• Local Mission	\$34,530
TOTAL GIVING	\$45,954

One of the most exciting things we were able to do this year was to install two new screens at the front of the sanctuary to use for multi-media purposes. They have added a lot to our worship.

We had a very good revival with Billy Huddleston this spring. Everyone seemed to get a lot out of his singing and preaching.

One of the greatest thrills for me was to take in four new members this year. These people were already very active and involved in the life of the church prior to joining. You can count on them to be at every service and to help wherever they can.

I had my pastoral review this year and I was given a four year renewal. I gladly accepted and I look forward to continue the work of God's kingdom in Buchanan.

Penny and I went to Phoenix in April to celebrate our grandson's 1st birthday as well as his dedication. It was a special moment to witness his dedication along with other family members. It just occurred to me recently that he is a fifth generation Nazarene.

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MICHIGAN DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

CHURCH

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2013-14	Totals
MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	5
• Lost	7
• Inactive	66
• Total	213
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	323
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	91
• Discipleship Groups	63

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	8
• Baptisms	13
TOTAL INCOME	\$475,579
• Global Mission	\$28,369
• Pensions & Benefits	\$8,751
• District Mission	\$17,306
• Nazarene Education	\$11,258
• Local Mission	\$39,4871
TOTAL GIVING	\$460,555

This year High Pointe has had its share of changes. In the midst of all the changes God has been at work. We sent a team to Nicaragua to present the Jesus film that produced not only fruit on the field but also in the team that went. Our youth ministry and children's ministry are going strong. We continue to see the compassion within the heart of High Pointe emerging toward those inside and outside the walls of the church. The family of High Pointe has expressed their willingness to live outside the box by supporting the concept of co-pastors. High Pointe is an amazingly kind, generous and faithful group of Christian people with a missional heart and a deep desire for deeper things of the Lord.

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(Charlotte) New Faith

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2013-14	Totals
MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	1
• Lost	5
• Inactive	8
• Total	20
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	11
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	6
• Discipleship Groups	16

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	1
• Baptisms	0
TOTAL INCOME	\$39,609
• Global Mission	\$1,561
• Pensions & Benefits	\$10
• District Mission	\$125
• Nazarene Education	\$60
• Local Mission	\$37,977
TOTAL GIVING	\$39,833

For a small church we have experienced a significant number of deaths, 4 in all. One was a 39 year old married man with two small children. He fought valiantly but on Christmas Eve morning he went to be with the Lord. It was a joy to minister to him and his family and watch him grow in his faith even as his cancer continued to resist all human efforts! His family is attending church regularly along with his mother. Our church in the last month of this year has had several new people attending which is exciting and infusing some optimism in the congregation.

This past year our church has struggled financially but God has sustained us so that we have been able to pay some toward our Eternal Investment Funds.

This will be my last report as a full time pastor since I will be retiring later this summer. My scripture promise for the years of my ministry comes from Psalm 84:5 "Blessed are those whose strength is in You, who have set their hearts on pilgrimage." Our journey has been remarkable and we have always found our strength to be in the Lord no matter what. I praise Him for this great privilege which I hope will transform into something new and just as exciting!

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MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	4
• Lost	1
• Inactive	8
• Total	59
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	45
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	20
• Discipleship Groups	15

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	2
• Baptisms	5
TOTAL INCOME	\$51,728
• Global Mission	\$3096
• Pensions & Benefits	\$577
• District Mission	\$2,147
• Nazarene Education	0
• Local Mission	\$32,007
TOTAL GIVING	\$38,155



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2013-14	Totals
MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	10
• Lost	2
• Inactive	34
• Total	216
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	126
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	102
• Discipleship Groups	60

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	5
• Baptisms	2
TOTAL INCOME	\$152,842
• Global Mission	\$9,713
• Pensions & Benefits	\$2,695
• District Mission	\$9,230
• Nazarene Education	\$2,917
• Local Mission	\$107,317
TOTAL GIVING	\$131,872

Dear District Assembly Members and Officers,

It is my great pleasure to submit my thirteenth report as Pastor of Coldwater Church of the Nazarene. Our congregation has endeavored to make disciples of Jesus through living as a family that prays, grows, serves and reaches together. The Commission of Christ has compelled us to engage our community in many ways including worship designed to engage everyone from the saint to the skeptic, classes and small groups, local and world missions efforts, as well as involving dozens of congregants in community-wide ministries to women, men, families, prisoners and children. It is our prayer that we can become more like Christ this year, and to become the church in our community that has what it takes to be the choice of those who are not yet following Christ.

Respectfully Submitted,

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MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	4
• Lost	3
• Inactive	22
• Total	116
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	65
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	28
• Discipleship Groups	10

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	2
• Baptisms	0
TOTAL INCOME	\$145,517
• Global Mission	\$11,587
• Pensions & Benefits	\$2,681
• District Mission	\$8,004
• Nazarene Education	\$3,638
• Local Mission	\$193,996
TOTAL GIVING	\$221,530

Often I say – of all the things we do at our church – the one thing Jesus is most pleased with is our loving care given to those in our Preschool and Daycare. Many come from families with great needs. So we were quite shocked when our director of 6 years announced she would be leaving to reopen a Daycare in her home. That would mean we would likely lose almost half of our children and other members of our staff. We had to consider closing or rebuilding and seeking a new director and staff members. Of course God had the plan all along – we just had to wait for Him to open the door. A wonderful new director emerged in our search and has since used her winsome personality and gift for loving children to rebuild and process the relicensing with no problems. As a bonus, she is a regular part of our church family and continues to be a blessing to many.

I am encouraged as I continue into our 28th year as pastor of Corey to know that God is working behind the scenes always as we strive to work together to help our congregation grow and continue to build His kingdom in our rural area.

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MICHIGAN DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

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2013-14	Totals
MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	3
• Lost	1
• Inactive	14
• Total	37
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	24
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	19
• Discipleship Groups	4

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	12
• Baptisms	7
TOTAL INCOME	\$32,895
• Global Mission	\$2,735
• Pensions & Benefits	\$415
• District Mission	\$1,683
• Nazarene Education	\$766
• Local Mission	\$26,073
TOTAL GIVING	\$31,672

Here we are, almost going on 10 years of serving Corunna Church of the Nazarene. There's nothing like keeping things real. We are made up of poor people and people that have served time in prison, and of course we have widows. We fight to survive every day. Diseases are rampant in our church and community. People are getting older and frail. There is despair everywhere, and things seem to go from bad to worse.

You may be thinking that this doesn't sound very positive, and how does it reflect Corunna Church of the Nazarene. Simply put! I am thankful that we are following to the letter, The Scriptures pertaining to ministry in and out of the church building. These are the people God is calling us to minister to. They are the ones responding to God's call for change. They are now the ones that are praying it forward, helping others to change and be encouraged.

Matthew 25:35-36 "For I was hungry and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you took care of Me; I was in prison and you visited Me."

James 1:27 (NIV) "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world."

What is the greatest attribute of our church? To simply meet the needs in our community, always helping, showing compassion, and sacrificially giving, that defines what Christianity is all about. "Love in action" Will there be any stars in our crowns? I believe the answer is yes, Lord, yes!

I am thankful that God has been preparing us for the second coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is our focus, to bring people in, and send them out with a message of hope and salvation.

To me, "growth cannot be measured by how many people we have attending, only by those that come in are changed, and then move on to share the gospel message with others. We love the mission of (NMI) missions.

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MICHIGAN DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

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MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	6
• Lost	21
• Inactive	14
• Total	133
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	150
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	83
• Discipleship Groups	59

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	4
• Baptisms	7
TOTAL INCOME	\$413,774
• Global Mission	\$121,813
• Pensions & Benefits	\$4,442
• District Mission	\$13,021
• Nazarene Education	\$7,402
• Local Mission	\$268,315
TOTAL GIVING	\$416,023

This has been a year of staff transition for the Durand Church of the Nazarene. Last assembly our former associate, Rev. Brian (Marianne) Huff, was ordained and then assumed the pastorate of our church in Alma the very next month! However, God led us to an excellent new associate, Rev. Philip (Lisa) Michaels, who came on board in October. The timing was perfect and the transition has been smooth.

Some ministry highlights include the calling of two of our young men into ministry and the mission outreach of a large group of our teens involved in creative ministry. While we buried three dear saints this past winter, new families have added new life to our fellowship. The Spirit is up to something exciting in our community, and, at age 92, the Durand church is alive and well! Praise the Name of our Lord Jesus!

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MICHIGAN DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

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MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	10
• Lost	9
• Inactive	0
• Total	112
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	99
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	59
• Discipleship Groups	42

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	4
• Baptisms	2
TOTAL INCOME	\$159,508
• Global Mission	\$14,010
• Pensions & Benefits	\$2,383
• District Mission	\$7635
• Nazarene Education	\$3622
• Local Mission	\$111,115
TOTAL GIVING	\$140,925

Diane and I have pastored Eaton Rapids the past thirteen years under the promise, "For such a time as this." We have watched lives changed for Christ as we have preached the sanctified message of heart and life.

Eaton Rapids is a great giving church for missions as we take an offering once a month and send it to the Creek People in the Philippines. Also we have an AA group that meets in our church five nights a week. Eaton Rapids is a great loving and caring church which it has been my privilege to serve these past thirteen years.

Enjoy your Journey,
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2013-14	Totals
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• Received	5
• Lost	0
• Inactive	13
• Total	45
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	78
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	35
• Discipleship Groups	43

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	18
• Baptisms	4
TOTAL INCOME	\$65,266
• Global Mission	\$4,885
• Pensions & Benefits	\$1,117
• District Mission	\$3,036
• Nazarene Education	\$1,503
• Local Mission	\$57,205
TOTAL GIVING	\$67,746

I reflect on four years of ministry at Elmdale. This has become home for our family. I am blessed and at peace each day that this is where I belong in ministry. This walk of trustful obedience in God's call at Elmdale has brought forth fruit in so many ways.

This past year, God has continued to form our hearts missionally and outwardly focused. He continues to reach through us to our friends, family and neighbors. Our community outreach events have grown our impact and presence in our area. We are beginning the process of putting on an addition. However, I am just as excited to see us growing spiritually deeper as a church family! Life groups are our main discipleship vehicle and we have seen commitment hold for up to three quarters of our church. In these groups, I have seen the tears and joys of true confession, surrender, sanctification, real community, accountability and freedom!

I wish you could hear each story in God's plan of salvation here in Elmdale, all the ways He has redeemed, restored and reconciled! This is such a great place in the Kingdom of God and we've only just begun!

