Do Not Be Deceived

David B. Linn, Superintendent

The Apostle James wrote his pastoral letter to people who were thrown out of their homes, dispossessed, deprived of their livelihoods, slandered, battered, and run out of town. There is a great danger that we who believe, in moments of great upset, will begin to supply false answers to the question of why these kinds of things are happening to us. And the Accuser stands ready to offer all sorts of lies in our moment of weakness.

So James wrote: “Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren” (1:16 NASB). He was eager, as a good pastor, to provide a list of super-nutritious truths to combat this danger. I invite you to study James 1:1-18 on your own to search your soul for the following false thoughts which cannot stand in the face of the wholesome and encouraging word of God:

1. Living in discouragement is appropriate for believers who are experiencing trials (:1-2).
3. God would never permit trials as part of our formation into the image of Christ (:4).
4. God has left us in a condition of lack (:5).
5. God let me down when I prayed for specific things (:6-8).
6. If I had the stuff I think I need, I would be fine (:9-11).
7. External temptations, maybe even sent by God, are at fault for my sins (:13-14).
8. I must do what my desires tell me (:15).
10. I determine the purpose and direction of my life (:18).

Not so, not so, not so to all of the above! James reminds us of the crucial larger perspective: “In the exercise of His will He brought us forth by the word of truth, so that we would be a kind of first fruits among His creatures” (1:18). Every question you and I have about what is going on in our lives must be answered by an appeal to the predeterminate purposes and will of God. Before the first second clicked on the divine clock of space-time, good was determined for you and me by the God who cannot be stopped: “Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow” (1:17).

I encourage you to do a house-cleaning of your mind and heart, brothers and sisters. Just like in our regular houses, junk can pile up. I believe we can ask the Holy Spirit to help us by pointing out thoughts and fears which need to be cast on the garbage pile. He can also give us the power to do so. May Jesus’ promise come to pass in every one of our lives: “...You will know the truth, and the truth will make you free” (John 8:32).
OPEN CHURCHES

**SENIOR / LEAD PASTORS:**
- Candor, NY
- Dewittville, NY
- Ithaca, NY
- Plattsburgh, NY
- Waverly, NY
- North Waverly, NY
- Alden, NY (Affiliated)
- Vorea, NY (Non-Alliance Church)
- Vestal, NY (Tracy Creek)

**STAFF POSITIONS:**
- Worship Director - Vestal, NY (Valleyview)

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**DREAM INCENTIVE GRANT**

The National Office has announced the 2021 Dream Incentive Grant to help assist local churches. This grant is provided through a generous donation that comes outside of the Great Commission Fund budget. In the last five years, 89 churches have received grants totaling $1,074,340.

[Click Here](#) to find out if your church qualifies as well as instructions on how to apply. The deadline for the application is September 15. Results will be shared on or around December 15. For questions, contact Kim Vincent, vincentk@cmalliance.org.

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**Welcome New Official Workers!**

- Mr. Jordan LaBorde
  - *Pastor of Outreach*
  - New Beginnings - Poughkeepsie, NY

- Mr. Joseph (Joe) and Jenna Terry
  - *Assistant Pastor of Youth and Kids Min.*
  - Circle Drive Alliance—Sidney, NY

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**GREAT COMMISSION FUND**

Year to Date giving to the Great Commission Fund from our District Churches of $600,453 is 103.9% compared to the same time last year.

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**STM Scholarship**

*(Short Term Missions Scholarship)*

The District Missions Committee is offering **four** $250 scholarships to anyone 13 years or older interested in doing a short-term missions trip to an international C&MA field or with a C&MA International Worker. **This is a first come first serve opportunity!** If you are interested contact Terri Groh at terrigroh@yahoo.com or 315-806-7011.
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District Events Calendar 2021 rev. 6.29.21
#yearoftheone

We all went through a different kind of year in 2020. It was hard and it seemed for me like things got “complicated”. So, how about simplifying? Well, that’s what we did.

