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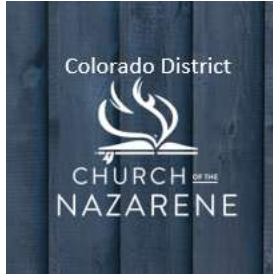
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## Welcome from DS Askren

Welcome to the District Assembly of the Colorado District Church of the Nazarene!

What a privilege to gather and celebrate the good things of God. In this new church year, we commit to “Becoming Christlike Disciples” and, in true Christ follower fashion, to bring others with us. It has been a joy to see us come together in unity focusing on “Bringing People to Jesus”. I have been blessed to hear how seriously our churches are taking this call, especially regarding children. We are a District that is investing in future generations. We want the whole state of Colorado to know Jesus and grow in their daily walk with Him. I am looking forward to all of us pursuing discipleship so that the good work that has been accomplished will grow rooted and solid in Christ. I am praying that God will move on the Church of the Nazarene in ways that would be transformative in every area of ministry, administration, and worship. This 118<sup>th</sup> Colorado District Assembly is a part of the answer to that prayer, as are you. The Lord Jesus is on the move in Colorado, and we want to join Him!

As we gather during these hours, I am praying that each of us will be invited by the Holy Spirit to recognize and embrace the reality that He has prepared tasks and life calling for each of us, inviting us into service and making a difference in others. I embrace my role with new fervor when I recognize that God has a beautiful master plan; and you are a part of that design. I believe this assembly will be an opportunity for each of us to say “yes” to accomplishing His purpose in us for others. That seems to be the basis of discipleship; growing in and accomplishing His purpose in our lives.

I am grateful to our host church, Trinity Church of the Nazarene, to Pastor John and Brenda Prichard and to the staff and people for their gracious welcome and their preparation. I also want to thank Dr. Gustavo Crocker for his leadership and care for all of us during these days. Finally, thanks to each of you for coming, for your service to the Kingdom of God, for your willingness to be used of Him and for your care for this mission outpost in the state of Colorado.

May the blessing of God rest upon this 118<sup>th</sup> District Assembly of the Colorado District, Church of the Nazarene.

**For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which  
God prepared in advance for us to do.  
Ephesians 2:10**

Dr. Virgil R. Askren  
District Superintendent

## **Presiding General Superintendent Dr. Gustavo Crocker**

Dr. Gustavo A. Crocker was elected the 41st general superintendent of the Church of the Nazarene at the 28th General Assembly in Indianapolis, Indiana, in June 2013.

Prior to his election, Crocker had served as Eurasia regional director since 2004. Previously, he was senior vice president for programs at World Relief Corporation. Gustavo joined World Relief after serving as director of field management for Compassion International. Other ministry included several years as administrative director of Nazarene Compassionate Ministries International in Kansas City, Missouri, and three years as regional coordinator of Nazarene Compassionate Ministries out of Quito, Ecuador.

A Guatemalan by birth, Dr. Crocker was ordained as an elder in the Church of the Nazarene on the Mid-Atlantic District. He is a licensed architect with a master's degree in community planning from the University of Cincinnati, where he attended as a Fulbright Scholar. As a Latin American Leadership Scholar, he earned a Ph.D. in organizational leadership at Regent University. In 2014, Olivet Nazarene University honored him with a Doctor of Divinity degree for his contribution to the development of the global church.

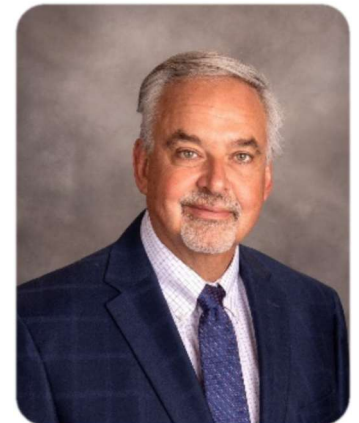
Dr. Crocker has taught in various universities of Latin America, Europe, and the United States. He has also been a guest lecturer at several seminaries, colleges, and universities in the United States, Latin America, Asia, and Europe. Proficient in several languages, Dr. Crocker has authored several books and articles in Spanish and English, and his writings have been translated into more than 20 languages.

Dr. Crocker and his wife, Rachel, have two married daughters, Raquel and Beth, and one grandson, Maxwell.



