



THE NED CONNECTION

NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT C&MA

THE HELPLESS HELPER

David B. Linn, Superintendent

Years ago, my wife, Barb, and I were driving home from a visit with my parents in New Jersey to our apartment in Binghamton. We were driving our base model chevy Nova six cylinder, three-on-the-tree shift lever, no air conditioning, and AM radio only. We loved that car! As usual, Barb was driving. As we were blowing up I-81 near Clark's Summit, just north of Scranton, we noticed five cars in front of us all askew, some in the roadway and some off to the side. This was at a point where cars from the Pennsylvania Turnpike Extension were merging with the interstate going northbound.

As we picked our way past this multi-car pileup I saw some very crumpled cars, smashed windshields, and some people standing around with dazed expressions. Some were bloodied and were covering wounds with their hands. There were no police, fire, or emergency medical technicians on the scene. I had Barb pull over a short distance up the road, popped the trunk, grabbed my tiny first aid kit, and ran back down the road to the accident scene.

With so many cars and people to check, I just picked one. A senior man was standing next to the open driver's door. The passenger door was open and a woman in the front seat with the most horrific facial injuries I have ever seen was choking and making jerky movements. She had apparently not been in her seat belt and had flown face first into the windshield. I was stunned, to say the least. Nothing in the Red Cross Basic First Aid class had prepared me for this.

Fortunately, a short woman with a towel and a jug of water ran up next to me and began to clear the injured woman's airway. She began downloading to me her quick assessments of passengers in the other cars: one with a femur fracture, one with a closed skull fracture, and at least one already dead. I don't know if she was an off-duty EMT or an emergency nurse, but she clearly knew what she was doing.

And there was not a thing I could do for any of them. I had shown up to be a helper, but I was helpless to deal with the level of trauma confronting me. I did a little minor bandaging, which probably helped no one, but fortunately EMS was arriving on the scene and took over.

I say all this to describe my total sense of inadequacy, which hit me to my core like a heavy weight. I determined that day to never let that happen again. A few years later I had the opportunity to train as an EMT and serve on a volunteer ambulance corps while pastoring in Pearl River.

It took a while, but eventually I developed the same sense of dreadful inadequacy in pastoral ministry. The Lord arranged collisions with my sense of pride, self-sufficiency, and confidence over and over again until I was compelled to cry out: Lord, I can't do this! In retrospect, I believe that was exactly where the Lord wanted me to be. The deepest part of my soul had become convinced that unless a sovereign God worked in people, nothing I did would make any difference. And that realization was life-giving to me! I was supposed to feel, to know, and to believe in my human inability, and to totally trust in the Christ who invited me into the business of saving souls and building his church.

My life verses became: **“Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as having come from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God, who also made us adequate as servants of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life”** (2 Corinthians 3:5-6 NASB). Helpless, yes, in myself, but empowered by the grace of God according to his good pleasure.

I am still learning this. I invite you to join me.



NED NOTICES

May



See you there!

OPEN CHURCHES

SENIOR/LEAD PASTORS

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

STAFF POSITIONS

- ⇒ Corning, NY (Beartown Road Alliance - Dir. of Student Ministries)
- ⇒ Rome Alliance (Associate Pastor)
- ⇒ Syracuse Alliance (Associate Pastor) (Worship Director / Part -Time)

95th Annual Northeastern District and Prayer Conference

"An Unshakeable Foundation"

May 4-6, 2026

Lockport Alliance Church

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.



In Memoriam

Rev. Edgar L. Manns

March 28, 2026

former district pastor



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



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

“Men of Iron” Men’s Ministry



Spring Retreat June 5th and 6th “Carry The Torch”

It is getting time for the men in the district to come together.
Thanks to the assistance of Rev. Brian (Rock) Rockwell and Rev. Jeff Cutting
we have an exciting program for this year.
Below is the agenda for Friday and Saturday.
There will be plenty of free time so let’s come together and enjoy this special time.

Friday June 5th

4pm Check-in

6pm Dinner

7:30pm **Worship**

Rev. 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 <https://www.deltalake.org/delta-men>
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**

NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT

ALLIANCE MISSIONS SUMMIT

GOSPEL ACCESS: FOR ALL FROM ALL

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2026

9 AM - 3:30 PM

AUBURN ALLIANCE CHURCH

- 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.

**MORE DETAILS
AND
REGISTRATION
LINK TO COME**

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

NED RESOURCES BULLETIN BOARD

Calendar

May

4-6	District Conference @ Lockport Alliance
25	Memorial Day—D.O. Closed

June

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

NED Connection Articles

for the June edition are due by May 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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