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Rev. J Bret Metcalfe
District Superintendent

By the time you receive this, I am hoping that we have turned the corner on winter. I know for some of you, winter can stay forever. For the rest of us though, this winter seems to have dragged on too long. It is time for the sun to shine through and warm our world up. I am ready for spring and the new life spring brings. Sometimes that is the way it is with our personal lives. We get in the doldrums of life and it seems like we will never see the sun again. Then all of the sudden, there is the sun. We go out and feel the warmth that its rays bring. Sometimes it is that way with our spiritual lives. Sometimes we just plug through the days looking for some life. I think that is why Easter is where it is on the calendar - Jesus coming forth from the grave to bring new life to all who come to know Him.

With that in mind, I have a question to ask, much the same I ask myself. Are you satisfied with how the church you are a part of looks? I do not necessarily mean the physical building, though that could be part of it. How does the church you are a part of look in the eyes of God? When was the last time that someone associated with the church or with you came to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ? When was the last time that the church ministered to someone in your community? Maybe I should start with you. How do you look in the eyes of God? Does He get more attention from you than anyone or anything else? How much time do you spend reading His love letter (the Bible) to you versus everything else you do?

I am not satisfied with the state of the Pittsburgh District. My heart breaks when I hear that churches or pastors feel they are all alone. My heart breaks when we are put in a very difficult situation of whether to keep a church open or to close it. I look back and think, "What has happened to all of the churches that we used to have? What has happened to all the people? Is anyone reaching them for Christ?"

I know our world is changing and some feel it is harder to reach the lost than it used to be. Please remember, "For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and marrow, and discerning the thought and intentions of the heart" (Heb. 4:12 ESV). The word of God, the Bible is living and active. You do not have to try and convince people what is right or wrong, point them

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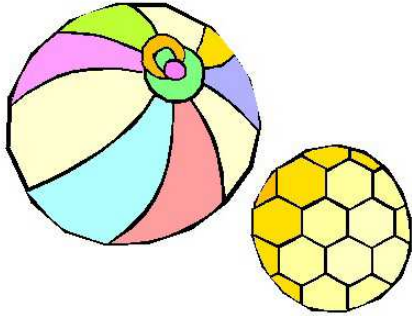
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NMI, NYI and SDMI Joint Conventions

100 days and now less before the first **NMI, NYI and SDMI Convention**, joining together to have a ball. The theme, *“Let’s Have a Ball”*.



Yes, all 3 conventions together. Please join with us in prayer for this

huge task. We are working hard to make it a fun day and a celebration. Registration for NMI will begin at 9:00 AM or come earlier. **We need to start at 9:30 AM on time.** Pastors will be dismissed so they can go to the NYI convention to vote. Lunch will be served at a reasonable price. In the afternoon, there should

be a wonderful time of worship with the teens and speakers. Robert Prescott from Cuba, Tim Whetstone from Point Loma, and Sanjay and his family from India all are scheduled. The ENC group will lead music. There will be all kinds of breakout sessions in the afternoon. Pray, pray, pray.

Carol Rittenhouse - New Missionary to San Jose, Costa Rica is coming. She will be teaching English at San Jose, Costa Rica.

March 22 *11:00 am - Albion 6:00 pm - Sheakleyville*

March 23 *6:00 pm - Springboro meal and sharing*

March 24 *Butler*

March 25 *Gentle Shepherd*

If you are not busy, try to visit one of these services.

* Pray about the elections for new members on the council. If you get a letter, please pray about seeing what you could do for missions.

* Remember to look for your end of year reports from NMI Secretary Brent Herren. Please help us get our reports done on time.

Thanks for letting us serve you, the Pittsburgh District,

Sandy Greenlee

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to the Bible. Yes, the Bible will upset some people, however, we must be willing to speak the Truth in love, not some agenda, and let the Spirit control.

Let’s ask the Lord to show us what to do, where to go and what ministries to start and let’s make the Pittsburgh District a district that is known in heaven as one who cares about the lost. Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers and see some souls saved for the kingdom. I am willing, are you?

Co-laboring with you, J Bret

REMEMBER:

**THE PITTSBURGH DISTRICT
IS SPONSORING 9 CLEAN
WATER WELLS ...** in India for our

100 year project. You can take
a special offering, VBS
project, or Children's project.
They cost \$1648 for each well.

We need each church to help
us reach our goal. What is
clean water worth? More than
we ever can give. Please help
us reach our goal and help the people in India
have clean water.



