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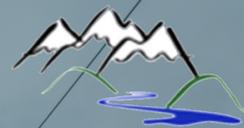


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**Welcome Colorado Delegates to the 113<sup>th</sup> Colorado District Assembly.**  
**The Psalmist said, “God has drawn the lines in pleasant *places*. Ps 16:6**

Carol & I want to express deep and overflowing gratitude to Colorado for 40 years of ministry....

**God has drawn the lines in pleasant places.**

My father’s favorite song was “Jesus led me all the way!” Carol & I are grateful to God for His leading of our life and ministry all the way across 40 years but we’re even more grateful His leading was entirely in Colorado.

**God has drawn the lines in pleasant places.**

After graduating from seminary in 1982 we accepted a call from Dr. Harold Daniels to take our first church in south Denver, Green Acres church. God richly blessed and that church went from 35 to 140. In 1987 Dr. Diehl gave us a call 20 miles due north to Westminster church. It was a huge step for us, but God helped us to see that church grow from 280 to 800 and blessings that are too numerous to count. We oversaw construction of a family life center and new sanctuary and mission results of planting multiple churches in 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries and sending missionaries to many world places. It’s delightful to reflect on 2 great church ministries on the Colorado District. We enjoyed serving 12 of those years under a great D.S. Dr. Leon Wyss. Thank you Dr. Leon & Lyz Wyss.

It’s rare opportunity for pastors to raise their family as did we with our 3 boys in one town, let alone one church. (How often do pastors get to see a town develop across decades and in Denver’s case, see back-to-back winning seasons with Broncos quarterbacks, from Craig Morton, John Elway to Peyton Manning?)

In 2001 we came to District Assembly at Trinity church in C. SPgs. Westminster had just completed a brand-new sanctuary. On the Thursday of our election, we received our Certificate of Occupancy for the completed construction. The following Sunday we went back into a brand-new sanctuary to tell them we were resigning.

As difficult as it was to leave our Westminster family, we were received with open arms from the Colorado district family and with rare exception every Sunday we have enjoyed preaching/attending our Colorado churches. We have been so richly blessed being a part of the Colorado District family.

What is there not loveable about Colorado; It’s rich history, incredible landscape beauty, western culture and warm hospitality. History is one of my great loves and as we’ve traveled across the state, we’ve delighted in reading placards of Kit Carson, Zebulun Pike, Horace Tabor and his Matchless mines, Sante Fe trail, Old Bents Fort, Charlie Goodnight and the cattle drives from Texas to Colorado gold mines & who can forget Alferd E Packer who ate 5 democrats (there were only 7 at the time) in Hinsdale County (Creed, Colo).

**God has drawn the lines in pleasant places.**

And oh my, the landscapes of Colorado!!! We could not ask for more exquisite views. It's truly a home where the buffalo roam with Purple mountains majesty and where seldom is heard a discouraging word and the crystal azure clear blue skies are not cloudy all day.

This land is your land, this land is **MY LAND...**

From the Collegiate peaks of High Country church to the Uncompagres of Montrose

From the San Juan Durango forests to the Glenwood canyon

From the incredible bluffs of Palisades to the beautiful high plains of Sterling

From the Western slope of the Delta & Paonia Raggeds & Sawtooths to the Ark Valley of LaJunta

**This land was made for you & me.**

I have seen David Livingston burial marker in Westminster Abbey, but his heart is buried under a Mvula Tree in Zambia. The song lyrics; "I left my heart in San Francisco" will forever be for us; "We left our hearts in Colorado".

**GoldenBell** is the best camp on earth. No District could be more blessed then to have such a camp on their District. The fingerprint of God has been particularly evident in taking us through this year of Covid. Thank you, 1000 times, to Dr. Kevin Compton & Joel Garcia & staff. We must sing; "Jesus Led us all the Way."

**God has drawn the lines in pleasant places.**

The DS job is multi-faceted and among many other things you get to celebrate anniversaries, dedicate new facilities, start & organize new churches. But one of the most important assignments of a D.S. is to fill the pulpits of churches and seek for pastor/leaders who have a heart after God. In these changing times, we have tried to find pastors who would "**not move the ancient Landmarks of our fathers**" Prov 22.

It little matters, but it's a bit of pride to say that our 20 yrs. as D.S. in Colorado has been the longest tenure in the last 75 years.

**Thank you, a million times, over Colorado pastors & laymen for giving Carol and me a rich 20 years of ministry on the Colorado District.** "Jesus led us all the way."

In the words of Jesus, "I have so many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them all" (Jn 16:1)

**"Thank you, Colorado district, you & God have drawn the lines in pleasant places."**

**Rev. David Ralph  
Colorado DS**

## **Presiding General Superintendent**

### **Dr. Eugénio Duarte**

Duarte was elected at the 27th General Assembly held in Orlando, Florida, USA, in 2009. At the time of his election, Dr. Duarte was serving as the Africa regional director for the denomination.



Prior to that assignment, he was the Africa West and French Equatorial field strategy coordinator, where he facilitated the expansion of the church into Sierra Leone and the Réunion Islands and developed a strategy to enter Guinea Bissau. Duarte has also served as strategy coordinator for the Africa Lusophone Field, directing the start of Nazarene work in Equatorial Guinea, and as strategy coordinator for Central Africa.

Before this, he was a teacher and the director of the Seminário Nazareno de Cabo Verde (SNCV), superintendent of the Cabo Verde District, and pastor of the Porto Novo and Mindelo Churches of the Nazarene.

Duarte was born in Brava, Cape Verde, and accepted Christ under the ministry of the Church of the Nazarene at the age of 12. He received his call to preach shortly after his conversion, was mentored by his pastor, and was ordained by Orville Jenkins Sr. in 1981. He studied at SNCV and received his Master of Arts degree from Azusa Pacific University, California, USA. In 2012 he received his master's degree in business administration from Northwest Nazarene University, Nampa, Idaho, USA. He was bestowed an honorary Doctor of Divinity by Africa Nazarene University in May 2006.

Dr. Duarte and his wife, Maria Amélia, moved from Johannesburg, South Africa, to the Kansas City area in the fall of 2009. They have three sons, Sergio, Francisco, and Richard, and two grandsons, Gabriel and Ben Amar.

## **District Superintendent Rev. David Ralph**

Rev. Ralph was elected superintendent of the Colorado District Church of the Nazarene in July of 2001. Prior to that, he was the senior pastor of the Westminster and Green Acres Churches here in Colorado.



Rev. Ralph was raised in a Nazarene parsonage in Indiana. He is a graduate of Southern Nazarene University (formerly Bethany Nazarene College) and Nazarene Theological Seminary. He was ordained in Colorado.

He and his wife, Carol, have three sons: Chris, who works for Allstate in Ohio; Jon, who is a pastor in Homer, Alaska; and Josh, who works for a medical company the Denver area.

# Colorado District Year in Review May 1, 2020 to April 30, 2021

## **THE NUMBERS**

*(preliminary as of this printing date)*

|   |                                   |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| Organized Churches .....                | 63                                |
| New Starts (PAC's CTM's) .....          | 5                                 |
| Preaching Points .....                  | 2                                 |
| New Nazarenes (POF) .....               | 171                               |
| Baptisms .....                          | 125                               |
| Conversions .....                       | 490                               |
| Church Membership .....                 | 8,814                             |
| Average Weekly SDMI Attendance .....    | 4,602                             |
| Average Weekly Worship Attendance ..... | 6,167                             |
| Money Raised .....                      | \$12,880,324                      |
| Given for World Evangelism .....        | \$654,598 (5.08% of gross income) |
| Given for District Operations .....     | \$362,019 (2.81% of gross income) |
| Given for Pensions & Benefits .....     | \$214,308 (1.66% of gross income) |
| Given for NNU .....                     | \$210,021 (1.63% of gross income) |

## **THE EVENTS**

### **5 New Starts (CTM's PAC's)**

Aurora Kingdom Rock

Aurora Calvary

Delta Cross & Spurs Cowboy Fellowship

Pueblo West Living Water Fellowship

Colorado Springs Together We Serve

### **2 Preaching Points**

Delta Gunnison Valley - Uniweep Canyon

Colorado Springs – Living Branches

### **3 Intercity/Compassionate Ministries**

Food for Hope, Jesus of Nazareth, Movement 5280

### **1 Camp**

Golden Bell Camp and Conference Center

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## District Assembly Conference

June 17-19, 2021

### Thursday, June 17

12:00 – **Registration** begins in the DFC Atrium.

12:30 – **Kids Day Camp** begins.

1:00 – **Business Session:** Devotional by Dr Duarte. BOM Report. Nominating Committee Report. Approval of the Ballots. Begin General Ballot voting.

4:45 – **Adjourn Session.** End of Kid’s Day Camp. Pick up kids.

5:00 – **Dinner:** delegates on your own

6:30 – **Kids Day Camp** begins.

7:00 – **Opening Service:** Inspirational and Celebration. DS Final report. Pastor’s report.

8:30 – **Reception in Atrium.** End of Kids Day Camp. Pick up kids!

### Friday, June 18

Coffee, donuts, etc., available in the Atrium

8:00 – **Registration** begins. Kids Day Camp begins.

8:30 – **Devotional: Dr Duarte. Continued Business:** Begin DS Election ballot. Pastor report.

Reports throughout the day: NTS, NNU, NBC, NYI, NMI, SDMI,  
Golden Bell

11:45 – **Lunch:** delegates on your own. Targeted Ministry Meals.

End of Kids Day Camp for lunch. Pick up kids!

1:30 – **Kids Day Camp** begins.

2:00 – **Continued Business Session.** Pastor report. Election results

4:45 – **Adjourn. Dinner:** delegates on your own. Targeted Ministry Meals.

End of Kids Day Camp Pick up kids.

6:30 - **Kids Day Camp** begins.

7:00 - **Ordination Service.** End of Kids Day Camp. Pick up kids.

### Saturday, June 19

8:30 – Concluding business if needed

9:00 – **District NMI and NYI Worship Service** combined in the Sanctuary.

District NYI Convention in Sanctuary. District NMI Convention in Fellowship Hall.

11:30 – NYI lunch

# Reports from District Boards and Committees

# 2021 BOARD OF MINISTRY REPORT

## RECEIVED AND RECEIPTED ON TRANSFER

**Elders:** Michael Askew, Missouri; Matthew Delp, Joplin; Karen Gunstream, Anaheim; Cindy Lamb, Indianapolis; L. David Martelle, Nebraska; Stephen Mills, Iowa; Jordan Serracino, Northeast Oklahoma

**Licensed Ministers:** Eric Arpelar, New Mexico; Marilyn Morris, Arizona

## GRANTED TRANSFER AND RECEIPTED

**Elders:** Raymond Frank, Arizona; Richard Gammill, Arizona; Greg Smith, Joplin; Darwin Speicher, Kansas City; Vincent Sturgeon, Kansas

**Licensed Ministers:** Marilyn Morris, Arizona

## ELECTED TO ELDERS ORDERS

Bette Asuega, Nathan Blanchard, Allen Gemaehlich, Marie Perkins, Cenida Suyen

## GRANTED RECOGNITION OF ELDER'S ORDERS

Michael Higley

## GRANTED RETURN OF ELDER'S CREDENTIAL

Marlene Schram

## REMOVED FROM THE ROSTER OF MINISTERS

### Voluntarily Filed:

**Elder** - Bert Smith

**Deacon** – Jason Staudinger

### Filed for not reporting:

**Elder** – Padraic Ingle

## DECEASED MINISTERS

**Elders:** John Alexander, Ronald Clark, Roy Lynn

## GRANTED RETIRED RELATIONSHIP

Eugene Birt, Robert Lee Ellingson, David Ralph, Marlene Schram, Randy Smith, Robbin Trumble

**GRANTED NEW DISTRICT MINISTER'S LICENSES**

Chris Crook, Adam Deckard, Brian Dixon, Tara Edwards, Isaac Falealili, David Graham, Ana Ramirez

**GRANTED RENEWAL OF DISTRICT MINISTER'S LICENSES**

Jesus Arturo Acosta, Jeffrey Alexander, Bailey Arnold, Eric Arpelar, Bette Asuega, Kristen Baker, Ben Beckner, Debbie Birdsall, Nathan Blanchard, Jason Brest, Brian Burdick, Pamela Dudley, Koini Falealili, Leland Fulks, Allen Gemaehlich, Tammie Haddix, Mark Hansher, Craig Krager, Mark Kulaga, Richard Curtis Lapp Jr., Carlton McKay, Tina McKey, Marilyn Morris, Jerry Nelson, David Odell, Marie Perkins, Bradley Pettie, Chris Rose, Robert Caleb Ryman, Daniel Seifert, Marsha Smith, Taw Taw Soe, Jeremy Stover, Cenida Suyen, Katie Tyler

**MINISTER'S LICENSE NOT RENEWED OR DID NOT APPLY**

Jamie Juliano, Kevin Juliano, Morgan Koyle, Larry Stephens

**GRANTED SPECIAL SERVICE STATUS**

**Elders:** Janine King, Mark Peters, Alan Scott

**GRANTED CHAPLAINCY ENDORSEMENT**

**Elder:** Jarell Jaquess

**RENEWED REGISTERED SONG EVANGELIST**

**Licensed Minister:** Jerry Nelson

Respectfully submitted,  
Dr. Kevin Compton  
Secretary of the Board of Ministry  
District Secretary

## **2021 Assembly Finance Committee Report**

We believe in responsible Christian stewardship through the payment of evangelism funds. Every dollar invested in ministry funds by the local church declares loyalty and love to the mission and message of God's kingdom here on earth. Every church should plan carefully to meet this scriptural responsibility to God and His church in reaching lost, unevangelized men and women through the district and denominational funds. The love of Christ, moving and motivating us within and without, leaves no room for unwarranted failure in this area of stewardship.

