

Chicago Central District



March 2025

Dear NMI President:

As we already know, the end of the church year has come and our NMI reports have hopefully already been submitted. Here are a few things we will be looking at:

- Are we current with our World Evangelism Fund giving?
- Did our church pray for missions? Connect with our missionaries?
- Did we disciple – involving/encouraging children, teens and adults in missions?
- Did we educate our people by providing mission books/CDs, multi-media mission resources, an opportunity for our people to hear a missionary, and/or contributing Crises Care Kits/School Pal Paks?

We should all be able to say a resounding “yes” to all these questions!

When 90% of our churches achieve these goals, we will be a Mission Priority One District. While this is not the reason for doing these above-mentioned things, it is a goal worth striving toward. The Mission Priority One designation is one measure of how well our district has lived out our Nazarene mandate to be Christian, Holy, and Missional. This past year, we became a Mission Priority One District! Yay CCD!!!

In addition, the Church of the Nazarene’s ability to reach new areas for the gospel depends on each of us. So, let us do our part for NMI and for the Kingdom of God!

Again this year, the Local NMI President’s Report has been incorporated with the Annual Pastor’s Report. A lot of the questions were the same, so we were able to combine them to create less paperwork! Each pastor should have already received an email from the district office with a link for to complete their APR. When they submit this annual form, it will get our NMI council the information that we need.

- Local NMI Council & Local NMI President’s Report – this is combined with the Annual Pastor’s Report and your pastor will now fill this form out.
- NMI Certificate of Election – this went to your pastor from the district office

This year, your pastor will be completing your local churches NMI report in their annual reporting information they receive from the district office. If you have questions, call me at 816-714-4471 or e-mail me at lynne.utter@ccdmi.org.

This year’s Convention is on **FRIDAY, April 4, 2025**. It will begin at 1:00 p.m. The theme is Until He Comes! Our missionary speaker this year is Rev. Chuck Sunberg. The Sunberg’s were missionaries to Europe and opened the work in Russia. We are looking forward to hearing what the Lord is doing in our world.

The details are as follows:

- **Location:** College Church of the Nazarene, 200 University Ave, Bourbonnais, IL 60914
- **Time:** 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
- **Registration:** 12:00 pm – 12:45 pm. The convention begins at 1:00 pm.
- **Presidents:** Please arrive between 12 pm – 12:45 pm and check in at the registration desk in the foyer by the Christian Life Center (by the café).
 - **New this year:**
 - There will be tables that have name tags at the entrances, please have delegates stop and fill out a name tag.
 - Local presidents, or a representative, will need to go to the entrance by the Christian Life Center/Café to receive the voting credentials for their delegates.
 - **Meals** – in collaboration with the District Office, meal vouchers for Ludwig Center cafeteria on Olivet’s campus are available at a discounted rate of **\$6 per meal for Friday dinner (April 4) and Saturday lunch (April 5)**. Please order your lunch before April 3. You must **purchase a voucher in advance** to receive the discounted pricing. Please purchase your [Meal Voucher](#) here.
- **Crisis Care Kits, etc.:** Don’t forget your Crisis Care Kits and School Pal Packs. Please also remember to bring **\$5.00/box** (NOTE NEW AMOUNT!!!) Make checks payable to “CCD-NMI”. Remember, the district goal is to “Fill the Trailer”! Also – don’t forget to mail your \$12/box check to headquarters for their processing of CCKs. **Note: there are new items that have been added to the CCK. Be sure that all kits/boxes brought to convention follow the new guidelines exactly. Please also be sure to have a label on each box that has your church name on it.* [Crisis Care Kits - updated 1.1.25.pdf](#)
- **Love Offerings:** We will take one offering during the day. This offering will be a love offering received in the morning service for the Sunberg’s. Come ready to generously participate. Make checks out to “CCD-NMI” and please identify the name of your church if you use a personal check.
- **Care & Connections (Links) Assignment:** Exciting things are happening with Care & Connections this year! We will be introducing you to our missionary family. We will want to love on them in exceptional ways. Please send your payment via Funding the Mission – they are due by September. If you need to know what your church owes, go to the NMI District website – [ccdnmi.org](#) – for the information.
- **Memorial Roll:** If you have not submitted pictures for names listed on the Memorial Roll, please send them to Seth Peachey at sethspeachey@gmail.com.

You do not want to miss this year! We will convene to celebrate, to equip, and to inspire, while being able to have fellowship and great fun that you have come to expect at our annual conventions. ☺ For God has done great things over the past year and greater things are yet to come!

See you on April 4th at College Church University Avenue Church of the Nazarene!

Lynne Utter
NMI President

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NMI Secretary