





# 2022 NDI CONVENTION



Dr. Timothy Crump District Superintendent

Rev. Doug Lane District NDI President

#### **Rev. Doug Lane, President**

Dr. Crump and Members of SWID,

I bring to you my second report as your District NDI President. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve in this capacity.

What a wonderful year this has been for Southwest Indiana, specifically in the area of Nazarene Discipleship International. Last year we were still dealing with the effects of the pandemic in our churches and at a district level, and while some of that carried over into this church year, we were able to return to events and gatherings that we missed so dearly.

**Children's Quizzing:** We saw many new quizzers this year, and a few new teams. A special thanks to Pastor Aaron Gall for his work in taking on the leadership of this vital ministry. We are looking forward to growing in this area this year, and getting back to a normal quiz schedule as we prepare for our WORLD QUIZ next summer!!!

**Kids' Camp:** This past month we held our first Kids' camp since 2019! We had 80 kids join us at Higher Ground for a fantastic weekend filled with fun, games, pool time, crafts, and most importantly, worship services where kids gave their lives to Jesus! What a powerful scene - witnessing our kids gathered around the altar praying together and for one another! Church, between quizzing and camp.....rest assured that our kids are growing closer to Jesus and hiding His Word in their hearts! Thank you to Bre Giles and Ashley Nichols for co-directing camp with me, and to Tracy and Avery Stults for speaking and leading worship!

**Family Day at Holiday World:** This was the second year for our district gathering at Holiday World! We had 240 people from SWID come together to enjoy the amusement park and the company of one another.

**Prime Time Banquets:** This was also the first year since 2020 that we were able to gather back at our Prime-Time Banquets! Thank you to Tom Bush who stepped into this role in 2020, and for the first time, was able to hold these events! Thanks to Cory Community, Columbus 1st, and Mackey for hosting these events, and to Pastor Nathan Rogers for sharing your talents with us as you ministered through music! I know that Tom has some great things in store for this upcoming church year!

**Men's Ministry:** I challenged both our men's ministry leader, Mark Roberts, and our women's ministry leader, Sheila Thompson, to think about starting something new for the men and women on our district! They both stepped up! Pastor Mark hosted a District Campout at Racoon Lake! We had 40 people come to camp, cook out, and fish. We also held our annual Men's Breakout this year, with guest speaker Dr. Brian Powell. Pastor Mark, thank you for your leadership in this ministry and for leading these wonderful events for the men on our district!

**Women's Ministry:** Pastor Sheila! Thank you for all of your hard work in leading the women's ministry! This year you hosted a new event, as women from across the district gathered to make cards with one another and fellowship. You also turned our annual Ladies' Day into a Ladies' Weekend! I've heard such wonderful things about these events. Thank you to Pastor Sarah Ross for speaking at the Ladies' Weekend and for all who helped make it such a wonderful event. I know that Pastor Sheila is already hard at work planning two events for this upcoming church year. Rumor has it that Rev. Susie Shellenberger is speaking at the Ladies' Weekend this coming March. I remember she spoke at my Nazarene Youth Conference in 2003! And I still remember her message!

SWID! You are not going to want to miss out on our upcoming events this church year! You can find information out about them in your packets and we will make sure to get things to you as dates draw near.

In addition to those mentioned above, I would like to take a moment to thank a few more people. Thank you to our Adult Ministries Director, Rev. Jonathan Scott, for overseeing our Women's Ministry (Rev. Sheila Thompson), Men's Ministry (Rev. Mark Roberts), and Prime Time Ministry (Tom Bush). In addition to serving in this role, you were also our council Secretary. I look forward to times I have to call you about NDI stuff, because our conversations usually turn in to great moments of iron sharpening iron. You are a great sounding board and your wisdom is appreciated.

Thank you to Rev. Matt Gargiulo, who began the year as our Children's Ministries Director. You helped put some much needed structure in place for our Children's Ministries and we are thankful for your work in helping to lead quizzing and our Family Retreat. Pastor Matt has stepped down from this role to serve in other capacities, but I am excited to announce that our new Children's Ministries Director is Pastor Tracy Stults from Columbus First. She has already began breathing new life into certain areas and we are so excited to see where she leads this important ministry!

Thank you to the SWID NDI Council – Rev. Jonathan Scott, Rev. Andrew Johnson, Rev. Josh Caplinger, Christina Shay, Bethany Burnett, and Dede Jones. You have been such an encouragement to me and I sincerely mean that I am blessed to have you all in my life and ministry! Thank you for your timely responses to the many questions I had, for the hours spent on Zoom Meetings, and for your service to this great District. I look forward to serving with you again this coming year.

