



THE NED CONNECTION

NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT C & MA

FAITH DEVELOPMENT RELATIONSHIPS

David B. Linn, Superintendent

Jesus neither established programs nor institutions. He worked through relationships. The familiar story of the feeding of the five to ten thousand (including women and children) reveals how he sought to develop the faith of his followers in the context of experience. The Apostle John wrote: **“So Jesus, after raising His eyes and seeing that a large crowd was coming to Him, said to Philip, ‘Where are we to buy bread so that these people may eat?’**

But He was saying this only to test him, for He Himself knew what He intended to do.

Philip answered Him, ‘Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not enough for them, for each to receive just a little!’” (John 6:5-7).

We are more familiar with the accounts in the synoptics. But in this account, Jesus puts this question to Philip BEFORE he began an entire day of teaching. Some would call this a heat experience. It is also called the Socratic method, meaning teaching by questions. Jesus put an obvious problem before Philip, and Philip returned an assessment: Feeding these people is impossible, even if we have the equivalent of two hundred days’ pay. The wedding at Cana, where Jesus created the finest wine in superabundance out of plain water, seems not to have entered his mind.

Matthew’s account, by contrast, shows the disciples coming to Jesus after a whole day of teaching, filled with the problem before them: **“Now when it was evening, the disciples came to Him and said, ‘This place is secluded and the hour is already past to eat; send the crowds away, so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.’ But Jesus said to them, ‘They do not need to go; you give them something to eat!’”** (Matthew 14:15-16). Again he puts the problem before the face of his disciples, and they respond the same way as Philip: We have a young guy here with five loaves and two fish, i.e. we got nuthin. No inkling of Jesus, the Prophet who was to come, providing food for the hungry.

Jesus, of course, then fed everyone with a total provision: **“And they all ate and were satisfied...”** (14:20a). In the context of a real-life situation, Jesus leveraged his disciples upward in their faith. They could not fail to have grown by facing this need, failing to see an answer, and discovering that Jesus provides what they and we need. Thus was total reliance on the Lord was taught and learned. And all through person-to-person relationships. This does not deprecate good programs and institutions. But it tells us that programs and institutions act primarily as containers for relational faith development.

The same Jesus who grew his disciples this way invites us to grow in the same way: face to face with him, leaning into impossible situations, and discovering his provision. As our faith grows in that way, we are simultaneously learning how to do the same with others. Every backyard neighborhood conversation, every lunch at work, every PTA meeting, every community volunteer effort—everywhere we are face to face with people is an opportunity to share something we have learned about Jesus. To pray with others as they face their impossible situations. And for them to discover that Jesus is mighty for them as well.

While structure is helpful to move Jesus’ church into purposeful evangelism and discipling, we are not limited to any structured environment. This puts on all of us a word of wisdom to make investments in others of time and connection. That may not seem churchy, but neither did Jesus. Our network of relationships was given to us by God for this very reason. So be there for people. God put you there, and Jesus is there with you.



NED NOTICES



OPEN CHURCHES

SENIOR/LEAD PASTORS

- ⇒ Clinton, NY
- ⇒ Saranac Lake, NY
- ⇒ Rome, NY
- ⇒ Sidney, NY (Gateway Alliance)
- ⇒ Tonawanda, NY (Kenmore Alliance)

STAFF POSITIONS

- ⇒ Corning, NY (Beartown Road Alliance - Dir. of Student Ministries)
- ⇒ Syracuse Alliance (Associate Pastor) (Worship Director / Part -Time)
- ⇒ Fulton, NY (Associate Pastor)
- ⇒ Walworth and Greece, NY - CrossTown Alliance

(Children, Student, and Worship Ministry Positions available—both Full and Part-Time)

GREAT COMMISSION FUND

Total year to date giving to the Great Commission Fund from our District churches of \$368,362 is 84% compared to 2025.

*From the rising of the sun
to its setting,
let the name of the LORD
be praised.*

Psalm 113:3

NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT C&MA
UPSTATE NEW YORK

Free Event

ALLIANCE WOMEN

Summer Renew

Delta Lake Bible Conference Center, Main Tabernacle
8912 Turin Road, Rome, NY



What to Expect

- Worship
- New Alliance Women's Theme for 2026-2027
- Missions Moments from our International Workers
- Mission Activity and Prayer Stations
- Mercy Market Items Available for Sale

Sunday, July 5th
3:00 p.m.

www.nedalliancewomen.org

More Info to come

“Men of Iron” Men’s Ministry



Spring Retreat June 5th and 6th

“Carry The Torch”

If you haven’t registered yet please do!

