

The Gathering 2026

SC District Assembly & Conventions
Columbia First / July 17-18

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INFORMATION

REGISTRATION

Delegate registration is completed prior to arrival. If you wish to seat an alternate or change your email address, please visit the Voting Support table.

CHILDCARE

Childcare is available in the lower level of the Main Building in the Nursery (0-2 years old), Preschool (3-6 years old) and Elementary (7 years old - 6th grade) Rooms.

MEAL TICKETS

Please pick up your meal tickets in the Lobby before 11:00am each day.

OFFERING

There will be an offering on Friday evening to cover costs of the Assembly. If you would like to Give Online, you may do so at www.southcarolinanazarene.com. Click "Give/Pay Online" and use the District Assembly Offering designation.

LIVESTREAMING

Livestreaming for all services available at www.columbianaz.com.

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THE GATHERING 2026

Welcome to The Gathering 2026!

It is a joy to have our district family and friends from all over South Carolina come together for this special annual assembly and conventions. We are honored to welcome our Jurisdictional General Superintendent, Dr. Carla Sunberg, who will be with us and will lead us in our business sessions and share God's Word. We are also anticipating culminating with a great ordination service on Saturday afternoon.

This year, we are shifting to a Friday and Saturday schedule, designed to make it easier for everyone to attend and participate. We especially hope this change will encourage our younger generation to join us and find their place in God's work here.

Our theme is "The Way," inspired by Jesus' words: *"I am the way, the truth, and the life."* We look forward to exploring what it means to follow Jesus as *The Way* and discovering new truths together as a district.

May the Lord reveal Himself to us in fresh ways during our time together. I pray His Spirit guides, encourages, and empowers us for the year ahead.



Pastor Sam Flores
South Carolina District Superintendent

WORSHIP TEAM

WORSHIP BAND

James Burks - Acoustic Guitar
Aswil Dominguez - Drums
Haydn Miller - Keyboard
Todd Sims - Piano
Rod Walley - Bass Guitar

PRAISE TEAM

James Burks
Andrew Campbell
Haydn Miller
Juan Carlos Muñoz
Laura Muñoz

SPECIAL GUESTS

SC IMPACT Team
Disciples' Dance Team

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Nate Barefield
Andrew Campbell
Sam Flores
Tony Lupton
Shannon Mangicaro
Michael McAdory
Eric Nahass
Libby Newman
Greg Pressley
Jeremy Reese
Jessica Rojas
Chris Ward

SCHEDULE



"The South Carolina District exists to facilitate the making of Christlike disciples in the nations by developing missional pastors, strengthening existing churches, and starting new churches."

FRIDAY | JULY 17

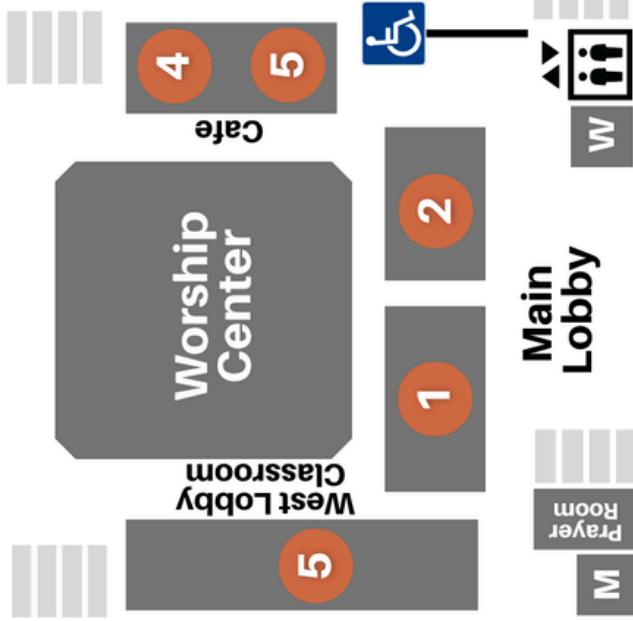
- 8:00am Doors Open**
8:30am Morning Session
 Worship
 Devotional from the General Superintendent
 Organization of the Assembly
 District Assembly Business & Elections
 NMI Convention & Elections
 Pastors' Reports
12:00pm Lunch
1:15pm Ministers' Choir Practice
2:00pm Afternoon Session
 District Assembly Business & Elections
 NDI Convention & Elections
 NYI Convention & Elections
 Pastors' Reports
5:00pm Supper Break
6:30pm SC IMPACT Team Prelude
7:00pm Worship Service
 Worship
 District Superintendent's Report

SATURDAY | JULY 18

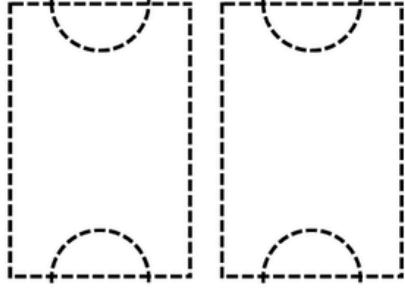
- 8:00am Doors Open**
8:30am Morning Session
 SC IMPACT Team Concert
 District Assembly Business
 Trevecca Nazarene University Update
 Introduction of New Pastors
 General Superintendent's Report
 Assembly Reports
 Memorial Roll
 Pastors' Reports
12:00pm Lunch
2:00pm Ordination Service



MAIN BUILDING: Upper Level



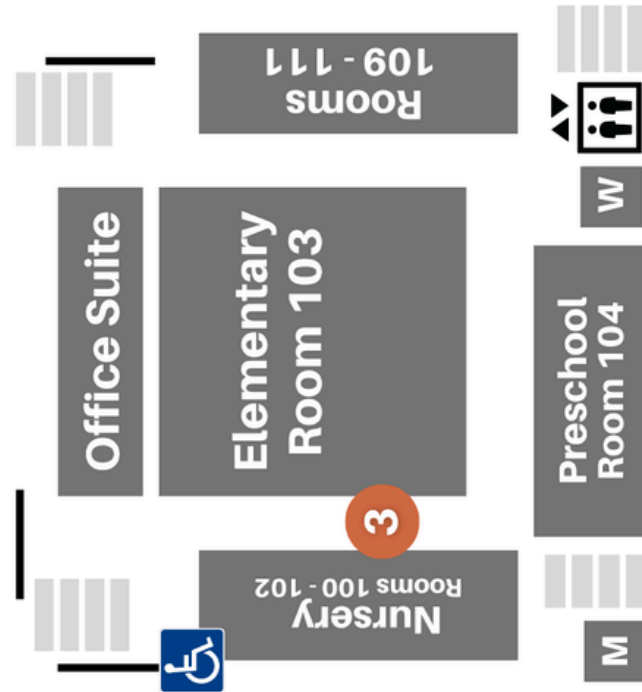
GYM: Upper Level



EVENT KEY

- 1 Seat Alternates & Voting Assistance
- 2 Translation Equipment & Meal Tickets
- 3 Assembly Kids Dropoff
- 4 Coffee & Snacks
- 5 Exhibit Halls
- 6 Lunches
- 7 Care Kit Drop Off

MAIN BUILDING: Lower Level



GYM: Lower Level



MAP KEY

- Stairs
- Elevator
- Men's Restroom
- Women's Restroom
- Entrances

Dr. Carla Sunberg was elected 43rd general superintendent of the Church of the Nazarene at the 29th General Assembly in Indianapolis, Indiana, in June 2017. At the time of her election, Dr. Sunberg was president of Nazarene Theological Seminary, where she had been serving since January 2014.

She was ordained on the Russia North District, where she and her husband, Chuck, served the Church of the Nazarene for 13 years as pioneer missionaries to the former Soviet Union. In 2005, the Sunbergs returned to the United States and began pastoring at Grace Point Church of the Nazarene in Fort Wayne, Indiana. In 2011, she and her husband accepted a call to serve as co-district superintendents of the East Ohio District Church of the Nazarene.

Dr. Sunberg has a bachelor of science in nursing (BSN) degree from MidAmerica Nazarene University, a Master of Arts in Theological Studies (MATS) degree from Nazarene Theological Seminary (NTS), and a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Historical Theology from Nazarene Theological College and the University of Manchester, United Kingdom. In May 2012, she was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity (DD) degree from Olivet Nazarene University.

Dr. Sunberg has a long record of service to the Church of the Nazarene on various boards and committees. In addition, she has served as the president of Wesleyan-Holiness Women Clergy and chair of the Wesleyan-Holiness Connection.

She is the author of articles for various church publications, as well numerous books. Her latest works include Pulling Back the Curtain on the former Soviet Union and The Christian Life: A Nazarene Perspective, both from the Foundry Publishing.

Dr. Sunberg was born in Germany, the daughter of missionaries. She loves to teach and train leaders for the future of the church and has served as adjunct faculty for a number of institutions. Her heartfelt passion is for a life of holiness and service to the Lord.

Carla and Chuck are proud parents of two adult daughters, Christa, who along with her husband, Iain Maciver, lives in England with their two children, Theodore and Alana; and Cara, who with her husband, Justin Shonamon and children Mackenzie, Alice, and Halston, lives in Kansas City, Kansas.

La Dra. Carla Sunberg fue elegida 43ª superintendente general de la Iglesia del Nazareno en la 29ª Asamblea General celebrada en Indianápolis, Indiana, en junio de 2017. En el momento de su elección, la Dra. Sunberg era presidenta del Seminario Teológico Nazareno, donde llevaba ejerciendo desde enero de 2014.

Fue ordenada en el Distrito Norte de Rusia, donde ella y su esposo, Chuck, sirvieron a la Iglesia del Nazareno durante 13 años como misioneros pioneros en la antigua Unión Soviética. En 2005, los Sunberg regresaron a Estados Unidos y comenzaron a pastorear en la Iglesia del Nazareno Grace Point en Fort Wayne, Indiana. En 2011, ella y su esposo aceptaron el llamado para servir como co-superintendentes de distrito de la Iglesia del Nazareno del Distrito Este de Ohio.

La Dra. Sunberg es licenciada en Enfermería (BSN) por la Universidad Nazarena de MidAmerica, tiene un máster en Estudios Teológicos (MATS) por el Seminario Teológico Nazareno (NTS) y es doctora en Filosofía (PhD) en Teología Histórica por el Colegio Teológico Nazareno y la Universidad de Manchester, Reino Unido. En mayo de 2012, la Universidad Nazarena de Olivet le concedió el título de Doctora en Teología (DD).

La Dra. Sunberg cuenta con una amplia trayectoria de servicio a la Iglesia del Nazareno en diversos consejos y comités. Además, ha ocupado el cargo de presidenta de la Asociación de Mujeres Clérigas Wesleyanas-Santidad y de presidenta de la Conexión Wesleyana-Santidad.

Es autora de artículos para diversas publicaciones eclesiológicas, así como de numerosos libros. Entre sus obras más recientes se encuentran "Descubriendo la antigua Unión Soviética" Pulling Back the Curtain on the former Soviet Union y "La Vida Cristiana: Una Perspectiva Nazarena" The Christian Life: A Nazarene Perspective, ambas publicadas por Foundry Publishing.

La Dra. Sunberg nació en Alemania, hija de misioneros. Le encanta enseñar y formar líderes para el futuro de la iglesia, y ha sido profesora adjunta en varias instituciones. Su más sincera pasión es llevar una vida de santidad y servicio al Señor. Carla y Chuck son los orgullosos padres de dos hijas adultas: Christa, que junto a su esposo, Iain Maciver, vive en Inglaterra con sus dos hijos, Theodore y Alana; y Cara, que junto a su esposo, Justin Shonamon, y sus hijos Mackenzie, Alice y Halston, vive en Kansas City, Kansas.



Dr. Carla D.
Sunberg

Jurisdictional General
Superintendent
Superintendente General
Jurisdiccional



Rev. Samuel Flores was elected District Superintendent of the South Carolina District in July 2018. Previously, he served as Assistant District Superintendent for the South Texas District and as District Missionary, coordinating New Church Development and Multicultural Ministries. He held ministry and pastoral assignments at Austin First, Austin Grace, San Antonio Central, Houston Southwest, and San Antonio New Vision Community. With God's help, Pastor Sam played a pivotal role in the development of 70 new churches in South Texas.

He has served as a Board of Trustees member for Southern Nazarene University and currently serves as a Trustee at Trevecca Nazarene University and Nazarene Bible College. In addition, Sam is a member of the denominational regional Multiply Collective, Director of Assessments for New Church Pastors, and has been a workshop presenter at denominational gatherings.

He is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin, earning a Bachelor's degree in Government, Political Science and Pre-Law. He also earned a Master's in Organizational Leadership from Trevecca Nazarene University.

Sam and Candy have been married for 38 years and enjoy time with their four daughters, three sons-in-law, and five grandchildren. They love family activities, travel, and sightseeing. Pastor Sam is committed to church and community transformation through the Holy Spirit, aiming to help people follow Jesus. His inspiration to love and serve others comes from Joshua 24:15: "As for me and my house we will serve the Lord."



Rev. Samuel A.
Flores

District Superintendent
Superintendente Distrital



El Rev. Samuel Flores fue elegido Superintendente de Distrito del Distrito de Carolina del Sur en julio de 2018. Anteriormente, sirvió como Superintendente Asistente de Distrito para el Distrito del Sur de Texas y como Misionero Distrital, coordinando el Desarrollo de Nuevas Iglesias y los Ministerios Multiculturales. Ha ocupado asignaciones ministeriales y pastorales en Austin First, Austin Grace, San Antonio Central, Houston Southwest y San Antonio New Vision Community. Con la ayuda de Dios, el Pastor Sam desempeñó un papel fundamental en el desarrollo de 70 nuevas iglesias en el Sur de Texas.

Ha servido como miembro de la Junta de Síndicos de Southern Nazarene University y actualmente sirve como síndico en Trevecca Nazarene University y Nazarene Bible College. Además, Sam es miembro del Multiply Collective regional denominacional, Director de Evaluaciones para Pastores de Nuevas Iglesias, y ha sido presentador de talleres en reuniones denominacionales.

Es graduado de la University of Texas at Austin, donde obtuvo una licenciatura en Gobierno, Ciencias Políticas y Pre-Derecho. También obtuvo una maestría en Liderazgo Organizacional de Trevecca Nazarene University.

Sam y Candy han estado casados por 38 años y disfrutan pasar tiempo con sus cuatro hijas, tres yernos y cinco nietos. Les encantan las actividades familiares, viajar y conocer nuevos lugares. El Pastor Sam está comprometido con la transformación de la iglesia y la comunidad por medio del Espíritu Santo, con el propósito de ayudar a las personas a seguir a Jesús. Su inspiración para amar y servir a los demás proviene de Josué 24:15: "Pero yo y mi casa serviremos al Señor."

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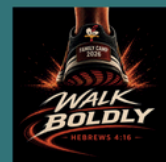


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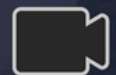
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2026-2027 DISTRICT CALENDAR

ABBREVIATION KEY

DAB - District Advisory Board

GCCC - Gunter Camp & Conference Center

NDI - Nazarene Discipleship International

NMI - Nazarene Missions International

NYI - Nazarene Youth International

TNT - Top Nazarene Talent

TNU - Trevecca Nazarene University

W&W - Work & Witness

JULY 2026

17-18 The Gathering 2026 | Columbia First

21 DAB Organizational Meeting | Online

7/30-8/1 SE Field Church Planter Assessment | GCCC

AUGUST 2026

8 Camp Covenant Partners' Town Hall Meeting | GCCC

22 Teen Quiz (NYI)

29 NMI Council Meeting | District Office

SEPTEMBER 2026

11-13 Youth Worker's Retreat (NYI) | Ridgecrest, NC

15 DAB Meeting | District Office

18-19 Retiro de Parejas | GCCC

19 Teen Quiz (NYI)

26 Equip (NDI) | Columbia First

OCTOBER 2026

10 Teen Quiz (NYI)

10 Camp Board Meeting | GCCC

16-17 Pastor Prayer & Training Retreat | GCCC

16-18 PK Retreat (NYI) | Great Wolf Lodge, LaGrange, GA

17-25 Deputation Tour - Joshua & Shannon Herndon (NMI)

24 Children's Missions Fair (NMI) | GCCC

NOVEMBER 2026

- 5-7 TNU Board of Trustees & Homecoming
- 7 Children's Quiz (NDI)
- 7 Teen Quiz (NYI)
- 13-15 Ladies' Getaway (NDI)
- 17 DAB Meeting | Online
- 20-22 Breakaway (NYI) | GCCC

DECEMBER 2026

- 4 District Christmas Banquet | GCCC

JANUARY 2027

- 7-10 Pastor & Spouse Retreat | Hilton Head Island, SC
- 9 Teen Quiz (NYI)
- 22-23 District TNT (NYI) | Midland Valley Community
- 24-30 Deputation Tour - Monty & Bethany Cyr (NMI)
- 26 DAB Meeting | Online

FEBRUARY 2027

- 6 Children's Quiz (NDI)
- 6 Teen Quiz (NYI)
- 13 NMI Council Meeting | Online
- 27 Camp Board Meeting | GCCC

MARCH 2027

- 6 Children's Quiz (NDI)
- 6 Teen Quiz (NYI)
- 15-17 Global Exponential Conference | Orlando, FL
- 18-20 TNU Board of Trustees
- 20 Children's Talent (NDI)
- 20 Prime Time Event (NDI)
- 30 DAB Meeting | District Office

APRIL 2027

- 6 District Nominating Committee Meeting | Online
- 8-10 TNT@TNU (NYI)
- 17 NMI Council Meeting | Online
- 23-24 Board of Ministry Assessment Weekend | GCCC
- 4/30-5/2 District Men's Retreat (NDI) | GCCC

MAY 2027

- 8 TNU Commencement
- 14-15 Camp Workdays | GCCC
- 18 DAB Meeting | Online
- 28-30 The Bridge Retreat (NYI) | GCCC
- 31 End of Church Year

JUNE 2027

- 7-12 Family Camp | GCCC
- 14-18 Teen Camp (NYI) | GCCC
- 15 Executive Finance Committee Meeting | District Office
- 22 Finance Committee Meeting | District Office
- 6/25-7/2 General Assembly & Conventions | Kansas City, MO

JULY 2027

- 5-8 Preteen Camp | GCCC
- 8-11 Children's Camp | GCCC
- 11-18 IMPACT Tour (NYI)
- 16-17 The Gathering 2027 | Columbia First
- 27 DAB Organizational Meeting | Online

Access the Latest Event Information Online

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SATURDAY
SEPT. 26

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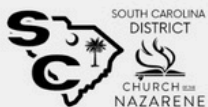
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2026 LADIES *Getaway*

Location: Myrtle Beach Hilton Resort

Dates: November 13-15, 2026

Cost: single: \$275; double: \$240

Registration opens: August 4th

See your ladies ministry director to
register as a church.

We are excited to welcome back
Bethany and Caitlin this year!

Registration: August 4th - October 2nd

Must be postmarked by: October 5th

This year we are asking churches to register and
pay as a group.