Love,
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MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	0
• Lost	1
• Inactive	23
• Total	165
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	116
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	59
• Discipleship Groups	45

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	0
• Baptisms	5
TOTAL INCOME	\$165,340
• Global Mission	\$10,145
• Pensions & Benefits	\$3,207
• District Mission	\$8,663
• Nazarene Education	\$3,949
• Local Mission	\$143,521
TOTAL GIVING	\$169,744

This past year, being my first full year at GHN, has been a year of laying foundation for the future. We were encouraged and instructed chiefly by the books of Nehemiah and the Gospel of Luke throughout the year. These two volumes helped us move through some difficult losses our families faced through the passing of loved ones, but also taught us how to put our hands to the plow in a reinvigorated way. We began digging up fallow ground and repairing the walls of our congregation. And we were renewed in our experience of the miracles, teachings and sacrifice of Jesus, getting us more in touch with the God who establishes us as a people and calls us on mission with him. I have been most encouraged by how God has begun to cultivate a hunger for his Word in the lives of our people. A number of younger believers are turning to the Word in order to make sense of their world and chart a way forward. And our mature believers are re-envisioning what God desires to do through them in this new phase of our life together. This is a time full of possibilities as we move forward as a congregation and we praise God for his continued presence and grace to us.

Rev. Stephen Abbott
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2013-14	Totals
MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	4
• Lost	4
• Inactive	0
• Total	99
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	75
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	55
• Discipleship Groups	24

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	3
• Baptisms	2
TOTAL INCOME	\$111,095
• Global Mission	\$10,646
• Pensions & Benefits	\$1,760
• District Mission	\$5,512
• Nazarene Education	\$2,505
• Local Mission	\$101,333
TOTAL GIVING	\$121,756



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2013-14	Totals
MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	8
• Lost	1
• Inactive	32
• Total	125
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	108
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	68
• Discipleship Groups	0

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	28
• Baptisms	3
TOTAL INCOME	\$150,676
• Global Mission	\$7,590
• Pensions & Benefits	\$1,928
• District Mission	\$5,231
• Nazarene Education	\$3,563
• Local Mission	\$129,295
TOTAL GIVING	\$149,303

Greetings from the Clyde Park Church of the Nazarene:

This has been a good year in the life of Clyde Park. Listed are events and success in our year:

Summer: The rays of ILNC, bake sale, and VBS

Fall: Annual trip to Prime Time Day, great revival services with Dr. Ted Lee, finished building a baptistery, baptized 3, dedicated Rev. Mugigison to the Lord, several concerts and continued to grow!

Winter: Christmas Board Meeting at the Golden Corral, Children's Christmas Program, Christmas Cantata, Teen Quiz at our church, District Celebrate Life, and Team Day.

Spring: Easter egg hunt, celebrated the Resurrection, took in 8 members, discipleship weekend with Dr. Bob Mansfield and celebrated Mother's Day (Continues to be our largest attended service).

This year we had several young people from Grace Bible College start attending our church, one of those is transferring to ONU in the fall. These students have been so excited to serve at our church. Our new disciple class has been growing, ministering to a lot of broken people. Our refugee worship service is growing; sometimes there have been as many as 50, maybe we should start counting.

The Lord Bless You,

Clyde Park and Pastor Bill Couchenour
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2013-14	Totals
MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	8
• Lost	24
• Inactive	18
• Total	147
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	196
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	10
• Discipleship Groups	205

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	5
• Baptisms	4
TOTAL INCOME	\$741,878
• Global Mission	\$95,225
• Pensions & Benefits	\$14,062
• District Mission	\$27,745
• Nazarene Education	\$17,307
• Local Mission	\$507,112
TOTAL GIVING	\$661,651



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2013-14	Totals
MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	2
• Lost	2
• Inactive	1
• Total	32
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	52
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	23
• Discipleship Groups	12

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	3
• Baptisms	0
TOTAL INCOME	\$70,817
• Global Mission	\$6,676
• Pensions & Benefits	\$1,247
• District Mission	\$2,750
• Nazarene Education	\$1,625
• Local Mission	\$59,923
TOTAL GIVING	\$73,161

Bear Lasting Fruit!

For Christians these are familiar words from the 15th chapter of John. In this chapter Jesus tells the disciples: *"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful...You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last"* (John 15:1-2, 16a). What Jesus didn't say is that bearing fruit and pruning can also be painful!

For the people at Northeast Community, this isn't a theoretical proposition but a present reality! Some 4 years ago God sent us a young unchurched couple! It was love at first sight! Together we grew in faith and loved one another. Over the years a marriage came, then two babies and then a call to preach! God was producing much fruit and we were grateful. But then, Amy announced God had released her and before long they were gone to their new assignment. Frankly, when they left we had that same dizzy, nauseous, 'lets do it again' feeling one might have after riding a big roller coaster.

Though pruning is painful, God is already 'doing it again.' From sinners converted, to believers sanctified, the Spirit of Christ continues to bear fruit, much fruit, and fruit that will last! Hallelujah! I remain saved, sanctified, growing in grace and convinced God is on the move leading the Northeast Community Church of the Nazarene! Praise the Lord! Amen!

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2013-14	Totals
MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	7
• Lost	18
• Inactive	2
• Total	40
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	50
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	26
• Discipleship Groups	13

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	0
• Baptisms	5
TOTAL INCOME	\$36,709
• Global Mission	\$200
• Pensions & Benefits	\$914
• District Mission	\$2,100
• Nazarene Education	0
• Local Mission	\$57,296
TOTAL GIVING	\$60,510

Born and raised in a Christian family, I was saved and baptized at 14 years old. I had the privilege to serve as a Children's Sunday School teacher the year after.

I had the passion to serve the Lord and He led me to a place that only God can satisfy. I am grateful for having a father who was also a counselor to help me through this journey with Christ. I have followed the Lord and He walks me through in every aspect of my life. The death of my father and my grand sister in less than one year have impacted me, it was the time that God also called me to go to minister at a Nazarene Church. The tears were wiped away in a manner I couldn't imagine. I have learned to know and to understand that circumstances have changed but God remains the same.

We are facing a lot of challenges in the process of moving from Haiti to the US. Sickness of our second boy was critical. We truly believe in the divine healing in the name of Jesus. His condition has stabilized and the symptom of this sickness has not been revealed for the past two years. Here we are in the Nazarene District of Michigan two months ago with Grand Rapids West Int. Surely God has a plan for everyone and in His time He will reveal if one remains faithful to His covenant.

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MICHIGAN DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

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2013-14	Totals
MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	0
• Lost	4
• Inactive	0
• Total	48
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	66
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	37
• Discipleship Groups	0

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	0
• Baptisms	0
TOTAL INCOME	\$66,184
• Global Mission	\$3,277
• Pensions & Benefits	\$20
• District Mission	\$55
• Nazarene Education	\$25
• Local Mission	\$63,309
TOTAL GIVING	\$66,686

I'm Pastor Tim Deshaw, and I bring you greetings from the Greenville Church of the Nazarene. It is my privilege and honor to bring you my eleventh pastoral report.

The past year has been a time of challenges at Greenville Church of the Nazarene. But where others see difficulties, I continue to see opportunities for God to do miracles. Where God guides, He always provides. Our job is simply to drop our nets and follow where He leads us.

This year we continue to reach out to our community through our Compassionate Ministries. God provides resources for us from many different organizations, including: EightCap, Meijer, United Way grants, Feeding America, and the United States Postal service. The community of Greenville generously gave, and the United States Postal Service gathered 5,357 pounds of food. Our pantry was filled to overflowing, and we shared the majority with many other pantries in the area.

Through the Lord's generous providence, our Local Church Pantry served, 24,870 pounds of food to 5,669 people this year. God is so good! Our Food Truck, in cooperation with Feeding America, in nine months, served 67,500 pounds of food to 2,139 people. Praise the Lord! We are so blessed by the ways God provides for us. He has blessed us so we can pass it along to those in need. What a joy it has been to be, "His hands and feet."

We are loving the world not only by feeding them through our pantry, but by sharing with them the Living Bread. So keep us in your prayers as we continue to work and walk together in our corner of His kingdom. By His grace and through His strength, we will continue the mission, "to show love and compassion to the world through Our Lord Jesus Christ."

Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Tim Deshaw

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MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	1
• Lost	3
• Inactive	0
• Total	162
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	85
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	61
• Discipleship Groups	24

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	3
• Baptisms	1
TOTAL INCOME	\$112,345
• Global Mission	\$7,333
• Pensions & Benefits	0
• District Mission	\$984
• Nazarene Education	0
• Local Mission	\$110,808
TOTAL GIVING	\$119,431

"I love Him better every day" is more than a song, its an every morning statement of thanks and anticipation to what He has in store for me that day.

This summer Sherry and I are retiring from pastoral ministry after 30+ years. For the last 14 years our Church family at Hastings has encouraged and shown us God's grace and goodness through so many acts of generosity and care. It's going to be tough leaving them, but with their faithful and strong leadership we know this transition will take them to a higher spiritual plane.

At Hastings we have watched as new souls, one this past month, have come to accept Christ as Savior, and others have matured in their spiritual growth. "I don't know about tomorrow, or what retirement may bring," but of this I am confident, I'm not retiring from servanthood, God is simply changing my direction.

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MICHIGAN DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

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MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	0
• Lost	0
• Inactive	5
• Total	35
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	51
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	21
• Discipleship Groups	20

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	0
• Baptisms	0
TOTAL INCOME	\$60,442
• Global Mission	\$17,444
• Pensions & Benefits	\$1,098
• District Mission	\$6,142
• Nazarene Education	\$1,479
• Local Mission	\$68,658
TOTAL GIVING	\$94,821

Greetings to the Michigan District from Hillsdale Church of the Nazarene.

God continues to bless in Hillsdale as we obey His Word to feed the hungry, clothe the needy, visit the sick and house the homeless.

This year we provided our four apartment buildings to the Community Action Agency to create a homeless shelter in Hillsdale. This is just one of many ways we are reaching our community for Christ as we go into our 76th year of ministry here in Hillsdale. Through our local mission's fund, and in partnership with other churches in Hillsdale we helped over 20 families keep their utilities on, pay rent, have gas to drive to work and feed their families.

In August once again we will join with 25 other churches and organizations in our Loaves and Fishes Day to give everything from laundry soap to Bibles, and food to the needy in our community.

We are praising the Lord who has provided us all we need to be a blessing in Hillsdale.

