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District Superintendent

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For those of you who may have missed District Assembly, I want to highlight a couple of things that I was able to note in my report then.

First of all, I want to thank you and the Lord for enabling the district to heal financially in just two years—a process that I imagined would have taken us ten years to do. The faithfulness of the New Mexico District churches, especially during the COVID year was amazing to me and enabled God to do the miraculous.

Secondly, I want to say how proud I have been as I have watched our churches respond to the challenges of Covid and design new ministries so that they could continue to be vibrant during this difficult year. As a district, we reported 255 brought to the Lord in a year in which we were told to close the doors of the church. I am proud that you did not forget your mission, even when it was hard.

Finally, I want to remind you of my challenge from my report. “Jeremiah found himself and his people in a situation similar to ours. If you are familiar with Jeremiah chapter 29, you know that Jeremiah was telling his people not to listen to those “pie in the sky by and by” prophets.

While he is certain to affirm in 29:11 that God is a God of good plans and that He has no intention of bringing harm to His people, earlier in the chapter, Jeremiah is careful to explain that those plans are going to be executed in the midst of Babylon, not by taking them back to the “good ‘ol days” in Jerusalem. His advice, 29:7—⁷ Pursue the well-being of the city I have deported you to. Pray to the LORD on its behalf, for when it thrives, you will thrive.” ...

Jeremiah has given us the secret to thriving in a hostile environment. “Pursue the well-being of the city I have deported you to. Pray to the Lord on its behalf.”

Isn't that the lesson of 2020? If we were given 2020 hindsight, isn't that what we have all universally seen? “If the church doesn't find ways to get outside it's doors, it's going to be out of business in no time.” And, “What you see when you engage your community is going to make you pray or its going to make you cry.”

Last year, I talked about four pillars of Awakening: Passionate Throne-ward Worship, Intentional Corporate Prayer, Deliberate Discipleship, and Intentional Engagement with the Broken in your Community. I fully still believe that these pillars support the Awakening of the Church. However, I have come to think of them not so much as pillars, but as tires. Pillars hold something up. Tires mobilize something. It is the something, that we need to see if we are going to have a future. The “something” is *Mission*.

If you don't know your mission, you don't have a church. Mission will be everything going forward. In fact, people will join your mission, before they join your Jesus, before they join your church. That's exactly the opposite of the way I was taught to do church. I was taught to get people to church, then get them saved, then find them a job.

Maybe we have become the church in exile. Maybe that's good news. If you want to know what to do next, Jeremiah's marching orders are very simple: ⁷ Pursue the well-being of the city I have sent you to. Pray to the LORD on its behalf, for when it thrives, you will thrive.

As Casting Crowns declared, *We were made to thrive*.

I believe we are entering a “thrive” stage for the New Mexico District. Thank you for your amazing vote of support.

In His Service and Yours,
Dr. Larry Lacher



Council - Thank you cannot possibly convey how grateful I am for each and every one of you! The Convention was incredible because of all of you and your selfless dedication to serving in mission on this district. I am so thankful for all of you and look forward to continuing this work together!

Nicole



Greetings, NM district!

Thank you to everyone for making our NMI Convention such an amazing event! I truly enjoyed gathering with each of you and celebrating together what God is doing all across our district and around the world!

As we move into this new church year, I am excited to see what God does in and through each one of us as He leads this district and our churches. I am praying for each of you, your churches, and for His Presence to transform all of us as we gather and work for His Kingdom!

On Saturday, August 7th we will have our NMI Day at Family Camp with the Rodriguez family from El Paso. I look forward to seeing you all there!

We are going to resume our monthly NMI Zoom in August and we will be discussing the role of the local NMI President. Mark your calendar for August 24th at 7:00 p.m.

Joyfully,

Nicole Young

Position	Name
President	Nicole Young
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Child Sponsorship	
Hispanic Liaison	Betty Sanchez
Border Initiative	
Social Media	Lisa Lacher

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Chad Dickerson

Chad will be on District in early September. Please contact Nicole Young or Regena Fry for more information regarding hosting him at your church.



Don and Evie Gardner

Don and I are looking for an opportunity to speak in your churches! Especially during the last part of August and first part of September. We are booked with some friends to enjoy Red River area over labor day weekend so we thought it would be beneficial if we could book around there before and/or after that weekend.

We would even be open to speaking that labor day Sunday if the drive was not very far.

We would love to be able to share how God is at work on the Africa East Field. If those suggested dates won't work for you then feel free to suggest other dates. We are on deputation through March 7, 2022.

Please send this message onto your NMI President and deputation secretary.