SC DISTRICT CAMPS 2027

at the
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THE BRIDGE RETREAT - May 28-30

FAMILY CAMP - June 7-12

TEEN CAMP - June 14-18

PRETEEN CAMP - July 5-8

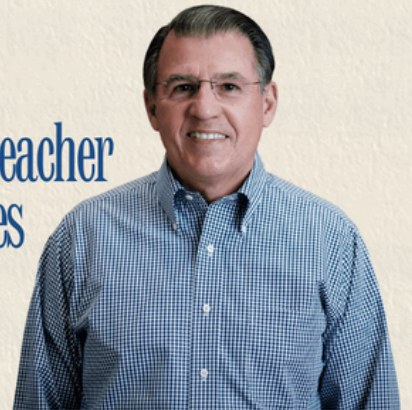
CHILDREN'S CAMP - July 8-11

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FAMILY CAMP '27

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Dr. David Graves



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IMPACT *Reunion*



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FAMILY CAMP

FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 2027

— *More details to come!* —

SOUTH CAROLINA DISTRICT PASTOR & SPOUSE RETREAT

JANUARY 7-10, 2027
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2025-2026 DISTRICT STAFF & BOARDS

DISTRICT STAFF & LEADERSHIP

District Superintendent	Samuel Flores
Assistant District Superintendent	Jeremy Reese
District Secretary	Gregory Pressley
District Finance Officer	Jessica Rojas
NDI President	Tony Lupton
NMI President	Libby Newman
NYI President	Nate Barefield
Children's Ministries Director	Laureen Rupert
Gunter Camp & Conference Center Manager	Candy Flores

DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD

MINISTERS

Roland Evans (2027)
David Gallimore (2026)
Eric Nahass (2026)
David Snodgrass (2028)
Isa Wojtkowski (2027)

LAYPERSONS

Tina Morse (2026)
Laura Virden (2026)
Dorothy Waldron (2028)
Elaine Wengerd (2027)
Justin Willis (2027)

COURT OF APPEALS

EX OFFICIO

District Superintendent

MINISTERS

Jerry Branham (2028)
Wayne Cheselka (2028)

LAYPERSONS

LaNora Jensen (2028)
Wendel Nixon (2028)

EXECUTIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE

EX OFFICIO

District Superintendent
District Finance Officer
District Secretary

MEMBERS

Mark Alison (Chair) LaNora Jensen
Lucky Detty Kaleb Nimz
Rob Edwards

BOARD OF MINISTRY

EX OFFICIO

District Superintendent

District Secretary

MEMBERS

Andy Barnette (2028)

Ben LaPlace (2027)

Jeremy Reese (2027)

Roland Evans (2028)

Tony Lupton (2027)

David Snodgrass (2028)

David Gallimore (2028)

Michael McAdory (2026)

Scott Wade (2028)

Bill Harmon (2027)

Libby Newman (2028)

Brent Walker (2027)

CAMP DEVELOPMENT & OPERATIONS BOARD

EX OFFICIO

District Superintendent

Gunter Camp Manager

MINISTERS

Henry Adams

Brian Howard

Brandon Barkley

Jayden Savage

Andrew Barnette

LAYPERSONS

Donnie Arant

Greg Lyman

Bill Brummer

Michelle Sharpe

Phillip Dominguez

Peggy Smith

TRUSTEES TO TREVECCA NAZARENE UNIVERSITY

EX OFFICIO

District Superintendent

MINISTER

David Snodgrass (2026)

LAYPERSON

Ashley Barnette (2027)

MISSION AREA LEADERS

Lowcountry - Bill Wojtkowski

Lower Midlands - Linda Robinson

Midlands - Brent Walker

Pee Dee - Tom McCrea

Piedmont - John Sadler

Santee - Sammy Geddings

Upstate - David Snodgrass

DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD REPORT

South Carolina District Church of the Nazarene

The District Advisory Board of the South Carolina District Church of the Nazarene met in regular meetings throughout the 2025-2026 fiscal year. We prayerfully reviewed and received minutes of previous meetings; reports from Rev. Samuel Flores, District Superintendent; reports from Rev. Jeremy Reese, Assistant District Superintendent; monthly financial summaries and treasurer's reports for the SC District and the Gunter Camp & Conference Center from Jessica Rojas, District Finance Officer; and regular reports from Candy Flores, the Gunter Camp & Conference Center Manager.

This serves as a summary report. Complete minutes and documentation are recorded in the District Office (150 McSwain Drive, West Columbia). The following actions were taken:

- 1) Approval of Organization of the District Advisory Board
- 2) Approval of Organization of the District Executive Finance Committee
- 3) Approval of Organization of the District Finance Committee
- 4) Transfer of Ministerial Credentials
- 5) Annual Appointment of Pastors
- 6) Annual Appointment of Local Church Boards
- 7) Acceptance of Camp Development & Operations Board Recommendations
- 8) Recommendation of License Renewal for Licensed Ministers Serving as Pastors
- 9) Approval of Local Licensed Ministers Serving as Pastors: Thomas Carter Sr. and Brandon Eagleton
- 10) Approval of Treasurers at Bennettsville First, Cottageville, New Ellenton New Life, Pageland Rose Memorial, Spartanburg Casa del Alfarero and Wallace
- 11) Acceptance of Resignation of Credentials: Antonio Matias Jr.
- 12) Acceptance of Filing of Credentials: Leslie LaPrise
- 13) Approval of Restructuring of Mission Areas
- 14) Appointment of the District Nominating Committee
- 15) Appointment of General Assembly Resolutions Subcommittee
- 16) Appointment to Fill Vacancy on the District Advisory Board
- 17) Approval of District Loans: Batesburg, Chester First, Orangeburg Memorial and Simpsonville Life Spring Community
- 18) Approval of Spartanburg Casa del Alfarero's Request to Build
- 19) Approval of Recommendation to Place Myrtle Beach – The Connection in Crisis
- 20) Approval to Disorganize Hartsville Calvary
- 21) Approval to Drop Charleston Brazilian, Super Life and Columbia Impact
- 22) Approval to Organize Radiant Life Church of the Nazarene
- 23) Approval of Lost Sheep Ministry of SC as a Nazarene Compassionate Ministry Center (CMC)
- 24) Approval of 2026/2027 District Budget, Gunter Camp & Conference Center Budget, and Departmental (NDI, NMI, NYI) Budgets

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID SNODGRASS, Secretary

SAMUEL FLORES, Chairperson

BOARD OF MINISTRY REPORT
South Carolina District Church of the Nazarene

a. Credentials

Partial Report No. 1

We, your Board of Ministry, recommend the following transfers be received:

Elder:

Steven Doerr - Florida
Sharon Hurkens - Metro New York
Stephan P. Hurkens - Metro New York
Robert E. Lanier - MidSouth
David W. Sifferd - Northern California
Billy R. Stephenson - Georgia

We recommend the following transfers be granted:

Elder:

Aldo Thiago Filipini - São Paulo
Tom Shaw - Prairie Lakes

Partial Report No. 2

We, your Board of Ministry, having found the following ministers to be in harmony with the teachings and practices of the Church of the Nazarene, recommend that they be elected to elder's orders and ordained:

Anthony Keith Bryant
Gina Vanessa Franco Castiblanco
Nicole Eileen Langston
Shannon Rena' Mangicaro
Marlene Saenz
Christopher Gordon Ward

Partial Report No. 3

We, your Board of Ministry, recommend the following:

For Minister's License:

(elder track except where noted)

Garry Allan Compton
Laura X. Cardozo Salcedo
Aswil Andres Dominguez
Thelma Edwards
Brittany Lynn Evans
Dennis E. Giddings
Adelaida Schilling

For Renewal of Minister's License:

(elder track except where noted)

Carmen Batista
Rachel L. Beita (Deacon)

Anthony K. Bryant
Samuel Burchfield
Timothy Chipley
LaMorris Crawford
Curt Evans
Stephen Fairfax (Deacon)
Gina V. Franco Castiblanco
Guisselle Gonzalez
Jillian Hutchins
Benjamin Kaney
Stephen Kiser
Nicole Langston
David LaTourette, Jr.
Shannon Mangicaro
Marcio Melo de Lima
Jose Mendoza
Daniel Millington
Sarah Moss
Pedro Joel Ospina
Jessica Rojas
Marlene Saenz
Jayden Savage
Todd Sims
James Stewart
Jeremy Varn
Christopher Ward
Jeremy Webb
Daniel Wood

For Retired Status - Assigned:

Terry W. Friesen
Samuel E. Geddings
Donna M. Green
Ted R. Hambrick
Raymond A. Jones, Jr.
Waveney Pereira
Jimmy W. Stocks

Removed from the Roll of Elders

Antonio Divino Matias Jr., Resigned, par 531.2
Leslie Ann LaPrise, Filed, par 531

Minister's License Not Renewed:

Benjamin Goss
Francelly Arias Parra
Monica Sanchez

Jesús Vásquez Hernández

For Local License

Thomas Carter, Sr.
Brandon Eagleton

For Registered Evangelist Certificate:

LaMorris Crawford
Jonathan Parrish

For Registered Song Evangelist Certificate:

Jim Bentley

For Renewal of Registered Evangelist Certificate:

Scott Wade

For Renewal of Commissioned Evangelist Certificate:

Shelly Head

For Renewal of Tenured Evangelist:

William A. Ulmet

For Renewal of Registered Song Evangelist Certificate:

Stefanie Coburn Fuller
Kelly Harvell

For Renewal of Commissioned Song Evangelist Certificate:

Shelly Head

Respectfully submitted,

GREGORY A. PRESSLEY, Secretary

SAMUEL A. FLORES, Chairperson

b. Ministerial Studies

Current Students:

We recommend the following be placed in level one:

Julie Helm
Joseph Kritt
Doris Suzuki Esmerio

We recommend the following be retained in level one:

Billy Geddings
Brandon Eagleton
Christine Nichols

We recommend the following be placed in level two:

Laura Cardozo
Garry Compton
Thelma Edwards
Denny Giddings
Bess Grimes
Adelaida Schilling

We recommend the following be retained in level two:

Francelly Arias Parra
Carmen Batista
Rachel Beita
Samuel Burchfield
LaMorris Crawford
Aswil Dominguez
Brittany Evans
Stephen Fairfax
Guisselle Gonzalez
Jillian Hutchins
Steve Kiser
Summer Mangicaro
Daniel Levi Millington
Pedro Joel Ospina
James Ken Stewart
Jeremy Varn
Jeremy Webb

We recommend the following be placed in level three:

Sarah Moss

We recommend the following be retained in level three:

Clay Chipley
David LaTourette
Jose Mendoza
Jessica Rojas
Jayden Savage
Daniel Wood

We recommend the following be placed in level four:

Curt Evans
Monica Sanchez Castro
Jesús Vásquez Hernández

We recommend the following be retained in level four:

Benjamin Kaney
Marcio Melo Lima
Todd Sims

We recommend the following for graduation from the course of study:

Gina Franco Castiblanco
Shannon Mangicaro
Marlene Saenz

INSTRUCTION TO STUDENTS

For comprehensive information to guide you through the Course of Study, please refer to the Regional Sourcebook for Ministerial Development.

ELIGIBILITY

The District Studies Board serves only the persons who are properly enrolled. Consult *Manual* Paragraphs 521-522.2 – “Education of Clergy.”

MODES OF STUDY

The recommended mode of preparation for full-time Christian service is by completing a validated Course of Study degree program through a Nazarene liberal arts college or Nazarene Bible College and, if possible, the Nazarene Theological Seminary. Other modes are the Non-Degree Course of Study Program (NCOS) at Trevecca Nazarene University and the Ministry Preparation Program (MPP) at Nazarene Bible College. ENTE Online is an available online Spanish Language program.

STUDY REGULATIONS

1. Each student is instructed to download the Regional Sourcebook for Ministerial Development in order to become familiar with the details of the entire program.
2. All course work and transcripts must be submitted and credited by June 30 in order to apply to current assembly year. Work filed thereafter will be applied to the following year. Course work must be submitted annually prior to the Board of Ministry interview.
3. Approval for consideration for a course may be requested at any time prior to taking the course by contacting the Studies Board Secretary.
4. Lifelong Learning classes are permitted aids to study, but not a means of courses.

5. Candidates should be prepared to appear for an interview as called by the Board of Ministry.

NON-NAZARENE COURSEWORK

In accordance with *Manual* Paragraph 521.4, preparation for the ordained ministry pursued in non-Nazarene schools or under non-Nazarene auspices shall be evaluated by the District Ministerial Studies Board in conformity with the curricular requirements stated in the Regional Sourcebook for Ministerial Development. Transcripts and coursework will be evaluated by the District Ministerial Studies Board, and no requirements stated in the *Manual* will be waived.

WHERE TO GO

1. For information or guidance, the student should first consult his/her pastor or mentor. Further assistance may be obtained by contacting the District Secretary and/or the Studies Board Secretary.

2. All relevant application forms (for District Assembly recommendation and renewal) are available through the Ministerial Credentials page of the SC District Website.

3. Please send transcripts and grades for evaluation to studies@southcarolinanazarene.com. Official transcripts may be sent by mail to "Studies, c/o SC District Office, 150 McSwain Drive, West Columbia, SC 29169.

Respectfully Submitted,
JEREMY REESE, District Studies Board Secretary

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT
South Carolina District Church of the Nazarene
March 10, 2026

- 1) 2026/2027 Nominating Committee Members as appointed by the South Carolina District Advisory Board and District Superintendent, Rev. Samuel Flores (Chairperson):
 - a. **MINISTERS**
 - i. David Gallimore (Midland Valley Community)
 - ii. Joshua Keith (Columbia Abundant Life)
 - iii. Tony Lupton (New Start Community)
 - iv. Tom McCrea (Hartsville – The Gathering Place)
 - v. Haydn Miller (Anchor)
 - vi. Libby Newman (Batesburg)
 - vii. Greg Pressley (Sumter First)
 - viii. Scott Wade (Charleston Sea Island International Community)
 - ix. Isa Wojtkowski (Charleston Iglesia)
 - b. **LAYPERSONS**
 - i. Renee Eargle (Columbia First)
 - ii. Jay Earles (Midland Valley Community)
 - iii. LaNora Jensen (Pelion)
 - iv. Tina Morse (West Columbia Central)
 - v. Laureen Rupert (Charleston First)
 - vi. Peggy Smith (Batesburg)
 - vii. Laura Virden (Columbia First)
 - viii. Rachael Watts (West Columbia First)
 - ix. Emily Webb (Spartanburg First)
 - x. Bethany Willis (Anchor)
- 2) **GENERAL GUIDELINES**
 - a. That any person elected limit service to one major board/leadership role (DAB or department leadership) to allow more people the opportunity to serve.
 - b. That any person completing a three-year term (one cycle) on the DAB will rotate off that board for one year.
 - c. That the District Secretary serve as an ex officio member of the Board of Ministry.
 - d. That there be an awareness and inclusive spirit in recognizing differing geographical areas, as well as cultural & language groups represented throughout the district, all while desiring to seek the best candidates.
 - e. That all elections not otherwise stipulated be by plurality.
 - f. Once nominees are selected, there is a vetting process to determine eligibility to serve based on: 1) a recommendation from the lead pastor (if the nominee is an associate pastor or layperson) or district superintendent

- (if the nominee is a lead pastor); and 2) whether the nominee's church has made a significant contribution to their required district allocation.
- g. Nominees, after agreeing to serve, must provide a short biography and additional requested information prior to their names appearing on the ballot.

Approval by consensus

3) ADVISORY BOARD / Three (3) Year Term

- a. Expired Term
 - i. Ministers
 - 1. David Gallimore (Midland Valley Community)
 - 2. Eric Nahass (Columbia First) [*Appointed / Eligible for Reelection*]
 - ii. Laypersons
 - 1. Tina Morse (West Columbia Central)
 - 2. Laura Virden (Columbia First)
- b. Remaining Members
 - i. Ministers
 - 1. Roland Evans – 2027 (Cottageville)
 - 2. David Snodgrass – 2028 (HopePointe)
 - 3. Isa Wojtkowski – 2027 (Charleston Iglesia)
 - ii. Laypersons
 - 1. Dorothy Waldron – 2028 (Sumter First)
 - 2. Elaine Wengerd – 2027 (Aiken Ebenezer)
 - 3. Justin Willis – 2027 (Anchor)
- c. Minister - Elect Two (2) / Nominate Six (6)
(*Ordained, Assigned*)
 - 1. Melissa Burks (Summerville)
 - 2. Wayne Cheselka (Midland Valley Community)
 - 3. Jeffrey Hawkins (HopePointe)
 - 4. Eric Nahass (Columbia First)
 - 5. Jonathan Saenz (Cherrydale Hispanic)
 - 6. Scott Wade (Charleston Sea Island Int'l Community)
- d. Layperson - Elect Two (2) / Nominate Six (6)
 - 1. Ashley Barnette (HopePointe)
 - 2. Philip Dominguez (Summerville)
 - 3. Eddie Felder (Pelion)
 - 4. Charles Goodwin (Columbia First)
 - 5. LaNora Jensen (Pelion)
 - 6. Elwood Stith (Cottageville)

4) BOARD OF MINISTRY / Three (3) Year Term

- a. Ex Officio
 - i. District Superintendent – Samuel Flores
 - ii. District Secretary – Gregory Pressley

- b. Expired Term
 - i. Michael McAdory (Midland Valley Community)
 - c. Remaining Members
 - i. Andrew Barnette – 2028 (HopePointe)
 - ii. Roland Evans – 2028 (Cottageville)
 - iii. David Gallimore – 2028 (Midland Valley Community)
 - iv. Bill Harmon – 2027 (West Columbia First)
 - v. Ben LaPlace – 2027 (The Village - Greer)
 - vi. Tony Lupton – 2027 (New Start Community)
 - vii. Libby Newman – 2028 (Batesburg)
 - viii. Jeremy Reese – 2027 (Aiken Ebenezer)
 - ix. David Snodgrass – 2028 (HopePointe)
 - x. Scott Wade – 2028 (Charleston Sea Island International Community)
 - xi. Brent Walker – 2027 (West Columbia Central)
 - d. Elect One (1) / Nominate Three (3)
 (*Ordained, Assigned*)
 - 1. James Burks (Summerville)
 - 2. Audrey Carter (Columbia Grace)
 - 3. Richard Coleman (Lexington Shepherd)
- 5) CAMP DEVELOPMENT/OPERATIONS BOARD / Two (2) Year Term
- a. Ex Officio
 - i. District Superintendent – Samuel Flores
 - ii. Camp Manager – Candy Flores
 - b. Expired Term
 - i. Elected Ministers
 - 1. Andrew Barnette (HopePointe)
 - 2. Jayden Savage (Pelion)
 - ii. Elected Laypersons
 - 1. Michelle Sharpe (Sumter Calvary)
 - 2. Peggy Smith (Batesburg)
 - c. Remaining Members
 - i. Elected Ministers
 - ii. Appointed Ministers
 - 1. Henry Adams (Great Falls)
 - 2. Brandon Barkley (Ashwood)
 - 3. Brian Howard (Midland Valley Community)
 - iii. Elected Laypersons
 - iv. Appointed Laypersons
 - 1. Donnie Arant (Rock Hill Trinity)
 - 2. Bill Brummer (Midland Valley Community)
 - 3. Philip Dominguez (Summerville)
 - 4. Greg Lyman (Columbia First)
 - d. Minister - Elect Two (2) / Nominate Six (6)
 (*Ordained or District Licensed, Assigned*)

1. Brandon Barkley (Ashwood)
2. Anthony Bryant (Columbia First)
3. Melissa Burks (Summerville)
4. Curt Evans (Camden First)
5. Joe Savage (Pelion)
6. Arthur Sharpe (Sumter Calvary)
- e. Layperson - Elect Two (2) / Nominate Six (6)
 1. Renee Eargle (Columbia First)
 2. Hubert Jayakumar (Chester)
 3. Laureen Rupert (Charleston First)
 4. Roxi Snodgrass (Camden First)
 5. Ronda Speed (Sumter First)
 6. Joe Waldron (Sumter First)

6) CHURCH PROPERTIES BOARD

- a. The District Advisory Board to serve *ex officio*.

Approval by consensus

7) COURT OF APPEALS / Two (2) Year Term

- a. Current Members – Terms Expire 2028
 - i. Ministers
 1. Jerry Branham (Columbia First)
 2. Wayne Cheselka (Midland Valley Community)
 - ii. Laypersons
 1. LaNora Jensen (Pelion)
 2. Wendel Nixon (Columbia First)

No election necessary

8) DISTRICT ASSEMBLY FINANCE COMMITTEE

- a. District Advisory Board & Department Leaders to serve *ex officio*.