Pastor Mark Elliott and the Hillsdale Church of the Nazarene

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MICHIGAN DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

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2013-14	Totals
MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	0
• Lost	0
• Inactive	6
• Total	30
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	29
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	20
• Discipleship Groups	0

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	0
• Baptisms	0
TOTAL INCOME	\$24,484
• Global Mission	\$1,790
• Pensions & Benefits	\$392
• District Mission	\$1,165
• Nazarene Education	\$579
• Local Mission	\$22,527
TOTAL GIVING	\$26,453

New Life. That is not only our new name but it aptly describes the ministry of the church of the Nazarene in Holland, MI. This past year New Life Nazarene has become acquainted with their new neighborhood. The people of New Life are decidedly outward focused. They have seized every opportunity to minister to the needs of the community. They have supported the ministry of **Beacon of Hope**, a Nazarene Compassionate Ministry site offering family counseling and a food pantry to those in need. This year we have also partnered with **Harvest of Gratitude** – a ministry that provides fresh produce to those in need. A portion of our land is now a community garden. This dedicated core group has spent the past year serving and praying. The core has now become a growing faith community. God is at work in the hearts of His people and is using His church to reach Holland with the Love of Christ.

I am proud and blessed to be called to serve and lead the people of New Life. Together we are praying that God will empower New Life Nazarene to grow His kingdom here in Holland Michigan.

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2013-14	Totals
MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	3
• Lost	46
• Inactive	0
• Total	37
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	39
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	8
• Discipleship Groups	24

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	10
• Baptisms	5
TOTAL INCOME	\$62,273
• Global Mission	\$731
• Pensions & Benefits	0
• District Mission	\$120
• Nazarene Education	0
• Local Mission	\$60,887
TOTAL GIVING	\$61,763

It is a wonderful thing to watch God work and be a part of what He is doing. In June we hosted a children's day. In preparation, we encouraged our regular attenders to pray for three unchurched families to invite to this special day. The place was buzzing with excitement as everyone did their part to make the day special. Families with children were honored in the morning worship service and encouraged to stay for a picnic fellowship. Through this event two new families started attending Holt Church. Through other "Big Day Events" we continued to invite friends. We prepared, God worked and new people began to attend our Worship services, adding ten new families this past year. Further, we saw ten new believers professing Jesus Christ as savior, and celebrated with five baptisms. God is faithful!

We were also blessed to have the Delhi Parks and Rec department use our property this past fall for pee-wee soccer, and the Kiwanis Club use our facility to host their annual chicken barbeque, as their regular venue was already booked, this Spring. This, along with our involvement in community activities such as National Night Out, the Food Bank, Give a Kid a Christmas, and the Community Easter Egg Hunt provided opportunity to be further known in the Community.

We are excited to see what God does this next year, as we are faithful to pray, plan, plant seeds, and watch God bring the increase.

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MICHIGAN DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

CHURCH

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MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	5
• Lost	13
• Inactive	16
• Total	41
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	45
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	26
• Discipleship Groups	15

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	5
• Baptisms	4
TOTAL INCOME	\$62,001
• Global Mission	\$3,959
• Pensions & Benefits	\$1,142
• District Mission	\$613
• Nazarene Education	\$150
• Local Mission	\$56,352
TOTAL GIVING	\$62,216

In the last year we have seen God's hand at work in many ways. We are seeing new people come to the church and become connected. Several people have come to Christ and are really experiencing a life change. We have had baptisms and taken in new members. Our Church has experienced many highs and lows and we continue to see God providing in ways that only He could.

However, I believe one of the high points is how we have seen Him open doors. When I was installed I was asked what my burden was. Across the road is a trailer park and we had no inroad. Over the past year God has really opened that mission field to us. We currently have 4 families that are now affiliated with the church who live in the park. A very specific way that this has impacted us is that we hosted a community wide Easter egg hunt and because of some of our people who live in the trailer park inviting their friends, we met many new people from the park.

WE are very excited about the future here in Ionia.

Respectfully submitted,

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2013-14	Totals
MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	6
• Lost	9
• Inactive	2
• Total	46
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	92
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	60
• Discipleship Groups	52

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	2
• Baptisms	0
TOTAL INCOME	\$68,645
• Global Mission	\$3,452
• Pensions & Benefits	\$924
• District Mission	\$6,138
• Nazarene Education	0
• Local Mission	\$58,785
TOTAL GIVING	\$69,299

I think I'd classify this year as a "transition" time here at East Jackson. While many things about our fellowship remain both steady and healthy, we are also in a time of moving into some new ministry opportunities.

For instance, we had been looking for a way to accommodate a Sunday school situation as well as handle some of the perennial problems of children's church. I had done a fair amount of research into some "non-traditional" paradigms and came up with the idea of Family School. Family School is our time before the main service when children, adults-the entire body-come together to enjoy teaching and a heightened experience of community. The situation addresses the Sunday school need and the Children's worker issue.

Also, we are in the process of starting a network of "house" churches. That network will take the mission of the church into the neighborhoods we all live in with an evangelistic thrust, a discipling burden, and a more primitive early church approach to body life. While small groups have always been a part of what we do here, our desire is to really amp up our commitment to discipleship. We are excited about the possibilities this will bring and plan to spend the next 2-3 years preparing the Church for what lies ahead.

Following His Grace,
Pastor Ralph Edwards

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Jackson First

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2013-14	Totals
MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	27
• Lost	1
• Inactive	47
• Total	691
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	1,402
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	0
• Discipleship Groups	1,130

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	25
• Baptisms	27
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,779,754
• Global Mission	\$78,501
• Pensions & Benefits	\$21,318
• District Mission	\$59,389
• Nazarene Education	\$26,995
• Local Mission	\$1,886,852
TOTAL GIVING	\$2,073,055

The past year has been a year of challenges, setbacks and victories and a renewed sense of dependence on God for the challenges we face in the coming days. I cannot begin to adequately express my appreciation for the leadership of our Church Board. These women and men of passion, wisdom, and dedication are being used by God to pave the way for more effective ministry. Our Church Staff works tirelessly under the anointing of the Holy Spirit to see His will accomplished. They are empowering increasing numbers of believers to use their gifts for Christ and His church. The percentage of our people who are serving in ministry is amazing to us. This is the fruit of our faithful staff.

We are currently working to rebuild our discipleship ministries. We want to be more effective in helping people find Christ and move from the values of our culture to the values of the Kingdom of Heaven. This is our Matthew 28 passion. But we also have a Matthew 25 passion. We believe in both the Great Commission and the call to serve "the least of these." So we continue to invest an increasing measure of time, energy and resources in Compassionate Ministries—locally and globally.

We believe the best days for Jackson First are before us. We're honored and humbled to be part of what God is doing in Michigan.

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2013-14	Totals
MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	24
• Lost	4
• Inactive	0
• Total	281
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	170
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	179
• Discipleship Groups	10

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	37
• Baptisms	8
TOTAL INCOME	\$284,149
• Global Mission	\$17,687
• Pensions & Benefits	\$4,442
• District Mission	\$10,942
• Nazarene Education	\$6,697
• Local Mission	\$237,076
TOTAL GIVING	\$276,844

Dr. Porter, Dr. Seaman, & Delegates to the Assembly,

What a privilege it is to be able to serve as pastor to the people at Cross Community Church as we try to move out into God's Kingdom in the greater Kalamazoo Area. I have witnessed some amazing things these past 12 months and I am happy to get to share a few highlights with you. Overall this has been a year of growth for us. We have seen growth in **attendance** (largest VBS, largest service in last 6 years, largest class of new members by profession of faith); **finances** (finished in the black for the 2nd year in a row and this year we met all our budget giving as well); and **spiritual maturity** (seeing increases in people at the altar and communion table, reading and engaging with scripture and attending Sunday School and Bible Study). God is changing lives and we are gaining so much through this work. One thing I am particularly excited about was our Community Bible Experience. We had 130 people from the church commit to read through the entire New Testament in 8 weeks and meet in 13 different "home book clubs" to discuss what they were hearing and receiving from God.

People who are giving their lives to Jesus, supporting the church with attendance, finances and service to the community around them are all signs of a healthy church under the Holy Spirits guidance. For that I am grateful to be a small part of this great adventure.

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MICHIGAN DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

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2013-14	Totals
MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	19
• Lost	5
• Inactive	2
• Total	42
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	37
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	43
• Discipleship Groups	21

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	2
• Baptisms	4
TOTAL INCOME	\$37,183
• Global Mission	\$1,059
• Pensions & Benefits	\$198
• District Mission	\$1,112
• Nazarene Education	0
• Local Mission	\$33,176
TOTAL GIVING	\$35,545

This, our eighth year at Kalamazoo South Side Church was a Godsend. He brought us 18 new members and 4 more pending! We had four incredible prayer conferences where people came in from everywhere including Arizona, Hawaii, Florida, Georgia, and Maine! Many teenagers and children were saved and sanctified holy during these events with over 70 in attendance! We baptized 4 ladies this Easter including a 5-year-old girl who asked Jesus into her heart! After the baptism service her un-churched grandfather asked about baptism! With Elaine Pettit Ministries Waiting School prayer and holiness conferences help, we have almost doubled in size and our regular AM attendance went from 25-30 to 45-50! We refinanced our mortgage and all our bills are paid! South Side is alive and flourishing! We pray many more good reports to come! Jesus has done it again! Praise His Holy Name!

Pastors Chris & Sara Pettit

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2013-14	Totals
MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	0
• Lost	1
• Inactive	14
• Total	26
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	14
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	9
• Discipleship Groups	2

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	0
• Baptisms	0
TOTAL INCOME	\$22,069
• Global Mission	\$1,421
• Pensions & Benefits	\$397
• District Mission	\$954
• Nazarene Education	\$434
• Local Mission	\$9,100
TOTAL GIVING	\$12,306

Dr. Porter, Dr. Seaman, colleagues and friends,

This will be my eighth report for the Laingsburg Church. I want to give God the thanks for His many blessings and the work He is doing in our church.

We have held steady this past year and were blessed with one new member, my granddaughter, who was born in August. We always look for ways to reach out.

This past year we got together and had bomb fires at the homes of members that live in the country. One member even had a pond in his back yard that was stocked with fish, so he had a contest for who could catch the biggest fish. Of course it was catch and release. We had good turn outs with friends of members who never went to church and great fellowship.

I praise and give thanks to the Lord who seeks us out and the people who are willing to be used by Him. I was not raised in a Christian home and never heard of the Nazarene Church until I was sixteen. Yet the Lord put people in my life that kept me going to church. At seventeen, I gave my heart to the Lord at a county wide crusade. But, in my heart, it wasn't enough, I wanted something deeper. When I heard Rev. Lewis preach on entire sanctification, then I knew, that was what I wanted. I prayed to the Lord to sanctify me and when He came, it's hard to explain, but I felt free.