## **District Superintendent Dr. Virgil Askren**

Dr. Virgil Askren and his wife Judy joined the Colorado District in July 2021. Previously, he served as District Superintendent of the South Arkansas District 2018-2021, senior pastor of Bend Church of the Nazarene in Bend, Oregon for 14+ years. He has a Doctor of Ministry from Western Seminary. Virgil enjoys CrossFit, hiking, and spending time with his Cairn Terrier, Tavish. The Askrens have two grown daughters and two wonderful sons-in-law.



## **2026-2027 COLORADO DISTRICT CALENDAR**

### **JUNE 2026**

June 29 – July 6 Nazarene Youth Conference

### **JULY 2026**

July 13 – 17 District Kids Camp

July 23 – 26 NNU Strategic Planning Session

### **AUGUST 2026**

Aug. 13 District Finance Comm. Mtg.

Aug. 12-15 Prime Time Retreat at Golden Bell

Aug. 20 DAB meeting 10:00 am

### **SEPTEMBER 2026**

Sept. 18-20 Colo. District Women's Retreat at Golden Bell

Sept. 21-22 Golden Bell Board Mtg.

### **OCTOBER 2026**

Oct. 2-4 Ministers & Mates Retreat (Copper Mountain)

Oct. 29 DAB meeting 10:00 am

### **NOVEMBER 2026**

Nov. 26 Thanksgiving

### **DECEMBER 2026**

Dec. 12 DAB meeting

Dec. 25 Christmas Day

## **JANUARY 2027**

Jan. 28 Ordination Subcommittee of BOM  
Jan. 29-31 Ministry Candidate Weekend

## **FEBRUARY 2027**

Feb. 16 Denver Mission Area Pastor's Meeting  
Feb. 18 District Finance Comm. Mtg. 10:00 am  
Feb. 23 Colorado Springs Mission Area Pastor's Meeting  
Feb. 25 DAB meeting 10:00 am  
Feb. 28 Credential Applications are due to Dist. Office

## **MARCH 2027**

March 4 Northern/Northeast Plains Mission Area Pastor's Meeting  
March 15-17 Board of Ministry Meetings  
March 21 Palm Sunday  
March 22-27 Holy Week  
March 28 Easter

## **APRIL 2027**

April 3 District Nominating Committee  
April 6 Arkansas Valley Mission Area Pastor's Meeting  
April 8 Western Slope Mission Area Pastor's Meeting  
April 21 Golden Bell Board Meeting  
April 22 District Finance Comm. Mtg. 10:00 am  
April 29 DAB meeting 10:00 am

## **MAY 2027**

May 31 Memorial Day

## **JUNE 2027**

June 17-18 Colorado District Assembly  
June 25 - July 2 General Assembly and Conventions

# Colorado District Year in Review

## May 1, 2025 to April 30, 2026

### **THE NUMBERS**

*(preliminary as of this printing date)*

Organized Churches .....	55
New Starts (PAC's CTM's) .....	3
New Nazarenes (POF) .....	360
Baptisms .....	483
Conversions .....	1,101
Church Membership .....	7,372
Average Weekly Worship Attendance .....	9,417
Money Raised .....	\$12,582,494
Given for World Evangelism .....	\$642,957 (5.11% of gross income)
Given for District Operations .....	\$364,751 (2.89% of gross income)
Given for Pension Fund .....	\$219,473 (1.74% of gross income)
Given for NNU .....	\$229,689 (1.83% of gross income)

### **THE EVENTS**

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

Aurora Calvary

Denver Lost and Found

Pueblo West Living Water Fellowship

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

Food for Hope, Jesus of Nazareth, Movement 5280

#### **1 Camp**

Golden Bell Camp and Conference Center

# **District Assembly and Conventions Schedule**

**June 24-27, 2026**

Colorado Springs Trinity Church

## **Wednesday, June 24**

7:00pm – **NMI Worship Service** with Dr. Jim Ritchie, Global Missions Director

## **Thursday, June 25**

8:00 – **NMI Convention**

11:00 – **Registration** begins

1:30 – **Kids Day Camp** begins.

2:00 – **Business Session:** Devotional by **GS, Dr. Crocker**. Voting and reports.

5:00 – **Dinner:** Delegates on your own. Kid's Day Camp closes. Pick up kids.

6:30 – **Kids Day Camp** opens.

7:00 – **Opening Service:** **DS, Dr. Askren** preaching.

8:30 – **End of Kids Day Camp.** Pick up kids.

**NNU Reception**

## **Friday, June 26**

8:00 – **Registration** begins (if needed).

