New Mexico District

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

November Misson



I am writing this article on the morning of what is currently referred to as Halloween. Historically, in the church, Halloween was called All-Hallowed's Eve. It was a festival celebrated the night before All-Saints Day. On All Saints Day, the Church would have a sacred service to remember the people who had been named as saints by the church whose lives served as examples that we could emulate in our desire to follow Christ. These Saints lived exemplary lives and the church would set them apart as models of faithful Christian lives so that we could have some examples of those who had run their race well to reflect upon and to emulate.

Most people began to realize that remembering Saints might be a good thing, but it was also a good thing to remember grandparents, aunts, uncles, and people in their own lineage who were less famous, but not less faithful. These ordinary Christians had been just as faithful, just not as noticed. All-hallowed's-eve was celebrated the night before All Saints Day as a time for the church to gather and remember those faithful people in the generations passed who had also provided clear and faithful models on how to follow Jesus.

Paul wrote of people like this in his letter to the Philippians saying, "I thank my God every time I remember you" (1:3). Today I am thinking that it is good to set apart a month to express appreciation to pastors and to ministry leaders in our churches. They work hard among us and deserve every expression of appreciation that we give them.

Yet, as a pastor, I always felt that there should be a layman appreciation month as well. The church would not/could not exist without all the saints who do all the things that make that church a "community of living stones," and a "priesthood of believers," I thank my God every time I remember the many "saints" who served and serve alongside me to lead the church, run the programs, lead worship, take out the trash, set up tables, clean dishes, mop floors, mow grass, fix whatever got broken, pay the bills, and care for the myriad of simple and not-so-simple tasks that make the church a living testimony to the presence of Jesus in the world.

So, THANKS to all the hallowed ones—the ones we recognize as saints, and the ones that never get any recognition. You matter. You are the Church—the Body of Christ—the living evidence that Jesus is at work still in the world. You are the living hope of the Resurrection. You are still performing the works of Jesus: healing the sick, feeding the hungry, bringing sight to the blind, and proclaiming the good news of the message of the inbreaking Kingdom of God in the world. Way to Go Saints! The Church could not exist without you!

Dr. Larry Lacher

DISTRICT NEWS

CALENDAR OF *Events*

PEOPLE | CHURCHES | COMMUNITIES | A BRIGHTER TOMORROW

NOVEMBER 2026 | MAKE AN IMPACT

1	Fall Back *(time change)*
4	Foundations Retreat *(BP)*
5	Board of Ministry *(Bonita Park)*
6-7	Leadership Retreat *(Bonita Park)* **Speaker: Dr. Larry Lacher**
16	Children's Quiz
21	NYI Council Zoom
26	Thanksgiving

DECEMBER 2026 | STAY CONNECTED

District Christmas Parties/TBA

8	Bonita Park Christmas Party
10	DAB Meeting and Christmas Gathering
18-21	Mission Encounter
25	CHRISTMAS DAY

MISSION PROJECT FUNDING

JANUARY 2027 | LOOKING AHEAD

15	BP Master Planning Comm *(Zoom)*
15-17	Winter Retreat
16	Children's Quiz







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NMI Monthly Ideas Calendar

Choose one or more missions ideas each month.

JANUARY

- Jesus Film Harvest Partners
- Connect with missionaries

FEBRUARY

- Alabaster Offering
- Domestic mission project

MARCH

- NMI Global Week of Prayer
- World Evangelism Fund Easter Offering

APRIL

- Order NMI Memorial Roll & Distinguished Service Awards for congregants
- Ensure all WEF funds have been paid

MAY

- World Evangelism Broadcast
- Build Crisis Care Kits
- Support a compassionate ministry site in our district

JUNE

- Go on a mission trip with Nazarene Mission Teams
- Love Your Neighbor project at General Assembly 2027
- NCM offering at VBS

JULY

- Write cards for Links family
- Attend district camps at Bonita Park
- Youth mission project @ NMI Convention 2027

AUGUST

- NCM Child Sponsorship
- Build School Paks
- Host Cyr family for deputation 2026

SEPTEMBER

- Alabaster Offering
- Use NMI Central to lead mission lessons with kids & youth

OCTOBER

- Host a missionary or have a Faith Promise event
- Crisis Care Kits

NOVEMBER

- World Evangelism Fund Offering of Thanks
- Community outreach event

DECEMBER

- NCM Christmas Project
- Bonita Park Giving Tree
- Send youth to Mission Encounter in El Paso 2026

Sources: jfhp.org | ncm.org | nazarene.org/nmi

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Around the District









Share with us what you are doing!