I thank the Lord for a Church that still believes and preaches entire sanctification that frees us to live a holy life in Christ.

In His name,

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MICHIGAN DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

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Lansing Breakthrough

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MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	1
• Lost	0
• Inactive	0
• Total	3
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	44
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	0
• Discipleship Groups	38

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	2
• Baptisms	2
TOTAL INCOME	\$11,551
• Global Mission	\$7,487
• Pensions & Benefits	\$87
• District Mission	\$315
• Nazarene Education	\$143
• Local Mission	\$3,058
TOTAL GIVING	\$11,750

Leader training, giving and partnerships characterized our year together as a missional/organic church network, four spreading to 10 centers of holy fire in the neighborhoods and marketplaces of the Greater Lansing Area.

The June mission trip to Kosovo was both enlightening and impactful. But, in following up, our missionaries' car wore out as they traversed 3 corners of that country. BreakThrough family responded by sending over \$5200 to purchase a replacement in January, in addition to doubling our monthly support of the Thibaults. We also sent \$152 to NCM for relief from Typhon Haiyan (Philippines). 80% of our church income was sent out to help others.

In November, we partnered with SouthNaz in bringing Howie & Bev Shute for a Faith Promise weekend, where we were all challenged to multiply obedience-based disciples.

God is breaking through in our noon prayer times this spring at Okemos Nazarene joined by two other E. Lansing neighborhood missions planted by SouthNaz's Willie and Nicole Bodden.

A father/daughter baptism in a school swimming pool, receiving a new member who became a new disciple from the mall mission days, hosting 5 training events for new disciple-makers /future church planters statewide, and the Spring Quarterly Gathering at Best Western Plus with the SouthNaz Praise Team are other highlights for which we praise God!

Glad to be an "interdependent" part of the Michigan District Team, ONU Extension, and SHINE.Fm (Lansing), expanding the Rule of Jesus!

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2013-14	Totals
MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	0
• Lost	0
• Inactive	40
• Total	90
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	45
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	45
• Discipleship Groups	12

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	2
• Baptisms	0
TOTAL INCOME	\$17,226
• Global Mission	0
• Pensions & Benefits	0
• District Mission	\$1,452
• Nazarene Education	\$799
• Local Mission	0
TOTAL GIVING	\$2,251

God is good all the time. He has been working here at Lansing Central in such an amazing way. God's work done in God's way never lacks God's supply. We participated and led in several outreach activities. We partnered with Lansing South to host VBS at Hunter Park where we got to meet 250 kids from our community. At Halloween we hosted the first annual table of treats event and hosted 200 kids from a two block radius around the church. God is filling us with the vision of reaching out through serving others. We were so thrilled with the thirty volunteers that came together for I love my City Lansing event. God is faithful when we put him first. We have new families attending the church and God is making a difference in their lives. As a church we are committed to being spirit filled believers through dedicated Bible Study and prayer. We have embarked on a Journey through the Story. This is God's story but this is also my story. The key is to find our place in God's story.

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2013-14	Totals
MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	12
• Lost	64
• Inactive	7
• Total	50
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	69
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	50
• Discipleship Groups	5

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	7
• Baptisms	2
TOTAL INCOME	\$99,296
• Global Mission	\$7,517
• Pensions & Benefits	\$1,808
• District Mission	\$4,629
• Nazarene Education	\$2,396
• Local Mission	\$86,547
TOTAL GIVING	\$102,986

Greetings in Christ,

This year has been exciting as our congregation prepares to celebrate 100 years of ministry in the greater Lansing area. As the pastor, I am in awe of what God has done over those many years. We have purposefully named our theme, "Looking Back to the Future." We believe the pathway to our future has been paved by the faithfulness of our past. We are encouraged as we recount what God has done. This past year Lansing First has licensed two local ministers. We have seen the start of a new children's program called "Make Some Noise" hosting more than 25 kids on Wednesday nights. The youth program, "The Back Door" is reaching the youth of our community and making a difference. This year we added 12 new members to our family. We have also been blessed to see our praise team grow spiritually and musically to glorify God and enrich our worship experience. Our child care ministry has weathered a financially challenging year by reorganizing and redefining our programs. The child care ministry is making an impact on greater Lansing with a current enrollment of over 200 children. Yes, we are enthusiastic, as we sense that God wants to do something new with a 100 year old church at the corner of Elmwood and Ivan streets here in Lansing.

Blessings,
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MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	2
• Lost	4
• Inactive	2
• Total	26
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	15
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	15
• Discipleship Groups	0

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	0
• Baptisms	0
TOTAL INCOME	\$25,530
• Global Mission	\$2,167
• Pensions & Benefits	\$451
• District Mission	\$1,280
• Nazarene Education	\$606
• Local Mission	\$24,531
TOTAL GIVING	\$29,035



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2013-14	Totals
MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	34
• Lost	7
• Inactive	61
• Total	457
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	328
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	151
• Discipleship Groups	95

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	35
• Baptisms	18
TOTAL INCOME	\$683,347
• Global Mission	\$53,795
• Pensions & Benefits	\$12,327
• District Mission	\$31,498
• Nazarene Education	\$15,978
• Local Mission	\$579,550
TOTAL GIVING	\$701,248

We praise God for the way He is at work at SouthNaz. We talk often about practicing Jesus' vision for "His house to be a house of prayer" (**Mark 11:17**). We want to be a church where we regularly practice three habits...we pray, we grow and we serve. Our mission as a church was established over 25 years ago and it still guides us today. We exist "to demonstrate Christ's love through worship, service and fellowship so that **sinner are converted, believers Spirit-filled and all grow in Christlikeness.**"

In partnership with the District Church Health Board, **Encounter God week-ends** continue to be a highlight of our church year. Over 475 people have now attended from 34 different churches across the district. We are grateful for the spiritual renewal these week-ends bring as people are led into the experience of entire sanctification, are challenged to leave nominal Christianity behind and become a life-long disciple-maker. This spring we hosted the district's first "Youth Encounter" with amazing results! Over 120 young people and youth leaders attended. Testimonies of changed lives were numerous. We invite you to attend the next scheduled Encounter God week-end in the **Capital Missional Area, September 19-20, 2014**. We are VERY excited because renewal and disciple-making is spreading to other missional areas in the coming year.

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MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	6
• Lost	3
• Inactive	0
• Total	36
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	21
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	3
• Discipleship Groups	0

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	0
• Baptisms	0
TOTAL INCOME	\$53,041
• Global Mission	\$3,283
• Pensions & Benefits	\$677
• District Mission	\$1,860
• Nazarene Education	\$822
• Local Mission	\$50,610
TOTAL GIVING	\$57,252

This is my 12th report for Lansing Waverly. It has been a busy year. During the past year we had various events to reach out to the community. We had a Father's Day cookout, Vacation Bible School, held a Fall Bash in September, and held a trunk-or-treat. These events helped us get out into the community. We recently had a gentleman start attending our Church. He has shown a passion for the Lord and is excited in trying to get out into the community more to help the church grow. We are striving to find a way to make disciples in the Lansing area and to become the witnesses that God needs us to be to reach the people He has called to reach.

Respectfully Submitted,

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2013-14	Totals
MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	5
• Lost	4
• Inactive	11
• Total	134
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	95
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	65
• Discipleship Groups	45

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	11
• Baptisms	0
TOTAL INCOME	\$159,272
• Global Mission	\$15,077
• Pensions & Benefits	\$2,815
• District Mission	\$8,080
• Nazarene Education	\$3,700
• Local Mission	\$121,746
TOTAL GIVING	\$151,913

We continue to see God move in exciting ways at Woodview. Our focus continues to be on prayer and discipleship, and I believe that God has been working because of this. This past year we have seen eleven people come to know Jesus Christ, several people entirely sanctified, five young men pursuing calls to full time ministry. One of the exciting things to see is the number of new Christians who are a part of our church. Now more than 25% of our average attendance is made up of people who have been Christians for less than three years.

Behind these exciting numbers there has been a hunger and thirst for more of Jesus. It is difficult to this, but these people have testified to spending more time than ever before in God's word. We also continue to reach out to some of the "least of these" both as a church and as individuals. God is doing a new thing in our lives and in our church and we are excited for where God leads us in the days ahead.

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2013-14	Totals
MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	2
• Lost	6
• Inactive	0
• Total	71
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	61
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	0
• Discipleship Groups	20

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	2
• Baptisms	7
TOTAL INCOME	\$62,558
• Global Mission	\$6,020
• Pensions & Benefits	\$1,063
• District Mission	\$2,814
• Nazarene Education	\$1,418
• Local Mission	\$64,559
TOTAL GIVING	\$75,949

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2013-14	Totals
MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	3
• Lost	9
• Inactive	0
• Total	330
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	262
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	116
• Discipleship Groups	80

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	123
• Baptisms	6
TOTAL INCOME	\$645,314
• Global Mission	\$40,752
• Pensions & Benefits	\$11,731
• District Mission	\$31,319
• Nazarene Education	\$15636
• Local Mission	\$535,063
TOTAL GIVING	\$634,501

What a privilege it is to serve a church that is passionate about being the hands and feet of Jesus! Our mission is "Together, Seeking and Celebrating Transforming Relationships" Clearly, our most important relationship is our personal relationship with Jesus Christ which we want to continually pursue so that God can do His transforming work in our lives. Below is an attempt at a bullet listing of the opportunities that we had to celebrate this past year:

SunDried Worship with the Community on the square * National Day of Prayer * Beacon of Hope Counseling coming Mason * Praying and dreaming about additional staff * Beginning of Tutoring at the ROC * Teen Mission Trip * Another powerful year of Upward Flag Football, Basketball, and Cheerleading * First season of community Snowball Volleyball League at ROC * Continued community use of ROC * Fun in the Sun Day Camp* Powerful gift of God's Holy Spirit's presence in worship throughout the year * 8 Baptisms * Community Good Friday Service

I celebrate the way God's is transforming our lives, and how that overflows into our life together. I love seeing the church being the hands and feet of Jesus to others. I am ecstatic about how God continues to use the ROC for His kingdom and His glory. The ROC screams to our community that God loves them and so do we. It also raises the ante on our responsibility to 'be devoted to one another in love.' I celebrate what God has done among us in the past, but we are increasingly hungry for God to do above and beyond all that we could ever ask or imagine among us when as we become more intentional about being faithful in prayer and creating an environment of hospitality!