8:30 – **Kids Day Camp** begins.

9:00 – **Devotional:** **GS, Dr. Crocker**

**Continued Business: Report of the District Superintendent**

10:30 – **Workshops**

12:00 – **Lunch:** delegates on your own. Kids Day Camp closes. Pick up kids!

2:00 – **Kids Day Camp** opens.

2:30 – **Workshops**

4:00 – DAB Meeting with newly elected members

5:00 – **Dinner:** delegates on your own. End of Kids Day Camp. Pick up kids.

7:00 – **Ordination Service.** **GS, Dr. Gustavo Crocker** presiding.

Minister's Choir.

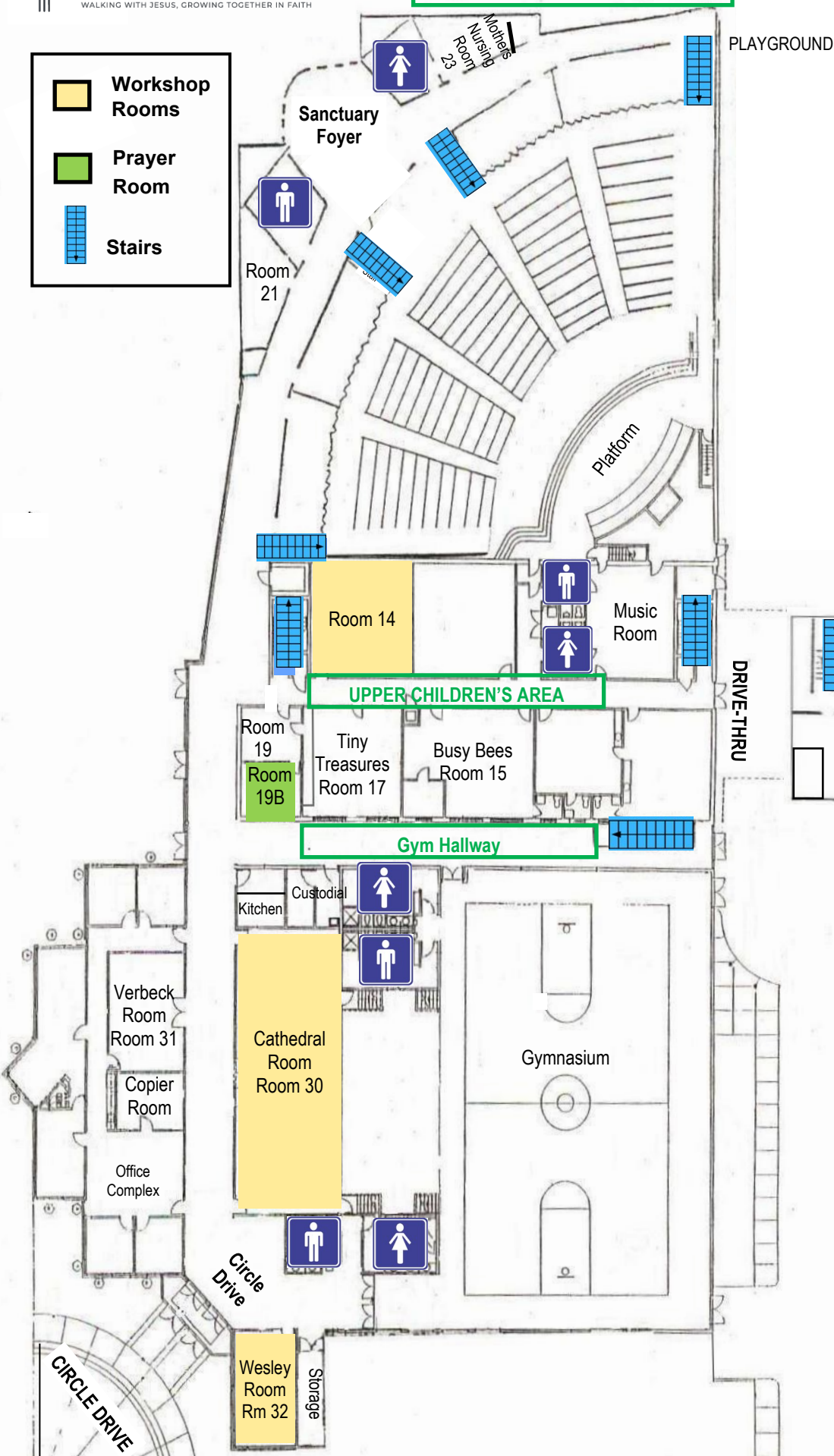
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## **Saturday, June 27**