I want to thank my church Family, Zion Community Church of the Nazarene, for all of your support! Your willingness to let me serve in this capacity is something I am so grateful for. Finally, to my family. Morgan, Derek, Grace, and Maddy....you all have been so wonderful to me. You've endured the random phone calls, evening Zoom meetings, days away....and yet you do so with love and grace. I love you very much, and I'm so thankful you are my family!

Discipleship is who we are. Just as Jesus called the 12 to follow him, we continue on that journey of following Jesus wherever he might lead us. Just as Jesus challenged his disciples to make disciples of the nations, we too are called to disciple those whom God has placed in our lives.

It has been so encouraging to look across this district and see the ways our churches have been engaging in discipleship. We have all had to make changes in how we do things. Some of our ideas have been successful, others have successfully taught us what not to do. But I believe with all my heart that God honors our attempts at sharing the Journey of Grace with our neighbors and loved ones, no matter what that might look like.

I have been challenged lately by a prayer that Paul prays over the Colossian church. In Colossians 1:9-11 Paul says this:

"For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience."

Author and scholar N.T. Wright points to three important things that Paul prays over this young church that is trying to find their identity as followers of Jesus when the Roman world around them does not line up with His teachings. This is a prayer that I believe is one of discipleship. It speaks to who we are, and what we seek.

First, Paul prays for knowledge. Not just any knowledge, but the knowledge of God's will, given through the Spirit. This knowledge, we know, comes to us through the Word of God, and we attain it as we humble ourselves and study scripture, pray, and share with one another what we learn. This is the knowledge we gain from sermons and Sunday School classes, discipleship groups, grow groups, or life groups. Knowledge that focuses on how God would have us live in this world and interact with one another.

Paul prays for knowledge.

It is one thing to gain knowledge, and quite another to let knowledge transform us. This is why Paul prays in verse 10, that through the knowledge of the will of God given to us by the Spirit of God, we would be able to "live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work". N.T. Wright says this is a prayer for Holiness. That through our knowledge of God and only by the Grace of God, we would be transformed to live the life God has called us to live, one that bears good fruit.

Paul finishes this prayer by asking God that the church would be "strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience." Notice here that Paul is not seeking power to gain anything other than endurance and patience. What a beautiful thing, if the Church sought power not for prosperity or influence or money, but for endurance and patience.

For those that have been discipled, and for those who have discipled someone, we can agree that we need more endurance and patience. Endurance and patience because we all travel this Journey of Grace at different speeds. Endurance and patience because we all encounter different challenges in our walk with Jesus. Endurance and patience because, Church, this is not the easiest life we have been called to.

So, Paul prays. He prays for the church to receive the knowledge of God, to live holy lives, and to have the power to endure. I can only imagine how our lives, our families, our churches would change if we prayed this prayer for one another.

A few weeks ago, I challenged my church to begin praying this Discipleship Prayer for one another. Today, I challenge all of us to do the same. Here is what I am confident in - that God loves to answer these kinds of prayers!

And so, may our glorious Savior do a good work in us, in our churches, in our communities, as we seek His knowledge, grow in our holiness, and endure whatever comes our way. Grace and Peace to you, my friends.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pastor Doug Lane

#### NAZARENE DISCIPLESHIP INTERNATIONAL TREASURER'S REPORT 2021-2022

Balance on Hand: June 1, 2021		\$85,010.53	
RECEIPTS			
Adult:			
Men's Ministries	1,140.00		
Prime Time	2,314.00		
<b>Women's Ministries</b>	<u>5,135.00</u>		
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Children:	216.50		
Bible Quiz Income	316.50		
Family Day	9,217.00		
Camp Income	1,390.00	10,923.50	
District:		10,923.30	
Budgets	5,000.00		
Interest Income	1,190.46		
Other Income	75.00		
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Total Receipts:		<u>25,777.96</u>	
Total to Account for:		110,788.49	
DISBURSTMENTS:			
Adult:			
<b>Men's Ministries</b>	2,277.41		
Prime Time	3,972.93		
Women's Ministries	<u>5,171.14</u>		
		11,421.48	
Children:			
Bible Quiz Expenses	1,151.51		
Family Day HW	13,351.55		
Camp Expenses	<u>3,783.01</u>	10.006.0	
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District:	4.212.66		
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Total Disbursements		<u>36,533.47</u>	
Balance on Hand: May 31, 2022		<u>74,255.02</u>	
Bank Account Balances:			
CCU Checking	14,250.02		
CCU Savings	5.00		
WIF Savings	<u>60,000.00</u>		
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FUND BALANCES			
General Operating Fund	\$44,255.02		
Fund – Global Convention	<u>\$30,000.00</u>	OF 4 0 = 5 0 0	
Total Balance		\$74,255.02	
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## 2022 NDI NOMINEES DIRECTORY



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## **NDI LAY NOMINEES**



#### **Bethany Burnett**

My name is Bethany Burnett. I am 34 and attend Point Township. I serve as NYI leader there as well as taking care of nursery ministry on Sundays. I have served on the NDI council for the last 2 years. I also serve on the District NMI Council which I have been a part of for the last 6 years!