Thanks and God Bless!

Don and Evie Gardner



The SDMI team would like to thank Rev. Nathan Bienhoff and the Roswell church team for hosting the SDMI Convention.

You all did such a great job and were so thoughtful and considerate as you worked tirelessly to take care of so many details. Thanks to worship team and all who handled the audio, video and presentations. There are so many people to thank including the ushers, those who did all the cleaning, organizing and childcare and so many others I have not mentioned. Also thanks to all who ran the cameras and handled Zoom.

Thank you for all you did,

Mark Asplund

Virtual Kids Camp Information– UPDATE!

Hello everyone!

Team Kids Camp 2021 has put together a great program for everyone to use. We have a program for 5 different sessions. Each session will have 3 songs for worship with motions, a quizzing skit, and of course an amazing session of Escape from Mystery Mountain as a group of kids and their leaders encounter a couple who will help them find their way to Bonita Park. Along the way our lost group will learn how to grow closer to the Lord by learning how to trust in Jesus. It promises to be a great time for our kids and leaders. We will have a leader's guide to help make using this program easier by listing resources and how to use this program.



If you did not pick a jump drive at SDMI Convention, I can give access to anyone that wants it so it can be downloaded. I just need the email address of anyone that wants it.

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ATTENTION ALL WORSHIP And PRAISE TEAMS in EVERY ONE of our CHURCHES on THE NEW MEXICO DISTRICT!!

Battle of the Bands

The Saturday of Family Camp from 3-5pm we will be adding an Afternoon of Worship with our district Praise and Worship Teams. !!!

We are filled with people who lead their churches into Worship every Sunday and we want to have a time to showcase these amazing groups.



Please Send your Praise team information to: lacherlisa@yahoo.com,

I will also need a list of your songs for your 15min set

Don't wait to sign up!.

Women in Ministry Virtual Fellowship

July 24 11:00—12:00

Meeting ID on zoom ; 831 5944 5875

Passcode: 806233

Invite link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83159445875?pwd=S1jCOXMya0JOUmFhYnlGMVKUT09>

This Fellowship is for all our Women in Ministry– Ordained, Licensed, Pastors, Pastor's wives including Staff.

See you soon! Lisa Lacher

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>

Hello New Mexico District,

I would like to start by saying thank you for trusting me to serve you as the District SDMI Chairman. My wife, Serina, and I have been the Co-Pastors in Carlsbad for two and a half years. We have one daughter, Marley, who is almost 2 (that blows my mind a little bit)! Before Carlsbad, we served as Co-Pastors at North Beacon Church of the Nazarene in Amarillo, Texas. Both Serina and I love sports and being active.

I was called to ministry at age 18. I began to serve in youth ministry shortly after that. Serina and I served 6 years as the youth pastors in Amarillo before we were called to serve as lead pastors. Serina will often joke and tell people that I was born on a Nazarene church pew, because I have been in the Nazarene church my whole life. I always respond that I really was born in a Methodist hospital, so close enough.

Let me wrap this up by saying that I am excited to serve you. I love Sunday School and I believe that Sunday School is vital not only to the life of the church, but to the life of the believer as well. I also believe that the church has both the privilege and the responsibility of discipleship. As we heard from Dr. Scott Rainey at our District Assembly, "Disciple-making always involves the lost." I look forward to working with you and walking with you on "A Journey of Grace." Feel free to contact me with any thoughts or questions that you may have.

Love you, Need you

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TEEN CAMP IS COMING!

You will find all the registration forms, information and posters you need at nmnazyouth.com

Greetings, NM NYI!

We are thrilled to be hosting Teen Camp in person at Bonita Park this summer! Our theme is Full Send based on Colossians 3:23 and we are looking forward to incredible times of worship, fellowship, and fun together. Our amazing camp director, Wade Elftman, has compiled all of the information and forms that you should need to prepare for this event which you can find attached to this email as well as on our website at nmnazyouth.com. **Please be reminded that ALL sponsors must be NazSafe prior to attending Teen Camp or any other district youth event. Should you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to reach out to Wade or myself.**

Be blessed, Jordin



NM District

Family Camp

August 2-8, 2021



Speaker
Susie Shellenberger



Speaker
Tim Hancock



Musicians
Bob & Jennifer Wilkerson



Missionaries
The Rodriguez Family

Join us for
fellowship, fun,
worship, activities,
battle of the
"worship" bands,
delicious food &
more!



School of Prophets
Kara Lyons-Pardue

Contact us today to make a reservation at
575-336-4404 or info@bonitapark.com.

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