Seeking and Celebrating!

Pastor Gerhard

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MICHIGAN DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

CHURCH

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2013-14	Totals
MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	2
• Lost	2
• Inactive	10
• Total	25
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	16
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	0
• Discipleship Groups	0

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	1
• Baptisms	0
TOTAL INCOME	\$13,024
• Global Mission	\$416
• Pensions & Benefits	\$49
• District Mission	\$172
• Nazarene Education	\$76
• Local Mission	\$769
TOTAL GIVING	\$1,482

I had the wonderful privilege of being raised in a godly home, by humble parents who loved the Lord. I can still remember the day I gave my life to Jesus at the age of four and half years of age. It was in a tent service for children at camp meeting. I was a teenager at camp meeting in a youth service when I received a call to preach. The speaker challenged us by saying, "There is always a need for people in full time Christian service. If your not sure what the Lord's will is for your life, why don't you tell the Lord you would be willing to serve Him if that is His will for your life." I did that. I told the Lord I'd be willing to serve Him if that was His will. To my surprise the Lord heard that and He told me, "Jerry, I want you to be a preacher." And I became like Moses and told the Lord there was no way I could get up in front of people and talk. And for the next 5 years I struggled with that call, telling the Lord I couldn't do that. The Holy Spirit was patient, but also persistent until finally I said yes to the call to preach.

I have discovered my Christian walk is a journey. Each day I must keep my life on the altar of consecration, dying out to self & submitting to the Holy Spirit in a walk of obedience. I've now served the Lord 39 years and this journey is getting richer, fuller and sweeter each day. It has gotten a little easier to get in front of people because once in awhile one of my kids will say, "Dad, you got a little long winded today."

It is a privilege to serve at Mason West Columbia. This year a young man attended our church 2 weeks in a row. I asked if I could visit with him and we set up an appointment to visit. I met with him and he told me for the last week and half he had been miserable and under such conviction after hearing me preach. He had been raised in the Lutheran and baptized a baby. He didn't know what it was to be born again. But he prayed and the Lord showed him how inadequate he was and he said you may not believe this, but I got born again this week. And I don't know if this is possible, but I believe the Lord has spoken to me two times this week. He was so humbled, he couldn't share without crying. I had the privilege of praying with him and letting him know that this was only the beginning. He could have a relationship with Jesus where he could walk and talk with Jesus every day. And this was just the beginning of what God had in store for him.

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CHURCH

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2013-14	Totals
MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	0
• Lost	0
• Inactive	0
• Total	58
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	45
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	30
• Discipleship Groups	16

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	2
• Baptisms	2
TOTAL INCOME	\$42,317
• Global Mission	\$2,484
• Pensions & Benefits	\$837
• District Mission	\$1,824
• Nazarene Education	\$796
• Local Mission	\$15,620
TOTAL GIVING	\$21,911

This is Pastor Doug Corwin from Midland Bethel Church of the Nazarene. I have had the honor of being the pastor for the past four years at Midland Bethel. We are starting to see some exciting church growth and new families attend Midland Bethel on a regular basis. One of the new additions to our church is a praise and worship band. I have been praying for over a couple of months for God to show me how to lead the church into new areas of growth. After the couple of months of prayer, I was approached by a couple of the band members who said that God told them to come and serve at Midland Bethel. The new praise and worship band has been very well received by our old and new church members. God's grace and glory is shining upon us at Midland Bethel. We will follow His lead into the future and may we continue to glorify his name.

Sincerely,

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Midland Community

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2013-14	Totals
MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	21
• Lost	19
• Inactive	48
• Total	257
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	281
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	175
• Discipleship Groups	169

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	98
• Baptisms	8
TOTAL INCOME	\$515,273
• Global Mission	\$30,746
• Pensions & Benefits	\$10,917
• District Mission	\$24,378
• Nazarene Education	\$12,130
• Local Mission	\$494,093
TOTAL GIVING	\$572,264

Although God has been working at Midland Naz in a variety of capacities, I will highlight the ways in which God is using Midland Naz in the community of Midland:

- Salvations: God rescued over 98 people at Midland Naz this year, and God is using Midland Naz to help people understand who God is, who they are in Christ, and then play their role in God's restoration story.
- Hope House: We are in our third year of housing young, unwed mothers rent-free for a year. Again, our goal is this house can be a place where these young ladies can sense and feel God's love as they develop various life skills that will help them become a productive citizen in our society.
- Community Garden: We use a plot of ground on our property to grow vegetables that are provided to the Care Giving Network (a local needs-based organization), which distributes the fresh vegetables to the poor in our community. Last year we produced over 1,500 pounds of fresh produce that was given to the poor.
- Carpenter Elementary School: We adopted this school and work with them in helping their disenfranchised students and families. For example, this school sends meals home to feed over 50 families every week, but they do not do so during school breaks. Thus, we decided to supply the meals for these 50+ families during school breaks.
- On-site Community Events: We invite the community of Midland to join us on-site for 3 big events each year – Back to School Bash, Trunk-or-Treat, and Community Easter Egg Hunt. In total, we made over 2,000 connections with people who came to these events.
- Care Giving Network: We provide a monthly stipend and occasional love offerings to this faith-based, local needs organization that ministers to the poor in a variety of ways (food, clothing, shelter and life skills training).
- Loving the Forgotten: At least twice a year, we meet for Sunday worship for about 10 minutes and then we disperse and continue our Sunday worship at nursing homes and the houses of homebound elderly people. We believe that God calls us to love the forgotten in our community. In addition, various people in our community visit and play at various nursing homes on a monthly basis.

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2013-14	Totals
MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	0
• Lost	0
• Inactive	10
• Total	64
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	55
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	29
• Discipleship Groups	45

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	0
• Baptisms	0
TOTAL INCOME	\$82,337
• Global Mission	\$6,549
• Pensions & Benefits	\$1,675
• District Mission	\$4,311
• Nazarene Education	\$2,002
• Local Mission	\$54,951
TOTAL GIVING	\$70,238

As of April 1, 2014, I became the Pastor of Midland Nease Memorial Church. We are a blessed congregation with a faithful and loving Savior who is walking with us. Teaching us to put our faith in Him and His word, to obey His word, and to love one another and all who come through our doors. Our Lord has given us a mission field of children and youth which attend on Wed. evenings, it is time for us to reach out to these families and begin to build relationships with their parents/grandparents. At this time the church parsonage is not needed for housing, so we are excited with anticipation to use it as a ministry center. We are tight on space Wed. evenings so it will be great to use the parsonage to meet and greet our children's parents/grandparents. There is so much potential, praise be to God. We are following what our Lord is putting before us knowing He has great things in store for this flock at Nease.

In Christ Jesus,

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MICHIGAN DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

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MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	0
• Lost	7
• Inactive	0
• Total	32
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	75
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	3
• Discipleship Groups	50

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	67
• Baptisms	12
TOTAL INCOME	\$93,229
• Global Mission	\$300
• Pensions & Benefits	0
• District Mission	\$350
• Nazarene Education	0
• Local Mission	\$92,479
TOTAL GIVING	\$93,229

This past year we are seeing many different changes within our church population. Many of our older members that supported the church when we came to Faith Indian, are no longer with us or in nursing homes. The second and third generation families who are coming more and more don't seem to have the same commitment to the church as the elders. They don't always understand the need to support the church. So we are continuing to educate on the workings of the church and how important it is to participate in the ministry of the church in the Native American community we serve. We are trying to get people "rooted" in the church so it becomes a natural part of their everyday life. We have had the moving of the Holy Spirit and 67 people from the Reservation, Church, and Canada, have accepted Christ into their lives.

We had 42 baby dedications this past year too. We also have several Canadian Indians who come to our church and participate. Besides Faith Indian, I have been called to minister sometimes in Canada, for some services and funerals. In our Reservation community we support and work within the Tribe and Tribal Government with drug and substance abuse programs, and counseling. Including jail ministry.

Our church helps provide dinners for funerals for the Tribe, which can include as many as 350 to 400 people. Tribal funerals are different, because when someone dies, they are most certainly related to many members, and known by the entire tribal community.

The ministry is a busy one. Many have been healed throughout the year, from cancer, blindness, and heart problems. When we anoint with oil in the Holy Name of Jesus, our people are strengthened in their faith and given hope.

Respectfully,

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MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	17
• Lost	2
• Inactive	9
• Total	123
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	110
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	52
• Discipleship Groups	27

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	3
• Baptisms	2
TOTAL INCOME	\$303,655
• Global Mission	\$33,537
• Pensions & Benefits	\$5,175
• District Mission	\$11,063
• Nazarene Education	\$6,149
• Local Mission	\$229,727
TOTAL GIVING	\$286,151

This past year has been a great year. God is challenging us to be the people He uses to usher in His kingdom in Mount Pleasant. Over the last six years, God has turned our attention towards being part of His mission to redeem creation. During this past year we have seen an amazing increase in the number of guests who come through our Clothing Closet to receive clothing and prayer. Mount Pleasant knows First Church as the church that meets peoples' clothing needs. We had the opportunity to travel to Panama to help expand the church facility at the Samaria Church of the Nazarene. In addition to the construction, we conducted a VBS as well as a medical information clinic for the neighborhood. We concluded the year with a remodel of our sanctuary. This was the first stage of a master plan that will equip our facility for continued ministry for the near and distant future. Being part of what God is calling us to can be challenging. In our changing society, it can be difficult to keep up with the change. We are finding that any change is manageable as long as our soul desire is to worship the God who entered our neighborhood and made His dwelling among us.

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2013-14	Totals
MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	3
• Lost	3
• Inactive	115
• Total	155
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	52
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	20
• Discipleship Groups	23

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	7
• Baptisms	7
TOTAL INCOME	\$74,531
• Global Mission	\$6,308
• Pensions & Benefits	\$382
• District Mission	\$6,618
• Nazarene Education	\$1,682
• Local Mission	\$60,162
TOTAL GIVING	\$75,911

God is truly equipping Breakwater Church of the Nazarene to be a droplet that ripples through the Muskegon community. Children, teens and their families are seeking God at our Wednesday night UP-TOWN and Holy Recon programs. New believers are plugging into leadership and becoming a part of this amazing church family. The most exciting thing for this pastoral team is the depth of growth we are seeing as God is truly making disciples in our church body. Those who were baptized just last year are seeking holiness as all of us strive to put Jesus Christ in the center of our everything. We long to find new ways to ripple through our community to be the hands and feet of Jesus. May God continue to shape His ministry around Jesus Christ as the Holy Spirit blows fresh wisdom and power. We are ready for the glory of God to leak out of every drop of effort for His kingdom!

