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Forward... March

As it is beginning to look a lot like church opening again, I thought I would take this forum to discuss a few things to think about.

Most of our pastors have been doing heroic work to help our churches to stay afloat and vibrant during these days of pandemic-amonium. I am so proud of the way they have stepped into the unknown and have lead thriving ministries during these months. If you are a church leader, please express appreciation to your pastor(s) in meaningful ways and make sure they take some time off to recharge.

While we may be getting back to church to some degree, it will be a long time before things get back to normal. Continue to be patient and recognize that the way we do church may be forever changed. Let's think not about how to get back to the way things were, but how to go forward to the way things need to be. I believe this is a great time to see true re-formation in the church. If you need my permission to try something completely new, you have it. Remember to let Mission drive method.

Continue to watch out for the most vulnerable in your church. There may be many people who will not feel safe to get out for some time. Do not forget them. Find ways to continue to include them, even if they don't feel safe coming together.

Start keeping a record of ministry contacts. I do not know when we will start counting as we used to do; however, this is a good time to learn to count what counts—the total impact of the ministry of your church. Start keeping a record of all the people the church makes intentional connections with for the sake of the gospel each week. You may discover that your church is way more effective than you even knew.

District Assembly is our next big event. It will take on a different flavor this year as we will have our delegates join remotely and will try to be very efficient in the conducting of business. I think it will also be a lot of fun trying some new things. Pastors and delegates should be on the lookout for instructions regarding registration, participation, and voting. One good thing about our virtual assembly is that everyone will have the opportunity to join us. I hope to "see" you there on June 26.

Thanks for all you are and all you do for the Church, the District, and the Kingdom. God is honoring our efforts. Pray that the harvest will still come in.

Larry Lacher

Please Mark your Calendar!

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Family Camp will still be going to Happen! July 27—Aug 2

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Friday, June 26th 8:00-10:30 a.m. District NMI Convention

Plan to attend the NMI Convention virtually on Friday, June 26th from 8:00-10:30 a.m. David and Glynda Wesley will be sharing with us about what NMI looks like for where we are globally and how we can move forward.

Pastor Patti Rivas and Mission: Albuquerque are still taking items out to the Navajo Nation, Gallup First Church, and Ramah Church of the Nazarene distribute to families in need during this COVID-19 Pandemic. Thank you to those of you who have contributed and prayed for this outreach. Donations can still be sent to:

The Mission Training Center

2315 Markham Rd

Albuquerque, NM 87105

Pastor Patti and her team will purchase the items of greatest need and distribute to the churches and pastors they have already networked with to support people in the area.

You can find the Church of the Nazarene's response to COVID-19 and updates from the General Superintendents at:

<https://nazarene.org/>

Please feel free to contact me at: nmmipresident@gmail.com

I would love to hear about how God is using you and your church during this time and to partner with you in prayer as we pave a new path for our churches and for NMI!

Joyfully,

Nicole Young

NM NMI President

A couple of prayer updates:

As you know, Paul Baker's colon cancer has reoccurred. This time it will be fatal. Surgery is scheduled for Thursday June 11 to help with quality of life for him. No timeline has been given.

Darryl Teneffos has been diagnosed with esophageal cancer. They are working with doctors to determine the best course of action.

Please keep these good pastors in prayer and their churches: Mountainair and Portales.

Thanks for all you are doing to build the Kingdom.

In His Service,

Larry Lacher



NEW MEXICO DISTRICT FAMILY CAMP

At Bonita Park Campground



Dr. Larry Lacher
District Superintendent



Rev. Susie Shallenbarger



Bob and Jennifer
Wilkerson



Rev. Tim Hancock

Some of the events of the week:

Children's Activities throughout the week
School of Prophets -
Tues morning through Saturday morning— Wait and see.
Evening services -Monday night through Saturday night
Morning service -Tuesday through Sunday
Saturday— NMI Celebration
Sunday— SS lead by Dr. Lacher
Family Activities
Teen Activities
Food, Food, Food!



Missionaries in Residence for Camp
Roberto and Rhesa Rodriguez
Special Assignment Missionaries
El Paso Border Initiative

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July 27—Aug 2

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY NEWS

I am sure there is a lot of confusion about District Assembly and Conventions 2020, like there is a lot of confusion about everything. Here is the basic plan..

- We will be holding our Conventions and Assembly virtually on **Friday June 26**. Our primary platform will be Zoom and we will also broadcast the events via Facebook or YouTube.
- We will be asking delegates to gather together in their home churches or in another venue to participate if possible. Pastors should arrange delegates so that they are appropriately socially distanced, but still in view of the camera. The meeting itself will work best if projected on the screen.
- Voting will be done electronically. Some will be done the night before. Some will be done during the event. We are asking to have a good email address and a good cell number for each delegate.
- The Conventions and Assembly will be hosted by Farmington Crossroads, but we are asking that only essential personnel actually go to Farmington.
- Delegates will be given access to a Dropbox folder that will have all the documents in it that are needed.
- **The Schedule will be as follows:**
 - NMI Convention 8:00-10:30 am**
 - SDMI Convention 10:30-12:00**
 - District Assembly 1-3:00**
 - Ordination 4:00**

Special guests will be:

- Missionaries David and Glenda Wesley for NMI
- Dr. Scott Rainey for SDMI
- Dr. Gustavo Crocker for District Assembly

There are still many details to be ironed out, but I wanted to give you the basic parameters so that you can start planning on your end. If you have specific questions, please ask. More information is coming. I will be communicating with Ordinands and others directly.

In His Service,

Larry Lacher



EVERY THURSDAY EVENING AT 9:00PM Dr. Lacher is leading a Prayer Meeting on Zoom. Everyone is invited to be a part of this worship in prayer.

The ZOOM meeting link is: <https://zoom.us/j/338982217>

If you already have the ZOOM app just select: Join a meeting and enter the numbers.



EVERY MONDAY Dr. Lacher leads a Leadership ZOOM for our ministry leaders at 2 different times to better fit your schedules. 10:00am and 7:00pm

The Monday 10:00am link is: <https://zoom.us/j/678230148>

The Monday 7:00pm link is: <https://zoom.us/j/598220646>



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SDMI

Greetings to the New Mexico District!

SDMI Convention

We are pleased to have Dr. Scott R. Rainey, global director, Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries International (SDMI) to be our guest speaker at this year's SDMI Convention. We look forward to his vision and direction for the Global SDMI Team.

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Mark Asplund

NM District SDMI Chairman



Women in Ministry Virtual Fellowship

Saturday June 6 1:00pm. We will enjoy a time together on Zoom. I will send out the Zoom link soon. This Fellowship is for all our Women in Ministry— Ordained, Licensed, Pastors, Pastor's wives including Staff. If you have not received an invite to this then I don't have your email address. PLEASE send it to me ASAP. lacherlisa@yahoo.com Looking forward to seeing you all Saturday!!! Lisa Lacher