Approval by consensus

9) TRUSTEES TO TREVECCA NAZARENE UNIVERSITY / Three (3) Year Term

- a. Ex Officio
 - i. District Superintendent – Samuel Flores
- b. Expired Term
 - i. David Snodgrass – Minister (HopePointe)
- c. Remaining Trustees
 - i. Ashley Barnette – Layperson - 2027 (Layperson)
- d. Minister - Elect One (1) / Nominate Three (3)
(*Ordained, Assigned*)
 1. Benjamin LaPlace (The Village – Greer)
 2. Michael McAdory (Midland Valley Community)

3. David Snodgrass (HopePointe)

10) GENERAL ASSEMBLY DELEGATES

a. Previous General Assembly Delegates (2023)

i. Ministers

1. Samuel Flores
2. Gregory Pressley
3. Jeremy Reese

ii. Laypersons

1. Bella Bagby
2. Mariah Sharpe
3. LaNora Jensen

b. Ex Officio Minister

i. District Superintendent – Samuel Flores

c. Minister – Elect Two (2) / Nominate Twelve (12)

(Ordained, Assigned, Not Retired)

1. James Burks (Summerville)
2. Melissa Burks (Summerville)
3. Lucky Detty (Reconciliation Ministries)
4. Benjamin LaPlace (The Village – Greer)
5. Michael McAdory (Midland Valley Community)
6. Tom McCrea (Hartsville – The Gathering Place)
7. Eric Nahass (Columbia First)
8. Gregory Pressley (Sumter First)
9. Jeremy Reese (Aiken Ebenezer)
10. Jonathan Saenz (Cherrydale Hispanic)
11. David Snodgrass (HopePointe)
12. Isa Wojtkowski (Charleston Iglesia)

d. Layperson – Elect Three (3) / Nominate Eighteen (18)

1. Joy Cheselka (Midland Valley Community)
2. Renee Eargle (Columbia First)
3. Jay Earles (Midland Valley Community)
4. Jennifer Grimaud (Columbia First)
5. LaNora Jensen (Pelion)
6. Angela LaPlace (The Village – Greer)
7. Wendel Nixon (Columbia First)
8. Iwana Ridgill (Columbia Grace)
9. Laureen Rupert (Charleston First)
10. Dean Sandifer (Orangeburg Memorial)
11. Mariah Flores Sharpe (HopePointe)
12. Tina Morse (West Columbia Central)
13. Elwood Stith (Cottageville)
14. Dorothy Waldron (Sumter First)
15. Joe Waldron (Sumter First)
16. Emily Webb (Spartanburg First)
17. Bethany Willis (Anchor)

18. Justin Willis (Anchor)

ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Jeremy Reese
Assistant District Superintendent
Recording Secretary

2026 Election Ballot

All Voting Done Electronically

DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD

MINISTER (3-year term)

Elect 2

Melissa Burks
Wayne Cheselka
Jeffrey Hawkins
Eric Nahass
Jonathan Saenz
Scott Wade

LAYPERSON (3-year term)

Elect 2

Ashley Barnette
Philip Dominguez
Eddie Felder
Charles Goodwin
LaNora Jensen
Elwood Stith

CAMP DEVELOPMENT/OPERATIONS BOARD

MINISTER (2-year term)

Elect 2

Brandon Barkley
Anthony Bryant
Melissa Burks
Curt Evans
Joe Savage
Arthur Sharpe

LAYPERSON (2-year term)

Elect 2

Renee Eargle
Hubert Jayakumar
Laureen Rupert
Roxianne Snodgrass
Ronda Speed
Joe Waldron

TRUSTEE TO TREVECCA NAZARENE UNIVERSITY

MINISTER (3-year term)

Elect 1

Ben LaPlace
Michael McAdory
David Snodgrass

2026 Nominating Ballot

All Voting Done Electronically

DELEGATES TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

MINISTER

Elect 2

James Burks
Melissa Burks
Lucky Detty
Ben LaPlace
Michael McAdory
Tom McCrea
Eric Nahass
Greg Pressley
Jeremy Reese
Jonathan Saenz
David Snodgrass
Isa Wojtkowski

LAYPERSON

Elect 3

Joy Cheselka
Renee Eargle
Jay Earles
Jennifer Grimaud
LaNora Jensen
Angela LaPlace
Wendel Nixon
Iwana Ridgill
Laureen Rupert
Dean Sandifer
Mariah Flores Sharpe
Tina Morse
Elwood Stith
Dorothy Waldron
Joseph Waldron
Emily Webb
Bethany Willis
Justin Willis

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

South Carolina District Church of the Nazarene

We, the District Finance Committee: Rev. Samuel Flores (ex officio), Mark Alison (chair-person), LaNora Jensen (Finance Committee secretary), Jessica Rojas (District treasurer/finance officer), Nate Barefield (NYI president), Tony Lupton (NDI president), Elizabeth Newman (NMI president), Rev. Jeremy Reese (recording secretary), Gregory A. Pressley (District secretary); ministers – Roland Evans, David Gallimore, Eric Nahass, David Snodgrass and Isa Wojtkowski; laypersons – Tina Morse, Laura Virden, Dorothy Waldron, Elaine Wengerd, and Justin Willis, submit the following report for your consideration:

The Church of the Nazarene is comprised of local congregations throughout the world. By the uniting of our efforts and resources we are able to accomplish that which our local churches cannot do by themselves. Necessary to these cooperative ministries is financial support from the local churches. Furthermore, we are dependent upon the integrity of pastors and local church financial officers in developing and maintaining a means to this ministry that is equitable and healthy.

We recommend the following:

1. That for the **2026-27** fiscal year local churches participate in the District Missional Fund (DMF). The DMF shall be conducted in this manner: each local church shall contribute 6.75% of its tithes and offerings ~~(including its Sunday School offering)~~ for the support of the following South Carolina District Ministries: District Operations, ~~New Church Fund~~ **District Missional Growth**, Camp, District Nazarene Discipleship International (NDI), District Nazarene Missions International (NMI) and District Nazarene Youth International (NYI). Send to South Carolina District Church of the Nazarene, 150 McSwain Drive, West Columbia, SC 29169 or by electronic payment (www.fundingthemission.org). Exempt from inclusion in the DMF offerings is money given by the local church to the World Evangelism Fund and approved mission specials.

The DMF allotments are to be sent at least monthly to the South Carolina District Office by U.S. mail or through online giving. The district treasurer will disburse the funds proportionately in the following manner, up to **\$583,000**:

District Missional Growth – **4.00%**

Camp – **9.00%**

NDI – **4.00%**

NMI – **4.00%**

NYI – **4.00%**

After \$583,000 of the district budget (DMF) has been received and there is an excess over expenditures, the balance of monies will be appropriated according to

the executive finance committee recommendations with approval of the District Advisory Board.

2. That the World Evangelism Fund shall be 5.5% of all monies raised, minus all money given by the local church to the World Evangelism Fund and approved mission specials. Send to General Treasurer, P.O. Box 843116, Kansas City, MO 64184 Mail check to Global Treasury Services, ATTN: Donor Services, 17001 Prairie Star Pkwy, Lenexa, KS 66220 or send by electronic payment (www.fundingthemission.org).
3. That South Carolina's Nazarene Benefits USA (formerly Pensions & Benefits) shall be 2% of all monies raised minus all money given by the local church to the World Evangelism Fund and approved mission specials; and that Trevecca's allotment shall be 2.5% of all monies raised minus all money given by the local church to the World Evangelism Fund and approved mission specials. Please understand that it is the local church's responsibility to send the Nazarene Benefits USA allotment to the General Treasurer and Trevecca's allotment to TNU.
4. The District Budget shall be as follows:

Proposed District Budget Expenditures **2026-27**
See Addendum 1.

Proposed **2026-27** District Missional Growth Investments - **\$23,320**.

Proposed Camp Operating Budget **2026-27**
See Addendum 2.

5. That the District NDI, District NMI, District NYI councils provide monthly treasurer reports to the district superintendent.
6. That the District NDI, NMI, NYI, and Camp councils/boards present a proposed annual budget to the District Finance Committee.
7. That all district and department treasurers' books be audited annually by a qualified accountant.

~~That the district treasurer and all department treasurers be bonded at district expense.~~

8. That all district salaries and benefits and general assembly delegate allocations be preferred claims; and that all other district expenses not specified, including office equipment, be paid as ordered by the Advisory Board; that travel expenses for the district board and committee meetings be set at one half of the current IRS standards.

9. That the district superintendent be given 5 weeks' vacation with pay.

~~That the local church be responsible for the pastor's and any associate pastors' health insurance premiums.~~

10. For South Carolina Nazarene churches that have paid their Education Budget in full, TNU will match 2-to-1 any amount the local church sends in for their students up to \$500. (TNU will add \$1000 to make it a \$1500 Church Match Scholarship.)

For South Carolina Nazarene churches that have not paid their Education Budget, TNU will match 1-to-1 any amount the local church sends in for their students up to \$500. (TNU will add \$500 to make it a \$1000 Church Match Scholarship.)

Guidelines for Local Church Boards

1. That church boards assume responsibility to see that 6.75% of the local church's offering is sent to the district treasurer at least monthly.
2. That our churches and departments have their treasurer's books audited or reviewed at the end of the statistical church year preferably by a qualified accountant, or by a competent committee, and that a letter is sent to the district office verifying this audit or review by October 1. Requests for permission to sell property, buy property, construct facilities, or borrow money may not be considered until the letter is received. This audit or review is to be verified on the annual pastor's report. (*Manual* paragraph 139.23)
3. That all church records are filed at the end of each statistical church year under the supervision of the church board, and that confidentiality be properly maintained.
4. That our churches pay full-time evangelists approximately twice their pastor's **weekly** salary. Travel expenses and Social Security taxes should be in addition to the compensation provided.
5. That our people be encouraged to exercise the stewardship of possessions and estates on behalf of the church. We further recommend that the pastors use every means to conduct an active bequest program through the local congregation. Visit www.NazareneFoundation.org or call 866-273-2549 for more information.
6. That each church observe Nazarene Bible College Day and Nazarene Theological Seminary Day during the dates designated by the respective institutions, by distributing publicity materials and receiving an offering.

Pastoral Care

Care for our pastors is a biblical concept and practice that needs to be carefully considered by our church boards. Realizing that staffing and financing resources of the

churches can vary, we urge the appropriate committees to study and recommend action annually in each of the areas below. Churches receiving district support must comply with existing district policy regarding local church finance.

A. Salaries

1. Each church, where appropriate and possible, should endeavor to employ its pastor on a full-time basis.
2. The pastor's and paid associate pastors' salaries are to be carefully reviewed annually as a minimum. It should be recognized that a salary increase is not an actual increase unless it is above the current cost-of-living index. When a pastor leads a church in growth that is reflected in increased finances, let this be a factor in determining the amount of increase in his/her salary and benefits.
3. A study should be made of the pastor's and associates' compensation to determine means of limiting tax liability. Professional assistance is available through the office of Nazarene Benefits USA (NBUSA). We recommend local churches seek assistance relating to the tax laws and their impact on tax liability of pastors and associates.
4. The pastor's and associates' salaries are to be considered a preferred claim.
5. That the pastor and associates be given at least one week's salary as a Christmas gift, **when possible**.

B. Housing

1. In housing matters, churches should carefully consider the options of the pastor purchasing his own home versus retaining a church-owned parsonage to best meet the pastor's need.
2. When a pastor or associate purchases his own home, a housing allowance should be established commensurate with current housing and utility costs, in line with current IRS standards and consistent with NBUSA guidance.
3. If a parsonage is owned by the local church, the appropriate committee or board should be aware of and responsible for needed repairs and maintenance.

C. Insurance

1. **The local church, when possible, will share the responsibility of the pastor's and any associate pastors' health insurance premiums.**
2. Consideration should be given to provide the supplemental term life insurance and the long-term disability insurance for the pastor and associates that is offered by the general church.

D. Local Church Expense

1. The church should **work toward** provide **providing** a pastor's auto expense reimbursement **for ministry-related** travel. ~~continually considering the increase in church-related auto costs. Consideration should be given to operating costs, maintenance, depreciation, insurance, and registration. Some churches may choose to provide a car for their pastor.~~ **We encourage the church to create a line item on the local church's yearly budget for this expense.**
2. Each church should make provisions for a comfortable and well-equipped office

for its pastors. This provision should include supplies, postage, telephone, and secretarial help when needed.

3. Recognizing that entertainment is a local church expense, consideration should be given to establishing an expense account to reimburse pastors for expenses incurred in professional responsibilities.
4. Each church should assist their pastor(s) with Work & Witness trip expenses, whenever possible. These ministry experiences should not be considered as vacation.

E. Retirement Benefits

1. The church should reimburse the pastor(s) the full amount of Social Security tax based on the total of his/her salary and housing allowance or parsonage rental value (where possible, including utilities).
2. NBUSA now offers a Ministers Match pension program. NBUSA will match contributions by eligible ministers and/or their church (local effort) to their Nazarene 403(b) account when the church also pays at least 50% of their NBUSA Fund allocation. The greatest benefit to the local minister occurs when the church pays 100%. For more information visit the NBUSA website. (<https://www.nbusa.org/>)
3. There is no longer an automatic contribution to the minister's retirement account, unless the minister and the church participate in this new pension program.
4. Once the church has fulfilled their NBUSA Fund allocation (2%) and if financially possible, the local church should also give consideration to establishing a matching TSA (tax sheltered annuity) plan for the pastor(s) through the TSA programs offered by the general church or other such institutions.
5. The local church should remit their NBUSA payment in order for the pastor(s) to receive retirement benefits. Here are the percentages for the Ministers Match Program:

(A) NBUSA Fund Contributed %	(B) Foundation Match on First \$250 of Local Effort	(C) Match Rate on Local Effort Above \$250	(D) Maximum Annual NBUSA Match
100%	100%	50%	\$2,500
90%	100%	45%	\$2,250
80%	100%	40%	\$2,000
70%	100%	35%	\$1,750
60%	100%	30%	\$1,500
50%	100%	25%	\$1,250

Well-Being

A. Physical

1. The pastor and full-time staff should be given an annual paid vacation. As a guideline, we suggest the following schedule for total years of service, not just

the tenure of service at the current assignment:

0-4 years	2 weeks (including 2 Sundays)
5-9 years	3 weeks (including 3 Sundays)
10-19 years	4 weeks (including 4 Sundays)
20 or more years	5 weeks (including 5 Sundays)

2. The pastor is urged to give careful consideration to following the biblical call to weekly Sabbath in taking one day off per week. He or she should also lead the congregation in understanding the words of Jesus that the Sabbath has been made for our well-being. God does in Sabbath what can only be done in Sabbath. Working on one's Sabbath should be rare. (Mark 2:27)

B. Spiritual

1. Realizing that pastors face stress, pressure, and exhaustion, consideration should be given to granting extended time away (week or month) for rest, renewal, prayer, and spiritual growth.
2. We affirm the biblical call (Leviticus 25) to follow the rhythms established by God for His people. During each fifth consecutive year, we recommend a paid sabbatical leave for rest, renewal, prayer and spiritual deepening, with district approval.
 - a. We recommend not less than 4 weeks of sabbatical time.
 - b. Recognizing the unique challenges of our bi-vocational pastors, the pastor / board are encouraged to invite the staff of nearby congregations and retired elders to help with the preaching duties. We encourage those ministers to consider their assistance as a gift to the local church in helping our bi-vocational pastors.
 - c. When a pastor has been in the ministry for 12 years, has not ever taken a sabbatical, and has been in his or her current assignment for at least four years, we recommend the congregation consider granting the pastor a sabbatical, in consultation with the district superintendent.
 - d. Church board/congregations should not consider the sabbatical as vacation nor should the compensation of the pastor be reduced.
 - e. In financially healthy settings, the church board/congregation should consider helping the full-time/senior pastor with the costs associated with the sabbatical. See *Manual* paragraph 139.10.
3. We urge that members of the local church uphold their pastor(s) daily in prayer.

C. Emotional

Understanding the emotional burden that pastors carry in caring for others and the high rate of burnout experienced by clergy, we recommend that the pastor give careful consideration to his or her own emotional health. We recommend that the local church encourage and provide the opportunity for each pastor to engage in counseling that would be consistent with Christian values, including, but not limited to, the Pastoral Care Center at Trevecca Nazarene University, with which the district has a contracted relationship.

D. Educational

1. That each church encourage all of its pastoral staff to enrich their ministry at the local church by providing funds and time for Lifelong Learning as outlined in the most recent Church of the Nazarene *Manual* paragraphs. This may include ministerial conventions, seminars, directed studies, and special college and seminary courses. This provision may also include the purchase of professional development materials (books and periodical allowances) and the payment of professional dues.
2. That each church, especially those without the funds to help with Lifelong Learning requirements, encourage their pastor to participate in the South Carolina School of Pastoral Leadership.

E. Inspirational

That each local church assist their pastor and associates in attending District Assembly, Family Camp Meeting, conventions, and the annual retreat for pastors and their spouses and that these meetings not be considered vacations.

Family

Special Recognition

1. Each church is encouraged to recognize all members of the parsonage families at appropriate times of the year: Pastor Appreciation Month, birthdays, anniversaries, Christmas, etc. Special attempts should be made to show appreciation and express love to the pastors and families at all times.
2. That our churches remember the retired ministers, missionaries, and evangelists within their membership with special acts of love and kindness.

Respectfully submitted,

LaNORA JENSEN, Secretary

MARK ALISON, Chairperson

ADDENDUM 1

SOUTH CAROLINA DISTRICT 2026-2027 PROPOSED BUDGET YEAR ENDING MAY 31, 2027

PROPOSED INCOME:

District Missional Fund	\$606,188.00	
District Events	\$20,000.00	
TOTAL PROPOSED INCOME		<u>\$626,188.00</u>

PROPOSED EXPENSES:

Contingent

Christmas (non-staff)	\$250.00	
Flowers/Plants	\$200.00	
Reserves/Unanticipated Expenses	\$3,000.00	
		<u>\$3,450.00</u>

District Auto

Auto Purchase	\$8,000.00	
Auto Insurance	\$1,400.00	
Auto Interest Paid	\$1,400.00	
Auto Service	\$3,000.00	
		<u>\$13,800.00</u>

District Building

Custodial Service	\$1,500.00	
District Cabins Expenses	\$2,500.00	
Janitorial Supplies	\$250.00	
Lawn Care Service	\$2,500.00	
Maintenance & Repairs	\$1,000.00	
Pest Control Service	\$450.00	
Security Service	\$1,550.00	
Utilities: Electricity	\$4,000.00	
Utilities: Water & Sewer	\$500.00	
		<u>\$14,250.00</u>

District Events & Meetings

Board of Ministry	\$4,000.00	
Christmas Banquet	\$3,600.00	
District Advisory Board	\$1,500.00	
District Assembly	\$8,000.00	
Pastor & Spouse Retreat	\$7,500.00	
Pastor Prayer & Training Retreat	\$2,500.00	
Retiro de Parejas (Hispanic Couples Retreat)	\$3,500.00	
		<u>\$30,600.00</u>

District Operating

Assistant DS	\$4,000.00	
Assistant DS Cell Phone	\$800.00	
Auditing Services	\$500.00	
Bank Charges & Fees	\$2,000.00	
District Secretary Exp. Reimbursement	\$1,500.00	
DS Business & Professional Expenses	\$16,500.00	
DS Cell Phone	\$3,000.00	
DS Conference & Travel Expenses	\$21,000.00	
Insurance	\$34,500.00	
Workers Compensation	\$9,500.00	
Legal & Professional Services	\$1,000.00	
Miscellaneous Office	\$450.00	
New Equipment	\$2,000.00	
Office Phones & Internet	\$3,850.00	
Office Supplies & Postage	\$2,200.00	
Online Subscriptions & Software	\$4,000.00	
		<u>\$106,800.00</u>

Salaries, Housing & Benefits

Salaries	\$137,610.00	
Housing & Benefits	\$145,328.00	
Honorariums	\$6,600.00	
Employer FICA/Medicare	\$2,000.00	
		<u>\$291,538.00</u>

BUDGETED TOTAL**\$460,438.00*****Departmental Disbursements*****\$145,750.00****TOTAL PROPOSED EXPENSES****\$606,188.00**

ADDENDUM 2

GUNTER CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER 2026-2027 PROPOSED BUDGET YEAR ENDING MAY 31, 2027

PROPOSED INCOME:

District Missional Fund	\$52,470.00	
Events Held at Campground	\$390,144.00	
TOTAL PROPOSED INCOME		<u>\$442,614.00</u>

PROPOSED EXPENSES:***Advertising & Marketing***

Other Marketing	\$3,000.00	
Website	\$400.00	
		<u>\$3,400.00</u>

Building & Grounds

Maintenance	\$30,000.00	
Paint	\$7,000.00	
Pool Operation & Repairs	\$2,500.00	
		<u>\$39,500.00</u>

Equipment

Equipment Purchase	\$10,000.00	
Equipment Repair	\$1,500.00	
HVAC Repairs/Replacement	\$10,000.00	
		<u>\$21,500.00</u>

Food Service

Rental Food Service - Food Cost	\$30,000.00	
		<u>\$30,000.00</u>

Insurance

Campers Insurance	\$2,500.00	
Vehicle Insurance	\$750.00	
		<u>\$3,250.00</u>

Meeting Expenses

Camp Board Meetings	\$300.00	
Manager - NCA Conference	\$2,000.00	
		<u>\$2,300.00</u>

Miscellaneous Expenses

Bank Charges & Fees	\$150.00	
NCA Dues	\$200.00	
Staff/Volunteer Appreciation	\$500.00	
Vehicle Tags & Registration	\$50.00	
		<u>\$900.00</u>

Other Services & Obligations

Garbage Service	\$4,000.00	
Pest Control Services	\$2,000.00	
Property Taxes	\$2,500.00	
Loan Payment to the District	\$17,748.00	
		<u>\$26,248.00</u>

Programming

Family Camp Operations	\$5,000.00	
		<u>\$5,000.00</u>

Salaries

Housekeeping, Grounds & Maintenance	\$97,465.00	
Managers	\$110,901.00	
SS & Medicare Matching	\$12,000.00	
Christmas Gifts	\$2,000.00	
		<u>\$222,366.00</u>

Supplies

Gasoline/Diesel	\$4,000.00	
General	\$5,000.00	
Guest Rooms	\$2,000.00	
Janitorial Supplies	\$4,500.00	
Office Supplies & Software	\$2,500.00	
		<u>\$18,000.00</u>

