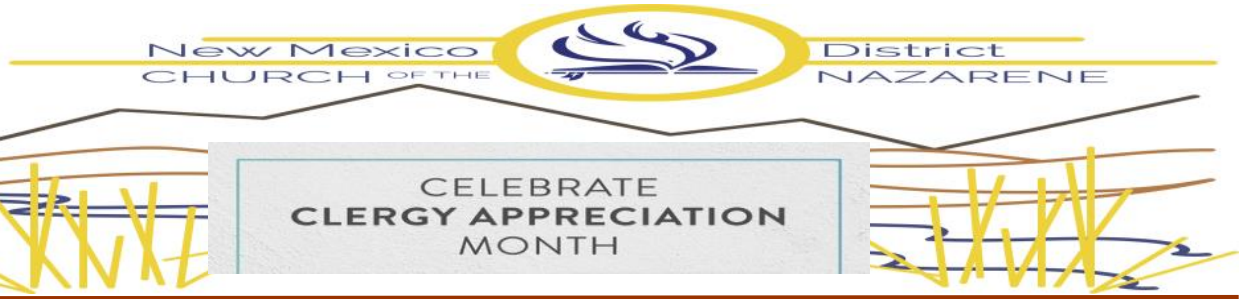




Dr. Lawrence Lacher



October 2024

“PASTOR”

It’s 2:00 a.m. I’m wide awake. I slip out of bed and try to stumble in the dark to find my clothes as quietly as I can. Nevertheless, Lisa wakes and says, sleepily, “What are you doing?” “I can’t sleep,” I say, “I think I need to go to the hospital and see Mr. W. I can’t get him off my mind. Maybe tonight is the night.” She yawns and says, “OK, I understand. Try to be home before the children have to go to school.”

In the next few moments, I run a brush through my mouth and hair and set off into the morning chill to find my way into the hospital simply because I have a sense that the Lord is sending me. Lisa knows the routine. It has unfolded dozens of times either because I had a feeling or because I got a phone call. Off into the darkness I went to serve God’s people and to try to be the presence of Christ in the early morning darkness because I understand that when the curtain between heaven and earth gets thin, people want their pastor there to steady their feet and to help them to see Jesus.

These and a thousand other personal inconveniences that often solicited a sentence to my children that began with the words, “I’m sorry, but…” are part of what it means for someone to enter into the ministry. We don’t take these duties on because we are paid well (pastors are probably the worst-paid professionals of any). We don’t do it because we are gluttons for punishment. We don’t do it because it is easy (pastoral ministry is one of the three highest stress occupations of all).

We do these things because God has called out of the lineup of His children and has asked us to care for His church. God in His divine plan and purpose has put his finger on our life and has asked us to be His hands and feet in caring for His bride. We have been called to this work. So, we prepare. We pray. We surrender. We sacrifice. We are examined. We offer ourselves. And we serve. We do so, often for little or no pay. Yet, we would not trade this life for the world.

This calling invites us into some of the most sacred spaces in the world—spaces where people are married, buried, born, born-again, broken, healed, lost, found, emptied, made whole again, baptized, dedicated, daring, and delivered. This life gives us a front row seat to the miraculous, the glories of God, and the goodness of His people.

So, during Clergy Appreciation Month, remember what your pastors have given up in order to give all to serve you. When you think of how to honor them, think of all the times they entered into your deepest and darkest moments and were there in the silence, letting Jesus flow through them to let you know you were loved. Do something to return the love this month for them, simply because there is no better blessing in this world than having someone to call “pastor.”

Pastor Larry



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LEADERSHIP RETREAT NOV 7-9,2024

Registration Nov 7: 3-5 pm. Retreat ends Sat. Nov. 9 with lunch

Who: All ministers (lead pastors, staff, chaplains, etc.), district licensed ministers in training, spouses, retired ministers, and select lay leaders

Dr. Dan Spaite MD will be our speaker.

Our theme this year is: **Restoring Health and Balance in Your Life and Ministry**

Make this a priority weekend for you and your spouse.

See you all Soon!

DUE TO A SPECIAL UNDERWRITER OUR PRICES THIS YEAR ARE MINIMAL

Cost: \$50 pp for the full retreat

\$30 pp if you attend Friday night and Saturday only

Retired ministers are FREE

Children are welcome for \$25 (for part or all). Children 5 and under are FREE.

(Thanks to Bonita Park and our Underwriter)

Parents will need to share childcare responsibilities during services.

Bonita Park Campgrounds

Housing is assigned on a first come basis.

Call 575-366-4404 to reserve housing



Dan Spaite is professor of Emergency Medicine at the University of Arizona. He serves on the Board of Trustees for PLNU and the DAB for the Arizona District.