### **Part I. Funding the Mission**

District Ministries Fund (which includes Church Development / New Start, SDMI, Ethnic, NMI and NYI), World Evangelism Fund, Pensions and Benefits Fund and Education Fund

We recommend:

1. That the District Ministries Fund be set at 3% of the Adjusted Income of the Annual Pastor's Report.
2. That the World Evangelism Fund for the Colorado District be set at 5.5% of the Adjusted Income of the Annual Pastor's Report.
3. That the Pensions and Benefits Fund be set at 2.25% of the Adjusted Income of the Annual Pastor's Report.
4. That the Educational Fund for Northwest Nazarene University be set at 2.25 % of the Adjusted Income of the Annual Pastor's Report.
5. That our people be encouraged in the stewardship of possessions as related to wills, annuities, and legacy gifts on behalf of the church.
6. That the above ministry funds be paid monthly based on the income for the previous month with the first payment due in June each year.
7. That each local church have paid, or send, or bring the estimated first monthly payment of the District Ministries Fund to the District Annual Conference.
8. That each church make full use of the Funding the Mission and Colorado District websites to expedite participation and track progress

### **Part II. To the Churches**

The Finance Committee has endeavored to apportion the ministry funds in the most fair and equitable manner possible in the light of the evangelism fund base adopted by the General Board.

We recommend:

1. That the allocation of missional funds be the percentages for the World Evangelism Fund, Educational Fund, and Pensions and Benefits Fund set by the General Board.
2. That the District assume responsibility for the encouragement of full payments of all missional funds by the local churches.
3. We strongly encourage all churches to participate in missional giving.

4. That the District Finance Committee provide a proposed budget to the Assembly Finance Committee at its annual meeting. This budget will then be provided to the DAB and District Assembly.

### **Part III. Insurance**

We recommend:

1. That life insurance be provided by the district for all Senior Pastors of local churches meeting eligibility requirements, District Superintendent, District Administrator, and Executive Director of Golden Bell.
2. That the local church consider offering disability insurance for their pastor in addition to that provided through payment of the P&B allocation.
3. Out of a deep concern for our clergy, a recommendation that churches carefully review the impact of current healthcare legislation and its effects on current policy, procedures and practices at the local church level surrounding coverages and assistance for pastoral staff and insurance premiums and deductibles. Additional resources are available from the General Church and resources such as Christianity Today's Church & Clergy Tax Guide, ECFA (Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability) and others.

### **Part IV. Operating Policies**

We recommend that each local church include in its policies the following:

1. The local church treasurer will provide an annual financial report to the board and congregation to include all incoming and outgoing funds.
2. The church board reviews its handling of funds ensuring that one person does not handle both incoming and outgoing monies.
3. The church board determines/reviews annually access to confidential information on individual contributions and on church financial reporting.
4. The church board reviews accessibility to church computers, especially those connected to the internet.
5. The church board secures and safely electronically stores for an indefinite time all insurance policies, all legal documents that are not stored elsewhere, and all background material.
6. We recommend that all churches maintain property, liability, and sexual misconduct coverage.
7. The church board submits at the first board meeting in the fiscal year approval of housing allowances for all paid staff, part-time or full-time, and included in that action paid ministry shall be allowed to reduce reportable income by all unreimbursed business expenses under current IRS accountable reimbursement guidelines. (\*This should be reviewed/acted upon when any staff changes occur during the fiscal year.)

### **Part V. District Staff**

We recommend:

1. That payment in full for health insurance be made for the District Superintendent, District Administrator, and Golden Bell Executive Director and their immediate families in accordance with available funding through an approved operating budget.

2. That the District Superintendent and District Administrator be reimbursed for their reasonable professional business expenses through an approved accountable reimbursement plan and in accordance with available funding through an approved operating budget.
3. That the District Superintendent and District Administrator be reimbursed travel for the district at the current IRS approved mileage rate or other IRS allowable agreed upon financial arrangements and in accordance with available funding through an approved operating budget.
4. That the district consider paying a portion of medical reimbursements for the District Superintendent and District Administrator immediate families in accordance with applicable laws and pending available funding through an approved operating budget.
5. That volunteers serving on district boards and committees be reimbursed travel for the district at a rate of \$.25 per mile in accordance with available funding through an approved operating budget. In some cases, this may cause a taxable event. Volunteers are encouraged to refer to the IRS website or consult a tax professional.

#### **Part VI. Evangelists' Support**

We recommend that local churches pay evangelists a prudent and generous provision for services rendered.

#### **Part VII. Ministerial Support and Benevolence**

That the financial support of pastors be given careful study and periodic review by the church board, giving consideration following the Department of Labor's index, being reviewed twice a year. An automatic cost-of-living adjustment should be considered in the fall of each year. In the spring, there should be a review based on merit and church progress.

1. That the pastoral remuneration comprises:
  - a. Fair and generous salary including the full amount of Social Security (based on pastor's salary, plus housing allowance and/or parsonage rental values),
  - b. Parsonage and/or housing allowance,
  - c. Utilities and parsonage expense,
  - d. Family health and life insurance premiums, insurance co-payments and/or deductibles (see III.2 and III.3 above),
  - e. Church related vehicle usage reimbursement or allowance,
  - f. Annuity allowance and/or other supplemental retirement programs,
  - g. Continuing Ministerial Education allowance, and,
  - h. Miscellaneous professional reimbursements for such things as books, entertainment, conventions, and conferences.
2. That pastors and all full-time ministerial staff members be given a minimum of two weeks paid vacation annually. We further recommend that all the above who have accumulated from five through 10 years of salaried ministry be granted three weeks paid vacation and that those who have served 11 years, or more be granted four weeks paid vacation. Accumulated years of salaried ministry shall include service in the Church of the Nazarene prior to that accumulated at the present assignment of the minister. This vacation time should be exclusive

of time spent at district and general church meetings. The pastor is advised to use discretion and wisdom in the planning of vacation to best work with the church's needs and calendar.

3. That out of a deep concern for our pastors to avoid burnout and stress and to keep a clear continuing vision for their church and ministry:

*That churches and the district consider giving a sabbatical or continuing professional development leave for their pastoral staff, in accordance with available funding through an approved operating budget, as early as during their seventh year of ministry. Special care should be deliberated to include accumulated years of salaried ministry comprising service years in the Church of the Nazarene prior to the accrued years in their current local church assignment. This leave should take into consideration, as finances allow, as being with pay and benefits, and could be from 4 - 12 weeks in length and would be in addition to regular vacation time with their family. This time would be used for rest, renewal, and study. This will aid pastors in finding new creative ways to help the church accomplish its ministry vision. A rested and refreshed pastor will help build even stronger relationships with their church. We strongly recommend that each church consider implementing a policy.*

4. That the district superintendent provides a communication channel to the local church board concerning ways that they can properly care for their pastor and family, considering present high costs of living.
5. That the local church pay expenses of the pastor's spouse when their professional responsibilities require out of town trips.
6. That this entire report, with Part VII highlighted, be distributed annually to the local Church Board Secretary by the end of January.

### **Part VIII Support of District Sponsored Ministries**

That local churches be encouraged to support through financial offerings and gifts, prayer and encouragement to Colorado Nazarene Compassion Ministries (Jesus of Nazareth, Nazarene Disaster Relief, etc.), New Start / Church Development Ministries, and the Golden Bell Camp and Conference Center.

Respectfully submitted,  
District Assembly Finance Committee

## Colorado District Church of the Nazarene

### Balance Sheet

As of April 30, 2021 (Unaudited)

|                                     | Total               |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                       |                     |
| <b>Current Assets</b>               |                     |
| Bank Accounts                       |                     |
| U S Bank Checking                   | \$ 202,234          |
| U S Bank Money Market               | \$ 49,989           |
| WIF Savings                         | \$ 661,331          |
| America's Christian CU              | \$ -                |
| Total Bank Accounts                 | \$ 913,554          |
| Accounts Receivable                 |                     |
| Accounts Receivable (All)           | \$ 23,100           |
| Total Accounts Receivable           | \$ 23,100           |
| Other Current Assets                |                     |
| Long Term Investments               | \$ 1,929,128        |
| Loans Receivable                    | \$ 1,015,924        |
| Undeposited Funds                   | \$ 5,917            |
| Total Other Current Assets          | \$ 2,950,969        |
| Total Current Assets                | \$ 3,887,623        |
| <b>Fixed Assets</b>                 |                     |
| Net Assets-Property                 | \$ (648,864)        |
| Properties held by District         | \$ 3,028,600        |
| Total Fixed Assets                  | \$ 2,379,736        |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                 | <b>\$ 6,267,360</b> |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>       |                     |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                  |                     |
| Current Liabilities                 |                     |
| Accounts Payable                    |                     |
| Accounts Payable                    | \$ -                |
| Total Accounts Payable              | \$ -                |
| Other Current Liabilities           |                     |
| In & Out                            | \$ 1,405            |
| In & Out - Women's Ministry         | \$ 3,458            |
| Payroll Liabilities                 | \$ -                |
| Funds from Churches (In/Out)        | \$ 23,297           |
| Security Deposits                   | \$ 60,950           |
| Custodial Accounts                  | \$ -                |
| Liability Attached to Property      | \$ -                |
| Total Other Current Liabilities     | \$ 89,110           |
| Total Current Liabilities           | \$ 89,110           |
| Total Liabilities                   | \$ 89,110           |
| <b>Equity</b>                       |                     |
| Opening Bal Equity                  | \$ 4,106,465        |
| Retained Earnings                   | \$ 1,627,390        |
| Temporarily Restricted Net Assets   | \$ 11,461           |
| Net Income                          | \$ 432,934          |
| Total Equity                        | \$ 6,178,250        |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b> | <b>\$ 6,267,360</b> |

## Colorado District Church of the Nazarene Profit and Loss

May 2020 - April 2021 (Unaudited)

|                               | Total             |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Income</b>                 |                   |
| Miscellaneous Income          | \$ 57,631         |
| Income from Churches          | \$ 355,954        |
| Rental & Investment Income    | \$ 272,826        |
| Total Income                  | \$ 686,411        |
| Gross Profit                  | \$ 686,411        |
| <b>Expenses</b>               |                   |
| Staffing, Taxes and Benefits  | \$ 293,800        |
| Travel & Professional Expense | \$ 29,905         |
| District Operation Expense    | \$ 85,525         |
| District Activities           | \$ 30,771         |
| District Auxillaries          | \$ 34,445         |
| Church Development            | \$ 38,799         |
| Total Expenses                | \$ 513,245        |
| <b>Net Operating Income</b>   | <b>\$ 173,166</b> |
| <br>                          |                   |
| Other Income                  |                   |
| Change in Market Value        | \$ 315,770        |
| Total Other Income            | \$ 315,770        |
| Other Expenses                |                   |
| Depreciation Expense          | \$ 56,002         |
| Total Other Expenses          | \$ 56,002         |
| Net Other Income              | \$ 259,768        |
| <b>Net Income</b>             | <b>\$ 432,934</b> |

# Proposed District Budget 2021-2022

| LINE   | 3-yr average  |                   |                    |                   |
|--|---|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
|  | 2020-2021   | prior to          | 2021-2022 Proposed |                   |
|  | Approved  | current           |                    |                   |
| <b>REVENUE</b>                                     |   |                   |                    |                   |
| 1  | District Assembly                                       | \$ 8,000          | \$ 10,532          | \$ 4,000          |
| 2  | Misc. Fees, Retreats, Events                            | \$ 22,000         | \$ 13,633          | \$ 11,000         |
| 3  | From Churches   | \$ 350,000        | \$ 356,776         | \$ 350,000        |
| 4  | Investments, Rents, Interest                            | \$ 290,000        | \$ 379,965         | \$ 240,000        |
| 5  | <b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>                                    | <b>\$ 670,000</b> | <b>\$ 760,905</b>  | <b>\$ 605,000</b> |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>                                    |   |                   |                    |                   |
| 6  | Total Insurance, Staffing, Taxes and Benefits           | \$ 316,900        | \$ 287,721         | \$ 329,013        |
| 7  | Total Professional and Denominational                   | \$ 50,800         | \$ 41,806          | \$ 51,800         |
| 8  | Total District Office and Legal Operations              | \$ 89,000         | \$ 86,728          | \$ 96,500         |
| <b>District Committee and Assembly Operations:</b> |   |                   |                    |                   |
| 9  | Boards & Committees                                     | \$ 8,000          | \$ 7,596           | \$ 8,000          |
| 10   | Pastoral & Ministry Development                         | \$ 15,000         | \$ 18,855          | \$ 15,000         |
| 11   | Communication   | \$ 2,500          | \$ 1,891           | \$ 2,500          |
| 12   | District Assembly                                       | \$ 28,000         | \$ 22,056          | \$ 10,000         |
| 13   | General Assembly  | \$ 3,000          | \$ 12,321          |                   |
| 14   | <b>Total District Committee and Assembly Operations</b> | <b>\$ 56,500</b>  | <b>\$ 62,718</b>   | <b>\$ 35,500</b>  |
| <b>District Auxiliaries:</b>                       |   |                   |                    |                   |
| 15   | NMI (5.0%)  | \$ 17,500         | \$ 17,548          | \$ 17,500         |
| 16   | NYI (4.75%)   | \$ 16,625         | \$ 16,691          | \$ 16,625         |
| 17   | SDMI (3%)   | \$ 10,500         | \$ 10,530          | \$ 10,500         |
| 18   | Women's Retreat   | \$ 10,000         |                    |                   |
| 19   | <b>Total District Auxiliaries</b>                       | <b>\$ 54,625</b>  | <b>\$ 44,770</b>   | <b>\$ 44,625</b>  |
| 20   | <b>Total Church Development</b>                         | <b>\$ 72,175</b>  | <b>\$ 47,675</b>   | <b>\$ 47,562</b>  |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>                              |   | <b>\$ 640,000</b> | <b>\$ 600,967</b>  | <b>\$ 605,000</b> |
| <b>OPERATING NET GAIN / LOSS</b>                   |   | <b>\$ 30,000</b>  | <b>\$ 159,938</b>  | <b>\$ -</b>       |

# 2021 Assembly Nominating Committee Report

April 1, 2021

\* Indicates and incumbent for all positions. Church memberships listed in parentheses.