Utilities

Electricity	\$63,000.00	
Internet	\$3,000.00	
Propane	\$3,000.00	
SCDES (Water Fee)	\$550.00	
Telephone - Office	\$600.00	
		<u>\$70,150.00</u>

TOTAL PROPOSED EXPENSES**\$442,614.00**

**SOUTH CAROLINA DISTRICT
TREASURER'S REPORT
YEAR ENDING MAY 31, 2026**

Overview:

Operating Cash Balance June 1, 2025	\$ 338,183.42
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements	\$ 13,585.48
Liabilities (Internal Loans)	\$ 100,819.89
Operating Cash Balance May 31, 2026	\$ 452,588.79

CASH RECEIPTS:

Operating Funds (Allocations & Other)	\$ 633,115.31
District Hosted Events	\$ 41,624.53

TOTAL RECEIPTS

\$ 674,739.84

CASH DISBURSEMENTS:

Contingent

Christmas Gifts (Non-Staff)	\$ 250.00	
Flowers/Plants	\$ 716.42	
Reserves/Unanticipated Expenses	\$ 4,930.69	
		\$ 5,897.11

District Building

Utilities, Grounds, Security, etc.	\$ 8,925.94	
Maintenance, Repairs, & Janitorial	\$ 1,086.46	
District Cabins	\$ 5,963.78	
		\$ 15,976.18

District Events & Meetings

District Assembly & Meetings	\$ 23,447.74	
District Organized Events	\$ 44,190.54	
		\$ 67,638.28

District Missional Growth

DMG Disbursements	\$ 10,000.00	
Church Planting Training	\$ 3,725.00	
Compassionate Fund	\$ 500.00	
Leadership Development	\$ 6,505.00	
Pastoral Health & MCW	\$ 2,430.00	
		\$ 23,160.00

District Operating

Auditing Services	\$	217.36	
Bank Charges & Fees	\$	1,866.05	
District Auto Expenses	\$	5,558.35	
Insurance & Workers Compensation	\$	43,981.17	
Legal & Professional Services	\$	9,670.47	
Phones & Internet	\$	8,158.51	
Office, Supplies & Equipment	\$	6,262.85	
Online Subscriptions & Software	\$	5,107.42	
			\$ 80,822.18

Professional Expenses

Assistant DS Expenses	\$	9,657.82	
District Secretary Expense Reimbursement	\$	630.49	
DS Business & Professional Expenses	\$	19,815.11	
DS Conference & Travel	\$	20,110.75	
Sabbatical Expenses	\$	5,000.00	
			\$ 55,214.17

Salaries, Housing, & Benefits

Salaries, Housing, & Benefits	\$	280,343.38	
Payroll Tax Expenses	\$	3,073.06	
Honorariums	\$	6,600.00	
			\$ 290,016.44

<i>Departmental & Camp Disbursements</i>			\$ 122,430.00
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TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS**\$ 661,154.36**

Excess of Receipts over Disbursements

\$ 13,585.48

Nazarene Foundation	\$	467,785.95
Return on Investment	\$	36,854.33
Balance May 31, 2026	\$	504,640.28

Wesleyan Investment Foundation	\$	365,391.63
Return on Investment	\$	15,701.08
Balance May 31, 2026	\$	381,092.71

Funds Held* (Insurance Claim)	\$	150,135.61
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*included in Total Cash Balance

**GUNTER CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER
TREASURER'S REPORT
YEAR ENDING MAY 31, 2026**

CASH RECEIPTS:

District Missional Fund	\$52,470.00
Covenant Agreement	\$18,461.14
Family Camp Offering & Income	\$51,543.19
Operations/Misc./Other	\$288,425.08

TOTAL RECEIPTS

\$410,899.41

CASH DISBURSEMENTS:

Camp Activities

Family Camp Operations	\$21,923.19	
		<u>\$21,923.19</u>

Salaries

Housekeeping, Grounds & Maintenance	\$93,977.01	
Manager & Kitchen Manager	\$109,423.00	
FICA & Medicare Matching	\$12,018.38	
		<u>\$215,418.39</u>

Camp Operations

Advertising & Marketing	\$3,523.47	
Building & Grounds	\$69,841.85	
Equipment	\$14,593.87	
Food Service	\$31,485.84	
Garbage Service	\$4,050.91	
Insurance	\$2,443.75	
Meeting Expenses	\$211.05	
Miscellaneous/Other	\$1,476.27	
Pest Control	\$2,080.00	
Purchase of Cabin	\$8,000.00	
Uncategorized Expenses	\$905.00	
Supplies	\$16,925.93	
Taxes	\$2,427.79	
Loans	\$17,748.00	
Utilities	\$70,197.08	
		<u>\$245,910.81</u>

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

\$483,252.39

Excess of Disbursements over Receipts	\$72,352.98
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Cash Balance June 1, 2025	\$121,743.90
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Cash Balance May 31, 2026	\$49,390.92
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Christopher Ryon
June 14, 2026
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To Whom It May Concern,

I have completed my audit of the South Carolina District Church of the Nazarene's cash receipts and disbursements for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2026. The accounts included in the audit are the District Operating Fund, Camp Fund, NYI Fund, NDI Fund, and NMI Fund. This year, an additional discretionary audit was performed on the Ladies Getaway receipts and disbursements, since a bank account exists for the event. I have reviewed randomly selected items as laid out in the Agreed Upon Procedures for the district, and inspected the backup files and bank statements accordingly.

It is my professional opinion that the accounts listed are in good order and of great integrity. Although I originally had a few missing and questionable items, we were able to reconcile all. I have no consideration to fail this audit. This is the eighth subsequent year that I have completed the audit, and it was the best one yet. Jessica continues to make an impact in her role with record keeping and financial coaching at the district. All major issues or concerns that I had were addressed and cleared up by Jessica Rojas and members within the district. There were zero fail and strong concern items. As a result, the district passed the audit. I will follow up this report with recommendations to the district for next year's audit, in an attempt to increase efficiency and compliance. Those will not affect the pass/fail tests in the audit, only improve record keeping and overall controls. Much of what has been noted was already discussed in person with Jessica Rojas, the Financial Officer of the district.

Sincerely,
Chris Ryon
Accounting Professional

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**NAZARENE DISCIPLESHIP
INTERNATIONAL**

CONVENTION

July 17, 2026

SC DISTRICT NAZARENE DISCIPLESHIP INTERNATIONAL
TREASURER'S REPORT
YEAR ENDING MAY 31, 2026

CASH RECEIPTS:

District Missional Fund	\$	23,320.00	
Camp	\$	34,300.40	
Equip	\$	1,415.65	
Marriage & Family	\$	3,784.62	
Prime Time Ministries	\$	480.00	
Quizzing	\$	1,347.00	
Talent	\$	960.00	
Balance	\$	376.00	
		TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 65,983.67

CASH DISBURSEMENTS:

Administrations

Auditors	\$	80.00	
Board Travel/Expenses	\$	28.66	
Software Expense	\$	192.00	
Office Supplies	\$	45.05	
Hospitality Expenses	\$	329.00	
Christmas Gifts	\$	700.00	
			\$ 1,374.71

Adult Ministries

Prime Time Ministries	\$	845.44	
Bridge Retreat	\$	1,000.00	
Marriage & Family	\$	7,736.41	
Equip	\$	6,077.72	
			\$ 15,659.57

Children's Ministries

Quizzing	\$	2,506.23	
Camp	\$	49,389.05	
Talent	\$	1,644.86	
			\$ 53,540.14

Conventions

Convention Expense	\$	99.66	
Chairman's Honorarium	\$	500.00	
Treasurer's Honorarium	\$	250.00	
Second Mile Awarded	\$	135.80	
RightNow Media	\$	898.80	
NazSafe	\$	400.00	
			\$ 2,284.26

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 72,858.68
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Excess of Disbursements over Receipts	\$ 6,875.01
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Cash Balance June 1, 2025	\$ 38,239.81
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Cash Balance May 31, 2026	\$ 31,364.80
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Wesleyan Investment Foundation	\$ 54,472.05
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Grand Total	\$ 85,836.85
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SC DISTRICT NAZARENE DISCIPLESHIP INTERNATIONAL
2026-2027 PROPOSED BUDGET
YEAR ENDING MAY 31, 2027

PROPOSED INCOME:

District Missional Fund	\$23,320.00
Camp	\$36,000.00
General Convention Funds (reserved)	\$18,640.00
Equip	\$5,000.00
Prime Time Ministries	\$500.00
Quizzing	\$1,400.00
Men's Ministry	\$2,000.00
Marriage & Family	\$4,000.00
Talent	\$1,000.00

TOTAL PROPOSED INCOME

\$91,860.00

PROPOSED EXPENSES:

Administrations

Auditors	\$80.00
Board Travel/Expenses	\$50.00
Software	\$195.00
Office Supplies	\$75.00
Hospitalty	\$350.00
Christmas Gifts	\$700.00

\$1,450.00

Adult Ministries

Prime Time Ministries	\$850.00
Bridge Retreat	\$1,000.00
Equip	\$6,000.00
Men's Ministry	\$2,000.00
Marriage & Family	\$3,510.00

\$13,360.00

Children's Ministries

Quizzing	\$2,500.00
Camp	\$49,000.00
Talent	\$1,000.00

\$52,500.00

Conventions

District Convention Expense	\$600.00
District Chairman's Honorarium	\$500.00
District Treasurers Honorarium	\$250.00
District Second Mile Award	\$150.00
District RightNow Media	\$900.00
District NazSafe	\$400.00
General Convention	\$21,750.00

\$24,550.00

TOTAL PROPOSED EXPENSES

\$91,860.00

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES ACHIEVEMENT

EXCEPTIONAL CHURCH AWARDS

(50%+ Growth in Discipleship Attendance)

Aiken Ebenezer

Anchor

Batesburg

Orangeburg First

Radiant Life

Rock Hill First

Summerville

SUPERIOR CHURCH AWARDS

(10%-49.99% Growth in Discipleship Attendance)

Ashwood

Bishopville

Cherrydale Hispanic (TDR)

Genesis

HopePointe

Lowcountry Community

Maranata

Simpsonville Life Spring Community

Spartanburg First

Sumter Calvary

Sumter First

West Columbia Central

Winnsboro

HONOR CHURCH AWARDS

(1%-9.99% Growth in Discipleship Attendance)

Charleston Sea Island Int'l Community

Chester

Fort Mill

Great Falls

Midland Valley Community

New Start Community

Orangeburg Memorial

The Village - Greer

Wallace

**SC DISTRICT NDI NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 26, 2026**

Tony Lupton, Laureen Rupert, Robert Caulder, Joshua Keith, Melissa Burks, Kaylea Dresner, Lynn Thomas, Anthony Bryant, Haydn Miller, Ashley Barnette & Casey Snodgrass

Meeting started at 6:00 p.m.

Motion was made for Lynn Thomas to record minutes:

1st. Motion: Robert Caulder 2nd. Motion: Joshua Keith

Open in Prayer: Joshua Keith

Tony Lupton went over agenda and all documents that he sent.

Tony Lupton is up for another 2-year term. DS Sam Flores took over for this part of the meeting. Tony Lupton was nominated for a 2-year term on a yes or no ballot.

Nominations for Ministerial Representative

Joshua Keith will be stepping down. 1 will be elected.

Rev. Brandon Barkley – Ashwood Church

Rev. Michael Castello – Greenwood Community Church

Nominations for Lay Representative

1 will be elected.

Jennifer Leitner – Lexington Shepherd Church

Tiago Paiva – Summerville Church

Angie Sears – Summerville Church

Pattie Walker – Columbia Abundant Life Church

We need a Motion to accept the names:

1st. Motion: Robert Caulder 2nd. Motion: Joshua Keith All in favor

The following names will be nominations for the NDI General Convention that will be held June 25, 2027 – July 7, 2027. 3 will be elected for each.

Ministerial Delegates

Rev. Andy Barnette – HopePointe Church

Rev. Anthony Bryant – Columbia First Church

Rev. Melissa Burks – Summerville Church

Rev. Ben Kaney – HopePointe Church

Rev. Loretta LaTourette – Beaufort Church

Rev. Haydn Miller - Anchor Church
Rev. Jeremy Varn – Reconciliation Ministries

Lay Delegates

Pam Evans – Cottageville
Melissa Reese – Aiken Ebenezer Church
Laureen Rupert – Charleston First Church
Dean Sandifer – Orangeburg Memorial Church
Sydney Taller – Anchor Church
Krystal Yangco – Summerville Church

We need a Motion to accept the names:

1st. Motion: Casey Snodgrass - 2nd. Motion: Kaylea Dresner All in favor

Tony Lupton prayed to end.

Motion to Adjourn:

1st. Motion: Robert Caulder - 2nd. Motion: Joshua Keith

Respectively Submitted,

Lynn Thomas

2026 NDI Election Ballot

All Voting Done Electronically

PRESIDENT - TONY LUPTON (2-YEAR TERM)

Yes

No

DISTRICT NDI COUNCIL

MINISTER (3-year term)

Elect 1

Brandon Barkley

Michael Castello

LAYPERSON (3-year term)

Elect 1

Jennifer Leitner

Tiago Paiva

Angie Sears

Pattie Walker

DELEGATES TO GLOBAL NDI CONVENTION

MINISTER

Elect 3

Andy Barnette

Anthony Bryant

Melissa Burks

Ben Kaney

Loretta LaTourette

Haydn Miller

Jeremy Varn

LAYPERSON

Elect 3

Pam Evans

Melissa Reese

Laureen Rupert

Dean Sandifer

Sydney Taller

Krystal Yangco



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CONVENTION
July 17, 2026

**SC DISTRICT NAZARENE MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL
TREASURER'S REPORT
YEAR ENDING MAY 31, 2026**

CASH RECEIPTS:

Operating Funds (Budgets & Others)	\$ 27,701.08	
Work & Witness Project/Ticket	\$ 13,570.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$ 41,271.08

CASH DISBURSEMENTS:

Children	\$ 1,286.06	
Christmas Gifts	\$ 400.00	
Compassionate Ministries	\$ 1,426.66	
District Council Mtg.	\$ 916.25	
DP Appreciation	\$ 500.00	
DP Meetings	\$ 807.06	
District Convention	\$ 226.53	
LINKS	\$ 300.00	
Missionary Christmas Fund	\$ 740.00	
Missionary Deputation Expense	\$ 1,900.88	
Other/Contingency	\$ 1,004.00	
Work & Witness Project	\$ 6,000.00	
Work & Witness Ticket	\$ 3,860.20	
District Expense	\$ 50.00	
Office Expenses	\$ 352.61	
SC Disaster Relief	\$ 374.83	
In/Out	\$ 3,920.01	
Love Your Neighbor	\$ 1,000.00	
Audit	\$ 80.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$ 25,145.09

Excess of Receipts over Disbursements \$ 16,125.99

Cash Balance June 1, 2025 \$ 90,742.35
Cash Balance May 31, 2026 \$ 106,868.34

NMI Checking Account \$ 106,868.34
General Convention CD \$ 9,608.17
Grand Total \$ 116,476.51

**SC DISTRICT NAZARENE MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL
2026-2027 PROPOSED BUDGET
YEAR ENDING MAY 31, 2027**

PROPOSED INCOME:

District Missional Fund	\$23,320.00
WW Ticket	\$10,000.00
WW Project	\$6,000.00
General Convention Funds (reserved)	\$41,850.00
Children's Missions Fair	\$1,000.00

TOTAL PROPOSED INCOME

\$82,170.00

PROPOSED EXPENSES:

Events

Children's Missions Fair	\$1,200.00
Work and Witness Project	\$15,000.00
Work and Witness Ticket	\$10,000.00
Missionary Deputation Expense	\$2,000.00
Love Your Neighbor	\$1,000.00
	\$29,200.00

Department Expenses

Christmas Gifts	\$400.00
Compassionate Ministries	\$1,500.00
District Convention/Expenses	\$700.00
Council Meetings	\$750.00
DP Appreciation	\$500.00
DP Meetings	\$2,500.00
General Convention	\$41,850.00
LINKS	\$300.00
Missionary Christmas Fund	\$740.00
Audit	\$100.00
Contingency	\$500.00
Office expenses	\$500.00
	\$50,340.00

TOTAL PROPOSED EXPENSES

\$79,540.00

Committee on Standards and Goals 2026-2027

We, your Committee on Standards and Goals, urge that each local NMI plan to meet all requirements for Mission Priority One, World Evangelism Church of Excellence, and the Exemplary Award.

- I. We recommend that each local NMI council meet promptly following the district convention and make plans to receive all awards: Mission Priority One, World Evangelism Church of Excellence, and Exemplary NMI by participating in **all** of the following:

1. **MISSION PRIORITY ONE** The NMI President shall attest that the NMI at the designated church has participated in each of the emphases of NMI:

- (1) **PRAY** – Pray for missions and missionaries.
- (2) **Engage Children and Youth** – Help children and youth learn about missions and support those who feel called to missions service.
- (3) **World Evangelism Fund (WEF)** – The church will give 5.5% of current income for WEF.
- (4) **Alabaster** – Participate in Alabaster offering.
- (5) **Care and Concern**– Participate in Links, connecting and supporting a Nazarene missionary through communication and prayer.

2. **WORLD EVANGELISM CHURCH OF EXCELLENCE** This designation requires that your church give at least 5.7% (or overpay by \$1,500, whichever is less) to World Evangelism Fund to invest in new world areas and new works in the U.S.A. and Canada. This is **SOLELY** based on the giving amount.

3. **EXEMPLARY AWARD** This commendation requires that your church meet all the goals of Mission Priority One, Award of Excellence, AND meets all of the goals listed below:

- (1) **Pay District NMI Budget in full** by participating fully with the District Missional Fund. This enables all District Budgets to be paid in full.
- (2) **Participate in World Mission Broadcast** by receiving an offering. There is no assigned goal set.

- (3) **Participate in the District Work & Witness Program offering** by mailing a separate offering to the District NMI Treasurer. There is no assigned goal set.
- (4) **Participate in the Missionary Health Care Plan** – by presenting the following (a minimum of one is required to receive the award but more than one is suggested):
- Memorial Roll Certificate for an adult or child
 - Distinguished Service Award
 - "Gifts from the Heart"
 - Receive an Offering for the Medical Plan.
- (5) **Give a Deputation offering for a visiting Nazarene Missionary.** Offerings may be given at your church, at the Children's Mission Fair, and/or in another Church of the Nazarene deputation service. You may give your money electronically to the missionary's GTS deputation account. Make sure you mark it for that particular missionary.

It is recommended that each pastor and NMI president plan for and publicize the missionary deputation service scheduled by the District Deputation Coordinator. A healthy involvement in the total mission program, by both the local church and the district, is partially dependent on a yearly visit from a missionary. The missionary is the liaison with the world mission areas where the Church of the Nazarene is at work. At the deputation service, a deputation check written out to the General Treasurer Church of the Nazarene, should be given to the missionary. Suggested deputation check amounts:

Sunday A.M. Service - \$400 to \$500 minimum

Sunday P.M. Service - \$250 to \$350 minimum

Weekday Service - \$225 to \$325 minimum

After the missionary speaks, a love offering should be received, in addition to the deputation check.

- (6) **Participate in the Compassionate Ministries Offering** as well as be involved in a project or child sponsorship. There is no required goal set.

- II. An Exemplary Certificate will be given at the District NMI Convention to the churches that meet all the above goals qualifying them for the **Exemplary Award**.
- III. We recommend that the local NMI council members, when possible, be considered as nominees for election as delegates to the district NMI convention.
- IV. We recommend that local NMI presidents send their annual reports to the district NMI secretary to be received no later than the established deadline.
- V. We recommend that each local NMI council be provided with a *Nazarene Missions International Handbook*, or copies of the member's particular responsibilities.
- VI. We recommend that each local NMI council encourage and assist their pastor(s) with Work & Witness expenses.
- VII. We recommend that each local NMI council encourage and assist lay person(s) including youth, with Work & Witness expenses.
- VIII. We recommend that each church endeavor to meet all the requirements for the South Carolina District **Exemplary Award**.

Committee:

Libby Newman, Chair
Ronda Speed, Sec.
James Merritt
Emily Webb
Travis Yarborough
Wayne Cheselka

Roxianne Snodgrass
Richard Coleman
Dorothy Waldron
Elwood Stith
Scott Wade
Jeremy Webb

Jessica Rojas
Donna Green
Terri Ramsey
Isa Wojtkowski
Audrey Carter
Jeremy Webb

Joshua and Shannon Herndon

Serving at Native American Christian Academy, Sun Valley AZ

Deputation Tour and Children's Missions Fair

October 17-25, 2026



Meet Joshua and Shannon! Friends and former co-workers with Jeremy Reese.