Make checks payable to the Pittsburgh District
COTN and submit it to Debbie Shutak, 428
Great Belt Road, Butler PA 16002.



**100th Anniversary
NMI Convention
June 20, 2015**

Registration at 9:00 am
with Service starting at 9:30.

Needed: Former NMI Presidents and
Missionary addresses

Send them to Sandy Greenlee
89 Market Street, Albion PA 16401 or
mgreenleesub@yahoo.com

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**The LTG Club monies go
towards the materials used
on our W&W trips.**

**Each trip needs \$10,000
for the projects funds.**

**You can be part of that project
and leave a memory.**

Claim the project as your own.

All it takes is \$15.

Yes, for just \$15. You can say I helped.

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Bradford PA 16701

**GET READING THE MISSIONARY
BOOKS - IF YOU NEED A SET
LET THE NMI COUNCIL KNOW**

NYI, SDMI and NMI Conventions Schedule Grid***Tentative* 2015 Convention Schedules**

<u>NYI/SDMI (MPB)</u>	NMI (Tabernacle)
9:00 Registration	9:00 Registration & VOTING
9:15	9:15
9:30 Call NYI Convention to Order	9:30 Call NMI Convention to Order
9:45 Devotional led by Bobby Neil	9:45 NMI President Report: Sandy Greenlee
10:00	10:00 Peter Roy gives report
10:15	10:15
10:30 NYI President Report: Colleen Baker	10:30
10:45 Explain Ballot, Ministry plan changes, VOTING	10:45
11:00	11:00
11:15 SDMI Reports	11:15
11:30	11:30
11:45	11:45
12:00 Announce Election Results, Close Convention	12:00 Dismiss for Lunch
12:15 Dismiss for Lunch	12:15 XXX
12:30 XXX	12:30 XXX
12:45 XXX	12:45 XXX
1:00 XXX	1:00 XXX
1:15 XXX	1:15 XXX
1:30 Corporate Worship all conventions in Tabernacle	1:30 Corporate Worship all conventions in Tabernacle
1:45 XXX	1:45 ENC lead worship
2:00 XXX	2:00 Offering, Children's talent offertory
2:15 XXX	2:15 Special music: Children's Talent
2:30 XXX	2:30 Prayer and Intro speaker: Tim Whetstone
2:45 XXX	2:45 Afternoon Breakout sessions 30 min each
3:00 XXX	3:00
3:15 XXX	3:15
3:30 XXX	3:30
3:45 XXX	3:45
4:00 XXX	4:00
4:15 XXX	4:15
4:30 XXX	4:30
4:45 XXX	4:45
5:00 XXX	5:00 Dismiss

Tentative 30 min Afternoon Breakout Sessions:

1. Tim Whetstone (connecting youth to college)
2. Bob Prescott (Cuba)
3. Sanjay Gawali (India)
4. Kelly Tatum (youth worker training)
5. Christine Siordia (children)
6. (Q&A regarding new laws with clearances, fingerprinting, child abuse, mandatory reporting)
7. Sanjay's son, Sneha, and daughter, Sumeet (Q&A American vs. Indian youth and culture)



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Find Us Faithful

Let's fulfill Jesus' Mission

“Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.” John 17:17-19

As we read this passage it should awaken us to what we need to do as Christians and as leaders in the church and to the world we live in. We see two things here:

1. Jesus is praying that God would sanctify them by the truth. The question we should be asking ourselves is, “Are we being sanctified by the truth?” and if we are, praise God. For the truth of God’s word will sanctify and transform lives. As leaders and Sunday School teachers, do we realize that the truth of God will sanctify a person’s life; it will transform others as we teach and preach the truth? So when you are discouraged and don’t think anyone is getting anything out of your teaching or you’re preaching, remember that the truth is powerful and it is changing lives.
2. Jesus says: *“As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.”* Jesus’ mission is one of the dominate themes of this gospel and is given as the pattern for his followers. Above any other mission that we might have, this mission should be the number one mission on our list. If we are not going out beyond the four walls of our churches and Sunday School classes and reaching people for Christ, we are not fulfilling the mission that Jesus has asked us to fulfill. How are we doing in this area? Are we going out and fulfilling this mission? Are we going to the jails, are we going to the nursing homes, are we having small groups and inviting those that don’t go to church, are we going into people’s homes and telling them about Jesus, are we opening our homes up and inviting the unchurched in? For Jesus says that He has sent us into the world to, then in return, fulfill His mission.