**Attending:** David Ralph (chairman), Kevin Compton (recording secretary), Jim Lynch, Jim Murray, Mark Runner, Brian Smith, Brian Wiesinger.

The committee met in person this year and made the nominations listed below. They also authorized District Superintendent, David Ralph, to fill ballot openings as needed should an insufficient number of nominees be willing to run.

## **Nominations for the District Assembly Finance Committee** (Term: 2021-2022)

Standing Members: DS David Ralph, DA Kevin Compton, Karen Garrison (District Treasurer), Roxann Peach (Bookkeeper), Chuck Hayes (DAB appointment).

### **Current members serving through 2022:**

#### **Ministerial:**

#### **Lay:**

David Davis (C/S Trinity)

#### **Elect 1:**

Sid Sever (Longmont), Bill Couchenour (Sterling)

## **Board of Ministry (Term: 2021-2025)**

Standing members: DS David Ralph (chairman), DA Kevin Compton (district secretary)

### **Current members serving through 2022:**

Ron Bynum, Joel Garcia, Shari Palmer, Ken Rose, Mark Runner, Brian Smith, Joe Warrington

**Current members serving through 2023:** Don Blanchard, Chuck Hayes, Jim Lynch, Sherry Mitchem, Jim Murray, Karen Phillips, Ruben Villarreal, Brian Wiesinger, Chris Yocom

**Current members serving through 2024:** Mark Callister, Zeida Lynch, John Prichard

#### **Elect 1:**

Bill Couchenour (Sterling), Ian Hyde (Cortez), Darren Reed (Denver First)

## **Nominations for the District Advisory Board (Term 2021-2024)**

Current board members: DS David Ralph, standing chairman

#### **Ministerial Members**

#### **Term Expires**

#### **Lay Members**

Brian Smith

2023

Bob Walker

Ruben Villarreal

2022

Dean Thoman

Brian Wiesinger

2022

Bob Hamilton

#### **Ministerial Nominees (Elect one)**

Chuck Hayes (Greeley First)

\*Jim Murray (Pueblo First)

#### **Lay Nominees (Elect one)**

Fred Good (Westminster)

\*Nina Rattle (Emmaus Road)

## **Nominations for the Board of Trustees of Northwest Nazarene University**

**Term: Three (3) years (2021-2024)**

Current Trustees:

### **Ministerial Members**

Jeff Alexander

Kevin Compton

### **Term Expires**

2023

2022

### **Lay Members**

Bob Hamilton

At large member

### **Ministerial Nominees (Elect one)**

Jim Lynch (CS Eastborough)

Chuck Hayes (Greeley First)

### **Lay Nominees (elect one)**

Gail Burchett (Pueblo First)

\*Bob Walker (Loveland First)

## **Nominations for the Golden Bell Board**

**Term: Three (3) years (2021-2024)**

Kevin Compton, District Administrator – Standing Chairman and Executive Director

Ex Officio members: DS David Ralph, NYI President Ed Belzer, NMI President Rick Davis,

SDMI Chairman Brian Wiesinger, Golden Bell Camp Director Joel Garcia

Current board members:

### **Ministerial Members**

Jim Lynch

Ken Rose

### **Term Expires**

2023

2023

2022

### **Lay Members**

Nina Rattle

David Davis

### **Ministerial Nominees (Elect one)**

\*Kim Davis (CS Trinity)

Nate Blanchard (Brighton Chapel Hill)

### **Lay Nominees (Elect one)**

Aaron Stoltzfus (C/S Eastborough)

\*Dean Walker (Loveland First)

District Court of Appeals (Term: 2021-2024) Vote yes or no for all

Designated members: DS David Ralph, DA Kevin Compton

Appointed members: Don Blanchard, Bob Hamilton, Frank Henderson, Terry Nelson

Recorded and submitted by,

**Kevin Compton, District Secretary**

# 2021 Ballot

\* Indicates and incumbent for all positions. Church memberships listed in parentheses.

## District Assembly Finance Committee (Term: 2021-2022)

### Ministerial Nominees (Elect one)

- Bill Couchenour (Sterling)
- Matt Delp (Woodland Park)

## Board of Ministry (Term: 2021-2025) Elect 1:

- Bill Couchenour (Sterling)
- Ian Hyde (Cortez)
- Darren Reed (Denver First)

## District Advisory Board (Term: 2021-2024)

### Ministerial Nominees (Elect one)

- Chuck Hayes (Greeley First)
- \*Jim Murray (Pueblo First)

### Lay Nominees (Elect one)

- Gary Brunson (Westminster)
- \*Nina Rattle (Fort Collins Emmaus Road)

## Board of Trustees of Northwest Nazarene University (Term: 2021-2024)

### Ministerial Nominees (Elect one)

- Chuck Hayes (Greeley First)
- Jim Lynch (Eastborough)

### Lay Nominees (Elect one)

- Gail Burchett (Pueblo First)
- \*Bob Walker (Loveland First)

## Golden Bell Board (Term: 2021-2024)

### Ministerial Nominees (Elect one)

- Nate Blanchard (Brighton)
- \*Kim Davis (Trinity)

### Lay Nominees (Elect one)

- Stacey Fajardo (Fort Morgan)
- \*Dean Walker (Loveland First)

## District Court of Appeals (Term: 2021-2024) Vote yes or no for all

Designated members: DS David Ralph, DA Kevin Compton

Appointed members: Don Blanchard, Bob Hamilton, Frank Henderson, Terry Nelson

## 2021 Nominee Bios

**Don Blanchard** is the senior pastor in Palisade, serving there since 1986. Don is currently a member of the District Board of Ministry and has served on multiple district boards over the years. He is a graduate of Nazarene Bible College and Rockmont College.

**Nate Blanchard** grew up in Colorado. He is currently serving as the Senior Pastor of Brighton Chapel Hill and is scheduled to be ordained this year during the assembly. Nate is married to Elsa who serves in many roles at the church and is also an active real estate agent.

**Gary Brunson** has been a Member of The Crossing Church of Westminster, Co since 2007. Serves as a board member there and involved with the hospitality and evangelism ministry. Owner of The Gary T Brunson Insurance Agency for 25 years dealing mainly with churches and their insurance needs.

**Gail Burchett** is a retired cardiologist. Married to Barbara for 56 years, has 4 sons and 10 wonderful grandkids. Has taught Sunday School and served as church board secretary for over 50 years; attended Kirksville (Missouri) First Church 30+ years; and Pueblo (Colorado) First Church the last 27 years.

**Bill Couchenour** is Lead Pastor of the Sterling church. Graduate of Olivet Nazarene University and studied at Nazarene Theological Seminary. Has previously served on district boards of ministry; NYI and SDMI councils; and as an ONU trustee. He is also the previous recipient of the General Superintendent's Growth Award.

**Kim Davis** has been a pastor at Trinity Nazarene in Colorado Springs since 2011 where she is both the Children's and Administrative Pastor. Additionally, she served as the Colorado District Children's Ministry Director for four years, worked with Golden Bell on a volunteer basis since 2016, been a guest speaker and/or musician at other district camps and retreats, written a children's book as well as an illustration in Dr. Dobson's book, *Bringing Up Girls*. Kimberly has been married to Dave for 33 years, has 5 adult children, a son-in-law and a daughter-in-law.

**Matt Delp** is currently the pastor at Woodland Life Church and was ordained in 2003. He is a graduate of Nazarene Bible College as well as Northwest Nazarene University. His wife's name is Jacque. They have been married twenty-seven years and have three daughters.

**Stacey Fajardo** is the Children's Director at her local church where her family has attended for the last 15 years. She has been the Caravan Director for 12 of those years and helped organize and plan many outreach events. Her family loves Golden Bell and jumps at every opportunity to be there and volunteer if needed.

**Bob Hamilton** is a former IT manager at Hewlett-Packard, now retired. Bob's wife is Marilyn, and they have a son and daughter who are married; each with one child. Service in the Nazarene Church over the many years includes local board member, small group leader, Men's Retreat coordinator, Lay Witness Missions, NNU Trustee, plus multiple District boards & committees.

**Chuck Hayes** has served congregations in Kansas, Wisconsin, and Colorado. He is a graduate of MidAmerica Nazarene University and Nazarene Theological Seminary. He is currently the senior pastor of Greeley First Church of the Nazarene.

**Frank Henderson** is a retired Mechanical Engineer and Manager at Raytheon. Frank and wife Tina have two adult daughters. Service in the Nazarene Church over the past 40 years includes NYI Leader, Men's Ministry Leader, Small Group Leader, Work and Witness, Praise Team, Board Member and currently Treasurer for Faith Community Nazarene in Durango.

**Ian Hyde** is originally from Marshalltown, IA and is an Army veteran. He holds an AAS, BA, and an MDiv from Fuller Seminary. He is the Lead Pastor for Cortez Church of the Nazarene and serves as a Hospice Chaplain. Ian and his wife Marcia have four children. He loves wrestling with the tough questions of life and faith over coffee and getting hopelessly lost in the mountains.

**Jim Lynch** is married to Zeida and they have two daughters, Hannah and Sarah. Serves as pastor at Colorado Springs Eastborough. Previously served in Los Angeles, Costa Rica, Peru, Argentina, Paraguay, and Fort Morgan. Studied at Point Loma, Biola, and NTS.

**Jim Murray** is married to Deanna and has four boys. He moved to Colorado Springs in 1998 to attend Nazarene Bible College, from there he became the senior pastor at Security Church of the Nazarene, moved back to Boston to pastor in Framingham MA, and then back to Colorado in 2010 to be the sr. pastor at the Pueblo First Church of the Nazarene where he currently serves.

**Terry Nelson** and family have been members of Trinity Church of the Nazarene for 21 years where he has faithfully served on the church board the entire time. He also serves as a musician on the praise team and an adult Sunday School co-teacher. Terry previously served on the Colorado District Court of Appeals, District Finance Committee, and on the Golden Bell Camp board. He and his wife Judy have been married for 35 years and have 3 adult children.

**Nina Rattle** Wife, mother, grandmother; active in membership and in service to the Colorado District for 37 years. Currently serving on DAB, Golden Bell Board and Emmaus Church Board, Impact Committee (missions) and worship band. Past service as NNU Trustee.

**Darren Reed** has been married to Julie for 28 years and they have six children. They have served in Orlando, Fl, Oklahoma City, Hawaii, California and now Denver First Church. B.A. from PLNU, M.A. from Trevecca. He has previously served on the District Advisory Board, Mission Strategy Team, Ministerial Studies Board, NMI Board, and Finance Committee.

**Bob Walker** Member Loveland Church of the Nazarene since 1975. Married to Barbara for 54 years and has three daughters, three sons-in-law, and nine grandchildren. Serving on NNU board of trustees for 17 years and also serving on board of trustees at LeTourneau University (alma mater). Employed at Walker Manufacturing for 46 years.

**Dean Walker** is a longtime member of Loveland Church of the Nazarene, serving in numerous areas of ministry over the past 45 years. He currently serves on the church board, is involved in music ministry, and serves on the Golden Bell Board. Dean is married to Suzanne, and they have four sons and eight grandchildren. Dean is a graduate of Northwest Nazarene University. He is an owner of Walker Manufacturing Company in Fort Collins, CO.

## 2021 District Advisory Board Report

The Advisory Board met ten times this year. In the first meeting a district advisory board secretary and district treasurer were elected. In the following meetings business was conducted including review of monthly financial reports, transfer and receipt of credentials, oversight of the audit, receiving reports on the status of churches, and oversight of the operations of Golden Bell. Five of these meetings included the additional members of the District Advisory Committee as the board met to work on District Superintendent election matters for the upcoming assembly.

### **ACTIONS TAKEN:**

**Credentials** - Recommended renewal of district minister's license for the following senior pastors: Arturo Acosta, Ben Beckner, Nate Blanchard, Lee Fulks, and Carlton McKay. Approved requests for special service/ interdenominational status for Janine King, Mark Peters, and Alan Scott. Approved the request for Song Evangelist Registered status for Jerry Nelson.

**Properties and Loans** – Approved sale of the following properties: Boulder South Broadway (church), .63ac district lot (raw land), and Columbine Hills (\$2.5m cash building purchase). Cedaredge approved to grant a gas pipeline easement.

Approved the following indebtedness: Security Life Community (\$152,000 refinance), Greeley First (\$150,000 parsonage refinance), Brush (\$320,000 new construction loan), Colorado Springs True Life building lease, Loveland First building lease, and Colorado Springs First (\$2,050,000 refinance).