Pastor Libby met this couple when they were serving in Italy. At that time, they were recruiting Nazarene Missions Teams to come to Italy and do sports ministry. They had a very cool testimony about how soccer had opened so many doors for them with people there.

Currently, they serve as missionaries and administrators at Native American Christian Academy in Sun Valley, AZ.

Before coming back to the states, Joshua and Shannon served in Italy. The Herndon's served for a year as Mission Corps volunteers in Guatemala in 2006, which solidified their call. In 2010 they were called as missionaries to Spain. Their focus for ministry in Spain was on church planting with a focus on indigenous (Spanish) outreach. The focus in Greece was to start the work of the Church of the Nazarene, as there has been no Nazarene presence in Greece. Joshua and Shannon were involved in ministry to the refugees who are currently stranded in Greece.



Children's Missions Fair 2026

October 24, 2026

9:30-1:30

Gunter Camp and Retreat

Joshua and Shannon Herndon

Native American Christian Academy, Sun Valley, AZ.



◦ time with the missionaries ◦ crafts ◦ games ◦ snacks ◦ music ◦ lunch

Ages K5-6th grade

Cost is \$10 for all attendees Register by October 14th on district website (under events) <https://www.southcarolinanazarene.com/>

****Please note that registrations are not refundable—but they can be transferred to someone else.**

You must pay for every person (adults and children) you register.

Supplies and meals are purchased based on the number of registrations.

Monte & Bethany Cyr

Serving Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean

Farewell Deputation Tour

January 24-30, 2027



Monte & Bethany Cyr (pronounced 'Sear') are no strangers to South Carolina. Monty called to ask to come to SC because this is their “final tour” before a well-deserved retirement and they have made special connections with our churches.

Global Missionaries for the Church of the Nazarene on the Mesoamerica Region (Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean), Monte has served as the Regional Partnerships Coordinator since March 2025. His main responsibilities include connecting churches and districts on the Mesoamerica Region with churches and districts in other parts of the world for mutual encouragement, support and ministry. Bethany serves as the office administrator.

Monte and Bethany have additionally served as youth pastors in the U.S. from 1990 until their missionary appointment in 1998, and then as the Africa Region Youth Ministries Coordinator (1998-2006), the Caribbean Region Youth Ministries Coordinator (2006-2011), and the Mesoamerica Region Discipleship Coordinator (2011-2025).

The Cyr's have four children: Robert (working in Seward, Alaska), Amy with husband Jamie (working in Seward, Alaska), Bryan with wife Jecca (teaching music in Louisville, Kentucky) with their 3 children Clara, Miles and Ella, and Nkele (pronounced En-Kay-Lee) (living and working in Madison, Wisconsin).



WORK AND WITNESS FALL 2027

OCTOBER 5-18, 2027

COTE D'IVOIRE, AFRICA

The Central Cote d'Ivoire District is building a permanent District Center to strengthen the Church of the Nazarene and support leadership training across the region. Right now, the district meets in donated classrooms or rented spaces, which makes consistent ministry and training difficult.

God has provided a 1,000 square meter plot of land. The plan is to build two key facilities: a District Center for meetings, administration, and ministry support, and a Worship and Training Center for services and equipping pastors and leaders. A small space will also be included for radio ministry outreach.

This project will create a stable home for worship, discipleship, and leadership development, helping local churches grow and reach more communities with the gospel.

Field: Africa West Francophone

City: Abidjan, Ivory Coast



Ordination of pastors November 2025



Installation of District Superintendent February 2024



Beautiful faces and beautiful spaces await!

WORLD EVANGELISM CHURCH

The following churches received this designation by giving at least 5.5% of their total church income to World Evangelism.

Aiken Ebenezer	Midland Valley Community
Batesburg	Myrtle Beach-The Connection
Beaufort	New Ellenton New Life
Bennettsville First	New Start Community
Camden First	Orangeburg First
Cayce	Orangeburg Memorial
Charleston First	Pelion
Charleston Iglesia	Radiant Life
Charleston Sea Island Int'l Comm.	Reconciliation Ministries
Chester	Rock Hill First
Clover	Rock Hill Grace
Columbia Abundant Life	Rock Hill Trinity
Columbia First	Seneca
Columbia Grace	Simpsonville Life Spring Comm.
Cottageville	Spartanburg Casa del Alfarero
CrossRoads	Spartanburg First
Fort Mill	Summerville
Genesis	Sumter Calvary
Greenwood Community	Sumter First
Greenwood Cristo Reina	Sumter Wise Drive
Hartsville - The Gathering Place	The Nexus Pointe
HopePointe	The Village - Greer
Lancaster SonLight Community	Wallace
Laurens Cornerstone	West Columbia Central
Lexington Shepherd	West Columbia First
Living Water Fellowship	Winnsboro
Lowcountry Community	York Celebration Place
Maranata	

MISSIONS PRIORITY ONE

The following churches have met or exceeded the goal of giving 5.5% or more to the World Evangelism Fund, while also attending to the five goals of Nazarene Missions International.

Aiken Ebenezer
Batesburg
Bennettsville First
Camden First
Charleston Iglesia
Chester
Columbia First
Columbia Grace
CrossRoads
Fort Mill
HopePointe
Lancaster Sonlight Community
Lexington Shepherd
Midland Valley Community
Myrtle Beach - The Connection
Orangeburg First
Orangeburg Memorial
Pelion
Rock Hill Trinity
Spartanburg First
Sumter Calvary
Sumter First
Sumter Wise Drive
Wallace
West Columbia Central

WORLD EVANGELISM CHURCH OF EXCELLENCE

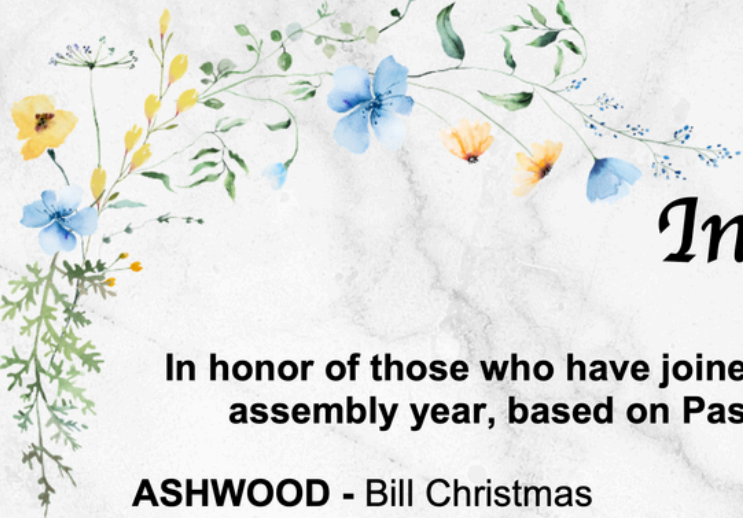
The following churches received this designation by giving at least 5.7% of their total church income to World Evangelism.

Aiken Ebenezer
Batesburg
Camden First
Cayce
Charleston First
Charleston Iglesia
Charleston Sea Island Int'l Community
Chester
Columbia First
Columbia Grace
Cottageville
Genesis
HopePointe
Lancaster SonLight Community
Laurens Cornerstone
Lexington Shepherd
Midland Valley Community
New Ellenton New Life
New Start Community
Orangeburg First
Pageland Rose Memorial
Pelion
Radiant Life
Seneca
Simpsonville Life Spring Community
Spartanburg First
Sumter Calvary
Sumter Wise Drive
The Village - Greer
West Columbia Central

EXEMPLARY AWARD

The following churches received this designation, unique to the South Carolina District, for their participation in NMI offerings beyond World Evangelism, as described in the NMI Standards and Goals for 2025-26.

Aiken Ebenezer
Batesburg
Charleston Iglesia
Chester
Columbia First
Cottageville
HopePointe
Lancaster Sonlight Community
Lexington Shepherd
New Start Community
Orangeburg First
Pelion
Wallace
West Columbia Central



In Loving Memory

In honor of those who have joined the Church Triumphant during the assembly year, based on Pastors' Reports and Memorial Roll.

ASHWOOD - Bill Christmas

BAMBERG - Delaine Haddock

BATESBURG - Charles McDiffitt*

BENNETTSVILLE FIRST - Carl Starnes*

CAYCE - Marjorie Cannon

CHARLESTON FIRST - Phil Canant

CHARLESTON IGLESIA - Esperanza Conde Perez*

CHERRYDALE HISPANIC - Fermin Gonzalez

CHESTER - Boyce Roland Campbell* | Minnie Jane Campbell* | Billy Joe Cooper* | Jimmy D. Hinson* | Elaine Hood* | Tracy Mobley* | Donald Robinson* | Mona M. Windham*

CLOVER - Teresa Wright*

COLUMBIA ABUNDANT LIFE - Dawn Drummond*

COLUMBIA FIRST - John Bradley* | Bobby Jacobs* | Bishop Redfern Lloyd* | Sheryll Loging* | Virginia Lyman* | Shirley Muntean* | Judy Nixon* | Peggy Sharpe* | Virginia Taylor* | Don Weathers* | Clarence Wise* | Betty Yandle*

COTTAGEVILLE - Harold Zorn Sr.*

FORT MILL - Julie Aldridge | Rita Stuver

GREENWOOD COMMUNITY - Perry Eugene Huff*



HARTSVILLE – THE GATHERING PLACE - Theresa Barefoot* | Jr. Crowley* | Larry Hendrix Jr.* | Ralph Wase*

HOPEPOINTE - Linda Bradley | David Gay

LANCASTER SONLIGHT COMMUNITY - Betty Mosley Adams* | Virginia Ruth LaBrot Ellis* | Deborah Grubb* | Jo Ann Knight Hammond* | Jerry Sikes*

LEXINGTON SHEPHERD - Robert M. Coleman* | Carolyn White

LUGOFF FAITH - Juanita Martin*

MIDLAND VALLEY COMMUNITY - Nancy Arrington* | Vivian Howard* | John Huff* | Jerry Mahurin* | David "D.J." Malpass*

NEW START COMMUNITY - Rev. Eugene Cottrell* | Bess Wyse*

ORANGEBURG MEMORIAL - Jimmy Hughes*

PAGELAND ROSE MEMORIAL - Donna Howle

PELION - Anthony Lee Craven* | Belinda Craven* | Judy Lucas* | Clifton L. McAulay, Jr.* | Scott U. Morris* | Luther James Padgett, Sr.* | Susie May Ward*

ROCK HILL FIRST - Nadine King Jones* | Robert Eugene Jones Sr.* | Jeanette Davison Manning* | David Albert McBeth* | Joyce Wilson McBeth* | Peggy E. Montgomery* | Angela Deese Walker*

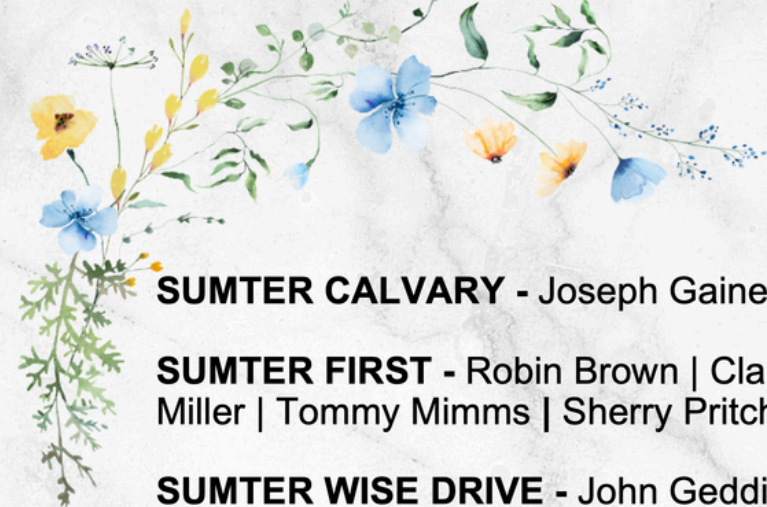
ROCK HILL GRACE - Rev. James Dozier | Laural Geraldine Hoover | Lillian Neal

ROCK HILL TRINITY - James King, Sr.*

SPARTANBURG FIRST - Diane Cooper | Crystal Gagnon

SUMMERVILLE - Tawny Carr England | Melba Holcombe | Malcolm Innis*





SUMTER CALVARY - Joseph Gainey* | Sandy Sinner*

SUMTER FIRST - Robin Brown | Claudette Jackson | Martha Jackson | Teri Miller | Tommy Mimms | Sherry Pritchett | Jim Selfridge

SUMTER WISE DRIVE - John Geddings* | Michelle Lawhon* | Kathy Mains*

THE NEXUS POINTE - Will Smith*

WEST COLUMBIA CENTRAL - Jack Marquiss* | Doris Rizzi*

WEST COLUMBIA FIRST - Ray Brazier, Sr.* | Lula Mae Evans* | Don Freeman* | Nancy Hall* | Cindy Moody* | Betty Yandle*

WINNSBORO - Leonard Peake | John Smith

**NMI Memorial Roll*



SC DISTRICT NMI NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

March 12, 2026

Via Zoom

Members Present: Renee Eargle, Rev. Sam Flores, LaNora Jensen, Elizabeth Newman (NMI President), Jessica Rojas, David Snodgrass, Ronda Speed, Scott Wade, Dorothy Waldron, and Travis Yarborough

Pastor Libby Newman welcomed everyone and thanked them for serving on the nominating committee.

Pastor Flores extended his greetings to the committee, and Rev. Scott Wade opened with prayer.

Pastor Libby discussed the nomination and voting process at the district assembly for the NMI Offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. We discussed the current process of a yes/no ballot for the nominated candidates versus allowing additional nominations, with multiple candidates running for each office. After some discussion, there was no motion to change the current nomination process. The following general guidelines were followed:

- a. A panel of 5-6 nominees shall be created for vote by the district NMI convention. These nominees are candidates for a two-year term on the SC NMI council.
- b. The district NMI nominating committee shall nominate delegates to the General NMI Convention. The district NMI council shall determine the number of alternates the district convention shall elect.
- c. Delegates and alternates to the Global Convention shall be elected by ballot at a district convention. Alternates may be elected on a separate ballot or at the recommendation of the district council on the same ballot as the delegates. Delegates and alternates may be elected by a plurality vote by ballot on approval by a two-thirds vote of the district convention upon recommendation of the district council.
- d. That there be an awareness and inclusive spirit in recognizing differing geographical areas, as well as cultural & language groups represented throughout the district, all while desiring to seek the best candidates.
- e. That all elections not otherwise stipulated be by plurality.

Pastor Libby stepped out of the room as the committee discussed her nomination. David Snodgrass made a motion to allow Rev. Libby Newman to run as president for a two-year term. Scott Wade seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ronda Speed made a motion to allow Roxy Snodgrass to run as vice president for a two-year term. Renee Eargle seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ronda Speed stepped out of the room as the committee discussed her nomination. A motion was made to allow her to run as secretary for a two-year term. It was seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dorothy Waldron stepped out of the room as the committee discussed her nomination. David Snodgrass made a motion to allow Dorothy to run as treasurer for a two-year term. Renee Eargle seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Next, we discussed nominating representatives for the General NMI Convention. SC NMI will send 14 representatives to the General NMI Convention. The nominating committee created a list of 43 potential delegates. A ballot was created, and the nominating committee voted on the list of candidates.

David Snodgrass made a motion to vote based on plurality with alternates determined by rank. Travis Yarborough seconded the motion, there was some discussion about the constitution, and it passed unanimously.

The following people were chosen for the NMI General Convention 2027 ballot:

Audrey Carter	James Merritt	Scott Wade
Tammy Cassidy	Victor Morgan	Joe Waldron
April Christmas	Terry Robinson	Dorothy Waldron
Terri Dakin	Jessica Rojas	Nichole Wallace
Renee Eargle	Joe Savage	Emily Webb
Donna Green	Roxie Snodgrass	Jeremy Webb
Tim Haynes	David Snodgrass	Isa Wotjkowski
Connie Hoover	Ronda Speed	Travis Yarborough
Lanora Jensen	Elwood Stith	

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Speed
SC District NMI Secretary

2026 NMI Election Ballot

All Voting Done Electronically

PRESIDENT - LIBBY NEWMAN (2-YEAR TERM)

Yes

No

VICE PRESIDENT - ROXIANNE SNODGRASS (2-YEAR TERM)

Yes

No

SECRETARY - RONDA SPEED (2-YEAR TERM)

Yes

No

TREASURER - DOROTHY WALDRON (2-YEAR TERM)

Yes

No

DELEGATES TO GLOBAL NMI CONVENTION - *Elect 14*

Audrey Carter
Tammy Cassidy
April Christmas
Terri Dakin
Renee Eargle
Donna Green
Tim Haynes
Connie Hoover
LaNora Jensen

James Merritt
Victor Morgan
Terry Robinson
Jessica Rojas
Joe Savage
David Snodgrass
Roxianne Snodgrass
Ronda Speed
Elwood Stith

Scott Wade
Dorothy Waldron
Joseph Waldron
Nichole Wallace
Emily Webb
Jeremy Webb
Isa Wojtkowski
Travis Yarborough

THE
WAY



CONVENTION
July 17, 2026

**SC DISTRICT NAZARENE YOUTH INTERNATIONAL
TREASURER'S REPORT
YEAR ENDING MAY 31, 2026**

CASH RECEIPTS:

General Operating	\$ 23,319.10
Savings	\$ 10,021.85
Camp	\$ 55,800.03
District Missions/Retreat	\$ 2,000.00
NYC	\$ 232,950.00
Breakaway	\$ 21,583.80
Impact	\$ 15,348.71
District Quizzing	\$ 890.00
Young Adults	\$ 4,646.65
TNT	\$ 60,209.65

TOTAL RECEIPTS

\$ 426,769.79

CASH DISBURSEMENTS:

General Accounts

General Operating	\$ 327,707.24	
Savings Account	\$ 10,000.00	
		\$ 337,707.24

<i>Camp</i>		\$ 3,400.00
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Council Expenses

Council Expense	\$ 592.34	
Gifts	\$ 250.00	
President's Account	\$ 152.82	
President's Love Offering	\$ 500.00	
		\$ 1,495.16

Meetings

District Convention	\$ 590.00	
District Missions Retreat/Trip	\$ 345.00	
General Convention	\$ 2,450.00	
NYC	\$ 1,100.00	
SE Field Meetings	\$ 2,524.57	
YES Conference	\$ 500.00	
		\$ 7,509.57

Office Expenses

Audit	\$ 80.00	
Misc. Bank Charges	\$ 50.00	
Office Expenses	\$ 590.77	
Postage	\$ 25.00	
		\$ 745.77

Special Events

Breakaway	\$	645.00	
Impact	\$	500.00	
District Quizzing	\$	2,000.00	
PK Retreat	\$	300.00	
Young Adults	\$	1,000.00	
TNT	\$	3,800.00	
			\$ 8,245.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS**\$ 359,102.74**

Excess of Receipts over Disbursements \$ 67,667.05

Cash Balance June 1, 2025 \$ 114,446.52

Cash Balance May 31, 2026 \$ 108,726.99

NYI Checking Account \$ 108,726.99

NYI Savings Account \$ 22,150.84

Grand Total **\$ 130,877.83**

**SC DISTRICT NAZARENE YOUTH INTERNATIONAL
2026-2027 PROPOSED BUDGET
YEAR ENDING MAY 31, 2027**

PROPOSED INCOME:

District Missional Fund	\$23,230.00
Breakaway	\$21,000.00
TNT	\$55,500.00
Camp	\$60,000.00
Bridge Young Adult Retreat	\$5,600.00
Impact Team	\$12,000.00
Quizzing	\$1,800.00
General Convention Fund (Reserved)	\$11,160.00

TOTAL PROPOSED INCOME

\$190,290.00

PROPOSED EXPENSES:

Events

Breakaway	\$21,000.00
TNT	\$55,500.00
Camp	\$60,000.00
Bridge Young Adult Retreat	\$5,600.00
Impact Team	\$12,000.00
General Convention Fund (Reserved)	\$2,550.00
District Convention	\$800.00
NYC	\$1,100.00
SE Field Meetings	\$2,500.00
YES Conference	\$500.00
PK Retreat	\$750.00
Quizzing	\$1,800.00

\$164,100.00

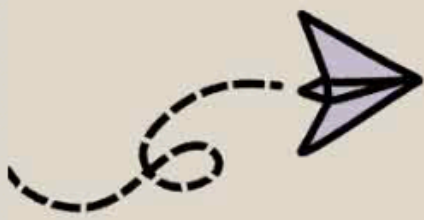
Office/Designated Expenses

General Operating	\$5,700.00
Council Expense	\$800.00
Gifts	\$250.00
President's Account	\$450.00
President's Love Offering	\$500.00
Audit	\$80.00
Misc. Bank Charges	\$50.00
Office Expense	\$550.00
Postage	\$25.00
Regional Allocation	\$1,000.00
NYC Leadership Development	\$200.00

\$9,605.00

TOTAL PROPOSED EXPENSES

\$173,705.00



YOUTH WORKER'S *retreat*

Join us for the Youth Worker's Retreat with guest speaker Brad Griffin from FYI.