Dedication/ Baptism - Central



Baptism - Church Street

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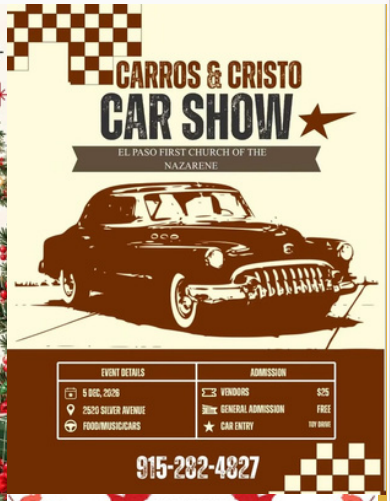
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Gallup First Church ot Nazarene:
Thanks you, thank you, OK SNU Lab School Youth group. You are the Best!!!
Thanks to Oklahoma Pastor Mike Brooks and wood team too.
Day 1: Delivered wood to Baca- Prewitt Navajo seniors.
Day 2: Delivered wood to Twin Lakes Navajo seniors.
Rain, rain, rain and more rain, but the kids got it done!
Day 3: Trip to AZ. Code Talker Monument, and Wl Morro National Park, and Bandelior Ice Caves, and visited a Navajo Nazarene Church in Rahma, NM.
God Blessings to All.

















Trunk or treat Central





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Hope Springs Community Church of the Nazarene
· Follow
Oct 9 ·

Firepit with Hotdog roasting and s'mores makings. 6:30 PM, tonight (10/092026].
220 West 5th Avenue, Truth or Consequences (behind the church building). Family Friendly please, dress warm! It's been a while. Let's have some fun!







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Children Quizing





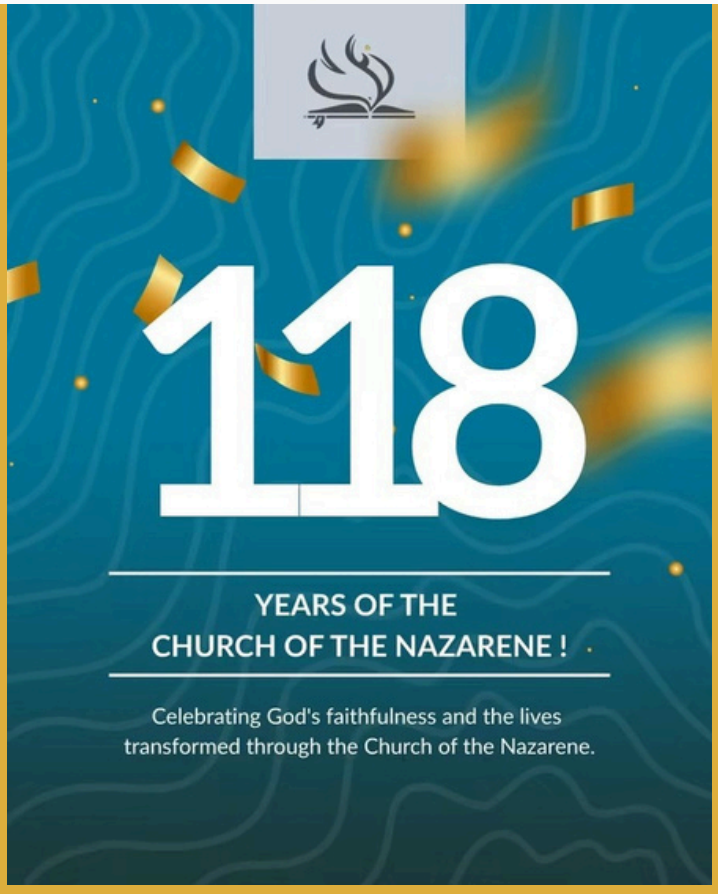
Studying the book of Exodus!