**Church changes** – Boulder South Broadway to be disorganized upon sale of property. Loveland Hope Springs voted inactive. Colorado Springs Central voted inactive and to be disorganized upon sale of property. Living Faith Church approved to change name back to Indian Heights. Woodland Life Center approved to change name to Woodland Life Church. Durango Faith Community approved to start a daycare program.

**The Board approved** and made the recommendation of the proposed 2021-2022 district budget and assembly finance committee report to the district assembly.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Kevin Compton, District Secretary

# Golden Bell

A Mountaintop Experience



Greeting from Golden Bell. We have once again seen God work in amazing ways this last year. Golden bell has been blessed by individuals, churches, and organizations, from all over the U.S. Not only have we seen God provide financially, but we have seen God move through the prayer of His people. With children's camp being reduced to just four weeks, we still saw almost half of the children make decisions for Christ. God is so Good! Without your prayers and support, Golden Bell would not have made it. Thank You! We would like to give a special thanks to D.S Ralph, Dr. Compton, the Golden Bell board, and the District advisory Board. They have not only been tremendously supportive and encouraging, but we have been blessed by their leadership and counsel as they walked this journey with us. We thank God for each of you and the work you have done.

These have been some of Golden Bell's most trying days. Cutting staff by over 50% while maintaining the facility, meals for guests, housekeeping and so much more. We have a great staff who have done above and beyond what we could ask of them. There have been many conversations as we have talked about God's call on their lives at Golden Bell. Our full-time staff made great sacrifices, and our summer staff and volunteers have been such a blessing as they have been flexible and willing to be a part of the team in any way they can. We thank each of them as well.

God is doing great things and the future looks bright. We are seeing reservations increase in every area. Golden Bell has made several changes in the way they function. An example of some these changes is, we now have a selected amount of R.V spots as monthly and seasonal rentals, these have already been rented for this season. We have added Day camps and camps lasting three days to our already existing residential camps. This has allowed us to be a help to our community as well as give us an opportunity to present the gospel to our neighbors. We have also started to serve family style meals opening us up to an entirely different style of group options. The most recent change is the remodeled snack shack, adding soft pretzels, pizza, and many other options to our menu. All along the way, Golden Bell has been looking at pricing; helping the camp become more competitive in camping ministry and sustainability for future generations.

With all that has taken place this year we recognize this has not just been a trying time on Golden Bell, but churches and ministries everywhere have struggled. We would like to encourage you as you read this report, we have read and leaned on these verses over and over this year: "... STAND FIRM. Let nothing move you. ALWAYS GIVE yourselves FULLY TO THE WORK OF THE LORD because you know that YOUR LABOR IN THE LORD is not in vain. Let us not become weary in DOING GOOD, for at the proper time WE WILL REAP A HARVEST if WE DO NOT GIVE UP." (1 Cor. 15:58 and Gal.6:9) STAND Firm, you are doing better than you think. STAND FIRM, you can trust the Father. STAND FIRM remember the one who has called you; He will not forsake you. We all have come too far to give up now, let us lean into the Father and let Him guide us in the days ahead.

Respectfully Summited,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joel Garcia'.

Rev. Joel Garcia  
Camp Director

**GOLDEN BELL CAMP AND CONFERENCE CENTER  
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**AS OF 4/30/21**

**Money On Hand:**

|                                       |          |
|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Cash in Checking - Unrestricted CAMP  | \$26,908 |
| Cash in Checking - Unrestricted STORE | \$2,013  |
| Cash in Savings - Wesleyan Investment | \$75,840 |
| Res - Capital Improvements            | \$2,500  |
| CDHS OEC Grant                        | \$17,090 |
| Res - Electrical for RV Park          | \$19,003 |
| Planned Unit Dev Project              | \$1,786  |
| PPP Loan Account                      | \$5,218  |
| Miscellaneous                         | \$3,295  |

**Total Cash Balance:**

**\$153,654**

**Programs 2018-2019 (Income and Expenses):**

**STORE**

|                                 |                |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| YTD Store Expenses              | \$11,358       |
| YTD Store Income                | \$14,253       |
| <b><u>Store Profit/Loss</u></b> | <b>\$2,895</b> |

**GENERAL OPERATIONS INCOME**

|                                    |                  |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Camps Income                       | \$47,510         |
| Retreats/Conferences Income        | \$170,558        |
| Family Reunion Income              | \$10,786         |
| RV Park Income                     | \$51,003         |
| Programming Income                 | \$26,690         |
| Rental Properties Income           | \$14,772         |
| Other Income                       | \$16,203         |
| <b><u>Income (w/out Store)</u></b> | <b>\$337,523</b> |

**GENERAL OPERATIONS EXPENSES**

|                                      |                  |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| Personnel                            | \$240,474        |
| Finance                              | \$42,479         |
| Office & Administration              | \$165,987        |
| Facility                             | \$76,475         |
| Utilities                            | \$131,879        |
| Program & Guest Services             | \$63,615         |
| Food Service                         | \$94,240         |
| Learning Pods/Outdoor Ed             | \$2,287          |
| <b><u>Expenses (w/out Store)</u></b> | <b>\$817,437</b> |

**Total Profit/Loss General Operations** **(\$479,914)**

**ADDITIONAL INCOME/EXPENSES**

|                                     |                  |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| Grant Income                        | \$245,850        |
| Donations Income                    | \$104,586        |
| Insurance Claim                     | \$49,895         |
| Misc Other Income                   | \$2,841          |
| <b><u>Income (non budgeted)</u></b> | <b>\$403,172</b> |

|  |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| Capital Improvements/Major Maintenance | \$65,783        |
| Other misc/non operational Expenses    | \$16,475        |
| <b><u>Other Expenses</u></b>           | <b>\$82,258</b> |

Reports from  
District Auxiliaries



Dear Dr. Duarte, Rev. Ralph, Local NMI Presidents, Delegates and friends of NMI:

This is my second report as District President of Colorado Nazarene Missions International.

This has been an interesting year for us as you all know. Things were going so well, and then we all got hit with the COVID pandemic, and we all had to change our way of thinking and our way of doing the ministries that God has blessed us with.

We were planning our annual trip to the Navajo people in December just like normal when we were informed of just how hard our brothers and sisters on the reservation were hit by the virus. Some of our churches lost whole families to COVID, and most others were extremely ill. Unfortunately, we had to reschedule our trip to Gallup to another date. We finally were able to get clearance from the state of NM and the Navajo Elders to make the trip and deliver the much-needed goods and gifts, so on March 6, we delivered 9,000 lbs. of Blue Bird Flour, 4,500 lbs. of pinto beans, 500 lbs. of sugar, as well as 1270 Christmas gifts and other assorted food stuffs. I want to thank all of you who participated in this wonderful ministry and all who made the trip to NM. God is continuing to bless us through this marvelous ministry.

We were unable to have any Work and Witness trips due to travel restrictions, but John is scheduling W&W trips for this coming year. I would encourage you to schedule a trip early as we are anticipating a busy W&W season.

As I look forward to this next year, I am excited to see how God is going to use our churches through the Colorado District NMI. I believe that God will use us and bless us in ways that goes beyond anything we can imagine!

I would like to thank DS Ralph and the Nazarenes of Colorado for allowing me the privilege of ministering as District President. Together, as we follow our Lord, we can accomplish marvelous wonders as we watch what God will do in us and through us. Please remember to pray for NMI and your president and council.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Rick Davis, Colorado District NMI



Colorado District NYI Report  
President: Ed Belzer

This has been the most different year for District NYI that I have ever seen! We normally report great attendance at camp, power surge, main event, etc.

This year almost every event was canceled! We did have a one-day camp event at Golden Bell with 100 students. We planned Power Surge but got shut down 3 days before the event, so we did a one morning online service. Quizzing still functioned virtually with 4 churches participating with Woodland Life Church winning the championship.

However, God is still working in the lives of students and youth ministries across our district. We have had a different youth group record a “District Spotlight Video” in which they had students share what was happening in their youth groups!

We had 11 leaders participate in the virtual Leadership Conference that was hosted by USA/Canada NYI. This was a fantastic resource.

And our district council continued to meet and pray and dream about new ways in which God can work through NYI in these days! We have seen and heard of a growing hunger for students to be together on our district.....so I believe our best year is right in front of us! What we have taken for granted for years has become a burning desire again for our students: To worship God together, to grow together, to learn together and to fellowship together as the body of Christ!

Sincerely,  
Ed Belzer  
District NYI President



## SDMI Report

Making disciples in the nations is what the SDMI is called to do, through Sunday School classes, discipleship groups, small groups, retreats, camps, leadership events and need meeting ministries. To make disciples, we must reach lost people and equip them to grow and reach more lost people. I love the Church of the Nazarene and our holiness doctrine. We are called to become disciples and reach people in our spheres of influence, to the glory of God.

Because of COVID, our opportunities for events could not take place. However, as we get ready for this next year, I am thankful for the leadership of Ken and Nancy Rose with Primetimer Ministry, Lesley Hansher and Katie Tyler getting ready to run with Children's Camp, Ed Belzer's leadership in NYI, as well as Cherie and Chris Reiter in Women's and Men's Ministry with retreats on the horizon.

It has been my pleasure to offer input and answer questions for many of our local churches and although COVID seemed ominous at times, God still reigns and His work is getting done.

In His Service,

Brian Wiesinger  
SDMI Chairman

# Reports from Churches

Directory information may be found at:

<http://www.conazarene.org/church-directory/>

**Budget participation information provided on the following pages  
was as of the printing of this notebook.**



## **Aurora Kingdom Rock**

**Pastor Tony Falealili**

With the COVID-19 and many other challenges we have face, we are reminded that church is much more than a building. The church of Jesus Christ is a group of redeemed people who's on a mission to deliver the message of hope to the world. God has been so faithful through it all and we have found new ways to tap into the Holy Spirit, to discern where God is calling us. The best is yet to come and to God be all the glory.



Attendance – 50 Conversions – 2 Baptisms – 0 Budget Participation - Partial



## **Aurora Tower Community Fellowship**

**Pastor Ed Belzer**

We give God all of the praise and glory for bringing us through this most unusual year. In spite of shut downs and major changes to how we do ministry, God still worked! We started the online ministry which continues to thrive and has kept our people connected to the church. We started 2 new ministries this year: Christians in Recovery Group and a marriage ministry called, “Keep Your Marriage On the Rock.” We also have been hosting a community group that does childcare before and after school for the 2,000 essential families in Aurora. This group, Rocky Mountain Kids has been bringing around 25-45 families to our church each week. We were able to pay down a significant amount of our church debt. We also had the biggest outdoor Fall Fest and Easter Egg Hunt in recent years. We are excited to see the fruit of what has been started in this last year.



Attendance – 183 Conversions – 3 Baptisms – 0 Budget Participation - Partial



## **Brighton Chapel Hill**

**Pastor Nathan Blanchard**

This was an exciting year at Chapel Hill Church in Brighton. We started an Upward Basketball league which was a source of growth and momentum. We celebrated God's victories for 17 conversions and 15 baptisms. God has opened the door to start a new Apartment Ministry this summer and expanded our outreach to the community. I am proud of all Chapel Hill has accomplished this year, and I'm even more excited about what God will do through us in the future.



Attendance – 110 Conversions – 17 Baptisms – 15 Budget Participation - Partial



## Brush First

### Pastor Rick Davis

It's hard to believe that we have been in Brush for over eight years. I just want to take a few minutes to share a few of the blessings that God has given us this past year. God showed us that 2020 would be an excellent time to begin and complete Phase 2 of our building project, and as I questioned His timing and His sense of humor (building during a pandemic) we proceeded as God directed us. Thanks to God's guidance, we now have a completed church building with office space and meeting rooms, and a beautiful Sanctuary. Another blessing that happened this past year was the baptism of a young lady who had given her life to Jesus the previous year before the pandemic. As we were coming out of lockdown, she asked to be baptized, and it was my honor to officiate the ceremony on Easter Sunday 2021. God is still working miracles in Brush, Colorado. I just want to give a thank you to D.S. Ralph for being my Pastor and helping me to navigate the many issues that come up as a pastor of God's people. Your assistance and Godly influence has been a blessing in my life. Thank you and God bless!

Attendance – 51 Conversions – 4 Baptisms – 1 Budget **Participation – Full**



## Buena Vista High Country

### Pastor Ken Rose

High Country Church would like to thank Dave Ralph and the District Office for its ongoing support through this past year. Elections, Riots, and a Pandemic happened this year and through it all the District gave guidance and encouragement. Also, as Senior Pastor for High Country Church I am grateful for our local church leadership team. We had to make decisions on incomplete and conflicting information and the leadership team led with faith and hope. The main praise is how faithful the Lord Jesus was in blessing High Country Church in an extremely difficult year. We had many new people watching online from the US and Africa even after we opened back up. Also, the Lord blessed our finances, and we never passed an offering plate for the year. We pray for Dave as he follows the Lord in the next adventure awaiting him in his retirement from being Colorado D.S.

Attendance – 52 Conversions – 5 Baptisms – 0 **Budget Participation - Full**



## Calvary

### Pastor Hyun Soo Park

No report provided.