Ridgecrest Retreat Center, Ridgecrest, NC

Date: September 11-13

Check-in: Friday from 5-7 p.m.

Finished by: Sunday at 11 a.m.

Register by August 1 for earlybird pricing.

Earlybird price: \$220

Price after August 1: \$250

Register Now > www.trevecca.edu/calling-cooperative

Southeast Field NYI **PK RETREAT** *at Great Wolf Lodge*



October 16-18, 2026

**GREAT
WOLF
LODGE**

LaGrange, Georgia



Cost \$165

A retreat to give Pastors Kids the opportunity to relax, have fun, and be themselves alongside other PK's doing the same thing!

More information & registration at
www.pkretreat.org

REPORT FROM THE 2026/2027 SOUTH CAROLINA NYI NOMINATING COMMITTEE

1. 2026/2027 South Carolina NYI Nominating Committee Members as appointed by the South Carolina NYI Council:
 - a. District NYI Adults
 - i. Christy Shimel (Summerville)
 - ii. Mariah Sharpe (HopePointe)
 - iii. Melissa Burks (Summerville)
 - iv. Bess Grimes (Columbia First)
 - v. Mary Alice Wengerd (Aiken Ebenezer)
 - b. District NYI Students
 - i. Caleb Rojas-Bohn (Aiken Ebenezer)
 - ii. Addy Wallace (Hope Pointe)
 - c. District NYI President:
 - i. Nate Barefield (Columbia First)
 - d. District Superintendent:
 - i. Rev. Sam Flores
2. South Carolina NYI Council
 - a. Expired Term
 - i. District President
 1. Nate Barefield (Columbia First)
 - ii. District Vice President
 1. Andy Barnette (HopePointe)
 - iii. Adult Representatives
 1. JT Smith (Simpsonville Life Spring Community)
 2. Walker Seymour (Midland Valley Community)
 3. Jen Grimaud (Columbia First)
 - b. Remaining Members
 - i. Student Representatives
 1. Mia McAdory (Midland Valley Community)
 2. Addison Snodgrass (HopePointe)
 3. Brennan Burks (Summerville)
 4. Caleb Rojas Bohn (Aiken Ebenezer)
 - c. District President TWO-YEAR TERM - (YES/NO BALLOT)
 - i. Nate Barefield (Columbia First)
 - d. District Vice President TWO-YEAR TERM- (YES/NO BALLOT)
 - i. Andy Barnette (HopePointe)
 - e. Adult Representatives TWO-YEAR TERM - Elect four (4)/ Nominate eight (8)
 - i. JT Smith (Simpsonville Life Spring Community)
 - ii. Chris Ryon (HopePointe)
 - iii. Daniel Brown (Summerville)
 - iv. Amber Taylor (Midland Valley Community)
 - v. Melissa Coleman (Lexington Shepherd)
 - vi. Bess Grimes (Columbia First)
 - vii. Christy Shimel (Summerville)

- viii. Garry Compton (Aiken Ebenezer)
- f. Alternates:
 - i. Allison Wrenn (Winnsboro)
 - ii. Jennifer Grimaud (Columbia First)
 - iii. Walker Seymour (Midland Valley Community)
 - iv. Matt Richardson (Midland Valley Community)
- g. All elections not otherwise stipulated are by plurality.
- 3. 2027 Global NYI Convention Delegates as nominated by the South Carolina NYI Council:
 - a. General Assembly Ministers- Elect One (1)/ Nominate Five (5)
 - i. Nicole Langston (Sumter First)
 - ii. Andy Barnette (HopePointe)
 - iii. Erica Wright (Midland Valley Community)
 - iv. James Burks (Summerville)
 - v. Melissa Coleman (Lexington Shepherd)
 - b. General Assembly Minister Alternates:
 - i. Mike McAdory (Midland Valley Community)
 - ii. Chris Ward (Aiken Ebenezer)
 - iii. Melissa Burks (Summerville)
 - c. General Assembly Lay Leaders- Elect One (1)/ Nominate Five (5)
 - i. Daniel Brown (Summerville)
 - ii. Jen Grimaud (Columbia First)
 - iii. David Crandall (HopePointe)
 - iv. Bess Grimes (Columbia First)
 - v. Andrew Wright (Midland Valley Community)
 - d. General Assembly Lay Leader Alternates
 - i. Christy Shimel (Summerville)
 - ii. Sarah Dymock (West Columbia Central)
 - e. General Assembly Students- Elect One (1)/ Nominate Five (5)
 - i. Israel Rojas (Aiken Ebenezer)
 - ii. Addison Snodgrass (HopePointe)
 - iii. Caleb Rojas Bohn (Aiken Ebenezer)
 - iv. Emma Sams (The Village - Greer)
 - v. Brady Grimaud (Columbia First)
 - f. General Assembly Student Alternates
 - i. Lily Mangicaro (Columbia First)
 - ii. Mia McAdory (Midland Valley Community)

Respectfully Submitted,

Bethany Willis, SCNYI District Secretary Nate Barefield, SCNYI District President

2026 NYI Election Ballot

All Voting Done Electronically

PRESIDENT - NATE BAREFIELD (2-YEAR TERM)

Yes

No

VICE PRESIDENT - ANDY BARNETTE (2-YEAR TERM)

Yes

No

DISTRICT NYI COUNCIL - ADULT REPRESENTATIVE

2-year term

Elect 4

Daniel Brown

Melissa Coleman

Garry Compton

Bess Grimes

Chris Ryon

Christy Shimel

JT Smith

Amber Taylor

DELEGATES TO GLOBAL NYI CONVENTION

MINISTER

Elect 1

Andy Barnette

James Burks

Melissa Coleman

Nicole Langston

Erica Wigart-Wright

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Daniel Brown

David Crandall

Jennifer Grimaud

Bess Grimes

Andrew Wright

STUDENT

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Brady Grimaud

Caleb Rojas

Israel Rojas

Emma Sams

Addison Snodgrass

NOMINEE BIOS



Nate Barefield

Nate Barefield has served as SC NYI President since 2022. He has served as the full-time Youth Pastor at Columbia First Church of the Nazarene for 7 years and has served in full-time Youth Ministry for 20 years. Nate is a graduate of Trevecca Nazarene University and Fuller Theological Seminary, and is a Ph.D. student at Columbia International University pursuing a Doctorate in Biblical Studies. He is the proud husband of Jessi and dad to Briley, Reese and Colbie.



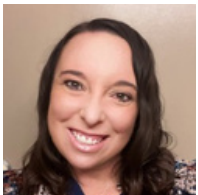
Brandon Barkley

Brandon Barkley is a fourth generation Nazarene. He has pastored his home church of Ashwood for the last 9 years. He currently serves as the youth Sunday school teacher and he loves to sing and engage with his community through building God's Kingdom and discipling believers. With a passion to see people saved and sanctified, Brandon loves to preach and teach the Holiness of God.



Andy Barnette

Andy Barnette serves as the full-time Youth Minister and Sports Ministry Director at HopePointe Church. With over 20 years of ministry experience, he has served as a youth pastor in South Carolina, Florida and Tennessee, and as a senior pastor in Missouri. He also serves as SC NYI Vice President, helping lead Teen Camp and coordinate participation in the Nazarene Youth Conference. Andy enjoys serving alongside his wife, Ashley, and daughter, Addyson.



Ashley Barnette

Ashley Barnette is a Special Education Specialist in Greenville. A Trevecca alumna who serves on Trevecca Board of Trustees with a Master of Social Work from the University of Michigan, her career has included roles as a teacher, social worker, therapist, and adjunct professor. Her favorite role is being Andy's wife and Addyson's mom. She attends HopePointe Church and is passionate about Christ-centered communities where people feel seen, valued, and loved.



Daniel Brown

Daniel Brown works as a designer with Pike Engineering and was recently elected NYI President at Summerville Church of the Nazarene. He has faithfully served the district Bible Quizzing ministry for many years and coached the B-Team at TNT. Over the past year, he has been active in teen ministry and continues to invest in the church's Young Adult ministry, helping encourage spiritual growth across generations.



Anthony Bryant

Anthony Bryant serves as the Discipleship and Outreach Pastor at Columbia First, where he equips and mentors leaders while helping believers deepen their spiritual walk and live out their calling in the church and community. A passionate leadership developer and speaker, Anthony holds a Bachelor of Arts in Christian Ministry and an MBA in Organizational Leadership. In the fall, he plans to begin pursuing a PhD in Leadership, continuing his commitment to developing Christ-centered leaders.



James Burks

Pastor James serves as the Lead Pastor at Summerville Church of the Nazarene. He and his wife Melissa have been married for 27 years. They have 4 beautiful children that join with them in ministry. Pastor James has been involved in ministry for 30 years, serving as Senior Pastor, Associate Pastor, Youth Pastor, and Worship Pastor.



Melissa Burks

Rev. Melissa Burks received her call to ministry at 17 but God's leading was evident early in life. Melissa married James in 1999 & they have 4 children: Kendall, Aubrie, Brennan, & Judah. She has an AA in Ministry from John Wesley University, received her ordination with the Evangelical Methodist Church in 2012 & the Church of the Nazarene in 2024. Melissa served as Children's Pastor in NC for 18 years & has been serving the families of Summerville (SumNaz) since 2023.



Audrey Carter

Rev. Audrey Carter attended Nazarene Bible College where she received a dual BA degree in Pastoral Ministry and Counseling, and then she received an MA degree in Counseling from Ashford University. She had an opportunity to co-pastor alongside the Late Brian Walker at Columbia Grace CotN. In 2019, Audrey and her husband became Interim Pastors at Columbia Grace and were installed as Pastors from 2020-present. Audrey was ordained as an Elder in 2021.



Tammy Cassidy

Originally from Rhode Island, Tammy settled in Sumter, SC, after retiring from the Air Force with 20 years of service. She is a Facilities Assistant at Liberty STEAM Charter School and has served as Media Assistant for six years in church. Recently elected NMI President, she also serves on the Children's Council. Her mission work includes trips to Puerto Rico, Cobán, Guatemala, and Peoria, Illinois, reflecting her commitment to faith, service, and leadership.



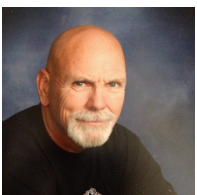
Michael Castello

Michael Castello has been the lead pastor for Greenwood Community Church of the Nazarene since July of 2023. Prior to that, he has served as a worship and youth pastor in Oregon, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin. He began his ministry career in 2010 in Wisconsin. Pastor Michael is passionate about reaching the lost and making disciples who make disciples. He is excited and willing to serve if called upon to help churches continue making Christlike disciples in the nations.



Joy Cheselka

Joy is a retired Army Veteran married to Pastor Wayne Cheselka. She participates in Bible studies with The Walk small group on Sunday mornings and also Wednesday Night Wisdom. She is scheduled to lead a small group bible study for the Inside Out Ministry at the ladies facility, where she is a Sr. Volunteer. She currently participates as a team member for the Outreach Shower Trailer and Disaster Response. She attends the Ladies Fellowship events and also hosts various bible studies at her home.



Wayne Cheselka

Has attended Midland Valley Community since 2002. Accepted the call into ministry in 2007. Outreach Pastor @ Midland Valley since 2011, graduated from NNU and was Ordained in 2016. Serves as the District Disaster Response Coordinator, on the NMI council as well as the Nazarene Motorcycle Fellowship council. Does pulpit supply and preaches retreats and revivals.



April Christmas

April has attended Ashwood Church of the Nazarene regularly since 2007, becoming a member in 2017. She is the church secretary & NMI President. In her time at Ashwood she has been a Sunday School teacher and Ladies Ministry Leader. She has a passion for helping in the church and hearing about missions. She helped the previous NMI President whenever possible. She prays that she can find awesome ways to encourage the Church to learn & be a part of Missions.



Melissa Coleman

Melissa, a Camden, SC native and 2004 Camden High graduate, earned her Bachelor of Arts from Charleston Southern University. She and her husband, Jeremy, married in 2008 and moved to Lexington in 2009, where they now raise their two children, Catherine and Hugh. She has served at Lexington Shepherd since 2009 as children's pastor and youth leader. Their family enjoys camping, beach trips, and time together.



Richard Coleman

Richard Coleman has served as pastor of Lexington Shepherd Church of the Nazarene for the past 18 years.



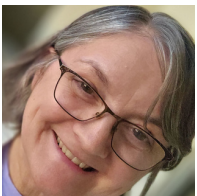
Garry Compton

Garry Compton serves as the Teen Quizzing Coach and served as the interim Youth Minister at Aiken Ebenezer Nazarene Church. He recently retired from the US Navy and is currently working as a Solar Field Technician. Garry was an active Church Board Member until he resigned to receive his District Minister's License. Garry holds a Master's Degree in Pastoral Counseling and has a real love for serving in his community.



David Crandall

David grew up in Nazarene Church with his father serving as a pastor and his mother leading youth ministries. His parents instilled in him first of all a love of Christ, but also an appreciation for how the greater church can collectively work together to spread the Gospel. David currently lives in Greenville, where he serves as a layperson at HopePointe Church. David runs the Teen Bible Quizzing Program, works as a part of the Media Team, and has a leadership role in the Life Group Ministry.



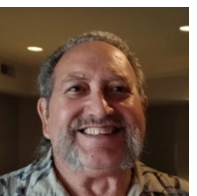
Terri Dakin

Terri was ordained in 2011 on the Midsouth District serving with of her husband, Richard, at Paris First CON. She served as NMI president, youth pastor, and compassionate outreach pastor. She was a member of the Midsouth District NMI council as Mission Area Coordinator, delegate to General NMI Convention and participated in mission trips and disaster relief. Terri currently serves as Compassionate Outreach Pastor at Aiken Ebenezer and along with Richard, is beginning a new work in Saluda.



Lucky Detty

As founder and Executive Director of Reconciliation Ministries, Lucky Detty has dedicated his life to helping men overcome addiction through discipleship, vocational training, and biblical community. An honors graduate of Northwest Nazarene University and Columbia International University, Lucky is an ordained elder and ministry leader who is passionate about equipping others to walk faithfully with Christ while building sustainable ministry systems that impact generations.



Philip Dominguez

Serves on Church property team and Sound Booth attendant. Participates at Camp workdays. Currently retired from self employed maintenance business. Supporting Sumnaz since 1982.



Renee Eargle

Renee has served Columbia First for 25 years. She is currently the NMI President, and serves on the stewards committee and women's ministry. She serves in the food pantry. Renee also serves as a Gideon. Renee is a retired Certified Medical Assistant. She is been married to Bryan for 23 years. They have 4 children and 5 grandchildren. Hobbies include mission trips, thrifting, bible studies.



Jay Earles

Jay Earles directs Hope Community Counseling Center at Midland Valley Community Church of the Nazarene and is also the Director of TNU's Center for Pastoral Health. He was a clinical psychologist in the US Army for 24 years. He is married to Kim (Hildreth) Earles and they are the parents of two adult children. They are active members of Midland Valley Community Church of the Nazarene. Both are graduates of Olivet Nazarene University and their fathers and grandfathers were Nazarene pastors.



Curt Evans

Pastor Curt is currently serving as Lead Pastor of Camden First Church of the Nazarene. He and his wife Brittany have been married for 19 years and have three children: Lilly, Jack, and Leah. Curt had been serving as a minister for 10 years in multiple roles, from worship, youth, tech and media, and staff pastor. Before full-time ministry, Curt was a building contractor and handyman with abilities ranging from welding to home repair. He has always said "yes" to God when prompted to serve.



Pam Evans

Pam currently serves as the church Treasurer, NMI President, helps with the ladies bible study, and is the prayer chain coordinator. She loves organizing and preparing events as well as decorating and having a welcoming atmosphere at church. She is a homemaker and wife of Roland Evans, pastor at the Cottageville Church.



Eddie Felder

Eddie Felder has been a member of the Pelion Church for 50 years. During that time, he has served as NDI Director (40 years) and money counter (35 years). Eddie also serves with Pelion Church's Paces food bank.



Charles Goodwin

Charles Goodwin has been married to Cynthia for 40 years and they have 3 children. They have been members of Columbia First for 35 years. Charles has served several terms on the Church board and has led the St. Andrews community outreach Ministry for 25 years. He has also taught a Sunday school class and served as Finance Chair for 8 years. He is retired from the banking industry.



Donna Green

Donna Green is assigned to New Start Community. She grew up in the Nazarene Church and has served in various Church roles all of her adult life. She is currently over New Start's Guatemala Missions Outreach and community outreach, she teaches a weekly Ladies Bible Study, she volunteers in the children's department, does visitation and fills the pulpit on occasion. She is mission minded and has a heart for serving others.



Brady Grimaud

Brady Grimaud attends Columbia First Church of the Nazarene. He recently graduated high school and will be attending Trevecca Nazarene University in the fall. Brady has always loved NYI and has been a member of the SC Impact team for all four years of high school. He will be attending NYC this summer for the second time and is hopeful to attend his second General Assembly next summer. He would love the opportunity to represent our district at General Assembly 2027.



Jennifer Grimaud

Jennifer Grimaud owns and operates Chapin Furniture with her husband, Keith. She served as the NYI President at Columbia First for the last two years as well as a representative on the SC District NYI Council. She feels called to help young adults grow and deepen their relationship with Christ and become leaders in the church.



Bess Grimes

Bess is a lifelong member of the Church of the Nazarene. She is a graduate of Columbia Int'l University with an Intercultural Studies degree. Bess currently is working as a bookkeeper for a local auto company, while she is studying to become fully ordained in the Church. She has held a local minister's license since this February. She has enjoyed serving her local youth ministry for the past three years as a volunteer. Her passions lie in discipleship and biblical literacy.



Jeffrey Hawkins

Chaplain (Colonel) Jeffrey D. Hawkins, United States Army (Retired), currently serves as the Endorser for Nazarene Military Chaplaincy for our Denomination, overseeing approximately 100 of our "missionaries to the military." Previously, Chaplain Hawkins was an Army Chaplain himself, having served on active duty for over 31 years. He and his wife, Lori, reside in the Upstate and attend HopePointe Church of the Nazarene, where he also facilitates the HopePointe men's ministry.



Tim Haynes

Currently pastors Spartanburg 1st; served on several local and district Mission Teams to Brazil, the Navajo Nation, Nassau, Clinton SC, Tuscaloosa AL, West Virginia, El Paso TX, Guatemala, Racine WI, Peoria IL, and Chicago IL; formerly served as a District NYI Mission Teams Liaison along with other local, district, and regional assignments; experienced as a teacher, facilitator, hospital chaplain, and assembly delegate.



Connie Hoover

Connie is a graduate of Holmes College of the Bible and Central Wesleyan College (now Southern Wesleyan University). She attends West Columbia Central Church of the Nazarene where she teaches an adult Bible class and has served as the NMI president for almost 30 years. Connie taught public school in SC as well as missionaries' children in the Philippines and West Africa. She is retired from SC Department of Public Safety. Connie seeks daily to do His will His way making disciples for Jesus.



Hubert Jayakumar

Hubert Jayakumar serves as Principal of Lewisville High School in Chester County, South Carolina. He has previously served as an assistant principal, early college director, district math coach, and teacher. In ministry, Hubert has served as a youth leader, worship leader, Sunday school teacher, camp leader, and mentor. Hubert is passionate about helping young people grow in their faith and develop as leaders.



LaNora Jensen

LaNora accepted Jesus in her heart at the age of 10 during Nazarene Girls Camp. She is a member of Pelion Church where she has taught Sunday School and is the Local NMI President. She retired from the Social Security Administration as a Claims Representative. She then worked and served at the District Nazarene Office for 20 years as District Treasurer. She also served for over 15 years as District NMI President. She has been on numerous W&W trips. She also served on the camp board.



Ben Kaney

Ben is the Discipleship Pastor at HopePointe Church. Ben and his wife, Dee, and their two sons, Andrew and Noah, served cross-culturally for 12 years. He also served as the NMI President at Nashville First and was active in ministry among Nashville's international community. He is a graduate of TNU and will complete his MDiv at Asbury Theological Seminary in 2027. Ben is passionate about discipling people to Christ and walking alongside others as they follow Christ.