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MICHIGAN DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

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(Muskegon) The Lakes Community

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MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	14
• Lost	3
• Inactive	51
• Total	262
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	247
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	125
• Discipleship Groups	75

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	10
• Baptisms	5
TOTAL INCOME	\$269,143
• Global Mission	\$20,285
• Pensions & Benefits	\$4,723
• District Mission	\$12,128
• Nazarene Education	\$6,693
• Local Mission	\$223,908
TOTAL GIVING	\$267,737

There are quantifiable ways to measure what a church is doing. As this page illustrates you can measure attendance, finances, baptisms, converts, and much more. What you cannot measure are the intangible things. The things that are tough to describe. We can't measure beauty, we can't measure relational growth, and we can't measure great conversations. The Lakes Community Church of the Nazarene had a good year in the measurable categories, but it seems to "feel" as if we had a great year in the immeasurable things. In Revelation, John writes a letter to the "spirit" of each of the seven churches in Asia; if he were to write a letter to The Lakes he would say don't lose whatever the "spirit" of that place is. We can't describe what God is doing at the Lakes, but we believe the best days are still to come.

Pastor Aaron Gregory

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2013-14	Totals
MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	3
• Lost	0
• Inactive	19
• Total	80
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	91
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	66
• Discipleship Groups	66

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	2
• Baptisms	0
TOTAL INCOME	\$139,518
• Global Mission	\$16,044
• Pensions & Benefits	\$2,057
• District Mission	\$5,511
• Nazarene Education	\$3,095
• Local Mission	\$112,976
TOTAL GIVING	\$139,883

I am currently in my ninth month of being at Nashville Church of the Nazarene. This fellowship of believers have been outstanding in welcoming our family to the pastorate here. We are still getting to know one another and along with that great things are taking place. With the work that went on before my arrival we have seen an increase in our attendance on Sunday morning and evening services as well as Wednesday night Bible studies. New families have started attending our church that did not go to church else where. God is moving in people's lives as we continue to Seek, Know, & Grow in Him. Our prayer is that we are used by our Heavenly Father to grow the Kingdom and that Jesus would receive all the glory for the harvest that is to come.

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CHURCH

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2013-14	Totals
MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	0
• Lost	2
• Inactive	0
• Total	287
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	518
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	230
• Discipleship Groups	70

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	25
• Baptisms	36
TOTAL INCOME	\$540,344
• Global Mission	\$5,939
• Pensions & Benefits	\$1,470
• District Mission	\$5,346
• Nazarene Education	\$2,362
• Local Mission	\$554,705
TOTAL GIVING	\$569,847

It's an honor to add to the conversation of this – the 100th gathering of Michigan District Churches.

I was raised a church kid so I've enjoyed the perks and privileges for a lifetime. God captured my attention early and has ignited my imagination since. A 1st grade Sunday school teacher planted Psalm 19:14 into my life...and it's become a lifetime challenge.

God first forgave my sins as a 3rd grade boy. Then one night as a teenager at a rock concert, God invited me into the adventure of surrender. Chicago didn't sing, "I surrender all"...but God's whisper was louder than the band could play. That night I surrendered my will to His way...and since, the reality has been better.

Years later, at the great torch ceremony at Nazarene Bible College, I told my story and it's still true today,

"All the talents I have I have laid at Thy feet. Thy approval shall be my reward.

Be my store great or small, I surrender it all. To my wonderful, wonderful Lord."

Today, I'm trying to keep in step with the Spirit as pastor in New Lothrop. We celebrated 36 life changing baptism stories last church year and are planning to hear more.

Jan and I look forward to playing whatever part God wants us to play in His story. We love what we're doing, where we're doing it, and with friends who just never tire of...

Dreaming big

Changing things up

And having fun together.

There is nothing like the Church in every community. Thank you, Michigan District, for everything you do to advance the agenda of Jesus.

Rev. Paul Brashaw

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2013-14	Totals
MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	0
• Lost	0
• Inactive	40
• Total	57
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	28
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	19
• Discipleship Groups	10

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	1
• Baptisms	0
TOTAL INCOME	\$37,721
• Global Mission	\$2,628
• Pensions & Benefits	\$668
• District Mission	\$1,547
• Nazarene Education	\$704
• Local Mission	\$37,241
TOTAL GIVING	\$42,838

This past year we have been experiencing a Gideon like experience. However, we are still marching forward because we know that where two or more are gathered in God's name, He will be there as well. We are thankful for the Lords providing for us this year and we were able to pay our budgets and participate in several of the NMI offerings.

We are looking forward to working with Dr. Seaman and the leaders of the District as we continue our search for our pastor.

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CHURCH

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2013-14	Totals
MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	2
• Lost	0
• Inactive	2
• Total	20
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	37
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	0
• Discipleship Groups	10

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	4
• Baptisms	2
TOTAL INCOME	\$21,625
• Global Mission	\$1,916
• Pensions & Benefits	\$1,729
• District Mission	\$2,000
• Nazarene Education	0
• Local Mission	\$15,620
TOTAL GIVING	\$21,265

It was just over three years ago that the dream for a café church that would be located in the heart of downtown Owosso was born. What an incredible journey this has been so far. Over and over again, God has proven His faithfulness. Every day, we are amazed at the ways that God has provided for us beyond what we could ever ask or imagine. We are currently in the process of constructing a farm-to-table café that will serve as a relational hub for our community, will promote the local economy, and will serve as a teaching kitchen, teaching life skills and job skills, to local at-risk teens. The café will also be our primary place of worship.

In addition, Owosso City Church has formed a non-profit called The Intersection of Owosso which is now the anchor agency for the county-wide poverty reduction initiative. Both the non-profit and the poverty work will be housed in the same building as the café. All of this is 100% without financial obligation from Owosso City Church, all mortgage and rent free. Only God could do something so amazing.

And all of this has led to a number of people being drawn to Christ and beginning to follow Him. Our goal was to reach particularly the de-churched: those who had left the church because they perceived the church was not living out Christ's mission. The message of heart holiness resonates deeply with these individuals. There is a direct correlation between the condition of our hearts and the condition of the culture around us. Can we claim to have holy hearts and do nothing about the despair and hopelessness in our cities?

We continue to pray Ezekiel 36:33-37 for our city: "This is what the Lord GOD says: 'On the day I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will cause the cities to be inhabited, and the ruins will be rebuilt. The desolate land will be cultivated instead of lying desolate in the sight of everyone who passes by.' Then they will say, 'This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden. The cities that were once ruined, desolate, and destroyed are now fortified and inhabited.' Then the nations that remain around you will know that I, Yahweh, have rebuilt what was destroyed and have replanted what was desolate. I, Yahweh, have spoken and I will do it."

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2013-14	Totals
MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	3
• Lost	5
• Inactive	0
• Total	417
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	332
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	189
• Discipleship Groups	59

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	11
• Baptisms	18
TOTAL INCOME	\$646,482
• Global Mission	\$122,516
• Pensions & Benefits	\$11,225
• District Mission	\$35,422
• Nazarene Education	\$16,101
• Local Mission	\$373,280
TOTAL GIVING	\$560,881

Groundwork has been laid this my first full year as lead pastor of the Owosso First Church of the Nazarene. Two major tasks consumed my time and attention. First, the pursuit of the pastoral team to lead our church into the future. Secondly, following a six month period of observation, leading our church through a strategic envisioning process.

I can't begin to tell you how happy I am to report that God orchestrated the gathering of a great pastoral team by connecting us with Pastors Chris and Leslie Davies, Co-pastors of Families with Children and Youth, Pastor David Rice, Worship Art's Pastor, and Pastor Mark Green, Pastor of Discipleship & Administration. I am also delighted to report that our strategic envisioning process has now moved from the development to the implementation stage. While many years of work lie ahead, God has helped us craft a fresh mission and vision statement, a set of core values and a clear pathway for making devoted followers of Jesus. With a great leadership team in place and a workable plan, we plan to continue to see health and growth in this church; a church that seems to have the hand of God upon her!

Brad Stockton

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MICHIGAN DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

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2013-14	Totals
MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	2
• Lost	3
• Inactive	87
• Total	207
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	220
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	90
• Discipleship Groups	82

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	15
• Baptisms	13
TOTAL INCOME	\$378,558
• Global Mission	\$22,613
• Pensions & Benefits	\$6,666
• District Mission	\$17,897
• Nazarene Education	\$8,940
• Local Mission	\$271,080
TOTAL GIVING	\$327,246

Greetings, District Assembly,

This is my fourteenth report as a pastor to those gracious people, and I have never been more excited about where God is leading us. God is opening doors for us to reach into our community. This past year, we served thousands of meals to children through our summer food program; during December when most of Perry went days without power, the church never lost its power, and we became an official warming center for people in the area. This spring, we offered our very first Upward Sports flag football league. For eight weeks, every Saturday hundreds of people from our community gathered on our church grounds to watch children play football and be welcomed in the name of Christ by Perry Nazarenes. Someone has said, "every now and then, a door opens and lets the future in." We believe that a door is opening leading to a great harvest of souls. Pray that we may have the faith and courage to walk through open doors and to proclaim the gospel fully and fearlessly, for His glory.

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MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	13
• Lost	2
• Inactive	2
• Total	60
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	109
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	136
• Discipleship Groups	0

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	20
• Baptisms	2
TOTAL INCOME	\$160,981
• Global Mission	\$6,215
• Pensions & Benefits	\$1,500
• District Mission	0
• Nazarene Education	0
• Local Mission	\$167,702
TOTAL GIVING	\$175,417

As a freshman at MVNC in 1976 during my first ministry class, the prof asked what kind of ideas we had about how to reach people for Christ. Having been a Christian for only six months, my answers were unlike the other students from the church world. I said, "Well, instead of church buildings sitting empty all week, I would build a gym, a weight room, indoor children's playground, outdoor softball, soccer fields and more. Oh, and I'd have a daycare that parents could trust with the care of their kids." My classmates had a good laugh. I was a bit embarrassed for the rest of the semester and kept quiet, but those dreams never faded. In my first pastorate in 1980, my dreams started taking shape as we began serving pancakes to kids before Sunday School. The church bus was packed with hungry kids. But it was in 2003 that God's dreams shared in 1976 with my classmates began to really unfold. After moving to Portland, I remember telling people I was the new pastor there and they would say, "What church?" I had to explain it was the little church on the hill behind the Ford dealership off I-96 at Exit 77. Today, our parking lot is busier than Walmart's with cars and school buses coming and going all week to use our gym, 2-story indoor playground, and drop off almost 200 enrolled kids at our Child Development Center. This past year, our children's pastor led dozens of kids to Jesus during kids chapel. Our youth pastor is at our schools with students, coaches, teachers, and parents. Beacon of Hope, a Nazarene Compassionate Ministry, has partnered with us to provide free Christian counseling, touching lives in ways I never dreamed. Portland Nazarene is no longer the little church on the hill behind the Ford dealership off I-96 at Exit 77, but the church our community knows that cares about people. God entrusted us with a dream and we responded. I thank the Lord for the privilege of being a part of His Kingdom's work all these years.