#### **Steve Gregory**

At Vincennes First, I serve as NDI President, Substitute Sunday School Teacher, and Worship Team Member. In a previous church and district. I served as NMI President, Church Van Driver, NMI Council member and participated in a Nazarene Teen Care Corps Trip to Lima, Peru. I have also volunteered with Mission Corps, South America Regional Office, Argentina. I am an Associate Professor of Spanish at Vincennes University. I have a BA in Romance Languages from ONU and an MA in Spanish Literature from Purdue. I am praying for a revival of commitment to study and apply God's Word in community!



#### **Bob Hempstead**

I am a member of Columbus First, where I am entering my 9th year serving as the NYI President. I have given my heart to this ministry. Watching so many teens grow in Christ and become serving members of the church continues to be one of the greatest blessings in my life.



#### Jenna Kaganek

My name is Jenna Kaganek. I am a wife and mother of four children (3 boys and 1 girl, ages newborn -6 years). My family lives in Nineveh, Indiana and attend Parkview Church of the Nazarene. At Parkview, I volunteer to serve as the Children's Ministries Director. As director, I organize and plan the curriculum for our Sunday and Wednesday elementary and nursery classes. I also organize family holiday events and Vacation Bible School. My undergraduate degree is in mathematics education and I have 7 years of teaching experience, so working with children is definitely something I enjoy!



I am the grateful wife of Garrett and mother to Adam. I graduated from Anderson University, in 1988, with a B.A. in Elementary Education and taught middle school for 3 years. Now, I substitute teach in 3 local elementary schools. At St. Bernice, I have taught Sunday School and have been an active volunteer with children, teen, and women's ministries. I also hold the position of prayer coordinator. My greatest heart-draw is to prayer. Prayer and encouragement are my strongest spiritual gifts.



#### Tom McCool

I live in Newburgh, IN, with my wife Shawna and our two sons, Jordan and Joshua. We are members of Mackey where I serve as NDI Superintendent, Preschool Board Member, and NYI worker. I am also a member of the SWID Investment and Audit Committee.



My name is Sam Nolan. I have a wife and three kids, ages 10, 7, and 4. I grew up on the SWID district. I am a small group leader for the middle school youth group. I have been helping with the youth for the last 8 years. We have attended The Point since August of 2011. I love sports/gaming. I have been the guy's volleyball coach for SWID since 2017.

## **NDI LAY NOMINEES**



#### Mary Nossett

My husband, Darin, and I currently serve at Oakland City. My duties include NDI Chair (12 years), Ex-officio member of the church board, adult Sunday School teacher, church pianist, and I have also led small groups. I am in my 16th year of employment at Oakland City University. I am the mother of 2 adult children, Jeffrey and Andrea, and grandmother, known as RaRa, to 3 precious boys, Cooper, Luke, and Waylon. My greatest title is Child of God, a follower of Jesus Christ. I want my life to point others to Him in all that I do.



#### **Crissy Shay**

Pastor's wife at Cory Community Church of the Nazarene, Center Director of the Clay County Center for Women's Ministries, District NDI council member, ONU representative for the Nazarene Women's Discipleship & Ministries Council (USA/Canada region).



#### **Kip Shipley**

I grew up attending Bloomington First. After returning home from college, my wife and I spent several years serving at the Free Methodist church she grew up in. We have been at Valley Mission for almost 5 years, serving as volunteers in various rolls. I currently serve on the church board and run the sound on Sunday mornings. I also serve with the youth ministry and fill in as a Sunday school teacher when needed. It is my privilege to serve the Church in whatever means I can. I take joy in working alongside others fulfilling the mission of Christ's church.



#### Alyssa Stamper

I currently serve as worship director at Columbus First. I was a volunteer worship leader for 5 years at Southlake Nazarene and also served on the Vincennes First worship team. I've served in youth and young adult ministries, leading a young adult ladies' Bible study at Vincennes First, a teen girls' Bible study at Southlake Nazarene, and currently co-lead a teen girls' Bible study at Columbus First. I have a passion for worshipping our Savior and helping people to know Christ and have a deeper relationship with Him.