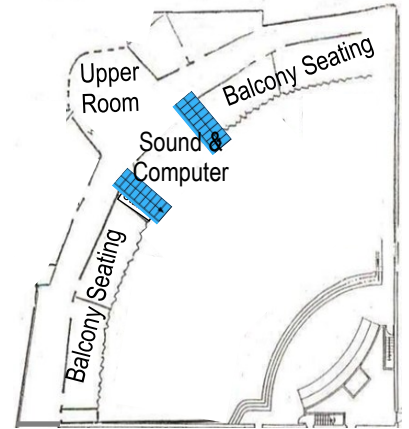
8:30 – **District NYI Convention**

**MAIN LEVEL SANCTUARY**

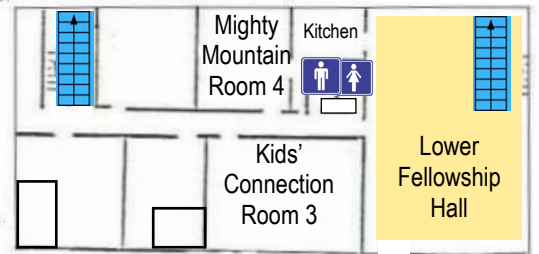
**Workshop Rooms**  
**Prayer Room**  
**Stairs**



**UPPER LEVEL SANCTUARY**



**LOWER CHILDREN'S AREA**



CIRCLE DRIVE

Reports from District  
Boards, Committees,  
and Auxiliaries

## 2026 BOARD OF MINISTRY REPORT

### A. Received and Receipted on Transfer

1. **Elders:** Michael Arseneau, Oregon Pacific; John Capen, Rocky Mountain; Derek Whitten, South Texas
2. **Deacons:** Mickey Cox, Florida
3. **Licensed Ministers:** Rachel Best, Kansas City; Keziah Richardson, Oregon Pacific

### B. Granted Transfer and Receipted

1. **Elders:** Eric Arpelar, Northeast Oklahoma; Michael Askew, Missouri; Benjamin Cook, Kansas; Curtis Hight, Eastern Kentucky; Michael Higley, Sacramento; Katelyn Idleman, Florida; Cherie Reiter, Washington Pacific; Chris Reiter, Washington Pacific; Lisa Roberson, New Mexico; Mark Romero, West Virginia North; William Seal, Washington Pacific; Mila Tumua, Central California; Richard Williams, West Virginia North
2. **Deacons:** None
3. **Licensed Ministers:** Medina Arpelar, Northeast Oklahoma; Ian Stubbs, Sacramento

### C. Elected to Elder's Orders: Pamela Dudley

### D. Elected to Deacon's Orders: None

### E. Granted Recognition of Elder's Orders: None

### F. Granted Recognition of Deacon's Orders: None

### G. Granted Reinstatement/Return of Ministerial Credential: Michael Askew

### H. Removed from the Roster of Ministers

#### 1. Deceased:

- i. **Elders:** James Diehl, Roy Gueswel, Richard Lewis, Clifford Perkins
- ii. **Deacons:** None
- iii. **Licensed Ministers:** None

#### 2. Filed:

- i. **Elders:** None
  1. **Not reporting for two years:** Nathan Sutliff
- ii. **Deacons:** None
- iii. **Licensed Ministers:** None

#### 3. Resigned Due to Joining Another Denomination:

- i. **Elders:** None
- ii. **Deacons:** None
- iii. **Licensed Ministers:** None

**I. Granted Retired Relationship**

1. **Elders:** Ricky Dale Davis, Leland Fulks, Denice Gass (6/26/2025), Jerry Gass (6/26/2025), Carla Lewis, Alan Lyke, Karen Phillips, Kent Pitcher, Ken Rose, Mark Runner, Brian Smith
2. **Deacons:** None
3. **Licensed Ministers:** None

**J. Granted Minister's License**

1. **New:** Emilee Cronsell, Andrea Davenport, Raul Del Rio, Conlan Farrell, Gildardo Prieto
2. **Renewed:** Carissa Arpelar, Ben Beckner, Eladio Chavez, Chris Crook, Pamela Dudley, Alex Edwards, Bradley Erhard, Isaac Falealili, JanElle Hoffman, Pamela Jantz, Brian Kennedy, Richard Curtis Lapp Jr., Jamie Martelle, Jerry Nelson, David Odell, Daniel Seifert, Kender Smith, Marsha Smith, Colton Townley, Sarah Troxell, Daniel Voss, Matthew Waggoner, James Young