The first weekend in June is here and we will be all together this coming Friday. This will be an exciting and busy retreat so come prepared to have some great fellowship and time to unwind and get to know one another.

We will see you all here on Friday the 5th.

Be ready to take pictures.

Friday June 5th

4pm Check-in

6pm Dinner

7:30pm **Worship featuring**

David Linn- “Men Who Lead Well”

9pm Free time and Campfire (weather permitting)

Saturday June 6th

7am Prayer and Breakfast

8:30 am Worship

9:15am Breakout 1

10:15 am Breakout 2

Rev. David Linn- Leadership Workshop

Rev. Brian Rockwell- “God’s Lamp Stand: Bearing His Light”

Rev. Cody Whelsky- “How Can Authenticity Lead To Mission”

11:30 am Free time and Lunch

3:30 pm Communion and Healing Service

Mr. Jon Coykendall

Registration is now open on the Delta Lake website see you all there!

Please make sure the men in your congregation know of the Men’s ministry.

We have a website, www.nedmenofiron.org



DELTA LAKE
BIBLE CONFERENCE CENTER

MEN of IRON

"Carry the Torch"

JUNE 5-6
MEN'S RETREAT



PRICING: \$85
FRIDAY 4-6PM
THRU
SATURDAY 5PM



FELLOWSHIP
WORSHIP
BIBLICAL TEACHING
ACTIVITIES
SPIRITUAL ENCOURAGEMENT

GUEST SPEAKER: David Linn, NED Superintendent

REGISTER TODAY:
deltalake.org/delta-men

NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT ALLIANCE MISSIONS SUMMIT

GOSPEL ACCESS: FOR ALL FROM ALL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2026

9 AM - 3:30 PM

AUBURN ALLIANCE CHURCH



Rev. Bryce Baldwin
Keynote



Amy Reodding
Emerging Leader Track



Missions Spotlight
CAC Worker in W. Africa

- Inspiring Speakers
- Emerging Leaders Track
- Breakout Sessions
- Networking Opportunities
- Lunch provided
- Adults - \$40 Teens - \$25
- Deadline - Fri. Oct. 9, 2026

Don't miss being a part of something bigger! Whether you're new to Alliance Missions or a seasoned veteran, the NED Alliance Missions Summit offers something for everyone.



**SCAN QR CODE
FOR MORE INFO &
REGISTRATION**
(REG. OPENS JULY 1, 2026)

Word on Fire

Preaching Cohort

"HIS WORD WAS IN MY HEART
LIKE A BURNING FIRE
SHUT UP IN MY BONES..."

JEREMIAH 20:9

12 Monthly Meetings

- Teaching and discussion by Zoom monthly
- In-person preaching and feedback quarterly (Rome, NY)
- Fierce encouragement
- Intentional growth
- Personal coaching

LAUNCHES in JULY, 2026

Register with Dénes House at deneshouse@newbeginningscma.org

JOIN OUR SUMMER TEAM

A summer that changes lives - including yours.



COUNSELOR

Lead games, cabins, and faith conversations with campers.



LIFEGUARD

Keep campers safe while leading high-energy waterfront fun.



KITCHEN STAFF

Fuel camp with teamwork, hospitality, and great behind-the-scenes impact.



SUPPORT STAFF

Work on teams to keep dishes done, operate the Snack Shop & General Store, & more.



HOUSEKEEPING

Create welcoming spaces for families and campers to gather & grow.



MAINTENANCE

Help camp run smoothly through hands-on problem solving and care.



APPLY TODAY!

www.deltalake.org/be-on-staff

CHECK OUT OUR COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM!



FAMILY CAMP 2026

JULY 1 - JULY 8

Special Guests



DR. JOHN STUMBO
PAST PRESIDENT OF
THE C&MA
MORNING BIBLE
TEACHER



DAVE WEISS
GOSPEL ARTIST/
PASTOR
OPENING EVENING
SPEAKER



REV. CARL JOSEPH
WORSHIP ARTS
PASTOR
MUSICIAN



JOSEPH STARKEY
BIBLICAL
APOLOGIST
YOUTH SPEAKER

Join us for another exciting, refreshing, and renewing Family Camp in 2026! We have activities and programs for all members of your family.