#### **Jack Thompson**

My calling is to serve the Lord as my wife, Sheila's, partner in ministry. As she pastors Rockville, I provide her support and any help she needs. I have taught Sunday School, Children's Church, worked with the teens, and led men's ministries and prayer group. I have always found joy and a place to serve in mowing grass, caring for the building, maintenance, and general physical work.

#### Shea Trulock

At Princeton New Life, I am blessed to have served 30 years as NYI President and now serve as a steward and in outreach. I love people and love allowing God to use me to spread His word and teach others to give their hearts to Christ. God has blessed them and me in the process. I am also a proud "Gigi" of my first grandbaby, Knox, and loving every minute of it! God is so good! He is my Lord and Savior and I give Him all praise for who He is and His love for us.

## **NDI CLERGY NOMINEES**



#### **Alex Connell**

I serve as the Lead Pastor at Bloomington First Church where I've been for a year and a half. I am currently the Mission Area Leader for the Bloomington Mission Area. Previously, I've served on District NYI Council and District Board of Ministry for other districts.



#### **Nate Denning**

My wife and I have been married for 12 vears and have four wonderful kids. In August of 2018, we, along with 25 others, launched Northside Community Church. where I currently serve as pastor. We have seen God bless us with opportunities to connect with local schools and other organizations in the community. I also serve as the Lead Pastor and Director of Programming at Evansville Rescue Mission. There I work with the men in our resident center, helping them get out of homelessness and overcome the barriers that keep them from independence. I am also attending Indiana Wesleyan University, working towards a master's degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling with the goal of becoming a licensed mental health counselor.



#### **Brett Doninger**

I met my wife, Amy, at the Univ. of Southern Indiana and we married four vears later. We left Evansville and moved to Clarksville. TN when I accepted a position with Kraft Foods. This was the beginning of an amazing journey that involved the adoption of my daughter Hope, the birth of my son Parker, and a call to ministry. After receiving my call, I served as Children's Pastor for six years at Clarksville First Church (TN). In 2007, my family and I moved to Cape May, NJ to serve as Children's Pastor of Seashore Community Church. Four years later, my family relocated to the west side of Evansville and I accepted the position of Senior Pastor at Grace Church.



#### Michael Elliott

I am 63 years old, married and have three children. I grew up on SWID, living here most of my life. I graduated from TNU in 1982. Since then, I have served on the FL, TN, Indy, Iowa, and SWID districts in the capacity of youth / associate pastor and senior pastor. I have been Pastor of Community of Hope in Corydon for the past six years. I presently serve on the Board of Ministry, on the NMI council as member-at-large and on the District NYI Council.



#### Matt Gargiulo

Matt and his wife, Rachel, have two daughters (ages 9 and 7). Matt serves as Administrative Pastor at Zion Community, where he assists with the daily operations and long-term planning of church and daycare ministries. He serves as the communications coordinator, pianist, men's ministries coordinator, small group leader, and member of the discipleship and finance committees. Matt is a graduate of Olivet, NTS, and North Park University and is an ordained elder. In addition, Matt is a remote employee of Olivet as the Director of Church Partnerships for ONU+. Matt previously served on SWID as the District Operations & Technology Administrator and District Children's Ministries Director, as well as a Discipleship Pastor, Daycare Director, and Children's Pastor on the NEI and **INDY Districts.** 



#### **Jody George**

I am on staff at Kurtz. There I am currently in charge of all things kids and teens. Which means I get to still act like a kid, and everyone thinks that is normal. My district involvement so far is mostly teen related. I try to get to most of the teen activities, and do my best to cheer them on, and encourage them any way I

## NDI CLERGY NOMINEES

#### **Andrew Johnson**

I am a proud dad to Eliza and Cooper and husband of my Lydia. We have been leading at Princeton New Life for almost 9 years. I pray weekly for the churches on our district. and a list of 37 pastors (32 from SWID) that I cover in prayer specifically. Currently, I serve on the District Advisory Board and the NDI board. I have previously served on the Board of Ministry. My entire life has been dedicated to the Nazarene Church. I grew up in parsonages at Sullivan and Washington watching the godly examples of my parents as they served. I graduated Olivet with both a B.S. and M.A. in Pastoral Ministry and have since served at 3 churches on SWID. Hove sports and Jesus, so I merged the two and currently help coach our local high school varsity basketball team.