Stepping into 2021 felt like a shift as the Lord said to me “focus on 1, and 2021 will be the year of the 1.” I understood God saying focus less on projects and focus more on individual people, and impacting less people over a longer stretch of time. To be clear, this is not my norm. I like more people over short periods of time.

As I unpacked this with my wife and our team we decided part of our focus as a church would be on 1 person or household in our lives, and 1 local business. We asked the entire church to commit to: praying for, pursuing, and prospering this person/household and local business.

Jesus was a man who was able to stop for the one while he was traveling and ministering. Whether it was Jairus or the woman with the issue of bleeding or Zaccheus, one person and one focus was not too little for Him. It seemed to be His life.

We created a hashtag #yearoftheone for the digital world to unite our church on a common mission and to share our story together as we started this year’s focus.

Over these months we have heard testimony of business owners being so touched that our church was praying for them (we had a #yearoftheone chalkboard written on a prominent wall in our building with all the names of local businesses that people were praying for) that they were overwhelmed with emotion. We have had people message us through social media and thank us for supporting the prospering of the city and for committing in prayer and financially to local business owners prospering.

We have seen a local business owner who was a casual interested party in Jesus become a disciple of Christ. There are more testimonies, but the point is God does not need mass movements to move mountains. He is asking for surrendered and willing lovers to pursue one person at a time.

It has been a journey of faithfulness as I have found it hard to stay committed to such a narrow focus, but it has been rewarding.

What is Jesus stirring in you to see His Kingdom come into your world and outside of your building? God already has an army of angels. Now He needs hearts that will love in the dark places. The marketplace and people around you may remain in darkness until they see the kindness of God on display.

How can you do less for more when it comes to seeing the neighborhood, town, village, and city around you look a little bit more like heaven? And how can we help you do that?

Contact me at tre@cityoflightelmira.com or 607-732-6580 for prayer, questions, or encouragement.

Tre Reaume
Evangelism Committee
Co-Lead Pastor @ City of Light
Elmira, NY
SAVE THE DATE

TRAINING GROUND 2022

Rebecca McLaughlin
Keynote Speaker

JANUARY 29
9AM - 4PM
Kenmore Alliance Church
175 Bonnett Ave, Tonawanda, NY 14150

“Navigating Tough Questions About God”

For More Information Contact Lisa Vogan
Lvogan@necma.org ☎ 716-713-1959
www.TrainingGroundNED.com
Discipling Equipping Opportunities

Providing opportunities to come to faith, grow deeper in faith and knowledge of God and His Word, and sending missional, Kingdom-minded followers of Jesus. This is discipleship within ministry contexts. It is what drives District Discipling efforts. The District is committed to bringing discipling resources that will equip you as ministry leaders toward this goal.

Here are 2 equipping opportunities for your consideration in the coming months. These are all District sponsored events designed for leaders, volunteers, and lay people. Mark your calendars!

**Thursday, September 30, 2021 9:00AM-NOON**
Who: recommended for all ministry leaders
Where: Webinar via zoom
Cost: Free (Save-the-Date!)
Topic: Domestic Violence

*The God Who Sees Me: How the Church can See and Respond to Domestic Abuse*

This interactive training will equip participants to recognize and respond to domestic abuse within the general community and within Christian churches. It will guide our understanding of the dynamics of intimate partner violence, the local resources available, and why it’s crucial that faith communities work together to support safety for people being harmed and accountability for people perpetrating abuse.

**September - May 2021/2022**
Who: For Women interested in deeper journey of faith
Where: Fulton Alliance
Cost: $850.00 if register by July 1 ($950 after July 1)
Questions: contact Amy Nehlsen: amy@fultonalliance.org
Registration: www.empowerww.org

“Equipping, inspiring, and preparing women for effective ministry.”