Nicole Langston

Pastor Nicole Langston is currently the Family Pastor at Sumter First Church of the Nazarene where she leads the youth group. She graduated with a bachelors degree from Olivet in 2023, and has been serving at Sumter First since then, and just completed her masters in Family Ministry. She also is our Breakaway Director for our annual NYI Fall retreat.



Angela LaPlace

Angela LaPlace is a co-vocational leader working with global ministry organizations. In 2019, she co-founded The Village Church with her husband, Ben, where she currently serves as worship director. She is part of the Forge America national team and has served as a missions leader in Ethiopia since 2018. With more than 25 years of ministry experience, Angela has also held leadership roles on the SC district advisory board, as a 2017 General Assembly delegate, and as director of SC Getaway.



Ben LaPlace

Ben is a covocational minister serving as Lead Pastor at The Village and Communication Strategist & Graphic Designer at Amentum, a global engineering and technology company. Ordained in 2006, he has served in youth, associate, lead pastor roles, planted two churches in South Carolina, and served 6 years as SC Church Planting Director. He currently serves on the Board of Ministry and is a member of Forge America.



Loretta LaTourette

Rev. Loretta LaTourette has been loving and serving Jesus and the Church of the Nazarene for over 27 years in administrative, compassionate ministry, and pastoral roles. Ordained in 2021, she and her husband, Dave, answered the call to co-pastor Beaufort Church of the Nazarene in 2024. Married nearly 30 years, they have two children and three grandgirls. Their passion is connecting with the community sharing God's love, grace, and mercy with everyone they meet. Ephesians 3:20-21



Jennifer Leitner

Jennifer Leitner is a member of Lexington Shepherd in Lexington, SC. Jennifer serves many roles in the church. She has taught Sunday School at Lexington Shepherd for over ten years and has been the Missions leader during that time. She assists the Children's Pastor with VBS every year as craft director, films the pastor's social media sermons, and has also served on SC Work and Witness teams through the last six years to Argentina and Guatemala, as well as local missions.



Tony Lupton

Tony Lupton has been Lead Pastor of New Start Community for almost 6 years and he has had the honor of serving as NDI President over the past few years. He has been married to his beautiful wife, Toni Lynn, for 35 years. God has blessed them in many ways with their children Meghan and Tyler [Jenna]. Their 2 grandchildren, Aj and Khloe, have brought so much joy and excitement into their lives. They had no idea that their hearts could love the way they love them.



Michael McAdory

Mike is Worship & Executive Pastor having served on staff at MVC for almost 30 years. He and Melinda have led the SC District Impact Team for a total of 18 years, and District TNT & TNT@TNU for 16 years. At various times, Mike has served on the DAB, TNU Board of Trustees, Delegate to General NYI Convention & General Assembly, and currently on the Board of Ministry and NYI Council. He keeps his saxophone chops up playing in the Aiken Concert Band and often fills in directing bands at USC Aiken.



Tom McCrea

Rev. Tom McCrea has served in full-time ministry since 1997 and is currently the Senior Pastor of The Gathering Place in Hartsville. With 29 years of experience, he has served on the Carolina School of Ministry Board, as a District SDMI Chairman, and as a Small Church Institute trainer. Tom is passionate about growing the Kingdom by fostering healthy churches and helping people connect with God and their community. He is dedicated to the mission and growth of the Church of the Nazarene.



James Merritt

James currently serves as the senior Pastor at Lancaster Sonlight Community. James also serves on the NMI council for compassionate ministries and for Prime Time, and he has also served as a delegate to the NMI Global Convention in the past.



Haydn Miller

Pastor Haydn Miller was raised in the Church of the Nazarene in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Having experienced the transforming work of the Holy Spirit in her own life, she is passionate about helping others encounter God's healing and grace. Haydn holds a Bachelor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Oklahoma and a Master of Divinity degree. She serves as a founding and lead pastor of Anchor Church in Mount Pleasant, SC, alongside her husband, Caleb.



Victor Morgan

Victor is a 3th generation Nazarene from West Palm Beach, FL, but has resided in SC for 48 years as a member in good standing of HopePointe Church of the Nazarene. Victor is retired from Michelin Tire Corp. Victor has attended all General Assemblies since the 25th Assembly in San Antonio. Victor testifies that his heart and life are consecrated to the Lord. He has a heart for missions having been on 7 mission trips.



Tina Morse

Member of Central for 45 years. After 31 years, she continues as an office/financial manager for an engineering firm. She and her husband, Chuck have served as youth (4 yrs), college (2 yrs), and children's (16 yrs) ministry leaders. She actively serves on the church board, praise team, assists in children's ministry, and she and Chuck lead a Purpose Driven Parents group. She is completing her 3-yr term on the DAB. Their sons Chandler (Sarah & Annie) and Caden are both involved in ministry.



Eric Nahass

Pastor Eric has been pastoring for over 20 years in Texas, Oklahoma, and South Carolina while serving on various District boards and committees. Pastor Eric recently earned a Master's of Organizational Leadership at Columbia International University. Pastor Eric has served as the senior pastor at Columbia First Church of the Nazarene since 2022.



Libby Newman

Libby has been honored to serve as SC District NMI president since 2020. Prior to this, Libby served on the council since 2007 as education director and as treasurer. She also pastors Batesburg Church where she leads her congregation to always be on mission for God. Involved in local compassionate ministry as well as district Work and Witness, Libby strives to obey God's Great Commission. She has been married to Myles for forty years and they have three adult children and five grandchildren.



Wendel Nixon

Grew up in a Nazarene parsonage. Accepted Christ as Savior as a child, was active in the church, and graduated from TNU. Following Dental School, the Military, and Orthodontic School settled in Columbia. Remained active in his local church serving as Sunday School teacher, Church Board member, Finance Campaign Chairman and Chairperson, and Worship Team member. Served many years on DAB, TNU Board of Trustees, Vice Chairman of BOT, Chairman of Development Committee and Financial Campaign Chair.



Tiago Paiva

Tiago Paiva is a Brazilian ministry leader, translator, and volunteer who serves as NMI President at Summerville Church of the Nazarene. He is actively involved in Bible study, worship, and cross-cultural ministry. Through bilingual communication in English and Portuguese, he helps connect Brazilian and American congregations. Tiago is passionate about discipleship, and helping people grow in their faith while building meaningful relationships across cultures.



Greg Pressley

Greg Pressley has been lead pastor of Sumter First Church of the Nazarene for 21 years. He has also served churches in North Carolina and Kansas. He currently serves as the District Secretary for the South Carolina District Church of the Nazarene. Previously he served as NDI President in South Carolina and North Carolina. He is a graduate of Trevecca Nazarene University and Nazarene Theological Seminary. He is married to Jeannie. They have three children and six grandchildren.



Jeremy Reese

Rev. Jeremy Reese is the Assistant District Superintendent of the SC District CotN and the Pastor at Aiken Ebenezer CotN. Jeremy has served as a student/admin pastor, overseas missionary church planter and university professor and administrator. He holds a Bachelor of Arts (Bible/Theology & Pastoral Ministry) and a Master of Ministry (Christian Leadership) from John Wesley University. Jeremy and his wife of 15 years, Melissa, have four children: Neomi, Nathan, Ezekiel and Shepherd.



Melissa Reese

Melissa is a member of the Aiken Ebenezer congregation along with her husband and four children. She is thankful to be a part of a local church who cares for its neighbors by meeting material, relational and spiritual needs. She previously served as a church planter, an English teacher and missionary support coach. In 2023 she completed a master's degree and now works as a Licensed Professional Counselor in Lexington. She enjoys good coffee, long walks and a well-stocked Kindle.



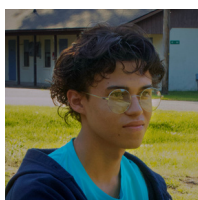
Iwana Ridgill

Iwana has served on various District boards and councils (NMI, NDI, District Advisory Board, NYI) and as a delegate to the General Assembly and the General NMI and NDI Conventions. She is active in the local congregation currently as a Sunday School teacher, and has worked in the past in children's and youth ministries and as an adult Bible study leader. She is self-employed as a corporate trainer and speaker (oRIDGILLnal Solutions) and as an adjunct instructor with Midlands Tech.



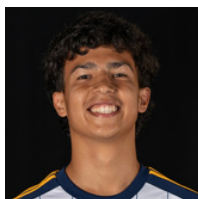
Terry Robinson

Terry grew up in the Nazarene church. He is a retired metal finisher and cabinet maker. He has been involved in bus ministry, disaster relief missions, and various remodel projects for district churches. Most recently he and his wife have worked with sheltered and unsheltered homeless people, bringing them to church where showers and laundry were available and generally coming alongside and supporting however he could as they navigate their way to more stable housing and lifestyle.



Caleb Rojas Bohn

Caleb was raised in the mission field in Buenos Aires, Argentina and then moved to South Carolina in late 2022. He has served at his local church through the worship team and through their many outreach programmes, and has served at the Gunter Campground in maintenance and food service. Additionally, he serves on the SC NYI Council. He has a strong passion for creating and does so through his visual, prosaic, poetic, musical, and photographic art.



Israel Rojas

Israel served in the missions field in Argentina for 12 years along with his parents. In 2023, he moved to the United States and began serving at Aiken Ebenezer, where he serves in the audio/visual department. He was also a part of the Aiken Ebenezer Youth Quizzing team. He is currently attending Columbia Int'l University and plays on the soccer team.



Jessica Rojas

Jessica is the Finance Officer and Treasurer for the District and Campground. She serves as the Children's Pastor at Aiken Ebenezer and is a member of the District NMI Council. Jessica and her family served as Nazarene Global Missionaries in Argentina for 12 years before relocating to serve on the South Carolina District.



Laureen Rupert

Laureen is a pastor's wife, ministry leader, and experienced educator who teaches high school math and science. She serves as Children's Ministry Director for the SC District Church of the Nazarene and her home church. With 30+ years of ministry experience, she joyfully leads camps, supports district ministries, and mentors young people as they grow in faith, purpose, and community.



Chris Ryon

Chris serves as the NYI president at HopePointe. His wife, Ashley, serves as a youth leader alongside him. They lead a life group of families with young children, coach Upward, and fill various roles on Sunday mornings. Chris and Ashley also have 3 little girls. He has served in youth ministry for over 15 years, following a highly impactful youth group during his high school years. Chris works full time in facility services as a Financial Controller, and has a passion for servant leadership.



Jonathan Saenz

Rev. Jonathan Saenz serves as Senior Pastor of Cherrydale Hispanic Church of the Nazarene, 16 years, where he provides spiritual leadership, discipleship, and pastoral care. He is actively engaged in preaching, mentoring, church development, and equipping believers for ministry. With experience in pastoral leadership and supervised ministry within the Church of the Nazarene, Rev. Saenz is committed to Christ-centered service, discipleship, and advancing the mission of the Church.



Emma Sams

Emma Sams just finished her senior year of high school and is going to attend Trevecca Nazarene University. She plans to major in sports management. She loves serving in her local church in children's ministry as well as help with the kids and preteen camps. She attends youth groups, team camps and other use events on the district, including impact choir team for the past four years.



Dean Sandifer

Dean Sandifer is a member of Orangeburg Memorial Church. He has served the church in several capacities - as a youth leader for 10 years, on the district NYI Council and as the TNT@TNU coordinator for the district. Dean has also served for multiple years as a trustee on the church board and is currently serving as the church treasurer. He is the sound technician for the church. He and his wife of 25 years, Angie, are the owners of Main Street Garden and Gifts in Bamberg.



Joe Savage

Rev. Joseph (Joe) Savage received his call to preach around age nine. Joe has been married to Jayden for five years, and they have one daughter. He has been in full-time ministry as the lead pastor of Pelion Church of the Nazarene for five years. He is passionate about discipleship, evangelism, and developing leaders. His first and most important ministry is his family, and leading his family well will allow him to lead the church well into a deeper reflection of the new creation community.



Angie Sears

Angie Sears has been part of the South Carolina District for the past two years through her family's military assignment. As a chaplain's wife, church board member, and church treasurer, she enjoys serving the church in a variety of ways. She has served in women's ministry leadership and led Bible studies within the military community. Her passion is discipleship and helping others grow in their relationship with Christ.



Arthur Sharpe

Pastor Arthur Sharpe, a native South Carolinian and lifelong Nazarene, has served in pastoral ministry for 35 years. He first sensed God's call to preach as a young boy while attending youth camp. His connection to Camp Meeting began even earlier—at just one year old, he attended his first Camp Meeting when his parents sang during a baptism service on the lake dock. Since that time, Camp Meeting has been a cherished and consistent part of his life and spiritual journey.



Mariah Flores Sharpe

Mariah Sharpe is an active leader serving at both the local and district levels. She is the South Carolina Pastors' Kid Retreat Director and serves as a youth group leader and teen worship leader at HopePointe Church of the Nazarene. Mariah is a graduate of Trevecca Nazarene University and works as a mobility therapist. She served as a delegate to the 2023 General Assembly and has been a camp and district office intern. She is passionate about the next generation and building the global Church.



Christy Shimel

Christy just celebrated her 19th anniversary with her husband, Lee. She has 2 kids. Jay is 23 and Peyton is 18. She was raised in the Nazarene Church from about 10 years old until about 18. Then has been back at Summerville for the last 18 years raising her children in the Church. Christy is a big part of the youth group at Summerville. She has directed teen quizzing and has led a team coming up on her 4th year. She is involved in most district events such as breakaway, camp, TNT and NYC.



J.T. Smith

J.T. and his wife, Carson, are committed to ministry through teaching, church service, and his work as a soccer coach. J.T. leads the young adult and youth ministries at Life Spring Community Church in Simpsonville. At the district level, he serves in leadership for Preteen and Children's camp and volunteers with NYI at Quiz Meets, Teen Camp, and TNT.



Addison Snodgrass

Addison Snodgrass attends HopePointe church in Greenville. Where she is an active member in youth group, serves on the worship team & kids ministry. She also currently serves on the district NYI council. On a district level she is apart of the Impact team, volunteers at kids camp, and regularly attends district events. Her favorite district event to attend is Impact because of the Christ-centered friendships that are made and the chance to worship with churches throughout the district.



David Snodgrass

David Snodgrass serves as Lead Pastor of HopePointe Church in Greenville, SC. He currently serves on the District Advisory Board and as a Trustee for Trevecca Nazarene University. David is husband to Casey and father to Addison and Avery. A few "Nazarene facts" about David: his first General Assembly was Indianapolis in 1993, and he collects Church of the Nazarene Manuals, including a 1932 edition in his library.



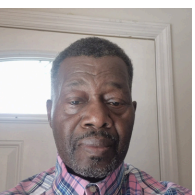
Roxianne Snodgrass

Roxianne (Roxy) Snodgrass is a member of Camden First. From 1975 to 2015, she served with her late husband, Rev. Dana Snodgrass, at 2 churches in SC, 3 in WV, and 1 in PA. Roxy worked in healthcare and later in higher education. She received her PhD in Education from Walden University in 2014. In SC, she served as SC District NMI President from 1990 to 2001 and served two years as DP on the WV N. District. Currently, she works at Columbia Int. U as the Director of the Institutional Review Board.



Ronda Speed

Ronda is a high school librarian and a member of Sumter First. She serves as District NMI Council Secretary and has served locally as NMI President, NYI President, Women's Ministry Director, and more. She served on a W&W team to Swaziland and spearheaded a team to Haiti, as Sumter First built the Ravine Aux Lianes Church. Ronda also loves Gunter Camp, where she attended as a child, chaperoned youth groups, and now enjoys as a cabin owner. Her favorite role is G-mama!



Elwood Stith

Elwood serves at Cottageville Church, where he is actively involved in teaching Adult Sunday School, Men's Ministries, the Church Board and supporting the life of the Church. He has a deep love for his brothers and sisters in Christ and helping new believers grow in their faith. Elwood has been honored by the DSA, participating in district ministries, [Work & Witness and the District NMI] . Elwood is honored to be nominated to District and looks forward to serving.



Sydney Taller

Sydney is deeply rooted in her faith and serves as a leader in outreach ministry at her church, where she is passionate about sharing Christ's love through service, hospitality, and discipleship. She strives to build authentic, Christ-centered community and create spaces where people feel seen, supported, and encouraged in their walk with God. Sydney loves the outdoors, creative work, and finding meaningful ways to serve others and reflect God's love in everyday life.



Amber Taylor

Amber Taylor has been a faithful member of Midland Valley Community Church for 18 years. She actively serves in Youth Ministry, Women's Ministry, and as a Women's Bible Study Leader. Amber also serves as NYI President, encouraging spiritual growth and discipleship among youth and adults. She is committed to serving Christ and supporting the mission of the church through leadership, ministry, and faithful service.



Jeremy Varn

I am Jeremy Varn 49 years old from Goose Creek SC and a graduate from Clemson University. I spent most of my adult life coaching football from small college to high school. I am now an associate pastor and program manager at Reconciliation Ministries. Where I myself went through the program and graduated because of my own battles with addiction. I get the opportunity now to disciple men who had some of the same struggles I had. God used this place to transform my life now I get to give back.



Scott Wade

Married 47 years to Lana. 3 daughters with their husbands - SC, TN, MI. 12 grandchildren. Ordained Elder in the Church of the Nazarene, Pastored 30+ years including 5 interim assignments in SC. Currently on the NMI council and on the Board of Ministry in SC. Previously served on DAB in NC and various other district assignments where I have lived. Registered Evangelist in SC, maintaining active schedule. President of Momentum Ministries. Author. Podcast Host - Casual Conversations.



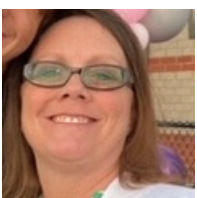
Dorothy Waldron

Dorothy gave her life to Jesus in July of 1995. She has been married to Joe for 38 years and they have 3 daughters, a stepson and 6 grandchildren. She serves on the District Advisory Board and the District NMI Council. In her local church, Dorothy and Joe teach an adult SS class and she serves on the praise team.



Joseph Waldron

Member of Sumter First since 1999. Married to Dorothy for 38 years, with four children and six grandchildren. His brother Tim lives with them and he acts as his caregiver. Retired from the USAF in 2002 and again from Shaw AFB in 2025 as a program manager. Enjoys teaching adult Bible studies, construction and electrical projects, rediscovering fishing, and currently taking a horticultural class through Clemson extension office.



Pattie Walker

Pattie has been a member of the Nazarene Church since 1996, when she married Brian. She has served in Youth, Children's, and Sunday School ministries, and as a church board member. When her husband passed away unexpectedly in 2019, Pattie took a step back from those responsibilities. She is now the leader and coordinator of VBS, organizer of Children's Church and the activities on Sundays and Wednesdays, serve on the Youth Council, and is the NDI representative on the church board.



Nichole Wallace

Nichole Wallace serves as NMI President at HopePointe, Greenville, entering her 3rd year of leadership. Passionate about global & local outreach, she has worked to revitalize their mission focus. This has resulted in the doubling of Faith Promise givers & in significantly increasing World Evangelism Fund & Alabaster giving. Beyond NMI, she participates in worship team, women's studies, Food Box Outreach etc. A TNU alum, she is married to Brad, also a TNU grad & has two daughters, Grace & Addy.



Emily Webb

Emily has been homeschooling her 5 children for the past six years, while working part time in Business Administration. She attends Spartanburg First CotN, is currently serving on the praise team, as a Sunday school teacher, and local board member. She is also serving on the District NMI council and as Work and Witness co-ordinator alongside her Husband, Jeremy, for the SC District. One of her greatest desires is to faithfully serve and follow God where ever He may lead.



Jeremy Webb

Jeremy is a devoted husband & father, also serving as the Associate of Worship, at Spartanburg 1st. Jeremy facilitates a discipleship prayer & Word study in his workplace. He leads local prayer walks and strives to continually live on mission for Christ. Jeremy has been a part of mission work both domestically & internationally and is the coordinator for SC NMT/Work & Witness, alongside his wife Emily. His desire in these roles is that it will have the maximum Kingdom impact, for God's glory.



Erica Wigart-Wright

Rev. Erica Wigart-Wright has served as the Youth Pastor at Midland Valley Community for the last 2 years. Prior to her time on the South Carolina District, she served as the Next Generation Pastor at Mt. Olive Church of the Nazarene on the Georgia District. Erica graduated from Trevecca in 2022 with a Bachelors Degree in Religion with focuses in pastoral ministry, biblical languages, and counseling. Erica is passionate about her teens, missions, discipleship, and reconciliation ministries!



Bethany Willis

Bethany is a dance teacher in Charleston. She grew up as an SC Nazarene pastor's kid and is grateful to serve on the district that served her so well. Bethany is the SCNYI Secretary and has served at many district youth events including being on the leadership team for Teen Camp and Breakaway. She is passionate about serving children and youth on the district, in her local church, and in her community. Her favorite calling in life is being wife to Justin and mom to Ezri and Reuben.