**K. Minister's License Not Renewed:** Rachel Best

**L. Granted Special Service Status:** Jadalla Ghrrayeb, Tina Hayhurst, Cindy Johnson, Janine King, Alan Scott, John Watkin

**M. Granted Registered Song Evangelist Status:** Jerry Nelson

**N. Local Licensed Ministers Reappointed to Serve as Senior Pastors:** Gildardo Prieto

**O. Transfer of Jurisdiction:** None

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

## **2026 Finance Committee Report and Recommendations to the Assembly**

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, Multi-cultural, NDI, NMI and NYI), World Evangelism Fund, Nazarene 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 Nazarene Benefits Fund be set at 2% of the Adjusted Income of the Annual Pastor's Report.
4. That the Educational Fund for Northwest Nazarene University be set at 2.5 % 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 will have paid the first monthly payment of the District Ministries Fund by the time of the District Assembly.
8. That each church makes 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 Nazarene 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 District Advisory Board 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, Assistant District Superintendent, and Executive Director of Golden Bell.
2. That the local church considers offering disability insurance for their pastor in addition to that provided through payment of the Nazarene Benefits 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 staff 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, Assistant District Superintendent, 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 Assistant District Superintendent 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 Assistant District Superintendent 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 considers paying a portion of medical reimbursements for the District Superintendent and Assistant District Superintendent 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 \$.35 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 five or more years of salaried ministry be granted paid vacation as follows.
 

5-10 years	3 weeks
10-15 years	4 weeks

15-20 years 5 weeks

20+ years 6 weeks

Churches should establish the accrual limit in accordance with all state and local regulations to provide clarity of that limit to the pastor and church. 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 sabbatical 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 pays 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 (Food for Hope, Jesus of Nazareth, Movement 5280, Nazarene Disaster Relief, etc.), New Start / Church Development Ministries, and the Golden Bell Camp and Conference Center.

Respectfully submitted,  
District Finance Committee

## Colorado District Church of the Nazarene

### Balance Sheet

As of April 30, 2026 (Unaudited)

	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
Bank Accounts	
U S Bank Checking	\$ 146,590
U S Bank Money Market	\$ 100,265
WIF Savings	\$ 4,804,030
Total Bank Accounts	\$ 5,050,884
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable (All)	\$ 27,983
Total Accounts Receivable	\$ 27,983
Other Current Assets	
Long Term Investments	\$ 7,730,282
Loans Receivable	\$ 235,041
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 5,006
Undeposited Funds	\$ 9,265
Total Other Current Assets	\$ 7,979,594
Total Current Assets	\$ 13,058,461
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	
Net Assets-Property	\$ (455,733)
Properties held by District	\$ 2,554,449
Total Fixed Assets	\$ 2,098,716
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 15,157,177</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable	\$ -
Total Accounts Payable	\$ -
Other Current Liabilities	
In & Out	\$ 20,642
In & Out - Women's Ministry	\$ 6,509
Payroll Liabilities	\$ 49,303
Funds from Churches (In/Out)	\$ 21,857
Security Deposits	\$ -
Custodial Accounts	\$ 69,544
Liability Attached to Property	\$ -
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$ 167,854
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 167,854
Total Liabilities	\$ 167,854
<b>Equity</b>	
Opening Bal Equity	\$ 5,969,836
Retained Earnings	\$ 7,132,365
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	\$ 150,059
Net Income	\$ 1,737,063
Total Equity	\$ 14,989,322
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 15,157,177</b>

**Colorado District Church of the Nazarene**  
**Profit and Loss**

May 2025 - April 2026 (Unaudited)

		Total
<b>Income</b>		
Miscellaneous Income	\$	146,995
Income from Churches	\$	362,598
Investment Income	\$	522,063
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,031,656</b>
Gross Profit	\$	1,031,656
<b>Expenses</b>		
Staffing, Taxes and Benefits	\$	396,970
Travel & Professional Expense	\$	65,805
District Operation Expense	\$	93,980
District Activities	\$	64,409
District Auxillaries	\$	70,706
Church Development	\$	450,187
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,142,057</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(110,400)</b>
Other Income		
Gain/Loss on Sale/Transfer of Property	\$	920,392
Change in Market Value	\$	998,385
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,918,777</b>
Other Expenses		
Depreciation Expense	\$	48,637
Investment Fees	\$	22,677
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>71,314</b>
<b>Net Other Income/Expense</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,847,463</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,737,063</b>