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*For the Kingdom*, Lisa Vogan, NED Discipling Specialist
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Requirements:
- positive, adventurous spirit
- education degree or teaching certificate
- no previous teaching experience required

Preferred qualifications:
- degree emphasis in early childhood education
- TESOL certification or experience
- international short-term mission experience

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At EnEx, we offer life-enriching experiences for those who want to use their vocation to serve God and participate in reaching the nations with the gospel. We offer six to twelve month internships as well as full time employment opportunities.
SUMMER RENEW

Delta Lake Bible Conference Center
During Family Camp
Where: Delta Center
(Downstairs in Room A)
Time: 3:00 p.m.
Date: Sunday July 4th

WORSHIP
INTERNATIONAL WORKER, KATHY EIKOST
INTERNATIONAL WORKER, LAURA HOPKINS
2021-2022 THEME & NATIONAL PROJECT
BOSNIAN HANDICRAFTS
NED Alliance Men Annual Retreat
September 17-18, 2021
Delta Lake Bible Conference Center

This year’s theme

Who Is That Man in the Mirror?
Featuring Ronn Read, National Field Staff Chaplain - Man in the Mirror
Student • Single • Husband • Father • Senior • Leader
Spiritual Warrior • Employer • Employee

Registration:
Early (before July 15th): $65 (will include a Retreat T-Shirt)
After July 15th: $75
To register go to: https://necdma.org/ministries/ned-mens-ministry

For more information contact:
Rev. Mark Perkins • Director, NED Alliance Men
rev.mark.perkins@gmail.com
The summer is here and before you know it September will be upon us.

If you have not already heard, we have extended the deadline for early registration until July 15th. We have also had a request about being able to mail in a group deposit check. If you mail in your check before the 15th, all those registering will get the early registration rate of $65.

There is also an option to register for “Day Pass” for the retreat for $35. This includes meals and sessions without overnight accommodations at Delta Lake Conference Center.

I am very excited to see what God is going to be doing in the lives of the men within the Northeastern District. I encourage you to start having conversations with your men about what they see about themselves when they look in the mirror. Men want to know that the retreat will have value. Help them see the potential value of attending, and what God can teach them about who they are in whatever stage of life they are in. Encourage them also to reach out to those in their spheres of influence to other men that they think could also benefit from attending.

Looking forward to seeing you at the retreat.

Pastor Mark
FAMILY CAMP 2021

REFRESHMENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

JULY 2-10

Steve & Amy Nehlsen
Adam Sellen

A FULL SCHEDULE

Main Tabernacle Evening
Steve & Amy Nehlsen  Friday - Sunday
Adam Sellen           Monday - Friday

Main Tabernacle Morning
Frank Chan            Monday - Friday

Special Concert with Jason Gray
Saturday July 3rd

We have programming nursery up through sr. high every day

JOIN US FOR A WONDERFUL WEEK!

315-336-7210
www.deltalake.org

6420 Pillmore Drive,
Rome, NY 13440
IGNITE CAMP & LAUNCH CAMP
July 25-30, 2021

We're excited to welcome back our Ignite and Launch campers back this summer.

Erik Williams

We have a two great speakers who will be sharing with both groups of campers:

Derrick Tennant

Join us for a week full of meaningful worship, fun activities and Bible studies.

HTTPS://DELTALAKE.CAMPBRAINREGISTRATION.COM
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NED Connection Articles
for the September edition are
due by August 24, 2021.
office@nedcma.org

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or office@nedcma.org
to request church
membership certificates.

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District Prayer Coordinator
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throughout the Northeastern District
family by contacting Lorraine directly
at lorregnier@aol.com

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Monday-Friday
8:30 AM-4:30 PM

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July

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15 Missions Comm. 10 AM
25-30 IGNITE Youth Camp
LAUNCH Youth Camp

August

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24 Newsletter Items Due to D.O.

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and available to offer resources and
support to NED churches!

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