Being the son of a District Superintendent, Dan has a particular love for, respect for, and concern for pastors. This passion for pastors has led Dan to study the pastorate and the stress factors that impact the lives of pastors and their families. His studies have produced specific medical analysis and insight that he has applied to creating some useful patterns to help pastors find wholeness, balance, health, and spiritual fullness, while serving in one of the most stressful occupations imaginable.



NMI Central

NAZARENE MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL

**Encuentro !! The NM district W&W trip to
Costa Rica!! Summer 2024**



UpComing Important Dates for the New Mexico District

2024

OCTOBER

WELCOME TO MINISTRY RETREAT AT BONITA PARK OCT 16

(ZOOM) MID-YEAR MEETINGS BONITA PARK OCT 17-19

NOVEMBER

LEADERSHIP RETREAT BONITA PARK NOV 7-9

DECEMBER

DAB/DAC CHRISTMAS BANQUET AT BONITA PARK DEC 12, 2024

Always check the district Calendar online: www.nmnaz.com

As The Robbins Fly

We are **grateful** for your investment in God's work. **You are making a difference for eternity** in urban areas and remote villages across the Eurasia Region! Following is an amazing testimony of one changed life impacting an entire village.

We hope this testimony fills your heart with joy as it does ours.

I am Abu. I served a goddess and did evil work. I had an idol in my house. I gave people mantras and taught them to worship her image. People gave me rice and money. It was my job. I celebrated the festival of the goddess annually.

Then, I saw a film about Jesus in our village. In the film, the whole world was flooded. Noah escaped. The film showed all the idols being covered in water. People held on to the idol to save it; no deity protected the idol or the people. However, Noah's family had faith in God, so they were saved. I was surprised to see this.

I saw in the film there is no god but the true God. Idols and deities are powerless. Those who live with God will be saved from death. Since seeing the uselessness of idols, I have been walking according to the Bible and praying in the name of Jesus. I am happy that I have changed from my previous life. The idol is no longer part of my life, and I have stopped misleading people.

Thank you to the team that shared the film and gave me a new life.

Jesus Film Ministry Update:

Rusty continues to wear many hats. He is handling finances and focusing on registering Jesus Film teams for next year. The process starts with District Superintendents (DS) requesting teams as part of their church growth strategy. Their involvement is crucial as Bible study groups (Preaching Points) need the mentorship and leadership of the DS to result in the growth and discipleship of the believers.

The DS's are requesting a **10% increase in the number of teams**. Last year 221 teams, this year the request is for 245 teams made up of 2-3 people - including two countries where we have **never had teams - Spain and Italy**.

Praise God for this amazing outreach tool!

GIVING

Some ask about sending us personal gifts or items. **Thank you.** We are overwhelmed by your thoughtfulness and generosity.

We have a wish list set up on Amazon for some things we would find useful.

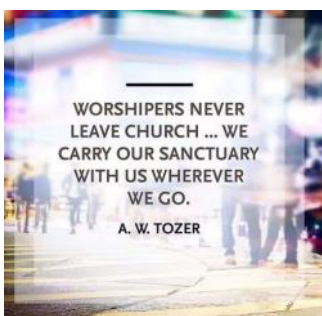
https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/6NXX00AASJRA?ref_=wl_share

We are always **grateful** for gifts to our deputation account. As the Lord leads you, **we appreciate your consideration** in financially supporting the work to which we have been called. These investments in God's work are tax deductible in the USA as the law allows.

We need to raise monthly support of \$2,500. These funds are critical to us serving overseas. This helps us with travel, visas, training, equipment purchases, church visits, and medical expenses like Diane's hip/knee replacement.

1. Secure On-line Giving at <https://give.nazarene.org/pledge/robbins>
2. Checks should be made payable to **"CON General Treasury Service"** with **"Robbins Deputation"** in the memo.

Mail Checks to: Church of the Nazarene, Global Mission/Robbins Deputation,
17001 Prairie Star Parkway, Lenexa, KS 66220



LADIES RETREAT 2024



SAVE THE DATE!

SEPT 26-28, 2025

WOMENS RETREAT!!



NAZARENE COMPASSIONATE MINISTRIES
 Ten pallets of Crisis Care Kits departed [Fawn Grove Compassion Center](#) in Maryland today, headed south to distribution sites benefitting Hurricane Helene victims



ANGUS CON
 Food, friends, games, and lots of laughs at our Fifth Sunday Social this evening. We hope to see you at the next one.



Mission-ABQ

Roswell 1st

Sept 29th - Oct 2nd

**Spiritual
Renewal**

Dr. Rob McCorkle

Sunday 10:45am and 6:00pm	Monday- Wednesday Dinner at 5:45pm Services at 6:30pm
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The community gardens at YES' Imperial Building and Solar Villa are still providing some great harvest for our residents. Thank you to the Healthy