## Proposed District Budget 2026-2027

LINE	2025-2026 Approved	3-yr average prior to current	2026-2027 Proposed
<b>REVENUE</b>			
1	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,400	\$ 2,000
			\$ -
2	\$ 12,000	\$ 53,000	\$ 30,000
3	\$ 350,000	\$ 358,500	\$ 350,000
4	\$ 520,000	\$ 527,500	\$ 472,000
5	<b>\$ 884,000</b>	<b>\$ 942,400</b>	<b>\$ 854,000</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
6	\$ 402,500	\$ 350,000	\$ 413,180
7	\$ 60,000	\$ 50,700	\$ 60,000
8	\$ 131,000	\$ 89,800	\$ 135,000
<b>District Committee and Assembly Operations:</b>			
9	\$ 12,000	\$ 8,300	\$ 12,000
10	\$ 50,000	\$ 41,100	\$ 50,000
11	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,000
12	\$ 15,000	\$ 9,100	\$ 16,000
13	\$ 10,000	\$ 7,500	\$ 10,000
14	<b>\$ 89,500</b>	<b>\$ 67,000</b>	<b>\$ 90,000</b>
<b>District Auxiliaries:</b>			
15	\$ 17,500	\$ 18,100	\$ 17,500
16	\$ 16,625	\$ 17,200	\$ 16,625
17	\$ 10,500	\$ 10,600	\$ 10,500
18	\$ -	\$ 24,600	\$ -
19	<b>\$ 44,625</b>	<b>\$ 70,500</b>	<b>\$ 44,625</b>
20	\$ 156,375	\$ 94,900	\$ 920,000
<b>OPERATING NET GAIN / LOSS</b>			
	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 219,500</b>	<b>\$ (808,805)</b>

The District Advisory Board strives to cover operational expenses through investments and other revenue streams while investing missional giving toward missional efforts.

# 2026 Nominating Committee Report

April 11, 2026

\* Indicates an incumbent for all positions. Church membership listed in parentheses.

**Attending:** Virgil Askren (District Superintendent), Kevin Compton (District Secretary), Bette Asuega, Craig Krager, Jim Murray, Wayla Murrow, Sandy Ricicki, Renee Schmidt, Cenida Suyen

The committee met in person and made the nominations listed below. They also authorized District Superintendent, Dr. Virgil Askren, to fill ballot openings as needed should an insufficient number of nominees be willing to run. The meeting was held in executive session.

## **Board of Ministry (Term: 2026-2030)**

Standing members: DS Virgil Askren (chairman), ADS Kevin Compton (district secretary)

### **Current members serving through 2027:**

Don Blanchard, Jim Lynch, Sherry Mitchem, Jim Murray, Karen Phillips, Chris Yocom

### **Current members serving through 2028:**

Zeida Lynch, John Prichard

### **Current members serving through 2029:**

None

## **Elect 8**

Ritchie Asuega (CS Kingdom Rock)  
\*Ed Belzer (Aurora Tower Community)  
Mark Callister (La Junta)  
Lynette Cherry (Pueblo First)  
Kent Davenport (Fort Morgan)  
\*Joel Garcia (Woodland Park)  
Lonnie Green (Longmont)  
Ian Hyde (Montrose)

Carlton McKay (Las Animas)  
Keith Morgan (CS True Life)  
\*Shari Palmer (Golden)  
Dan Powers (CS Eastborough)  
Chris Rose (Sterling)  
Wayne Spencer (Grand Junction)  
Cenida Suyen (CS Trinity)  
\*Joe Warrington (CS Grace)

## **Board of Trustees of Northwest Nazarene University (Term 2026-2030)**

Current Trustees:

### **Ministerial Members**

None  
None  
Kevin Compton

### **Term Expires**

2029  
2028  
2027

### **Lay Members**

None  
At Large member  
Bob Walker

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

\*Jeff Alexander (Westminster Crossing)  
Nate Blanchard (Brighton Chapel Hill)  
John Prichard (CS Trinity)  
Tim Wilhite (Aurora Tower Community)

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

Rob Garrison (Denver One Hope)  
\* Frank Henderson (Durango)  
Tim McIntire (Longmont)