Attendance – NR Conversions – NR Baptisms – NR  
Budget Participation - NR



## Cañon City Lincoln Park

Pastor Terry Schakelaar

Dear District superintendent David Ralph and Colorado District, this is my 6th year as pastor of Lincoln Park Nazarene. It has truly been an honor and privilege to serve the Lord in this capacity. We have all been challenged by the unbiblical quarantine mandates and many have suffered great loss in more ways than one. Many of us have been forced to learn multi-media avenues to preach the good news to our congregations. There are many great reasons why we should know all that we have at our fingertips to preach to our congregations and the lost. We have had a couple of attenders lost by death, but we have kept strong in midst of the is (so-called) pandemic. But we truly have also seen God’s wonderful healing power to our mature attenders. We believe God still is on the throne and has many great things in store as we strive for obedience honor God’s laws and commands. God’s work is not finished here, and we are excited to see what this new year holds. On a personal note, I have decided to retire from the full-time pastorate, knowing God still has many wonderful options available for His called. Please be praying for God’s man to fill our pastoral position for the greatest group of God’s family here in Canon City.

Attendance – 23 Conversions – 0 Baptisms – 0 Budget Participation - None



## Castle Rock the Connection

Pastor Chris Reiter

“Keep awake...” Jesus declares in Matthew 24:42 and then in verse 44, “... be ready.” It’s as if he knows *something* special is going to happen, uh? I know when hearing this our imagination is rightfully taken to the eschaton, or “the coming of the son of man,” as he says in verse 39 of the same chapter; but, I am convinced this readiness is not static but dynamic, it is not idol but active—that is being keenly present to the situation about us. This year, has been about keeping awake for us. It has been about a growing awareness of “church,” the ecclesia of God present to those around us. But not just for the sake of self, but for the sake of the world. We, like so many, were given opportunity to grow our presence by upping our online *presence*, seeing our reach go beyond what we otherwise thought possible. While our online reach saw much gain, I would be remiss not to mention *the connections* made and deepened within us as a church. The Lord has been faithfully present to us, and we are learning to be awake to his presence.



Attendance – 78 Conversions – 1 Baptisms – 2 Budget Participation – Partial



## Cedaredge Fellowship on the Rock

### Pastor Sherry Mitchem

An unfamiliar car pulled into the church parking lot one Sunday morning. The mom in the car got out and asked if we were open and could they come in to worship. That family of 5 rarely misses a Sunday. Another person who used to attend this church wanted to drop off some hymnals her late father-in-law had. She dropped them off on a Sunday morning. She has been attending regularly since. Someone else found us online. The page she looked at said the church was closed. She came anyway. Now she considers Cedaredge Fellowship On The Rock COTN her home church. The Lord still brings people to Himself and His house pandemic or not.

Attendance – 6   Conversions – 0   Baptisms – 0   Budget Participation – Partial



## Clarkville Buffalo Grass

### Pastor Jon Shaw

God is Good. We have experienced His presence and faithfulness throughout this year. We have moved back to having Sunday School and in person services. Our services are live streamed and are seen by a number of people who are too far away to attend. God has provided for each need. We wish to thank our D.S. Ralph for his leadership and wish him God’s blessings in the days to come. We look forward to God’s leading in the days to come.

Attendance – 7   Conversions – 0   Baptisms – 0   **Budget Participation - Full**



## Colorado Springs Abundant Hope

### Pastor Kevin Bond

This year has definitely been one for the books. While it has brought us pain and sorrow, it has also given us a time to learn new ways to fulfill Christ’s command of spreading the Gospel. At Abundant Hope we have grown in love while we learned how to navigate this pandemic. We have seen some young and old come to know Christ and for that we give God all the glory! We as a church would like to wish Rev. DS Ralph and Carol the best in their future endeavors and want to thank them for their years of service to the Colorado District Church of the Nazarene. May God continue to bless you both.



Attendance – 22   Conversions – 2   Baptisms – 0   Budget Participation - None



## Colorado Springs Eastborough

### Pastor Jim Lynch

God blessed Eastborough’s efforts to disciple and keep in communion with our people despite COVID shutdowns. Teen quizzing, women’s Bible study, children’s church, worship, prayer meetings, and board and ministries council meetings were all online. Audio cd’s were sent to shut-ins without internet capabilities. Then, the great majority returned to in-person worship by the end of the year. Bless God! Our income in tithes and offerings surpassed our proposed annual budget by over \$2000. Praise our Provider! After congregational fasting and prayer and being directed by the Lord to contact the president of our insurance company directly, we finally received what we needed to restore our building following the October 2018 fire and reoccupied it! There is absolutely no one like our God!

Attendance – 84   Conversions – 4   Baptisms – 0   **Budget Participation – Full**



## Colorado Springs First

### Pastor Mike Higley

The year 2020-21 we might just call a “year of transition” for SFC. Now in my 8<sup>th</sup> month as the new Lead Pastor (as you read this), and we are experiencing many miraculous changes. The spirit of the SFCers is amazing. There is a great confidence in our Savior and an excitement of anticipation toward His movement as we travel through these transitions. All churches need to be grounded in prayer, but the Lord has made it clear that Freedom Prayer is the direction He is moving us. We have spent months preparing the congregation for this movement grounded in prayer. A mighty prayer focus will be our strength for growth and transformation. Our Christmas and Easter seasons were wonderfully attended with hundreds attending each. Maybe the greatest ‘Praise to the Lord’ comes from the many volunteers who stepped into places of service during times of vacancies. These are true heroes of the Kingdom! May this be our forever direction forward: 1Cor 2:2 “For I resolved to know nothing...except Jesus Christ and him crucified.”



Attendance – 237   Conversions – 3   Baptisms – 2   Budget Participation – Partial



## Colorado Springs Genesis

Pastor Gwen Henderson

If I ever thought I was challenged before, this year gets the award. I am so thankful that the Lord is not short of allowing me to be as creative as I can. This year, I learned how important social media can be to the church. It is the tool we use now to encourage the people of God and reach those we had never been reached before. We've had some hiccups, but we exhaled as we inhaled and keep moving forward. We continued to have Sunday morning services, Sunday school, Wednesday night bible study, Good Friday Service, Harvest Festival, Christmas, Easter, Men's ministry program and the Navajo Indian Christmas. Each was such a blessing. The church is encouraged and excited about what God is doing in our midst. All budgets have been paid. We will continue to strive to Please the Lord in all that we do.

Attendance – 35 Conversions – 0 Baptisms – 0 **Budget Participation – Full**



## Colorado Springs Grace

Pastor Joe Warrington

I had the opportunity to work with a Cuban couple in building a sound-proof booth to provide translation of the sermon on Sunday morning into Spanish. We have two translators who will share the responsibilities. We are excited because three Spanish speaking individuals will now be ministered to through this outreach initiative. We were thrilled to get the funding to purchase the



equipment and build the booth. Thank the Lord.

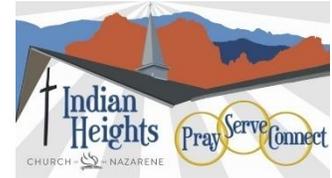
Attendance – 60 Conversions – 2 Baptisms – 0 **Budget Participation – Full**



## Colorado Springs Indian Heights

### Pastor Sjon Green

Indian Heights Church of the Nazarene experienced one of the best years in ministry on the Westside of Colorado Springs to date, despite the Global Pandemic. The Lord has led and established in our hearts a missional attitude. My wife Mae and I are blessed to pastor such a great church with such great people to serve a great community. God loves our people and so do we. Our missional attitude is lived out in three words, PRAY – SERVE – CONNECT. We pray for our family, friends, and community / we find ways to serve our family, friends, and community / and we connect with them while we are doing this. The IMPACT of PRAY--SERVE--CONNECT: We fed over 2,500 people, 1,300 families out of our Food Pantry, assisted over 500 people with much needed clothing, we held 11 Community Dinners/BBQ feeding an average of 70 on premise and 50 off premise at each event, partnered with the Springs Pregnancy Center in a clothing/baby toys/books/parent resource drive, held our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Family Pit Stop as a Halloween alternative~feeding over 200 people in 90 minutes plus candy bags for the children and a family devotion, fed in addition to the Food Pantry 31 families or 100 people at Thanksgiving with a Holiday meal, 21 families at Christmas received a Holiday meal to include 65 gifts and 50 stockings given out to families and children, plus over 250 Crisis Care Kits to hand out to people in need. This year, our Mobile Church of the Nazarene ministry, Together We Serve, will be brought under the umbrella of the Church we are currently serving at Indian Heights in Colorado Springs. Our God is an Awesome God!



Attendance – 30 Conversions – 5 Baptisms – 1 Budget Participation - Partial



## Colorado Springs Kingdom Rock

### Pastor Ritchie Asuega

The future of KingdomRock Springs Church looks bright! We were able to receive new church members (8) and even renew membership (5) despite the covid season. Another good report is that we had 10 people come to Lord. We were also able to reach more people with the gospel with the use of our live virtual online services. This year 2021 our vision and theme: “Stronger Together.” We believe that in everything we do as a church, from the small things to the big events, we are encouraged to do it together! Lastly, I just want to thank Rev. David Ralph for his many years of faithful service as the D.S. for the Colorado District. Thank you for your commitment and being a godly example to all our pastors on the Colorado district. May the Lord bless you Rev. Ralph, wife Carol, and family. You will be greatly missed.



Attendance – 73 Conversions – 9 Baptisms – 0 Budget Participation - Partial



## Colorado Springs Mighty Warrior

Pastor Mila Tumua

Mighty Warrior Church was fine during the pandemic. We were on-line for a couple of months late last year. A couple of families prefer online service, but the majority wants to go back to church. Our people really believe in the Word of God, in Jesus, in healing, and God's protection. No one dies or sick in our church during the pandemic. I was the only one that was tested positive, but I was sick for only a few days. God is good. Dave Ralph will be missed by our church. He will always be my top 5 preachers of all time. A great man of God and a great leader. Wish you all the best Dave, your wife and your family. God Bless YOU.

Attendance – 29 Conversions – 4 Baptisms – 0 Budget Participation - Partial



## Colorado Springs Together We Serve

Pastor Sjon Green

This ministry is in the process of coming under the leadership of Colorado Springs Indian Heights Church.

Attendance – 10 Conversions – 3 Baptisms – 1 Budget Participation – N/A



## Colorado Springs Trinity

Pastor John Prichard

Greetings in the faithful and awe-inspiring name of our Lord Jesus from the faith family of Trinity. When COVID hit we braced ourselves for the possibility of severe cuts in all areas of ministry due to the anticipated economic strain the lockdowns would create. We prayed and trusted God to carry us through and carry us through God did.

Each month we were amazed at the way our God provided abundantly through the faithfulness of His church. No ministry need went unmet as giving went over and above, our compassionate ministry Trinity Cares continued to operate each month providing food and clothing for those in need in our community and giving to the benevolence fund increased allowing us to bless others in need. We adapted to new ministry challenges and found that God had already been preparing us for changes such as livestreaming through equipment upgrades made pre-pandemic. I marvel at the way God carries His church through crisis and opens doors previously unseen. I am also encouraged and blessed by the continuing faithfulness of his people at Trinity. We wish D.S. Ralph blessings and joy in the next chapter of ministry God has in store for him. May the peace of Christ be with you all and to God be all the glory!

Attendance – 284 Conversions – 2 Baptisms – 0 Budget **Participation – Full**





## **Colorado Springs True Life Community** **Pastor Keith Morgan**

Though this past year was full of challenges, many unique to anything we had ever faced, I am glad to announce that our God, and His Church, is up to the challenge! I could not be more proud of my church for their resilience, their faithfulness, and their willingness to adapt, adjust, and do things differently. Every time we had to adapt God was faithful to provide

wisdom and creativity and TLCC was willing and ready. We have approached this past year of uncertainty as a great opportunity to try new things. One such new thing was to hold services from April thru September in a near by park. Every Sunday we rented the pavilion at the park and our people loved it. As a result of being outside for worship our folks felt much safer and we were even able to add several families. Then, in August, with an invitation from the school District to return we made the decision not to do so and instead to step into our vision. A massage parlor in the community had recently shut down and we leased this facility, completely remodeled it, and have turned it into a small community center to serve and minister to others. The costs for the remodel (\$8600) was completely raised through the generous donations of those in and outside of the church. The LIFE Center now serves TLCC and the community as a coffee house, internet cafe, food pantry, a meeting space for groups including Bible studies, classes, youth group, boy scouts, our kids ministry, and many other things. We also use it as "Plan B" for a place for us to gather for Sunday worship if the weather doesn't permit. You see, we are back at the park and plan to be there until God opens the next door. God continues to draw new leaders to True Life and we also continue to raise them up. Going forward we have perhaps the strongest team of leaders in place our church has ever had. We are excited about where the Holy Spirit is leading us. In closing, TLCC would like to give a special "Thank You" to D.S. Ralph for his leadership, support and encouragement. It was under Dave Ralph's leadership that True Life was planted in 2004 and organized the next year. Thank you for your service, for believing in me, and for always cheering us on.



**Attendance – 79    Conversions – 7    Baptisms – 0    Budget Participation - Partial**



## **Commerce City Iglesia** **Pastor Eladio Chavez**

Today May 20, 2021 I am writing to you with all my excitements, and with all humbleness like a servant of The Lord. Yesterday, Wednesday May 19, 2021 is my second anniversary with the church like a pastor. On May 19, 2019 we start the church with 7 people. God was working with us and we grew up like 35 adults and like 10 children, but with the pandemic we closed the church, after we opened the church, people are afraid to gather and we start all over again, now we are going up

because God is doing the work in the church and in us. Thanks to God, He is the only one who is doing the work in everyone and through us for the Kingdom has to be preached the gospel for everyone who needs to hear the good news of Jesus. Last month we did buy 120 chairs, we been praying for it. God gave us those chairs. That's why I am so excited to write this letter to you for what and how much is doing in Commerce City.