WWW.DELTALAKE.ORG/FAMILY-CAMP



DELTA LAKE Youth Camps



A week they'll never forget!

JUNE 27-JULY 1

GRADES 3-5

JULY 26-31

GRADES 6-12



2026
"BE STRONG"



REGISTER ONLINE
deltalake.org/youth-camp



3RD ANNUAL



GOLF

TOURNAMENT

2026

\$100 PER PERSON LUNCH & DINNER INCLUDED

+PRIZES & RAFFLES!

PROCEEDS BENEFIT NIGHT TO SHINE 2027

**9:00AM
TEE OFF**

**AUGUST 1
2026**

Twin Ponds Golf & Country Club

**169 Main St
New York Mills, NY 13417**

**TO REGISTER, CONTACT: billmeola@gmail.com
315-794-6015 Cash, check or venmo to @william-meola-1**



DEAR ALLIANCE PASTORS & NED LEADERS,

We are reaching out with an exciting opportunity for our local Alliance churches to come together in support of a special ministry that is impacting families and individuals throughout our community.

As many of you may know, Rome Alliance Church and Delta Lake Bible Conference are honored to co-sponsor **Night to Shine, an unforgettable prom night experience, centered on God's love, for people with special needs ages 14 and older** for our local area and beyond. We are thrilled to share that we have officially been approved to host TWO nights of Night to Shine in 2027, taking place on February 12 and February 13, 2027. With this blessing comes **an even greater opportunity to serve and celebrate our honored guests with special needs and their families.**

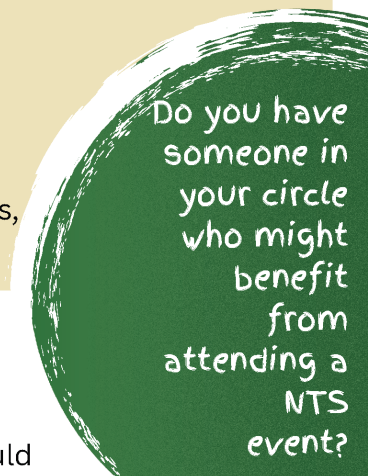
To help support these events, we will be hosting our 3rd Annual **Night to Shine Golf Tournament** on Saturday, August 1, 2026, at Twin Ponds Golf Course in New York Mills, NY.

WE WOULD LOVE TO INVITE THE CHURCHES OF THE ALLIANCE FAMILY TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

- Enter a golf team in the tournament
- Sponsor a hole as a church
- Donate a basket or item for raffle or cash donation(s) toward event
- Share the attached flyer with your congregation through announcements, bulletins, newsletters, or social media

What a beautiful testimony it can be **for our churches to come together in unison to serve our community and support this Christ-centered ministry.**

If your church or congregation members would like more information or would like to participate, please contact: **Bill Meola**
315-794-6015



Join our mailing list at deltalake.org/night-to-shine!

Thank you for considering partnering with us in making Night to Shine 2027 a memorable and life-giving experience for so many families. We are grateful for your continued partnership in ministry and your heart for serving others in the name of Jesus.

The Night to Shine Planning Committee of CNY

NED RESOURCES BULLETIN BOARD

Calendar

June

5-6	Men's Retreat @ Delta Lake
16	10am DEXCOM meeting @ District Office

July

1-8	Family Camp @ DLBCC
4	INDEPENDENCE DAY—District Office Closed
5	AW Summer Renew @ DLBCC
14	9:30am Credentialing Council meeting @ District Office

NED Connection Articles

for the July edition are due by June 26, 2026.
office@nedcma.org

Membership Certificates

Please contact the District Office at 315-336-4720 Ext. 201 or office@nedcma.org to request church membership certificates.

District Prayer Chain

Lorraine Regnier

District Prayer Coordinator
Prayer requests will be distributed throughout the Northeastern District family by contacting Lorraine directly at lorregnier@aol.com or 518 - 847 - 4323 .

NED Office Hours

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



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