As a Pastor and as a leader, I am asking God to change my focus and my mission that I may be more effective in fulfilling the mission of reaching people for Jesus. I like what Jesus says in Matthew 9:12-13: *“It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: I desire mercy, not sacrifice. For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”* Let’s take heed to the truth of Jesus Christ here. Let’s go out beyond the four walls and do the mission that Jesus has asked us to do. Let’s be MISSIONAL people for Christ and build the kingdom together as a local church and as a district.

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**Colleen Baker,
NYI President**



CHILDREN'S BIBLE QUIZZING

Well, its time for the District Finals. Get your quizzers ready for April 18. We will have a Memory Verse Challenge for Blue Level while the Red Level quizzes and then just the opposite.

Coaches meeting starts at 9:30 AM, Red Level Quizzing begins at 10 AM. We'll then break for lunch and Blue Level will begin at 1 PM.

THEN... Those quizzers who achieve a SILVER award at the finals qualify to attend the Regional Quiz on June 27. More information is coming soon.

Email Joanne Tutor with any quizzing related messages at pghnazquizzers@yahoo.com.

As the SDMI council, we feel that it is important for the lay people to get together and build relationships, worship together and be refreshed and renewed in Christ. George Tutor is the District Lay Retreat Director and has scheduled a lay retreat for the district. We want to encourage you to plan on going. This retreat is at the Laurelville Mennonite Church Center. It is a quite place where you can go and just relax and spend time with your spouse and others. You can visit the website at www.laurelville.org to see pictures and learn more about the retreat center. This is the same place and speaker that the ministers and spouses use for their retreat.

Below is the information for the retreat:

Date(s): 9/25 - 9/27 2015

Location: Laurelville Mennonite Church Center
941 Laurelville Lane
Mt. Pleasant, PA 15666

Speaker: Rev. H. L. and Leta Hendrix. Rev. H. L. has been a pastor, professor, and a hospital chaplain. Originally from Oklahoma and he has a way of looking at the Christian life in a down to earth way. He has stories of victories and heartbreak. They are easy to love and enjoy.

Cost: \$155 per person double occupancy.

Meal Schedule: Saturday Breakfast, Dinner; Sunday Breakfast.

If you have any questions contact:

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KIDZ CAMP 2015

For Children who have completed 1st—6th Grades

Mt. Chestnut Nazarene Center; 177 North Road, Butler, PA 16001

JUNE 15 – 19, Monday – Friday

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www.staying-connected-to-the-Savior@3in1.com

Full Cost: \$175

Early Bird Discount \$155 if submitted by **June 1st**.

Registration can be completed online at this link:

<http://tinyurl.com/districtkidzcamp2015>

Please submit your payment to your church. Your church will write one check made out to Pittsburgh District SDMI with memo: Kidz Camp.

Registrations not completed online and church payments can be sent to:

Joanne Tutor, 8 Hazen St. Union City, PA 16438

Home: 814-661-2368; Cell: 814-661-4226

Joanne_tutor@yahoo.com

This is a safe, relevant and fun summer camp for kids. Children will make important positive connections with friends, grow in their relationship with Jesus and make fun memories. For further information or questions feel free to contact:

Pastor Chris Siordia

724-627-7593 (church); 724-710-6433 (Cell)

onwiththecall@msn.com; Facebook: Chris Horst Siordia



Jason Tilley, Kidz Camp Evangelist

District Events, 2015:**

- March 28:** Children's Quiz Invitational #2
(Waynesburg & Union City)
- April 10–11:** Women In Ministry Retreat
- April 18:** Children's Quizzing/District Finals
(District Center MPB)
- May 2:** Children's Talent Competition/
District
- May 15:** Deadline for APR completion and
ALL District Reports to District
Secretary
- May 30–June 13:** Work & Witness
(Kentucky)
- June 8–12:** District Scrapbook Camp
- June 15–19:** Kidz Camp
- June 20:** NMI / NYI / SDMI Convention
- June 20–June 25:** NYI Teen Camp
- June 26–27:** District Assembly
- June 26–27:** Children's Quizzing/Regional
(ENC, Quincy MA)
- June 28:** District Unity Worship Service
(A.M.)
- July 8–13:** NYC (Louisville KY)
- July 26–August 2:** Family Camp 2015

****Dates are subject to change.**

DISTRICT ALLOCATIONS:

Thank you for your faithful giving to the District Ministry Fund and the other allocations. Please remember to send your district allocations into the District, SDMI, NMI and NYI. If you haven't started giving, it's never too late!

Payments can be made to the following:

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Henry Twentier, District Treasurer
177 North Road, Butler PA 16001

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