**Attendance – 40    Conversions – 2    Baptisms – 2    Budget Participation - Partial**



## Cortez

### Pastor Ian Hyde

What a crazy year it's been! I doubt many of us imagined we would face the spectre of a yearlong pandemic, but even so, the Holy Spirit has been on the move at Cortez Nazarene! Our attendance was higher than last year, despite transitioning between online-only services, drive-in services, and back to indoor services. Our volunteers did a wonderful job adapting took this opportunity

to make some much needed improvements to our online presence, video and audio equipment, and the building and grounds. Our compassionate ministry fed 60 families in need (18 more than last year), helped 12 with our food-gas card program, and assisted many others in various ways. When it was tempting to retreat in the face of uncertainty, we pushed forward instead, taking the Gospel outside the four walls of the church through outdoor services our "Walk With the Son" Easter Pageant. We organized two new Family Small Groups, led 8 to Christ and baptized 1 new believer. I am so incredibly grateful that God graciously invites us to participate in His mission, and I am excited to see the ways His mercy moves in the coming year. Our hearts go out to Dr. Ralph and his wonderful wife Carol as they transition to this new phase in life after so many years of service on the CO District. We pray for God's blessing on the road ahead, and we hope they know just how much their mentorship, leadership, and love has meant to us.



Attendance – 59 Conversions – 8 Baptisms – 1 **Budget Participation - Full**



## Cross and Spurs Cowboy Fellowship

### Pastor Terry Hedrick

Despite governors, foolish legislators, and misguided people who vote for things that will eventually starve us all to death; doing their level best to destroy a way of life that is the root of who we are as a people; the cowboys and cowgirls are still alive and kicking. They are busy doing what they do while raising their families focused on Jesus. They don't show up every Sunday in buildings surrounded by parking lots. They show up every day under God's canopy praying and talking

to God, sometimes for hours on end, while they serve in all kinds of weather. So, we go to them. We find the cow camps, corrals, and campfires where Jesus has been for countless decades, and there we join them sharing what we have been given, while they share what has been given to them. Sometimes the trails are rough, and sometimes long, but always glorious. We consider it a privilege to serve in such a place, and we thank God daily for all His blessings.



Attendance – 10 Conversions – 2 Baptisms – 1 **Budget Participation - Partial**



## Delta Gunnison Valley

Pastor Terry Hedrick

**COVID-19** was and still is devastating for some folks, but God has taught us over the years that the old saying, “When it gets tough, the tough get going” still applies. Paul writes in **1 Thessalonians 5:18** In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. So, let me share with you all what we are thankful for during this past year of the pandemic: We are thankful for God’s loving kindness throughout this whole ordeal.

We are thankful for all the new ways He has taught us, and is teaching us to reach His people. We are thankful of how He opened the floodgates in ways that boggle your mind. We are thankful of how He used us to spread His message across this nation and around the world. But we are most thankful for God’s Amazing Grace.



Attendance – 71    Conversions – 2    Baptisms – 1    **Budget Participation - Full**



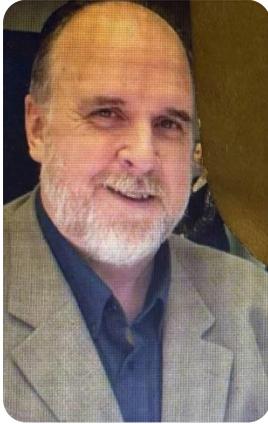
## Denver Bear Valley

Pastor Jordan Serracino

Hello Colorado District Assembly. I am excited to begin a new ministry assignment with the good people of Bear Valley Fellowship. My wife and I are both originally from Colorado and we feel great about being back in Colorado after 12 years of ministry in Oklahoma. We are looking forward to getting to know the Denver Metro area, and we are excited to see what doors the Lord will open for ministry in this new place.



Attendance – 27    Conversions – 0    Baptisms – 3    Budget Participation – Partial



## Denver Columbine Hills

### Pastor James Finch

Columbine Hills Church is celebrating its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. The first forty years the congregation was known as Southside Church. The past forty years we have served under the name Columbine Hills. Moving into the future we are changing our name and location. From Columbine hills to Impact Church of the Nazarene, we have sold our current property and purchased a nice 5-acre campus about two miles down the road. With the sale we are able to pay off our \$840,000 debt. We are now a debt free church. The Lord has provided for us in so many ways through this pandemic. Our live stream experience has helped us reach more people than ever before. We have learned new ways to communicate and make sure our community is being served. One high light has been our Friday night drive-in movies. Our community has come to depend on this as a break from these difficult days. As with most places, Covid hit our church. Our pastor and several others spent many days in the hospital. Yet, God walked with us through it all. The prayer and love that has been here has truly made us a part of the body of Christ. Praise God for His love and grace. Blessed is the name of our Lord!



Attendance – 125 Conversions – 4 Baptisms – 4 Budget Participation - Partial



## Denver Family

### Pastor Pedro Muniz

This year God has shown himself to be so faithful. It has been a year of change, and of trying new ways to reach the lost. The Lord has blessed us with a growing food pantry ministry. As the different families come to have their food needs met, we have also been able to meet their spiritual needs by doing a weekly devotional. The different members of the church are there to pray for their needs as they wait in line to receive their food. God has answered prayers by providing them jobs, healing, and comfort. We have also seen some of them receive Jesus into their hearts and begin to grow in discipleship. We are humbled by the way God has provided and opened doors for us to reach our community during this great time of physical and spiritual need. It has been rewarding to see how members of our church are growing and reaching out in love to our neighborhood.

Attendance – 60 Conversions – 14 Baptisms – 3 Budget Participation - Partial



## Denver First

### Pastor Darren Reed

Like every other local church, this year has been one for the books as DFC faced many challenges due to the Covid-19 pandemic. While the uncertainties of the future were seemingly endless, new opportunities continued to present themselves as the leadership of the church rose to the challenge of ministering in new ways during this time. By leveraging the collective giftedness and creativity of the DFC staff and church body, DFC was able to broaden her evangelistic reach by committing to re-imagine and develop our online campus. Before Covid-19, DFC's online presence was not valued or produced well. It was an after-thought at best. Now that it has been given significant attention and seen as a valuable tool to reach the masses every area of ministry has been strengthened and more people reached. Our prayer ministry has tripled, we now have a global audience joining us in worship each week, more people are being discipled, and the community is more connected. While the pandemic created obstacles to offer traditional ministry programming, DFC did not allow these obstacles to prevent us from living out our resolve to reach the lost. We took advantage of this time to pivot our attention solely to the mission of the Church through Organic Outreach. This missional focus has now led to a fresh resolve and united spirit to *"Prepare the generations to open a pathway to Jesus one person at a time"* --- ONE PERSON / ONE STEP / ONE HOPE. The good people of DFC are becoming more committed to reach their organic circles for the sake of Christ. We look forward to what fruit will emerge in 2021 as a result.



Attendance – 328    Conversions – 2    Baptisms – 10    Budget Participation – Partial



## Denver Gracia y Vida

### Pastor Scott Carranza

I do not want the headline for 2020 and 2021 to be the "The Year of the Pandemic," but rather "The Year of God's Glory!" This year was not easy. Yet, for every challenge, God gave a more fantastic response. Governmental decrees canceled our church services for three months, so we started virtual services that reached people in Minnesota, California, Kansas, Mexico, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, and beyond! An epic flood destroyed our bathrooms, so we rebuilt them more spacious and beautiful than ever! Our tithes and offerings dropped, so our faith increased, and God supplied supernatural provision! People in our church got deathly sick, so God performed miracles of healing! For every setback, God has sprung us forward. We are keenly aware that God has used key people to aid us in our ministry. Perhaps the most severe test we faced arose from a church conflict. And once again, District Superintendent Rev. Dave Ralph was there to support us. During our 19 years in the Colorado District, Pastor Dave has proven himself to be a true friend and brother in our time of need. It has always been our pleasure to serve under Pastor Dave and Sister Carol's leadership. We pray that God's gracious hand will lead them in this next leg of their journey and ask Him to continue to bless our friendship with them!



Attendance – 85    Conversions – 25    Baptisms – 2    Budget Participation - Partial



## Denver ThornCreek

### Pastor Ruben Villarreal

On April 20, 2021, ThornCreek Church turned 18 years old. It started with three strangers! We have learned "perseverance." God has been so faithful. Like other churches, we've had to learn how to do ministry in the midst of a pandemic. Over 100 people have made decisions for Christ and the message of sanctification has been preached faithfully.

We have fed 1,500 people every week, provided financial assistance to families, and have done our best to minister to families in the name of Jesus. We continue to be outreach oriented. Although we never took any government assistance during this pandemic, our giving has actually increased. We have given more to families than any other year. At a global missions level, we continue to financially support a Nazarene church in Negritos, Peru every month. Our budgets are paid in full. Additionally, our worship attendance in-person, and online has continued to grow. We are currently under contract to sell 15 acres of land (we own free and clear), which should close next year. Lord willing, we're planning on using these funds to purchase and retrofit a future retail store. Thanks for your prayers and support. It's an honor to serve God with my Colorado brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus. All the glory belongs to God!



Attendance – 520 Conversions – 151 Baptisms – 7 **Budget Participation – Full**



## Durango Faith Community

### Pastor Rick Williams

As I sit down to write this praise report...there is never enough space. So much to tell! I am sure that I am not the only pastor that has had to rearrange life through pandemic. A phrase that we have adopted here in Durango, **"But God,"** has become nearly the daily quote! Durango Faith Community COTN has just closed the 2020 pandemic chapter with the best numbers in my tenure here. **"But God."** I need to give thanks to an amazing team of Media, Sound,

and Video techs that moved us from no online presence to new ways to share the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ through live stream! Thank you to my Associate Pastor Eric Arpelar, Frank Henderson, Jr, and Erica Alexander, just to name a few. Your sacrifices never go unnoticed! **"But God."** We had our largest number of attendees since the pandemic beginnings for our Resurrection Celebration this year (2021) at 68! We had three (3) commitments to the Lord Jesus, and seven (7) new members! **"But God,"** and praise His Holy Name!



Attendance – 34 Conversions – 6 Baptisms – 5 Budget Participation – Partial



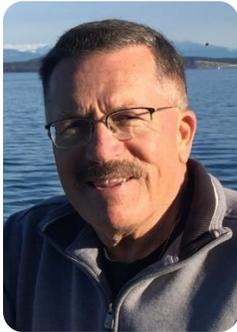
## Emmaus Road Church

### Pastor Andrew Lucas

While ministering during the pandemic, we tried to make sure we were learning lessons that would last beyond COVID. One of the best things we learned was the many ways to extend the life of the church beyond the church building. While not meeting together, we equipped households with resources at home that included Pentecost packets that were mailed to their homes, an Advent Podcast Series, Lenten booklets and more. These efforts brought discipleship into living rooms and workplaces in a way that we'd not done before. We've also seen new people coming to the church. I'm really proud of how our team has creatively met the challenges associated with COVID. God is faithful.



Attendance – 70 Conversions – 1 Baptisms – 0 Budget **Participation - Full**



## Falcon Cornerstone Community

### Pastor Ron Bynum

Our story this year is everyone's story – the Year of Covid-19! There were plenty of highs and lows but God has seen us through it all. In the process of the year we have...done our services on Facebook Livestream, held drive-in services, met under a tent or canopy, met out on the grass under the shade of trees, and finally met back inside our sanctuary and adequately distanced. And through it all God has proved himself faithful. And now we are more than ready to move into the new year with gladness and joy! This will be a memorable year!



Attendance – 33 Conversions – 3 Baptisms – 0 Budget **Participation - Partial**



## Florence Faith Journey

### Pastor Eugene Cooper

This is my third report to the Colorado District for Florence Faith Journey. As we all know, the Covid 19 pandemic has brought many changes. In working on how do we get the message to people, we embarked on recording services live. While finding the avenue we also were availing a different group access we saw more people watching. We were able to reach family and friends that needed the gospel. I am looking forward to this new year with a new appreciation for the little things and knowing that God is always in control.

Attendance – 25 Conversions – 3 Baptisms – 0 Budget **Participation - None**



## Fort Morgan

### Pastor Kent Davenport

God is faithful. The prayer we kept praying at Morgan Nazarene this past year was, “Lord, give us eyes to see what you are doing.” We believed wholeheartedly that, even in the midst of a pandemic, God was at work within us and amongst us. The Spirit is still teaching us what it means to be the church, what it means to love one another, and what the fellowship of the family of God ought to be. God continues to prove himself faithful. Encouraging texts and

emails from our DS were also much appreciated during this difficult year.

Attendance – 79 Conversions – 2 Baptisms – 3 **Budget Participation – Full**



## Golden

### Pastor Shari Palmer

The past year has been interesting and challenging for all of us as we’ve looked for new and creative ways to worship, to stay connected, and to be the church in our world. Isn’t this what we are always called to be - the church outside the building, Christ followers looking for creative ways to connect with those

around us, good neighbors who stand in the gap for our communities? COVID served as a tremendous wake up call for all of us and I am proud to say that our church came through it beautifully. Our giving has never been stronger. Our people were intentional about staying connected, and for the first time ever, we now have internet in our building and we are LIVE-STREAMING every Sunday! We have visitors each week on Facebook who have never stepped foot in our doors, but are getting to know us online each week. This is a new form of outreach for us! While I would not want to repeat the last year anytime soon, the challenge it brought helped our church and me as their pastor get out of our comfort zones and strive for fresh ways to reach people and we managed to do it in a way that kept those around us safe and healthy.

