



Dr. Lawrence Lacher  
District Superintendent



### Summer Surge

While many churches will experience a summer slump in finances, and attendance, I always found as a pastor that summer was a time for a real surge in ministry, people, programs, and opportunities. Thinking back on my years as a pastor, I can't think of a single summer when I did not see people come into a saving relationship with Jesus and come into a new relationship with the church.

During the summer, the church invests tremendous energy in things like Vacation Bible School, Kids Camp, Teen Camp, and a multitude of other activities that are designed to help us to make contact with people who aren't currently in our web of relationships or our network of people who are already in relationship with the church, with Jesus, or with us as a community of believers.

Summer finds many in our church taking much-needed times for vacation, renewal, and restoring connections with family. Meanwhile, opportunities abound all around us as children are out of school, families are transitioning to new communities, and people are open to the love and the services that the church can provide for their families.

As his way of responding to his disciples when they wondered how and why he had such a fruitful conversation with the woman at the well, he said, "Listen to what I'm telling you: Open your eyes and look at the fields, because they are ready for harvest." (Jn. 4:35b CSB). In other words, "Opportunities abound, always and everywhere. All you have to do is look for them."

I think that some churches make the mistake of hitting the pause button during the summer thinking that they will get back to business after school gets back in session or sometime after Labor Day when the "family" comes back and things get "back to normal." Rather, if we will "look at the fields" we may discover that July can be the most fruitful month of harvest for your church and ministry. Let's refuse to take a summer slump.

Let's seek the surge.

Dr. Larry

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**District Conventions and Assembly—**  
**A Gathering of Encouraging each other, Celebrating each other and most importantly being in God's Presence with each other. Don't Miss this Time together!**

To see the entire NM District Schedule and Information go to: [nmnaz.com](http://nmnaz.com) and select a tab.

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# Family Camp

*July 25-31, 2022*



**Speakers &  
School of Prophets  
Rob & Debi Songer**

**“It’s a  
Family  
Thing!”**



**Speakers &  
School of Prophets  
Tim & Shawna Songer-Gaines**



**Musician  
Mark Murphy**



**Missionaries  
Jaron & Elizabeth Graham**

*Join us for fellowship,  
fun, worship, activities,  
delicious food & more!*

Contact us today to make a reservation at  
575-336-4404 or [info@bonitapark.com](mailto:info@bonitapark.com).

**bonita park**

**Kids Camp July 11-15**  
**Ages: Completed 2nd-Completed 6th**

# **GLOW** *in the* **DARK**

**TRUSTING GOD WHEN WE'RE SCARED**

**I am the light of the world. Those who follow me will never walk in darkness. John 8:12**

**Campers \$225.00 Counselors \$160.00**

**Registration : [nmnaz.com](http://nmnaz.com)**

**TEEN CAMP 2022**  
**\$230 @ BP**  
**JULY 18-22**



**WHOLE**



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2022 New Mexico District Conventions and Assembly  
109th Annual Meeting

Theme: “What difference are you making?”



Dr. Carla Sundberg  
General Superintendent

Heights 1st Church of the Nazarene  
Albuquerque, NM



Nicole Young  
District NMI President

**Thursday July 7**  
**Opening Rally NMI Service— 7pm**  
**Reception following Service—9pm**



Rev. Ryan Nelson  
District NDI Chariperson

**Friday July 8**

**Registration 7am**  
**NMI Convention 8 –12pm**  
**NDI Convention—1:00—5pm**  
**Ordination Service— 7pm**  
**Reception for Ordinands— 9pm**



Rev. Amanda Pettit,  
Ex. Dir. Rescue Hill



Dr. Rebecca Laird  
PLNU, Prof. of Christian Formation

**Saturday July 9**

**Registration 7am**  
**District Assembly— 8am –12pm**



Greetings, NM District!

We are looking forward to gathering with you tomorrow evening at Heights First Church at 7:00 for our NMI Rally! Registration for Friday's Convention will open at 6:00 p.m. tomorrow.

We will have a fantastic time worshipping and praying together as we kick off our Convention and Assembly times!

Our guest speaker this year is Reverend Amanda Pettit from Rescue Hill in Ft. Worth, TX.

Our Convention time will be Friday morning from 8:00-12:00. We have a packed morning which I hope will encourage and inspire you as you continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus in your local communities and around the world.

Our teens are invited to participate in an outreach opportunity Friday morning. We will pray over them tomorrow evening during our Rally. Contact Pastor Sherri Todd if you have some youth interested in participating. Her email address is: [sherrioddlivesjesus@aol.com](mailto:sherrioddlivesjesus@aol.com)

Thank you for prioritizing this time of gathering as a District family! I cannot wait to see all of you!

Joyfully,

Nicole Young

## FAMILY CAMP HELPERS NEEDED!

We are needing for volunteers to help with kids ministry at Family Camp. Your help is greatly needed for this vital ministry during our Family Camp. Please contact Christa if you can volunteer.

Christa Storch

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Date Payment is Due	Cost PER PERSON
October 1, 2022	\$450
November 1, 2022	\$250
December 1, 2022	\$250
January 1, 2023	\$250
February 1, 2023	\$250
March 1, 2023	\$250
April 1, 2023	\$250
May 1, 2023	\$250
June 1, 2023	\$100

Travel Schedule:

Below is the tentative travel schedule for our district:

- Wednesday, July 5
  - Travel to Tampa Bay
  - NYC Registration
  - Check into Hotel
  - Field Event
- Thursday, July 6
  - NYC Events
- Friday, July 7
  - NYC Events
- Saturday, July 8
  - NYC Events
- Sunday, July 9
  - NYC Events
  - District Event
- Monday, July 10
  - Travel back to New Mexico

# NMI-NYI SERVICE PROJECT

July 8, 2022 8:00am-12:00

Heights Church of the Nazarene

## Calling all teens!

Come dressed to get wet! Bring towel & Change of clothes. We will be doing a mini VBS at St. Anthony's Apartments



No Women in Ministry Zoom for the next few months.  
See you all after Summer.