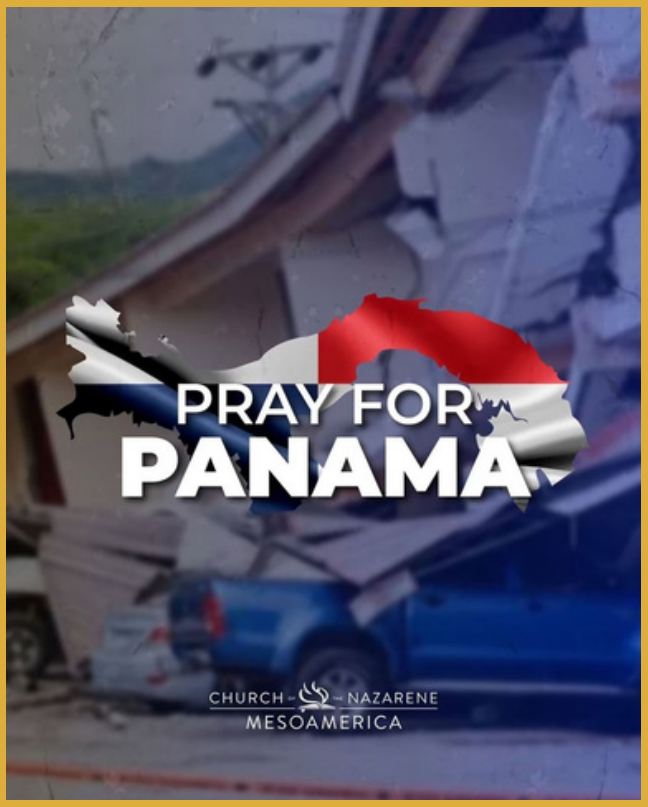


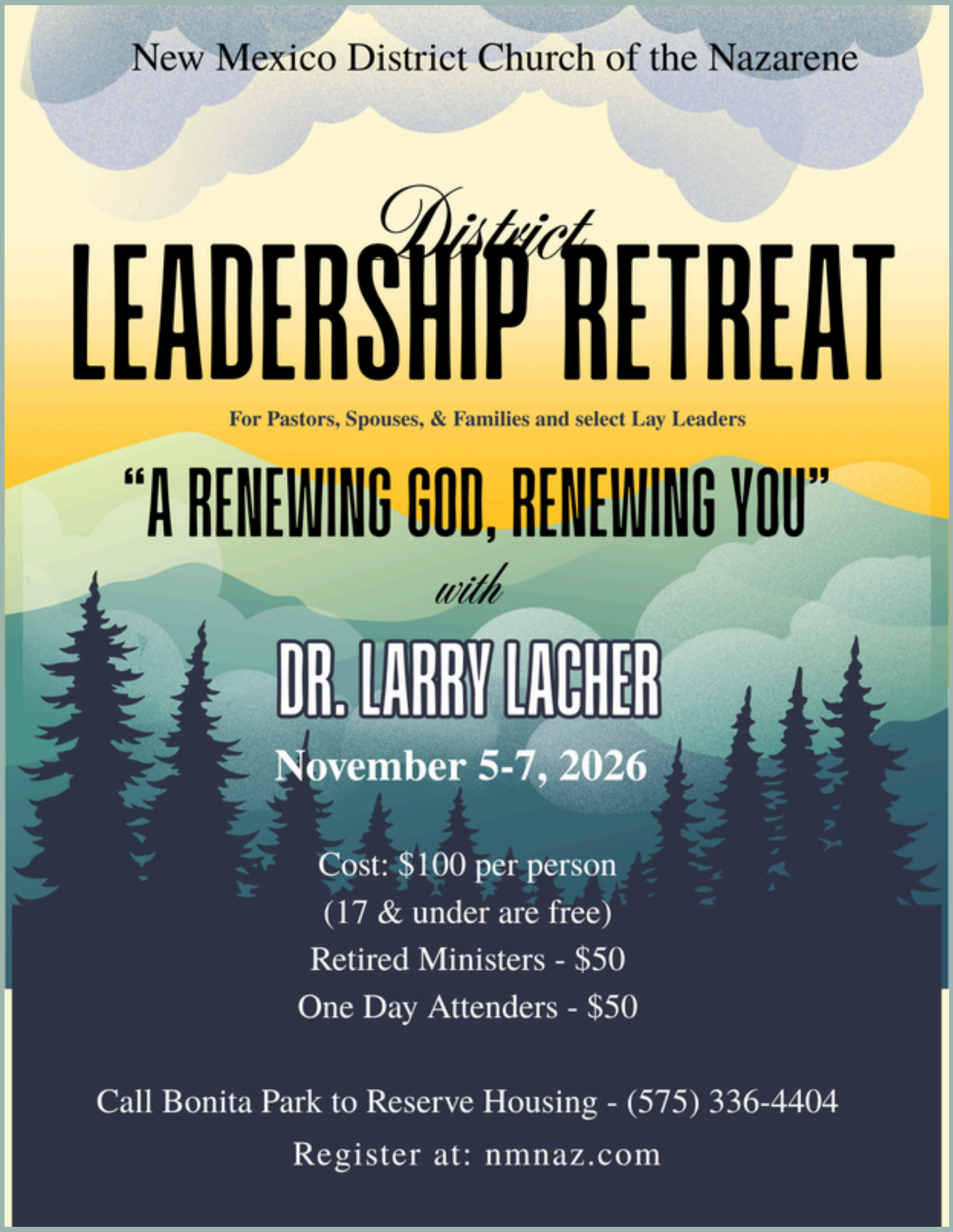


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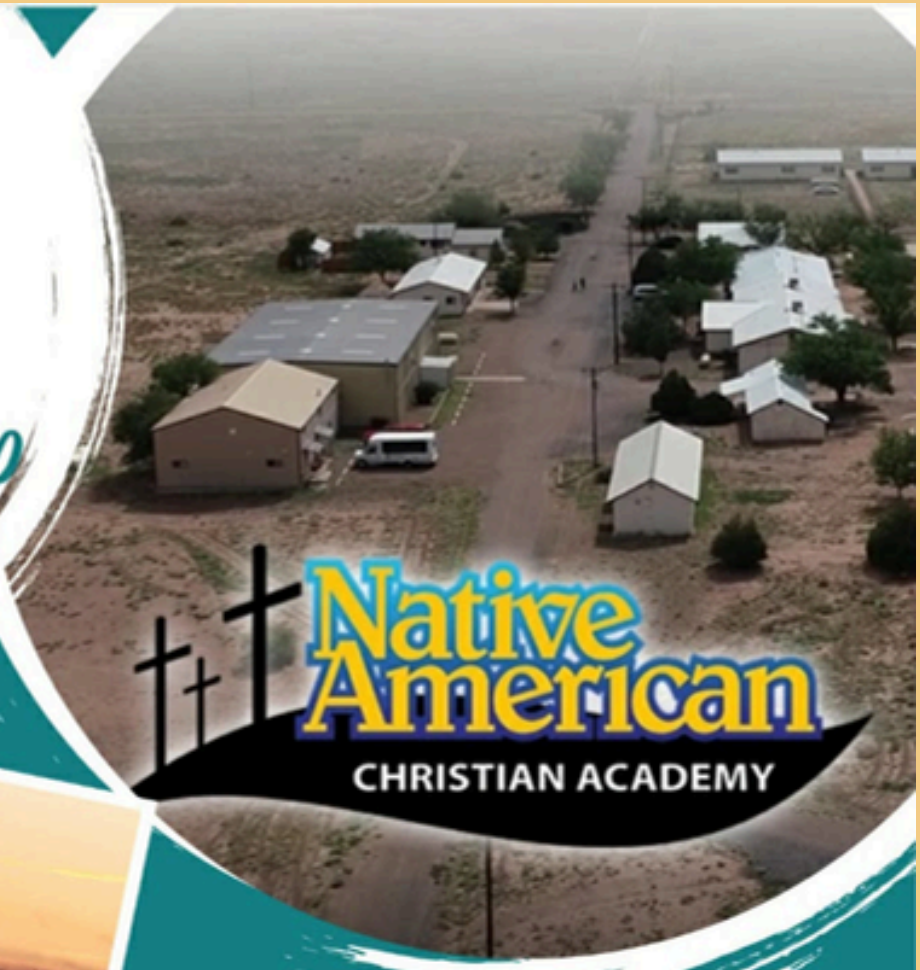



New Mexico District Church of the Nazarene
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LEADERSHIP RETREAT
For Pastors, Spouses, & Families and select Lay Leaders
"A RENEWING GOD, RENEWING YOU"
with
DR. LARRY LACHER
November 5-7, 2026
Cost: $100 per person
(17 & under are free)
Retired Ministers - $50
One Day Attenders - $50
Call Bonita Park to Reserve Housing - (575) 336-4404
Register at: nmnaz.com


MISSION
ENCOUNTER
NM NYI & NMI WITH
NAZARENE BORDER INITIATIVE &
MISSION EL PASO
A MISSION IMMERSION & DISCIPLESHIP
WEEKEND FOR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS
DECEMBER 18-21, 2026
$100 PER PARTICIPANT
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NACA Mission Trip

March 21–26, 2027







Join us in March for an incredible mission opportunity in Sun Valley, AZ as we work in partnership with NACA to improve spaces, seek the heart of God, and love a community of students and families. We would love to have you join our team!

TRIP COST **$500**

Register through the QR Code

nmnmipresident@gmail.com

NEW MEXICO CHILDREN'S QUIZZING

2026-2027

THIS YEAR WE'RE LEARNING ABOUT THE BOOK OF

EXODUS

QUIZ MEET DATES

SEPTEMBER 12, 2026	Digsites 1-4
OCTOBER 17, 2026	Digsites 5-8
NOVEMBER 21, 2026	Digsites 9-12
JANUARY 16, 2027	Digsites 13-16
FEBRUARY 20, 2027	Digsites 17-20
APRIL 3, 2027	All Digsites

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