Attendance – 32 Conversions – 0 Baptisms – 0 Budget Participation – Partial



## Grand Junction

### Pastor Lee Ellington

This most unusual year, highlighted by the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic, proved to be a year of victory for our congregation. All or parts of at least three new families began attending, and one couple gave their hearts to Jesus. Like many churches, we learned how to do “online church,” which stretched us – in a good way. We paid and overpaid each of our budget allocations. Heaven’s Little Steps Childcare, our daycare ministry, continued to reach out into our city with the love of Jesus. At the end of the fiscal year, HLSC enrollment and attendance is at capacity, and our worship attendance is approximately 85% of our pre-COVID average. Our Sunday School, NYI, and NMI are gearing up for a spiritually productive year ahead. We enjoyed the privilege of a visit and a powerful sermon from our outgoing District Superintendent, Dr. Dave Ralph, to begin this new church year. To top things off, our Assistant/Youth Pastor, Allen Gemaehlich, is to be ordained at this year’s District Assembly. We gratefully and humbly give thanks to our great God, who is good all the time – and perhaps especially during times of terrific trials. Bless his wonderful Name!

Attendance – 102 Conversions – 5 Baptisms – 1 **Budget Participation – Full**



## Greeley Celebration Pointe

### Pastor Gary Haddix

The Celebration Pointe Church congregation is full of praise to God for His blessings in walking with us through this past eventful year. Our in-person attendance has remained the same (we only paused in person attendance for 6 weeks), and our online attendance has grown significantly. In a year where businesses have abandoned office space in mass, God provided a top tier tenant for office space the church owns.

Our congregation has been spared any serious illnesses this year, we have added a Senior Adult pastor, and a Children's Director. and believe that God has positioned us to have year of strong growth.

Attendance – 39 Conversions – 2 Baptisms – 0 **Budget Participation – Full**



## Greeley First

### Pastor Charles Hayes

Greeley First is a great Church filled with marvelous lay people. I have marveled at the grace of God revealed through both our English and Karen language services. (Last I knew, we have the only Karen language Nazarene worship service in the United States.) This past year, we learned new ways to do church that will benefit us for years to come. In difficult times we have a Savior who loves and provides! We expect to emerge from the

COVID challenges stronger than ever. To God be the Glory always!

Attendance – 130 Conversions – 1 Baptisms – 1 **Budget Participation – Partial**



## Holly

Pastor TBD

After many years of faithful service, Pastor Eugene Birt has retired and moved to the Philippines. We pray for God's rich blessings for Pastor Eugene and his new adventure as he runs a lime farming operation in this new season. Be in prayer for this church as they seek God's preferred future for the mission of proclaiming holiness in the Arkansas Valley.

Attendance – 10 Conversions – 0 Baptisms – 0 Budget Participation - None



## Karval New Day Community

Pastor Enola Leonard

I have quickly learned this year that you don't preach it unless you intend to live it. Back in November I had just finished writing my sermon on Matthew 25:31-46 where Jesus will be separating the sheep and the goats based on who fed the hungry, provided clothing for those in need and invited in the stranger. It was not more than ten minutes after I had completed the sermon when I received a "heads up" phone call from a neighbor to tell me that they had come across a young woman who was trekking across the United States, and she was just outside of Karval looking for a place to safely set up her tent. My first thought was, "What?! Is she crazy?" Then I laughed and told the neighbor what my sermon was about. I couldn't believe it, and definitely was being tested. Well, there was no way I was turning this stranger away even as others questioned my decision. It wasn't long before the young woman called asking for a place to set up her tent. I told her she didn't need a tent, for we would open the church so she could stay inside. I often question myself whether I would have invited her in so wholeheartedly had I not just prepared that specific sermon. It is moments like these that you realize how important it is to be Jesus to all who come across your path, and to humble yourself before the Lord as you realize how easy it is to fall short. Ying Zhang has had a lasting impact on our congregation because of her visit and ongoing journey. I hope that we have made a lasting impact on her as well.



Attendance – 17 Conversions – 1 Baptisms – 0 **Budget Participation – Full**



## La Junta First

### Pastor Mark Callister

I once saw the Shanghai Circus in Branson, Mo. What incredible things those acrobats had trained their bodies to do. This past year of ministry has been my own personal “Shanghai Circus”. I have never had to be so flexible in all my life. With seemingly daily changes to restrictions, guidelines and recommendations the last 12 months of church leadership have certainly been a challenge. But God is good, his people are faithful and thus far we have made it through. Though

difficult, this year of pandemic has also been one of blessing as we have seen the gospel impact lives in La Junta and elsewhere. Some in my own family have embraced faith in Christ as a result of our live-streaming presence. What a blessing it has been to serve under our DS and his lovely wife for these past 5 years. Thank you Dave, for your leadership and friendship. God bless you and Carol going forward!



Attendance – 213 Conversions – 5 Baptisms – 0 **Budget Participation - Full**



## Lakewood

### Pastor Scott Simons

It was a year of opportunity to grow in faith and resilience and to rise to the challenge of creatively developing new methods of ministry. We worked hard to develop our “online campus”, significantly improving our quality and usage of video and social media platforms developed a customized church app for connection and discipleship. We also reconnected to the power

of “low-tech” through phone calls, front porch visits, and Care & Connection Teams. We caught up on deferred maintenance projects to upgrade the condition, value, and usefulness of our property. We supported each other through times of loss, including the deaths of several church members and close friends, keeping us mindful of our greater purpose and goal, that God’s Kingdom come and will be done among us. We finish a difficult year strong in unity, finances, and a renewed spirit of appreciation for the community of faith that is the Church.



Attendance – 276 Conversions – 0 Baptisms – 0 **Budget Participation - Partial**



## Lamar Crosswind

### Pastor Roy Gueswel

This past year has been a real challenge, but God has been in control of all. We have seen the loss in attendance. Because of the quarantine started an online streaming with Facebook. Exciting things have happened. We have two new families attending now. The young mother of one of them accepted Jesus just recently. We also gained a music director.

Attendance – 15 Conversions – 1 Baptisms – 0  
**Budget Participation - None**



## Las Animas First

### Pastor Carlton McKay

Although this has been a very strange and challenging year, I want to report that God is moving in Bent County in southeastern Colorado. While we were taken off guard by the sudden appearance of the pandemic, we found out that God is in control! Since we were unable to meet in person, I finally decided to use Facebook live and to stream a message from my study in Colorado

Springs. I was shocked at the response! Even though we have been meeting in person for many weeks, we also continue to stream part of the Sunday morning service. Last September we celebrated the payoff of the mortgage on the church fellowship hall. It is awesome to be a debt-free church! God continues to bless us in many ways. Our finances are strong, and our attendance is growing. To God be all the glory! Although I am retiring in June, I am looking forward to working in the Kingdom. Marilyn and I are also in the process of moving to Las Animas. We desire that the Las Animas church continues to be a place of hope, help, and healing.

Attendance – 18   Conversions – 0   Baptisms – 0   **Budget Participation - Full**



## Longmont

### Pastor Sid Sever

God has helped us power through the pandemic. Minimal use of the building made addition of a bathroom and nursery in the children's area easier. Our giving has remained strong and as a result financial concerns have not been an issue. We began meeting

together in the church parking lot in June and moved back into the sanctuary in September and now live stream our worship services. In October we held our annual Trunk and Treat community event with at least 1000 participating. We've been praying for growth in our children's ministry and God answered by bringing us a family with five children. A neighbor who lives across the street from the church and with whom we have built a relationship walked into the office one day and asked that I pray with him to be saved. I did and he was. We are blessed.



Attendance – 90   Conversions – 2   Baptisms – 0   **Budget Participation – Full**



## Loveland First

### Pastor Brian Smith

Like every other congregation on our district, this will be a year that will be remembered and talked about for years to come. As we have made the needed adjustments, God has been very good to us; leading, providing and helping us to take the steps that are necessary to accomplish the task of "Impacting people around the corner and around the world with the love of Jesus." On Thursday afternoon

March 12, 2020 the call came that we would not be allowed into the school for Sunday services due to something called Covid-19. That was the beginning of an adventure that now finds us worshipping in the facility that was the home of Hope Springs Community Church. There is no doubt that the decision was difficult for the wonderful folks of Hope Springs to close the church that had been their home for 19 years but their ministry and impact in Loveland will continue as we serve our community together. Pastor Robin Rogers did a tremendous job in planting Hope Springs and we want to honor her and her ministry as we continue to do the important work of going into all the world and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. Our vision has not changed however and we continue to move toward the construction of a new facility on the property we acquired 6 years ago. It is what God has called us to do and with His help and leading we will see the vision become reality.



Attendance – 140 Conversions – 0 Baptisms – 0 **Budget Participation – Full**



## Monte Vista Valley

### Pastor Chris Yocom

This past year has had many challenges, but God has proved faithful time and time again. As I filled out my annual report I felt so discouraged. I had none of the numbers that I wanted such as conversions and baptisms and the membership numbers were flat. Our big outreach events were all canceled due to COVID. However, I have seen the Lord working in so many ways. His Spirit has been so real and close in our services. I know people are being transformed by the Gospel and by God's Word. I feel confident that the Lord is ready to move in amazing ways. Our church has been attempting to implement a plan that will support a growing ministry. It has sometimes been one step forward and two steps back, but we are finally getting momentum.

I am full of hope for what the Lord is about to do. I am excited about our new Associate Pastor Mike Askew and his family. The Lord is preparing us for something big and I can't wait to see all He will do. I want to say a huge thank you to DS Ralph for his commitment and godly leadership. We will miss him greatly but are excited to see who the Lord calls next to lead the Colorado District. May the Lord's will be done and His name be exalted!



Attendance – 113 Conversions – 0 Baptisms – 0 **Budget Participation - Partial**



## Montrose First

### Pastor Buddy Cook

This is my 16<sup>th</sup> year as pastor of the faithful people of Montrose. Despite the events of the past year, God has been good to the people of Montrose. Since Easter, we are seeing larger attendances than before the pandemic. Families with children have begun to attend our worship services. Our budgets are paid in full due to the blessing of God and the faithful giving of God's people. God's ministry upon the addiction ministry of Calvary Ranch Colorado, run by one of our members, continues to bear eternal fruit. Some of the new kids attending worship come from the families of men who have graduated from Calvary Ranch and are bringing their families to church. It continues to be a blessing to see men who are recovering from the ravages of addiction be transformed into followers of Jesus. This and much, much more is why I continue to find fulfillment as God's shepherd faithfully serving his people in the mountains and valleys of Western Colorado. I also want to say a special thanks to our District Superintendent Dave Ralph and his wife Carol for their faithful leadership on our district. They have encouraged and equipped us to be effective servants of God. They have prayed for us when times were hard, especially with our daughter's health issues and Kim's cancer journey and have also rejoiced with us in our victories. The people of Montrose wish them both the best as they begin the next chapter of their lives. We know they will continue to be a blessing to others as they have been a blessing to us.



Attendance – 34 Conversions – 10 Baptisms – 10 **Budget Participation - Full**



## Palisade

### Pastor Don Blanchard

It is a privilege to present my 44<sup>th</sup> annual report to the Colorado district church of the Nazarene. I serve a loving, committed and supportive congregation who desire to make a difference for god's kingdom. In the midst of a challenging year, i am thankful for the faithfulness of god and the faithfulness of his people. Despite no on site services, our people, for the most part, gave faithfully and sacrificially for god's kingdom building and the support of the local church. We thank god we were able to pay our budgets in full. We learned about online services, virtual meetings and even a virtual wedding. Our food pantry was suspended for serval months and yet still help give food to over 4,000 individuals. We also rejoice in any spiritual victories through this ministry. The greatest challenge has been to practice the body life in Christ in the midst of disconnection and fragmentation. It has felt like 2 steps forward and 1 step back. We were able to continue to support missions and our sister church in Nazlini, Arizona on the Navajo reservation. We are hoping all facets of our holiness mission will be rekindled this coming year. Hopefully, shelved outreach plans, can be restored and implemented. Thank god for his faithfulness.

Attendance – 130 Conversions – 8 Baptisms – 5 **Budget Participation - Full**



## Paonia

### Pastor Sherry Mitchem

Pandemic or not the Lord still draws people to Himself. This past year we baptized one person. My aim with the water throwing from 6ft. away was a challenge. Another lady that did not go to church anywhere was invited to and started attending our Lady's Bible study. She picked up the Reflecting

God devotional, started reading it daily. Soon she testified to the Lord using that devotional to transform her life. This year Paonia celebrated 100 years of being an organized church. Just think the Lord can use a 100-year-old church during a pandemic to baptize, disciple, and save people. Although we do not know what the future holds, we do know the Lord still draws people to Himself.