My role in all of this has only been possible because in December of 1989, after trying to serve the Lord for 13 years without giving Him my whole heart, Christ met with me as I knelt crying out to Him at the side of my bed. I told God I couldn't go on living the Christian life anymore unless He could somehow fill me with His supernatural presence and His power. He met my need that day – a need that I continue to ask the Holy Spirit to meet every day, so I can be faithful to Him. And He's been faithful to me. Thank you, Lord.

Only for Him,
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2013-14	Totals
MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	3
• Lost	1
• Inactive	34
• Total	71
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	37
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	34
• Discipleship Groups	23

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	4
• Baptisms	1
TOTAL INCOME	\$46,969
• Global Mission	\$5,271
• Pensions & Benefits	\$1,202
• District Mission	0
• Nazarene Education	0
• Local Mission	\$46,424
TOTAL GIVING	\$52,897

Emily and I are very excited to share with you what the Lord is doing in Reading. If we had to sum up this last year it would be in the words, "outreach" and "change".

This year we focused on the people outside our four walls and reached many new and old faces. More people came for our free community events than to our morning worship services. It is not about the numbers of people we are reaching. It is about the relationships that have been built around tables as people eat pancakes together and gather in our gymnasium to watch a family-friendly movie together.

With this renewed passion to reach our community, we have sensed change in the air. People are seeing us as a loving and caring church. And we are seeing God change us into who He wants us to be, a church that believes in pointing people to Christ and His saving grace. Reverends David and Marilyn Tran preached a revival service and we were overjoyed when a couple we had been praying for accepted Christ. Their new walk has breathed life into our church, our discipleship ministries and membership.

We look forward to God's continued outpouring of His Holy Spirit in Reading!

Humbly Submitted,

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Saginaw Burk Memorial

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• Received	3
• Lost	0
• Inactive	7
• Total	26
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	15
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	9
• Discipleship Groups	9

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	5
• Baptisms	0
TOTAL INCOME	\$9,485
• Global Mission	\$640
• Pensions & Benefits	\$182
• District Mission	\$835
• Nazarene Education	0
• Local Mission	\$4,800
TOTAL GIVING	\$6,457

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2013-14	Totals
MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	1
• Lost	3
• Inactive	10
• Total	58
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	25
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	13
• Discipleship Groups	13

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	2
• Baptisms	0
TOTAL INCOME	\$48,283
• Global Mission	\$4,037
• Pensions & Benefits	\$923
• District Mission	\$2,444
• Nazarene Education	\$1,111
• Local Mission	\$20,739
TOTAL GIVING	\$29,304

This past year, Saginaw First has dealt with the challenges of being a small congregation of mostly retired persons. While it has been difficult to say good-bye to saints who moved away as a result of declining health or have been called to their home in heaven, our church family rejoices in God's constant presence. We remain determined to serve faithfully, witness enthusiastically, give generously, and be loving sons and daughters of God.

We know that Jesus continues to use this church. Last year two men were saved among us and two of our girls came to Indian Lake for camp (one of them came home and told her mother she plans on going to Olivet). Our finances have been tightened enough to keep us dependent on God's supply and to keep us prayerfully focused on kingdom priorities. We trust and obey in the high calling of Jesus.

Respectfully,
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MICHIGAN DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

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Saginaw New Life

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2013-14	Totals
MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	0
• Lost	1
• Inactive	1
• Total	24
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	13
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	0
• Discipleship Groups	0

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	0
• Baptisms	0
TOTAL INCOME	\$17,778
• Global Mission	\$490
• Pensions & Benefits	\$50
• District Mission	\$275
• Nazarene Education	0
• Local Mission	\$14,032
TOTAL GIVING	\$14,847

Saginaw New Life has welcomed a new family to it's congregation this year. They are from Africa. America became their home when they decided there was a lot more to offer in this country. The family took up residence in the apartments across the street from the church and they are with us every Sunday.

The church family has accepted them with lots of love. We are a small group, but a very close and caring people. The prayers are that someday we could become a multi-cultural church open to folks of all cultures. It is an experience to see and understand how people from other countries and nationalities look upon life.

Saginaw New Life works as a team getting people to church. Some of our folks do not drive anymore, but there is always someone ready and willing to pick them up and see that they are there every Sunday. Our people also make hospital and home visits when the occasion calls for it.

One of the greatest things about being a pastor is watching how God works in the lives of our people and our church. Prayer is a powerful asset and New Life is a church of prayer. The strongest part of our service is our prayer time. With prayer you can get through the toughest of times and know without a doubt that God is with you always. Keep praying. God is working.

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MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	2
• Lost	2
• Inactive	4
• Total	36
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	34
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	22
• Discipleship Groups	0

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	2
• Baptisms	0
TOTAL INCOME	\$37,431
• Global Mission	\$3,675
• Pensions & Benefits	\$569
• District Mission	\$646
• Nazarene Education	\$685
• Local Mission	\$31,587
TOTAL GIVING	\$37,212

This is my 12th report as pastor of the Saginaw Swan Valley Church of the Nazarene. It is a pleasure and joy to serve the people there. They are a loving and giving congregation. We continue to serve our community in many ways and especially through our Food Program once a month. At present we are distributing over a ton of food each month helping to feed over 400 people. We have also been able to make contributions to three charities in our area this year. We made donations to Under the Rainbow, a group that provides assistance to at risk women and children, the Rescue Mission to help with their room for homeless veterans and to "Pay It Forward" a group in our local school that helps meet the needs of children. They purchase Christmas meals and gifts, purchase shoes and backpacks when needed, pay for kids who can't afford to go to outings and many other needs. God has been good and supplied our needs and our congregation is enjoying sharing His love in these and many other ways.

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2013-14	Totals
MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	9
• Lost	4
• Inactive	0
• Total	294
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	225
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	111
• Discipleship Groups	45

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	20
• Baptisms	10
TOTAL INCOME	\$371,072
• Global Mission	\$30,677
• Pensions & Benefits	\$7,076
• District Mission	\$18,461
• Nazarene Education	\$8,399
• Local Mission	\$355,196
TOTAL GIVING	\$420,009

This year at SVCN we have faced the challenges of ministry with an excitement and optimism born of the confidence that God is in control. He has redeemed and called us. We have been captured by a radical hope that, just as Christ changes lives, he changes churches and, in turn, he changes communities and the world.

For the first time in more than a generation we have met all our financial obligations to the greater church! There is a fresh wind blowing at SVCN and we are captivated by the possibilities of revival through the work of the Spirit.

May God be praised! People are finding grace in our church and answering the call of a holy life. Step by step we are fulfilling the call to *Encounter Christ and Engage Our World*.

In Christ,
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MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	0
• Lost	0
• Inactive	0
• Total	87
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	50
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	36
• Discipleship Groups	0

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	5
• Baptisms	1
TOTAL INCOME	\$81,836
• Global Mission	\$6,572
• Pensions & Benefits	\$1,645
• District Mission	\$4,512
• Nazarene Education	\$2,056
• Local Mission	\$71,211
TOTAL GIVING	\$86,146

This last year has been both challenging and filled with anticipation! Through events sponsored by different departments in the church we are doing our very best to be a living presence in our community. Because of faithfulness in giving, and generous gifts; we have made some big improvements to our sanctuary and worship experience! Praise God!! We've also stepped into the 21st Century with a Church Web Page.

As pastor I have approached every opportunity to preach, lead in Bible Study, and educate with eagerness and due seriousness. God has blessed us richly through the sacraments of the Word, Eucharist and Prayer!

We have had several respondents to spiritual invitations for salvation and sanctification. We have seen some new faces and the return of some old acquaintances. Things are looking up and I look forward to what the coming year has in store for us as we seek to do God's will. Our continued focus is on our King the Lord Jesus Christ! June first marked the beginning of our sixth year at St. Johns Nazarene! We pray that God will give us clear direction in the year to come as we reach out to our community!

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MICHIGAN DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

CHURCH

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2013-14	Totals
MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	2
• Lost	5
• Inactive	0
• Total	121
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	71
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	48
• Discipleship Groups	15

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	6
• Baptisms	0
TOTAL INCOME	\$113,283
• Global Mission	\$9,320
• Pensions & Benefits	\$1,196
• District Mission	\$5,773
• Nazarene Education	\$2,624
• Local Mission	\$95,863
TOTAL GIVING	\$115,026

Dr. Porter, Dr. Seaman & Members of the Michigan District,

I bring to you my 12th report as pastor of St. Joseph. In Lamentations 3:22-23 we read, "Because of the LORD'S great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." (NIV)

I am grateful for **God's faithfulness** to his people in St. Joseph. He was **faithful** during the winter of much snow, wind and frigid temperatures. **Faithful** when both furnaces went out in the Fellowship Hall. He has been **faithful** as several of our Church families have moved out of Michigan. He has been **faithful** to hear and answer prayers for the spiritual, financial and physical needs of the congregation. He has been **faithful** with His presence in our services.

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2013-14	Totals
MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	0
• Lost	0
• Inactive	33
• Total	55
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	32
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	23
• Discipleship Groups	0

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	0
• Baptisms	0
TOTAL INCOME	\$111,352
• Global Mission	\$7,592
• Pensions & Benefits	\$2,169
• District Mission	\$4,933
• Nazarene Education	\$2,619
• Local Mission	\$76,720
TOTAL GIVING	\$94,033

Over the past year we have seen God's sustaining power in St. Louis. I arrived as pastor in St. Louis on June 1 following 11 months with no pastor. During those 11 months God remained faithful to the people of St. Louis. He provided for them excellent pulpit supply that continually encouraged and challenged them during the time of transition. God has brought the people of St. Louis together as they have grown spiritually as a unified body. He has impressed upon them the need to be recreated as a church. Though we have not been in St. Louis long, it is clear that there is a very real sense of anticipation and excitement for what God is going to do. We believe that God is going to do a new work here and we are looking forward to partnering with him to bring about his Kingdom in the St. Louis area.