## District Advisory Board (Term 2026-2030)

Current board members: DS Virgil Askren, standing chairman

<u>Ministerial Members</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>	<u>Lay Members</u>
Ed Belzer	2029	Tom Hassell
John Prichard	2028	Terry Nelson
Jim Murray	2027	Wayla Murrow

### Ministerial Nominees (Elect one)

Bette Asuega (CS Kingdom Rock)  
Mark Callister (La Junta)  
Wayne Spencer (Grand Junction)  
Chris Yocom (Monte Vista Valley)

### Lay Nominees (Elect one)

Darlene Dunaway (CS Trinity)  
Brenda Everett (Longmont)  
Matthew Nimeth (Denver One Hope)  
Miriam “MJ” Thompson (CS First)

## Golden Bell Board (Term 2026-2029)

Dr. Kevin Compton, Assistant District Superintendent – Standing Chairman

Ex Officio members: DS, Virgil Askren; Golden Bell Executive Director, Rev. Joel Garcia

Current board members:

<u>Ministerial Members</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>	<u>Lay Members</u>
	2028	Stacey Fajardo
Mark Callister	2027	Dean Walker

### Ministerial Nominees (Elect two)

Craig Krager (Loveland)  
Jeremy Stover (Grand Junction)  
\*Dan Voss (CS First)  
Matthew Waggoner (Falcon Cornerstone)

### Lay Nominees (Elect one)

Robbin Bryant (Pueblo First)  
Ken Davis (Castle Rock)  
Ryan Martin (CS Trinity)  
Aaron Stoltzfus (CS Eastborough)

For ministerial, the highest vote recipient will serve a three-year term; second highest recipient will serve a two-year term to fill an existing vacancy.

## District Court of Appeals (Term: 2024-2028)

Designated members: DS Virgil Askren, ADS Kevin Compton

Elected members: Jim Lynch, Frank Henderson, Terry Nelson

### Elect one clergy to fill current vacancy

Jim Murray (Pueblo First)	Wayne Spencer (Grand Junction)
John Prichard (CS Trinity)	Chris Yocom (Monte Vista Valley)

Shall the following serve as the district resolutions committee for the 31<sup>st</sup> General Assembly:  
The District Superintendent, District Secretary, and elected delegates to the General Assembly.

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

# Nominating Ballot for the 31st General Assembly Delegates

## Ministerial Nominees (Elect 6)

Bette Asuega (CS Kingdom Rock)  
Ed Belzer (Aurora Tower)  
Lynette Cherry (Pueblo First)  
Kevin Compton (District Office)  
Kent Davenport (Fort Morgan)  
Craig Krager (Loveland)  
Jim Lynch (CS Eastborough)  
Jim Murray (Pueblo First)  
Daniel Pape (Emmaus Road)  
John Prichard (CS Trinity)  
Taw Taw Soe (Greeley First)  
Cenida Suyen (CS Trinity)  
Chris Yocom (Monte Vista Valley)

## Lav Nominees (Elect 9)

Darleene Dunaway (CS Trinity)  
Stacey Fajardo (Fort Morgan)  
Karen Garrison (Denver One Hope)  
Dee Gookin (Pueblo First)  
Tom Hassell (Westminster Crossing)  
Frank Henderson (Durango)  
Jan McIntire (Longmont)  
Marilyn McKay (Las Animas)  
Wayla Murrow (Westminster Crossing)  
Terry Nelson (CS Trinity)  
Roxann Peach (Westminster Crossing)  
Mieke Powers (CS Eastborough)  
Sarah Reynolds (CS Trinity)  
Sandy Ricicki (Thornton Hope Hacienda)  
Tom Ricicki (Thornton Hope Hacienda)  
Ken Roth (Thornton Hope Hacienda)  
Renee Schmidt (Longmont)  
Calvin Thomas (CS Kingdom Rock)  
Nikki Walker (Loveland)  
Pete Yost (CS Trinity)

If all delegate seats cannot be filled by the elected delegates and their alternates, shall the District Advisory Board be authorized to appoint additional alternates, based on nominations by the District Superintendent, to fill the remaining seats, provided they meet all eligibility requirements.

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Note: The top six vote recipients in each category not elected shall serve as alternates.

The nominating committee recommends that all votes of the assembly be determined by plurality.

Recorded and submitted by  
**Kevin Compton, District Secretary**

# 2026 Ballot

\*Indicates an incumbent for all positions. Church membership listed in parentheses.