#### Carlos Lonberger II

I was the Worship Pastor at Christ's Community in New Albany, IN from 2007 to 2013 before my wife, Kristen, our four sons, and I moved to Chicago, IL to plant a church. In 2015, we moved to Kankakee, IL where I worked at Olivet as the Director of Graduate Programs in the School of Theology and Christian Ministry and as the Director of Church Relations for the University. I earned my Doctorate of Education in Ethical Leadership in 2019 from Olivet and returned to Christ's Community as the Lead Pastor in the Fall of 2021.



#### **Jason Riggle**

Jason has served as the Pastor of Nashville Parkview since 2019. He currently serves as the Secretary of the District Board of Ministry, a member of the District Advisory Board, and as the SWID NYC Coordinator. He also served as an Associate Pastor at Terre Haute First from 2005-2018. He is a graduate of Indiana Wesleyan (BS in Business Management) and Olivet (MA in Pastoral Leadership). His passion is to see people experience the transforming power of Jesus Christ. "I believe God has called and equipped the Church to be the catalyst for transforming our lives, families, and communities." He is married to his wife Amanda, and they love spending time with their five children.



#### **Garrett Lee**

My wife, Carol, and I have a son, Adam. I pastor at St. Bernice First Church and substitute teach in South Vermillion middle and high schools. I have BAs in Biblical Studies and Christian Education and an AAS in Computer Technology. I have served on the SWID (formerly) SDMI council and presently serve on the Board of Ministry, ONU Board of Trustees, NYI Council, and as NYI Bible Quiz Co-Director.



#### **Tom Miles**

I am a member of Zion Community. where I teach Sunday School classes, lead a small group, and work with children's ministries. I have been SDMI (now NDI) director at Zion since 2016. I do occasional pulpit supply for other pastors. I graduated from Olivet with a Religion major and earned an M.Div. from NTS. I am a Ph.D. candidate in History of the Christian Tradition at Southern Methodist University, focusing on the history and theology of the Wesleys, Methodism, the American Holiness Movement, and the Church of the Nazarene. Since 2008, I have been an adjunct professor of church history at NTS, teaching Introduction to Church History courses and History and Polity of the Church of the Nazarene. I was ordained as an elder on SWID in 2013.



#### Mark Roberts

I graduated from Brownstown Central in 1982, then went to Sullivan Business College for a degree in Business Management. I married my high school sweetheart in 1983. I have served as NYI President at Kurtz, pastor at Hayleysburg, and currently pastor at Crossroads Community. I presently serve as the SWID Men's Director and hold positions on the District Properties Board and Board of Ministry. I am also the director at the Journey of Hope Cancer Support Ministry in Montgomery County.

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#### **Jarren Rogers**

I am the lead pastor at Spencer First. I am also a District NMI council member atlarge. I believe that Christ tasked each of his followers with a mission to share the Gospel, baptize believers, and disciple others. This calling is realized, not only in our personal ministry, but also in the local mission of the church and the global mission of our denomination. We should do everything we are able, in service and in giving, to further this mission in all areas. Our prayer should be that the Gospel of Jesus Christ-and the power found in it-will reach the ends of the world and the end of our block.



#### **Travis Stamper**

I have been the pastor of Columbus First since January. Prior to that, I served as the pastor at Vincennes First for 2 years and a total of 7 years as a youth pastor at Columbus First and South Lake Church, I have served SWID as NYI Vice President (3 years) and Co-Director of Youth Camp (2 years). Previous local church roles I have held are NYI President, youth leader, worship leader, and Sunday School teacher. I am passionate about the Word of God and helping people apply it to their lives. I am also passionate about equipping and empowering people to serve the Kingdom.

#### Sheila Thompson

I have been pastoring at Rockville for 4 years, working to grow our church members to be disciples who disciple. I teach Bible studies, Sunday School, and special studies throughout the year. In addition, I serve as the SWID Ladies Ministry Director and Terre Haute Zone Mission representative with the NMI Council. I also have a passion and desire for teens, their activities, and all things NYI!



#### **Denny Wilson**

For three years, I have had the awesome privilege of pastoring the incredible church family of Terre Haute First. In January 2022, I entered into my thirty-second year of pastoral ministry in the Church of the Nazarene. My beautiful wife, Annette, and I have been married for 34 years. This, I believe, qualifies her for "Saint Status". We have a daughter, Courtney, son-in-law, Terry, and grandsons Jace and Luke.; and a son, Cody, daughter-in-law, Breanna, and granddaughters Emily Grace and Allison Faith.











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