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2013-14	Totals
MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	0
• Lost	2
• Inactive	0
• Total	31
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	32
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	20
• Discipleship Groups	0

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	1
• Baptisms	0
TOTAL INCOME	\$61,925
• Global Mission	\$854
• Pensions & Benefits	\$10
• District Mission	\$55
• Nazarene Education	0
• Local Mission	\$33,287
TOTAL GIVING	\$34,745

We serve a Big God, wouldn't you agree? He has a plan and a purpose for our church and for all churches on the Michigan District. We have had some pretty good outreach events in our church in an attempt to show the people of South Haven where our church is located at and to be a witness to them. We held a VBS program this past year, the first in a couple of years. We love VBS because it gives us an opportunity to share Christ and we did to over 35 different children. We also held our annual Trunk-N-Treat game night on Halloween and God sent over 200 children through our doors. Finally, every Monday we have 10-15 families come into the church to receive personal care products that they may not be able to afford to buy on their own. We believe that God will use these seed planting opportunities to grow His church here in South Haven, Michigan.

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MICHIGAN DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

CHURCH

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MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	0
• Lost	6
• Inactive	48
• Total	176
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	228
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	140
• Discipleship Groups	112

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	5
• Baptisms	7
TOTAL INCOME	\$465,799
• Global Mission	\$43,215
• Pensions & Benefits	\$6,791
• District Mission	\$12,505
• Nazarene Education	\$7,545
• Local Mission	\$377,567
TOTAL GIVING	\$447,623

Our purpose it is to "Make Christlike Disciples in the Nations" which happens through our week-night Ladies and Men's Bible studies, and our all-ages Sunday School Classes. We are adding Small Groups this fall to increase our opportunities for adults to be discipled. We had 2 students graduate from Olivet Nazarene University this May who have a call to full-time ministry and are licensed by our district. We will have 6 students at Olivet Nazarene University with 4 of them who have a call to ministry. We had 3 students on over-seas mission trips this church year and have one that is presently in Kenya on a 4 month mission trip. We baptized 7 this year and dedicated 10 babies. Over the years we have been a sending church, sending men and women into ministry. We have had a 4 year decline in attendance and the finances have been down, but we believe we are starting to make an upswing in these matters. We give thanks for the Pastoral Staff of Sherri Chapman and Eric Ward and all our wonderful lay people.

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MICHIGAN DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

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2013-14	Totals
MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	14
• Lost	2
• Inactive	4
• Total	74
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	77
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	146
• Discipleship Groups	101

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	5
• Baptisms	0
TOTAL INCOME	\$140,702
• Global Mission	\$15,193
• Pensions & Benefits	\$2,412
• District Mission	\$6,390
• Nazarene Education	\$3,161
• Local Mission	\$110,965
TOTAL GIVING	\$139,374

God is doing amazing things in Spring Arbor. For the first part of the church year Rev. Will Baker was a faithful shepherd to this great church and I am the one most grateful for his service then and moving forward into the future.

In the perfect timing of God, I accepted the call to come as Lead Pastor beginning October 2013. Since that moment I have been amazed to see the Kingdom of God move and work in and through the hearts and lives of His people here in Spring Arbor. The vision He has given us as we move forward is "ALL IN 4 THEM". Jesus told His disciples to love one another "so that *they* could see". Even in our loving of one another the focus must still be on those who don't yet know Christ. I'm convinced that if we will keep the focus on *them* ... He will build His church. I see door-buster days ahead here in Spring Arbor and I can't wait!

I'm also thrilled that in my first ever report to the district that we have paid all our "investments for others" in full. Praise the Lord!

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MICHIGAN DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

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2013-14	Totals
MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	2
• Lost	1
• Inactive	0
• Total	317
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	134
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	81
• Discipleship Groups	25

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	5
• Baptisms	0
TOTAL INCOME	\$254,350
• Global Mission	\$7,945
• Pensions & Benefits	0
• District Mission	\$2,000
• Nazarene Education	\$2,000
• Local Mission	\$200,919
TOTAL GIVING	\$212,864

It is my privilege to report for the Sturgis Church. After 41 years as their pastor I am as excited today as I was my first Sunday. A few weeks ago, on Pentecost Sunday, the Holy Spirit began moving as the congregation sang the "Comforter has come." When we got to the verse that says "That I a child of hell, should in His image shine," hands began to raise and God came in a powerful way. Before the service was over the altars were filled and as the folks left, many said it was one of the best services they had ever been in!

We continue to be involved in our community thru "Our Daily Bread" Food Ministry serving hundreds of families bi-weekly, distributing literally tons of food, and hosting Red Cross blood drives, just to name a few.

We were blessed by the ministry of Phillip Phelps in Revival last August, and are looking forward to Jimmy Dell in Revival this August. We are excited about hosting a Holiness Summit November 9-12 with Dr. Nelson Perdue, Dr. Tom Hermiz and Rev. Gary Bond. We thank God for His blessing this past year, and we are looking forward with great anticipation to the future.

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MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	6
• Lost	9
• Inactive	30
• Total	64
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	50
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	33
• Discipleship Groups	0

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	1
• Baptisms	0
TOTAL INCOME	\$52,920
• Global Mission	\$4,087
• Pensions & Benefits	\$1,108
• District Mission	\$2,337
• Nazarene Education	\$1,125
• Local Mission	\$44,636
TOTAL GIVING	\$53,293

The past year has been a real challenge for this church to experience a healing to its facilities and to its congregation. Since the last pastor left, over a year ago, there have been 3 interim pastors, with myself being the last. I was contacted by Dr. John Seaman to take this church until it is healed and ready for a future pastor. I began on October 20, 2014 and am still here. The church had some major problems. We have completed a renovation of the parsonage, plus a new church has emerged after several people decided to take a different adventure other than with the Nazarene Church. We raised over \$44,000 without a loan to complete renovations of the facilities. I am retired and I thank the D.S. for giving me an opportunity to help see a church come to a great healing. All budgets are paid in full, first time in years. The past leaders have left the church and we have some new godly leaders and we are trusting the Lord to give complete healing. I will have been there for 9 months and will continue until the Holy Spirit moves me on.

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Three Rivers

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2013-14	Totals
MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	12
• Lost	31
• Inactive	87
• Total	232
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	167
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	176
• Discipleship Groups	80

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	6
• Baptisms	16
TOTAL INCOME	\$292,761
• Global Mission	\$65,322
• Pensions & Benefits	\$5,726
• District Mission	\$14,564
• Nazarene Education	\$6,880
• Local Mission	\$258,223
TOTAL GIVING	\$350,915

It doesn't seem possible that this is the beginning of my fourteenth year as the Lead Pastor for Three Rivers. Though the journey has not been without its challenges, I feel extremely blessed to be a part of a growing, in fact, thriving congregation. This has been a year of growth spiritually and numerically. We had the privilege of sending twenty-one people on a Work & Witness trip to Guatemala in January and the Lord has blessed our church in amazing ways as a result. The team came back more committed to Missions more than ever before. He has met so many needs and changed so many lives. Our growth has caused us to begin the process of some type of expansion to our building for both educational and worship space. We are grateful for a good year past and the potential for continued growth and ministry in the year ahead. I love watching people respond positively to the call of God on their lives!

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(Vicksburg) Chapman Memorial

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2013-14	Totals
MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	10
• Lost	30
• Inactive	0
• Total	495
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	234
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	94
• Discipleship Groups	143

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	21
• Baptisms	9
TOTAL INCOME	\$451,575
• Global Mission	\$36,449
• Pensions & Benefits	\$5,939
• District Mission	\$823
• Nazarene Education	0
• Local Mission	\$401,291
TOTAL GIVING	\$446,252

This past year has been a year of transition and change. Our services are full of His Spirit as we worship Him!
God is leading as we endeavor to follow Him to reach these goals:

1. We must be a church that prays.

John 15:5b NIV "...Apart from Me you can do nothing."

Recently, after stressing the importance of being a church that prays on a Sunday morning, our Wednesday prayer meeting attendance more that doubled! Praise God!

2. We must love God.

Matthew 22:37 NIV ... "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

3. We must love our neighbor.

Matthew 22:39 NIV ... "Love your neighbor as yourself."

These are exciting days as we continue to learn to be His church!

David M. Downs, Lead Pastor

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2013-14	Totals
MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	7
• Lost	0
• Inactive	0
• Total	14
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	21
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	22
• Discipleship Groups	18

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	9
• Baptisms	7
TOTAL INCOME	\$48,852
• Global Mission	\$2,857
• Pensions & Benefits	\$827
• District Mission	\$4,946
• Nazarene Education	0
• Local Mission	\$38,765
TOTAL GIVING	\$47,428

Greetings pastors, family and friends,

It is a wonderful privilege to be reporting to you this assembly year! This year and the years past since my last report have been amazing at the Lighthouse Community Church of the Nazarene! The Lighthouse has always struggled in taking in "New Members". This year I am happy to report that we have taken in six new members and 4 more are in training, learning what it is to be distinctly Nazarene. As any church has furnace repairs, broken pipes and so on, so have we this year, but we have seen God take care of them all with ease. We also purchased a new building and parking lot which we were able to squeak out enough funds for to pay cash all to the Glory of our God. There is also another building directly north of us that we have purchased that will be classrooms, fellowship area and house with a full kitchen. We find our ministry potential increasing rapidly and our impact making great strides forward.

Grace and peace to you.

Respectfully submitted,
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2013-14	Totals
MEMBERSHIP	
• Received	0
• Lost	1
• Inactive	10
• Total	19
CORPORATE WORSHIP	
• Weekly Attendance (all ages)	20
DISCIPLESHIP	
• Sunday School	23
• Discipleship Groups	0

2013-14	Totals
EVANGELISM	
• Conversions	8
• Baptisms	8
TOTAL INCOME	\$11,542
• Global Mission	\$365
• Pensions & Benefits	\$30
• District Mission	\$50
• Nazarene Education	0
• Local Mission	\$3,250
TOTAL GIVING	\$4,145

This is my eighteenth report from Williamston Church of the Nazarene. It has been a blessing and joy to serve our Lord in this church! We have continuing ministries in supporting Lansing Area and Zone youth, and also through this ministry, our fifth Right Of Passage Experience Retreat at Indian Lake Nazarene Camp Grounds. We minister to one of two assisted care facilities each Sunday afternoon, and hold services in a retirement housing each Sunday Evening in Haslett, MI. Our local congregation is seeing growth these last few months, and we are looking into some new ministries this coming year. As God directs you, would you consider praying for Williamston Church and its pastor.

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