Justin Willis

Justin is the worship leader at Anchor Church. Born and raised in the church of the Nazarene, Justin made the decision to pursue a life with Christ at an early age. He was involved in various South Carolina Nazarene district events, such as Impact, where he gained his love for worship through song. It was also at events such as this where he met his wife, Bethany. Justin graduated from The College of Charleston with a Computer Science degree and is now a software developer for an IT company.



Isaelda (Isa) Wojtkowski

From 2007 until answering God's call to pastor the Hispanic Nazarene Church in Charleston she planted in 2014 Isa had previous experience as a Caravans helper, Quizzing Coach, and Church Secretary for Dr. Rashford at Charleston Sea Islands Church of the Nazarene. She is a former journalist and native of Veracruz, Mexico. She and her husband Pastor Bill continue to support a homeless ministry in Veracruz through family members and personal visits to feed, preach, and baptize new believers.



Krystal Yangco

Krystal Yangco has been a part of the South Carolina Nazarene church since she was born. Krystal is married with three children. She has served in her local church in Sunday school, VBS, and NYI. Currently serving on her local church board she has a heart for discipleship and reaching the lost.



Travis Yarborough

Pastor Travis serves as Associate Pastor and NMI president at Spartanburg First. He serves the SC district as a member of the NMI executive council and as Love Your Neighbor Coordinator. He led the district team during the General Assembly's Love Your Neighbor project, participated in many Missions Teams (Work & Witness) trips through the years. He is blessed with a gracious, loving, and supportive wife, Melody, a daughter, Vanessa, two spoiled cats, and an amazing family of a congregation.

IMPACT REPORT

CONVERSIONS

Disciples Church	109
Midland Valley Community	85
Cherrydale Hispanic (TDR)	46
Aiken Ebenezer	36
Rock Hill Emmanuel	27
Reconciliation Ministries	25
New Start Community	20
Pageland Rose Memorial	17
Sumter Calvary	12
Spartanburg Casa del Alfarero, Sumter First & West Columbia First	10

BAPTISMS

Midland Valley Community	57
Disciples Church	51
Aiken Ebenezer	23
Cherrydale Hispanic (TDR)	18
Sumter Wise Drive	15
Rock Hill Emmanuel	14
New Start Community	12
Greenwood Community	10
Pageland Rose Memorial & Winnsboro	8
Columbia First, Great Falls,	6
Orangeburg Memorial & Reconciliation Ministries	

NEW NAZARENES

Midland Valley Community	51
Cherrydale Hispanic (TDR)	41
Disciples Church	34
Reconciliation Ministries	25
Summerville	21
Aiken Ebenezer	18
The Nexus Pointe	17
Hartsville - The Gathering Place	12
HopePointe and Pageland Rose Memorial	11
Charleston Iglesia, Great Falls & New Start Community	10

NEW NAZARENES

Aiken Ebenezer	18	Lowcountry Community	1
Anchor	2	Maranata	2
Ashwood	4	Midland Valley Community	51
Bamberg	3	Myrtle Beach - The Connection	2
Batesburg	9	New Start Community	10
Beaufort	1	Orangeburg First	3
Bennettsville First	2	Orangeburg Memorial	6
Bishopville	1	Pageland Rose Memorial	11
Camden First	3	Radiant Life	9
Charleston First	1	Reconciliation Ministries	25
Charleston Iglesia	10	Refuge	5
Cherrydale Hispanic (TDR)	41	Rock Hill Emmanuel	4
Columbia First	3	Rock Hill First	6
Cottageville	1	Rock Hill Trinity	1
Disciples Church	34	Spartanburg First	4
Fort Mill	3	Summerville	21
Genesis	2	Sumter First	9
Great Falls	10	The Impact Network	5
Greenwood Community	7	The Nexus Pointe	17
Hartsville - The Gathering Place	12	Wallace	1
HopePointe	11	West Columbia Central	2
Lancaster SonLight Community	1	West Columbia First	6
Lexington Shepherd	2	York Celebration Place	6
Lluvia de Vida	7		

ATTENDANCE & MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP

Midland Valley Community	1193
Sumter First	482
Disciples Church	376
Fort Mill	367
Sumter Calvary	353
Columbia First	350
Sumter Wise Drive	334
HopePointe	319
West Columbia Central	304
West Columbia First	299

WORSHIP (TOTAL)

Midland Valley Community	1112
Disciples Church	284
Columbia First	232
Sumter First	200
Cherrydale Hispanic (TDR)	166
Refuge	165
HopePointe	162
New Start Community	160
West Columbia First	145
Summerville	122

WORSHIP (IN-PERSON)

Midland Valley Community	923
Disciples Church	262
Columbia First	187
Sumter First	170
HopePointe	155
West Columbia First	145
Cherrydale Hispanic (TDR)	140
New Start Community	135
Refuge	125
Greenwood Community	109

WORSHIP GROWTH (IN-PERSON)

Charleston First	60%
Columbia Grace, Great Falls & Spartanburg Casa del Alfarero	36%
Aiken Ebenezer	32%
Reconciliation Ministries	22%
Ch. Hispanic (TDR) & Nexus Pointe	21%
Fort Mill	16%
Anchor & Lowcountry Com.	13%
Lex. Shepherd, Pageland Rose & Radiant Life	11%

TOP 10 UNDER 100 (IN-PERSON)

WC Central & Winnsboro	99
Fort Mill	83
Lexington Shepherd	80
Pageland Rose Memorial	79
Rock Hill First	78
Chester	76
Aiken Ebenezer & Sumter Wise Dr.	75
Orangeburg Memorial	73
Hartsville - The Gathering Place	69
Rock Hill Emmanuel	65

DISCIPLESHIP ATTENDANCE

Midland Valley Community	685
Disciples Church	379
HopePointe	232
Columbia First	213
New Start Community	145
Cherrydale Hispanic (TDR)	140
Sumter First	130
West Columbia First	107
Summerville	97
Batesburg	92

DISTRICT ALLOCATION CHURCHES

These churches have paid their assigned District Missional Fund Allocation in full.

Aiken Ebenezer	Midland Valley Community
Ashwood	Myrtle Beach-The Connection
Batesburg	New Ellenton New Life
Beaufort	New Start Community
Bennettsville First	Orangeburg First
Camden First	Orangeburg Memorial
Cayce	Pelion
Charleston First	Reconciliation Ministries
Charleston Iglesia	Rock Hill First
Charleston Sea Island Inter'l Comm.	Rock Hill Grace
Chester	Rock Hill Trinity
Clover	Seneca
Columbia Abundant Life	Simpsonville Life Spring Community
Columbia First	Spartanburg Casa del Alfarero
Cottageville	Spartanburg First
CrossRoads	Summerville
Fort Mill	Sumter Calvary
Genesis	Sumter First
Greenwood Community	Sumter Wise Drive
Greenwood Cristo Reina	The Nexus Pointe
Hartsville - The Gathering Place	The Village - Greer
HopePointe	Wallace
Lancaster SonLight Community	West Columbia Central
Lexington Shepherd	West Columbia First
Living Water Fellowship	Winnsboro
Lowcountry Community	York Celebration Place
Maranata	

BUDGET HONOR ROLL

These churches have paid ALL their assigned allocations in full.

Aiken Ebenezer	Midland Valley Community
Batesburg	Myrtle Beach - The Connection
Beaufort	New Ellenton New Life
Bennettsville First	New Start Community
Camden First	Orangeburg First
Cayce	Pelion
Charleston First	Radiant Life
Charleston Iglesia	Reconciliation Ministries
Charleston Sea Island Int'l Comm.	Rock Hill First
Chester	Rock Hill Grace
Clover	Rock Hill Trinity
Columbia Abundant Life	Seneca
Columbia First	Simpsonville Life Spring Community
Cottageville	Spartanburg Casa del Alfarero
CrossRoads	Spartanburg First
Fort Mill	Summerville
Genesis	Sumter First
Greenwood Cristo Reina	Sumter Wise Drive
HopePointe	The Nexus Pointe
Lancaster SonLight Community	The Village - Greer
Laurens Cornerstone	Wallace
Lexington Shepherd	West Columbia Central
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Maranata	York Celebration Place

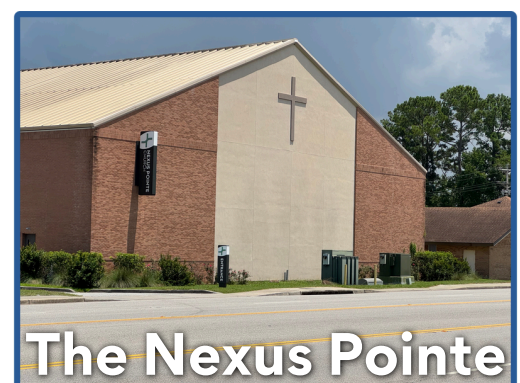
GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT GROWTH AWARD

“I planted ... God made it grow” (1 Cor. 3.6)

The purpose of the General Superintendents' Growth Award (GSGA) is to give prominence to those practices that are central to the local and worldwide advancement of the church; specifically, new Nazarenes, significant involvement in sponsoring a new church, and 100% participation in fund allocations.

- Churches that win people to Christ are healthy.
- Starting new churches is the most effective means of evangelism known to the church.
- Fund allocations are essential to the cooperative ministries of the Church of the Nazarene.

This award is given in recognition of outstanding accomplishment in essential practices of the expansion of the kingdom of God through the Church of the Nazarene. The presentation of this recognition is intended to say “Thank You” to the receiving pastor and church, and to elevate in the consciousness of our people the compelling importance of winning people to Christ, starting new churches, and supporting the organizational structures that make possible evangelism around the world.



2025-2026 SC DISTRICT STATISTICS

Weekly In-Person Worship Attendance	4,800
Weekly Online Worship Attendance	971
Total Weekly Worship Attendance	5,771
Weekly Discipleship Ministries Attendance	4,395
Membership	9,590
Conversions	561
Baptisms	324
New Nazarenes	395
Tithes & Offerings Income	\$10,177,589
Total Church Income	\$10,585,361
Global Missions Giving	\$712,640

ALLOCATION GIVING

World Evangelism Fund (WEF)	\$517,345	101.9%
District Missional Fund (DMF)	\$617,804	99.0%
Trevecca Nazarene University (TNU)	\$221,627	95.5%
Nazarene Benefits USA (NBUSA)	\$182,385	98.2%

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Church Name	Pastor	Membership (2025)	Membership (2026)	Conversions (2025)	Conversions (2026)	Baptisms (2025)	Baptisms (2026)	In- Person Worship (2025)	In- Person Worship (2026)	Online Worship (2025)	Online Worship (2026)	Total Worship (2025)	Total Worship (2026)	Discipleship (2025)	Discipleship (2026)	Total Income	All Allocations Met
Aiken Ebenezer	Jeremy Reese	62	81	17	36	6	23	57	75	4	3	61	78	58	88	210,731	Yes
Saluda Ebenezer (PAC)	Richard Dakin / Terri Dakin	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Anchor (CTM)	Caleb Miller / Haydn Miller	9	12	0	1	1	1	15	17	2	0	17	17	18	55	43,823	No
Ashwood	Brandon Barkley	36	39	2	4	1	3	52	50	15	15	67	65	48	56	96,354	No
Bamberg	Alan Riley	30	14	0	0	0	0	20	18	2	2	22	20	14	7	57,642	No
Batesburg	Libby Newman	66	76	3	7	1	2	40	37	31	20	71	57	28	92	63,388	Yes
Beaufort	David LaTourette / Loretta LaTourette	28	29	2	4	3	2	20	15	17	20	37	35	25	19	47,858	Yes
Bennettsville First	Kevin Sprague	120	121	6	0	13	0	52	45	0	0	52	45	43	43	92,322	Yes
Bishopville	Sam Burchfield	16	16	1	1	0	0	14	14	40	40	54	54	19	24	35,400	No
Camden First	Curt Evans	124	127	1	2	2	2	58	54	15	15	73	69	88	77	136,820	Yes
Cayce	David Spires	34	33	1	1	0	0	22	22	3	4	25	26	24	23	80,768	Yes
Charleston First	Gary Rupert	158	159	0	0	0	0	35	56	5	8	40	64	47	14	86,508	Yes
Charleston Iglesia del Nazareno	Bill Wojtkowski / Isa Wojtkowski	46	50	9	9	3	2	31	29	0	0	31	29	42	40	26,106	Yes
Charleston Sea Island International Community	To Be Supplied	86	86	0	0	0	0	28	10	5	0	33	10	12	13	45,155	Yes
Cherrydale Hispanic (TDR)	Jonathan Saenz	163	180	58	46	16	18	116	140	38	26	154	166	120	140	188,437	No
Chester	Ray Jones (Interim)	199	194	6	2	5	3	98	76	3	0	101	76	83	87	197,487	Yes
Clover	Brett Boykin	29	28	1	2	6	0	33	22	14	0	47	22	50	22	45,548	Yes
Columbia Abundant Life Fellowship	Joshua Keith	70	72	6	2	0	2	42	35	8	10	50	45	51	48	69,202	Yes
Columbia First	Eric Nahass	345	350	5	6	3	6	184	187	52	45	236	232	249	213	898,140	Yes
Columbia Grace	Audrey Carter	59	55	0	0	0	0	11	15	11	0	22	15	17	10	38,365	No

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Cottageville	Roland Evans	24	24	1	0	3	0	20	21	13	8	33	29	21	10	79,595	Yes
CrossRoads	To Be Supplied	12	9	2	1	0	0	14	9	0	0	14	9	16	9	14,752	Yes
Disciples Church	Javes Muñoz	398	376	134	109	55	51	308	262	20	22	328	284	435	379	353,844	No
EMET (CTM)	Juan Carlos Muñoz / Laura Cardozo	2	10	0	0	0	0	15	15	0	0	15	15	0	16	0	No
Fort Mill	Joshua Fite	364	367	3	5	1	3	75	83	0	5	75	88	57	58	391,104	Yes
Genesis	Mark Vaughn	54	56	2	4	0	4	37	40	22	15	59	55	37	49	68,608	Yes
Great Falls	Henry Adams	78	88	3	6	5	6	22	30	0	0	22	30	18	19	24,000	No
Greenwood Community	Michael Castiello	114	120	4	2	3	10	132	109	0	0	132	109	85	57	255,032	No
Greenwood Cristo Reina (CTM)	Francisco Gaytan	17	17	1	0	0	0	22	17	0	0	22	17	0	17	100	Yes
Hartsville - The Gathering Place	Tom McCrea	168	170	5	6	2	4	70	69	27	26	97	95	57	46	178,601	Yes
HopePointe	David Snodgrass	315	319	3	7	3	5	145	155	5	7	150	162	193	232	661,301	Yes
Lancaster SonLight Community	James Merritt	71	71	1	0	0	0	26	18	0	0	26	18	30	10	40,004	Yes
Laurens Cornerstone	Buck Lathan	24	23	2	1	3	1	11	11	0	0	11	11	21	12	35,524	Yes
Lexington Shepherd	Richard Coleman	57	57	2	2	3	3	73	80	0	0	73	80	35	33	392,699	Yes
Living Water Fellowship (CTM)	To Be Supplied	9	7	0	0	0	0	21	18	0	2	21	20	21	10	44,774	Yes
Lluvia de Vida (CTM)	Pedro Ospina	17	22	5	3	5	3	15	15	10	5	25	20	14	5	15,279	No
Lowcountry Community	Jason Leviner	44	43	3	1	0	1	15	17	0	0	15	17	15	17	20,954	Yes
Lugoff Faith	John McGee	83	83	0	0	0	0	22	18	24	20	46	38	25	20	56,979	No
Maranata	Leonardo Cortes	23	21	12	2	4	0	30	25	0	0	30	25	30	36	16,405	Yes
Midland Valley Community	David Gallimore	1,152	1,193	37	85	103	57	901	923	202	189	1,103	1,112	667	685	1,156,232	Yes

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Myrtle Beach - The Connection	David Sifferd	149	19	3	0	0	0	53	32	18	0	71	32	65	11	79,442	Yes
New Ellenton New Life	Ken Stewart	60	59	2	1	0	0	12	12	8	100	20	112	33	24	43,350	Yes
New Start Community	Tony Lupton	185	190	15	20	2	12	128	135	23	25	151	160	143	145	289,780	Yes
New Start Comunidad (PAC)	Alexander Largo	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Orangeburg First	Orville Williams	70	70	5	3	0	1	22	20	0	15	22	35	12	20	58,392	Yes
Orangeburg Memorial	Hoke Robinson	161	167	2	4	10	6	71	73	10	10	81	83	47	49	98,632	No
Pageland Rose Memorial	Scott Gibson	160	170	15	17	5	8	72	79	17	20	89	99	92	50	86,000	No
Pelion	Joseph Savage	173	156	6	8	1	4	35	34	8	13	43	47	19	18	91,502	Yes
Radiant Life	Bill Higgins	0	17	2	4	1	4	20	22	0	0	20	22	1	14	66,213	Yes
Reconciliation Ministries (CTM)	Lucky Detty	54	59	40	25	10	6	51	62	0	0	51	62	51	49	45,548	Yes
Refuge	Brandon Eagleton	247	252	8	0	2	2	120	125	55	40	175	165	81	72	37,324	No
Rock Hill Emmanuel	Jonathan Pannell	214	210	46	27	32	14	120	65	10	20	130	85	125	65	82,298	No
Rock Hill First	John Sadler	209	203	6	3	3	2	84	78	126	6	210	84	33	51	170,000	Yes
Rock Hill Grace	Bill Ulmet (Interim)	128	125	5	7	1	0	67	64	2	4	69	68	38	38	210,026	Yes
Rock Hill Trinity	Jerry Gilmore	142	140	8	6	0	0	51	47	6	7	57	54	37	26	181,733	Yes
Seneca	Tom Baltzegar	40	40	2	2	0	0	7	7	0	0	7	7	7	7	19,319	Yes
Simpsonville Life Spring Community	Jim Thrower (Interim)	9	17	0	2	0	0	26	18	0	0	26	18	36	45	138,895	Yes
Spartanburg Casa del Alfarero	Ruben Rosario / Carmen Zavala	49	40	0	10	3	5	22	30	20	0	42	30	32	23	3,674	Yes
Spartanburg First	Tim Haynes	204	192	5	1	6	1	44	40	4	40	48	80	48	66	141,020	Yes
Summerville	James Burks	187	199	4	5	4	3	107	102	20	20	127	122	44	97	229,347	Yes
Summerville Portuguese (PAC)	James Burks	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Church Name	Pastor	Membership (2025)	Membership (2026)	Conversions (2025)	Conversions (2026)	Baptisms (2025)	Baptisms (2026)	In- Person Worship (2025)	In- Person Worship (2026)	Online Worship (2025)	Online Worship (2026)	Total Worship (2025)	Total Worship (2026)	Discipleship (2025)	Discipleship (2026)	Total Income	All Allocations Met
Sumter Calvary	Arthur Sharpe	350	353	7	12	1	4	58	54	35	36	93	90	36	53	196,012	No
Sumter First	Gregory Pressley	483	482	12	10	11	5	176	170	30	30	206	200	99	130	507,149	Yes
Sumter Wise Drive	Jim Bentley (interim)	336	334	25	0	10	15	120	75	12	0	132	75	57	55	147,161	Yes
Super Life (CTM)	Ted Hambrick	12	0	12	0	0	0	48	24	0	0	48	24	68	24	22,645	No
The Impact Network (CTM)	Michael McCants	112	101	5	0	0	0	59	40	16	25	75	65	93	65	13,028	No
Columbia Impact (PAC)	Michael McCants	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hartsville Impact (PAC)	Michael McCants	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
The Nexus Pointe	Rod Walley	112	128	5	7	1	3	89	108	12	11	101	119	132	75	242,336	Yes
The Village - Greer (CTM)	Ben LaPlace	13	13	1	1	3	0	32	37	0	0	32	37	54	55	88,974	Yes
Wallace	Bobby Norris	81	82	4	4	4	0	17	18	20	20	37	38	15	16	29,370	Yes
West Columbia Central	Brent Walker	304	304	8	5	2	2	100	99	10	10	110	109	43	55	318,825	Yes
West Columbia First	Bill Harmon	300	299	5	10	12	5	139	145	0	0	139	145	138	107	289,250	Yes
Winnsboro	Christopher Adams	234	231	0	8	3	8	93	99	3	7	96	106	58	83	244,057	Yes
York Celebration Place	To Be Supplied	134	140	0	2	3	2	32	34	4	5	36	39	17	16	148,218	Yes
CTM - Church-Type Mission																	
PAC - Parent Affiliated Church																	