Attendance – 8    Conversions – 1    Baptisms – 1    Budget Participation - none



## Primera Iglesia del Nazareno

### Pastor Arturo Acosta

No report submitted

Attendance – 30    Conversions – 0    Baptisms – 0    Budget Participation - None



## Pueblo First

### Pastor James Murray

*“Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes. For you will spread out to the right and to the left...” (Isaiah 54:2-3)*

We have all had an interesting year navigating through a global pandemic that has impacted our church families and communities, but that hasn't stopped PFC from continuing to be the kind of church that God would use to reach our community and world! We have found God's comfort and leading through His Word that continues to carry us through, passages like that of **Psalm 103:19**, **Deuteronomy 31:6**, and the challenge of **Isaiah 54:2-3**. And was through such Scriptures and the power of the Holy Spirit that we knew that this pandemic was not going to stop us from connecting, encouraging, and expanding the love of Jesus in our community and world, through prayer, serving and reaching. And we were able to *“expand the place of our tent, and stretch our tent curtains wide, not holding anything back”* by restructuring, readjusting and refocusing, so that we can live out our mission *to introduce people to a growing relationship with Jesus Christ*. Yes, our doors were closed, and yes our church family was isolated for an extended period of time, but we were able to stay connected via church online reaching more people than ever before with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

We had lead 16 people to Jesus Christ (six online). We water baptized 8 new followers of Jesus, and had three baby dedications. To God be the glory! We continue seeking to be the kind of church that God will use to reach our community and world. To God be the glory.

Attendance – 190    Conversions – 16    Baptisms – 8    **Budget Participation - Full**





## Pueblo West Living Water Fellowship

### Pastor Jim Young

The end of 2020 and the beginning of the new year of 2021 saw many changes. We have had some good times and seen some growth despite the continuing pandemic. But with the good came some heartache as well, as some chose to leave and move on. We have maintained our member numbers and even grown. But our most prized accomplishment is the spiritual growth of our core group of members, as we studied and prayed together often. We saw a rise a fellowship outside the church walls, and the deepening of friendships and caring beyond the Sunday morning. We are now seeing a steady growth of

returning members to our active fellowship. We continue to search for new ways to reach our community in love and support. We also looked for new ways to include all members in actively participating in the needs of the church. And all are excited to have a role! There is an excitement as we look forward to the moving and growing and what God has for us next!



Attendance – 40 Conversions – 4 Baptisms – 0 Budget Participation - Partial

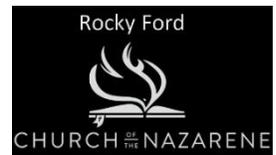


## Rocky Ford

### Pastor Paul Farrell

Rocky Ford Church of the Nazarene ministers the life of Christ to our community by focusing on the power of prayer, keeping Jesus first, sanctification through the Holy Spirit, and fulfilling the Father’s mission. God provided 15 professions of faith, 2 new disciples baptized, and 3 new members. The Celebrate Recovery support group we started last year has

resulted in new conversions to Jesus Christ, new regular church attendees, baptisms, healing though long-term sobriety, and community service in the Spirit of holiness, love, and compassion. In one situation, a woman once suffering from diagnosed depression has achieved two years sobriety, found new relationships with her children – especially her teenage daughter – and is seeing the transforming life of Christ in her abiding, communing walk with Him. Rocky Ford Church is blessed to be a part of the healing, redeeming, sanctifying work of the Cross.



Attendance – 63 Conversions – 15 Baptisms – 2 **Budget Participation - Full**



## Security Life Community

### Pastor Curtis Hight

This is my 4<sup>th</sup> report as the Pastor of Life Community Church, also known as Security Church of the Nazarene. God has truly blessed us above and beyond what we could ever have hoped or imagined over this past year. We only missed having one service at the church either on the front lawn or in the building. We have brought in new members, seen people saved and sanctified. We recently added a new covered structure at the front of our building allowing those who attend to enter without being rained or snowed upon, at least for the final 24 feet of entry. It is with great sadness that I write my respect and appreciation to our most beloved District Superintendent, David Ralph. He and Carol have been impressively supportive and encouraging to Jindy and myself over these past four years and they will be truly missed. May God's blessing continue to be with them as they accept this new adventure He has in store for the two of them.



Attendance – 57 Conversions – 7 Baptisms – 4 **Budget Participation – Full**



## Sterling

### Pastor Bill Couchenour

What a challenge this year has been, however we have come out ahead. We now like other churches stream our services. We have been fortunate to have laity who had the knowledge and gifts to take us through this time of Covid -19 and into a bright future. We had VBS differently but successfully! We had revival services in the fall with Drs. Lenny and Joy Wisehart. It was good to see the responses to these services. Our youth director and his wife continue to lead our teens to a deeper walk in the Lord. Our District Superintendent, Rev. David Ralph has been a great friend and pastor to me. I hate to see him go. He came to visit us in March of this year challenging us to Rise Up! It was an inspiring message that is still motivating us today. I am very thankful in these days knowing God is still on the Throne and nothing, nothing surprises HIM! God has prepared and worked in us and through us in this unprecedented year. The Lord bless our denominational leaders, our district, our district leaders, our new district superintendent, and the Church of the Nazarene!



Attendance – 122 Conversions – 9 Baptisms – 2 **Budget Participation – Full**



## Thornton Hope Hacienda

Pastor Mark Runner

In September of this year, amid the global pandemic, we celebrated 10 years of being a New Start Church!! The pandemic has been a very challenging time and has forced us to attempt to do some things differently. While it has been stressful, we have managed to retain at least two thirds of the family, and finances have remained consistent.

We now have an online presence that had not existed before which has reached far beyond our normal area of influence. Even during this time, we have continued to meet our District Budgets, WEF, and we were prepared for our contribution to the Navajo Christmas project (which was cancelled). In any case, our spirits remain high as we had a Men’s Group that met consistently throughout the COVID experience to become better, more responsible men. Lastly, we closed out the year with our traditional easter egg scramble for the community which permitted us to encounter some new faces in the area. I pray that God will continue to be glorified through the people at Hope Hacienda and that the Lord will find us faithful.



Attendance – 52 Conversions – 1 Baptisms – 0 **Budget Participation - Full**



## Trinidad

Pastor Lee Fulks

Greetings from your Brothers and Sisters in Christ serving faithfully in Trinidad. We have been blessed this past year to have returned to onsite services, adult Sunday School and to continue weekly streaming services. We were able to establish a small food pantry and provide meals for numerous residents, travelers

and homeless. We celebrated a third-place finish for our float in the annual Festival of Lights Christmas parade. The Lord continues to bless us as we seek his will to be a light in our community. There is an air of hope and anticipation for what the future holds as we respond to our calling to be evangelists.



Attendance – 17 Conversions – 1 Baptisms – 0 Budget Participation - Partial



## Westminster Iglesia del Nazareno

Pastor Rubén Sotelo

No report submitted.

Attendance – 35 Conversions – 1 Baptisms – 0

Budget Participation - None



## Westminster Crossing

### Pastor Brian Wiesinger

For all of us, this has been a unique and challenging year. Community, the very thing that we have been pushing for the two years prior to COVID, is what was taken away. We have adapted with a strong livestream presence and with limited capacity in our in-person services. Our online presence has opened up opportunities we never dreamed of to minister to people in our area, around the country and around the world on a regular basis. We adapted with a Crossing Cares ministry meeting needs in our community such as homelessness, involvement in a couple of our neighboring schools with tutoring, school supplies, food for hope, encouragement for teachers who were working hard in unchartered waters, even clean water to a mobile home park that experienced hardship. We also were blessed to be able to provide a helping hand to people who lost jobs, assisting with rent, food and clothing. In our community, we adapted by finding a way to provide GriefShare for those who lost loved ones, Upward Basketball providing a Christian-based basketball program for kids K-8, and children's and youth activities to provide something positive for our kids who have been hit hard by the pandemic. It is a joy to pastor this beautiful Christ-driven congregation and staff. It's not your stereotypical body of Christ, which makes me and this place a good fit.



Attendance – 740 Conversions – 90 Baptisms – 17 **Budget Participation - Full**



## Woodland Life

### Pastor Matt Delp

I am thankful for the opportunity to report to the 2021 Colorado District Assembly.

At Woodland Life Church:

- Four people were saved.
- Five people were baptized.
- Thirteen were accepted into church membership.
- Three local minister licenses were granted.

In addition, we conducted a leadership retreat at Golden Bell under the direction of Rev. Dave Ramsey. WLC also adopted a mission statement: "Loving God! Loving Others! Making Disciples!" Currently, we are in the process of building & implementing a functional church structure to lay the groundwork for future growth. We look forward to moving into God's preferred future together at Woodland Life Church.



Attendance - 158 Conversions – 4 Baptisms – 5 **Budget Participation - Full**



## Wray

### Pastor Ben Beckner

As I reflect over this past year, there are so many amazing ways this body has adapted to the changes happening around us it is hard to condense to a small paragraph! We rediscovered the importance of connectedness and community. The hard work and investment into building and maintaining it was definitely worth it. To do this, our church entered the 21st century! We “remodeled” our online presence and are providing consistent online content. We sought ways to bring hope into our community through our compassionate ministries. One example was 70 people at a local employer were let go and our congregations responded with food distribution efforts and we are currently investigating other long term strategies of assistance. We found ways to celebrate our past while looking to the future. Wray Naz celebrated 100 years in September! We had an amazing time in celebration and invited previous pastors and individuals to attend. This gave us a good reflection of point of who we set out to be as church and continue to look forward to keep that identity in mind regardless of what our landscape looks like. We have a renewed focus on our children youth ministries to impact our community and draw in families. We are now engaging parents through renewed efforts in small group family ministry and our awesome Sunday School ministry. This last year marked some significant pivots for our church family as we are navigating these days. We are moving ahead with a renewed fervor in fulfilling the mission God has for us in Wray, Colorado!



Attendance – 76 Conversions – 0 Baptisms – 0 **Budget Participation - Full**



## Yuma First

### Pastor David Martelle

General Superintendent Duarte, District Superintendent Ralph, Pastors, Delegates and new friends of the Colorado District Assembly, it is an honor to bring to you my first report from Yuma First Church of the Nazarene (Yuma Naz). I thank God for the sureness of His call to Yuma, the steadfast support of Rev. David Ralph and the fine folks of Yuma Naz. Both my wife Jamie and I have been so blessed to be welcomed, not only into the church family, but also by the community it serves so well. That being said, God is indeed doing a new thing in, to and through Yuma Naz. We clearly see the movement of God taking us well beyond our communal borders as Yuma Naz collectively aligns our efforts with God’s Mission in bringing His kingdom to bear upon “Our Jerusalem” – our local community, “Our Judea” – the Colorado District, “Our Samaria” – the USA and Canada Region and “To the ends of the earth – worldwide.



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Attendance – 54 Conversions – 3 Baptisms – 3 **Budget Participation - Full**

# **2021 Memoirs**

*The Church Triumphant*

**Aurora Tower Community Fellowship:** *Mary Bangs, Carol Bon, Mary Keller, Inez Smith*

**Brighton Chapel Hill:** *Bob Beyer, Peggy Cochran, Elaine Forry, Thurman Harrison, Al Miller, Lowell Schuyler*

**Brush:** *Alfred Benson Jr.*

**Buena Vista High Country:** *William Moore, Don Overly, Verna Overly*

**Castle Rock The Connection:** *Velma Williamson*

**Colorado Springs Abundant Hope:** *Rose Schienle*

**Colorado Springs First:** *Ramona Bester, Dick Dyer, Sandra Petrov, Otto Rooney*

**Colorado Springs Genesis:** *Martin James Jones*

**Colorado Springs Trinity:** *John Alexander, Carolyn Crotser, David Grosse, Bill Mueller, Wilma Mueller, Bill Rucker, Elizabeth, Brockman Schacher, Joyce Seal*

**Cortez:** *Christine "Chris" Applin, Frankie "Bill" Lewis Melton, Alta Nadine Rhodes*

**Delta:** *Jeane Swanson, Lee Martinson*

**Denver Columbine Hills:** *Larry Cedar*

**Denver Family:** *Jose Bonillas, James Murrow, Barbara Peyton, Maria Salgado, Graciela Soto*

**Denver First:** *Jeff Anderson, Bob Citrella, Subash Dubey, Bud Eychaner, Dan Hardy, Lane Johnson, Brett Martin, George Morse, Jerry Riley, Bill Smith*

**Denver Gracia y Vida:** *Hermila Casaneda*

**Durango Faith Community:** *Gordon Rowe*

**Grand Junction:** *Shireley Hickox, Martha May Odelberg, Ida Patrich*

**Greeley Celebration Pointe:** *Cary Dickens, Dana (Dink) Simpson*

**Greeley First:** *Frieda Hollis*

**Karval:** *Rev. Ronald Ray Clark*

**La Junta:** *Gloria Cahill, Irma Entenman, Alma Jane Lewis*

**Lakewood:** *Louise Adams, Richard Benning, Chet Bergers, Garry Dye,  
James Ellis, Shirley Hayward, Joanne Lynch, Darrell Marsh,  
Gerald McCaslin, Al Susman, Frances Yantis*

**Longmont:** *Violet Andrew, Paul Duneman, Leah McBee, Teresa Trotter*

**Loveland First:** *Beverly Finkenbinder, Stanley Hicks, Betty Mathis, Pat Phillips*

**Palisade:** *Kevin Burgess, Rosemary Gandy, Isabell Herrick, Jean Wolfe,  
Sandy Wright*

**Pueblo First:** *Betty Braxton, Ralph Hatton, Louie Johnson, Larry Lawrence,  
Lorren Postewart, Terri Reinert, Everett Schisler, Barbara Walker*

**Sterling:** *Mike Ryan*

**Thornton Hope Hacienda:** *Ray Sanders*

**Westminster the Crossing:** *Marion William "Bud" Duncan, Kenneth Guthrie,  
Shari Hamilton, Norman Heffner, David Long, Leroy Matkin*

**Yuma:** *Keith Jones*

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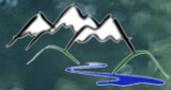
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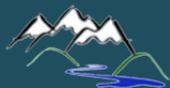


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