## Board of Ministry (Term: 2026-2030) Elect 8

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ritchie Asuega (CS Kingdom Rock) | <input type="checkbox"/> Carlton McKay (Las Animas)     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> *Ed Belzer (Aurora TCF)          | <input type="checkbox"/> Keith Morgan (CS True Life)    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mark Callister (La Junta)        | <input type="checkbox"/> *Shari Palmer (Golden)         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lynette Cherry (Pueblo First)    | <input type="checkbox"/> Chris Rose (Sterling)          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kent Davenport (Fort Morgan)     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wayne Spencer (Grand Junction) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> *Joel Garcia (Woodland Park)     | <input type="checkbox"/> Cenida Suyen (CS Trinity)      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lonnie Green (Longmont)          | <input type="checkbox"/> *Joe Warrington (CS Grace)     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ian Hyde (Montrose)              |   |

## Board of Trustees of Northwest Nazarene University (Term 2026-2030)

### Ministerial Nominees (Elect one)

- \*Jeff Alexander (Westminster Crossing)
- John Prichard (CS Trinity)
- Tim Wilhite (Aurora Tower Community)

### Lay Nominees (Elect one)

- Judy Askren (Woodland Park)
- Tim McIntire (Longmont)

## District Advisory Board (Term 2026-2030)

### Ministerial Nominees (Elect one)

- Bette Asuega (CS Kingdom Rock)
- Mark Callister (La Junta)
- Wayne Spencer (Grand Junction)

### Lay Nominees (Elect one)

- Brenda Everett (Longmont)
- Chris Maker (Sterling)
- Matthew Nimeth (Denver One Hope)

## Golden Bell Board (Term 2026-2029)

### Ministerial Nominees (Elect two)

- Craig Krager (Loveland Stillwater)
- Jeremy Stover (Grand Junction)
- \*Dan Voss (CS First)
- Matthew Waggoner (Falcon Cornerstone)

### Lay Nominees (Elect one)

- Robbin Bryant (Pueblo First)
- Curt Christensen (Fort Morgan)

For ministerial, the highest vote recipient will serve a three-year term; second highest recipient will serve a two-year term to fill an existing vacancy.

## District Court of Appeals (Term: 2024-2028)

### Elect one clergy to fill current vacancy:

- Jim Murray (Pueblo First)
- Wayne Spencer (Grand Junction)
- Chris Yocom (Monte Vista Valley)

# Nominating Ballot for the 31st General Assembly Delegates

## Ministerial Nominees (Elect 6)

- Bette Asuega (CS Kingdom Rock)
- Ed Belzer (Aurora Tower)
- Lynette Cherry (Pueblo First)
- Kevin Compton (District Office)
- Kent Davenport (Fort Morgan)
- Craig Krager (Loveland Stillwater)
- Jim Lynch (CS Eastborough)
- Jim Murray (Pueblo First)
- Daniel Pape (Emmaus Road)
- John Prichard (CS Trinity)
- Taw Taw Soe (Greeley First)
- Cenida Suyen (CS Trinity)
- Chris Yocom (Monte Vista Valley)

## Lay Nominees (Elect 9)

- Stacey Fajardo (Fort Morgan)
- Karen Garrison (Denver One Hope)
- Dee Gookin (Pueblo First)
- Tom Hassell (Westminster Crossing)
- Jan McIntire (Longmont)
- Marilyn McKay (Las Animas)
- Wayla Murrow (Westminster Crossing)
- Terry Nelson (CS Trinity)
- Sandy Ricicki (Thornton Harmony of Hope)
- Tom Ricicki (Thornton Harmony of Hope)
- Ken Roth (Thornton Harmony of Hope)
- Renee Schmidt (Longmont)
- Calvin Thomas (CS Kingdom Rock)
- Nikki Walker (Loveland Stillwater)

If all delegate seats cannot be filled by the elected delegates and their alternates, shall the District Advisory Board be authorized to appoint additional alternates, based on nominations by the District Superintendent, to fill the remaining seats, provided they meet all eligibility requirements.

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Shall the following serve as the district resolutions committee for the 31<sup>st</sup> General Assembly:  
The District Superintendent, District Secretary, and elected delegates to the General Assembly.

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Note: The top six vote recipients in each category not elected shall serve as alternates.

## 2026 Nominee Bios

**Jeff Alexander** has served as a member of the District New Start Committee and District Advisory Board. He is currently a member of the Northwest Nazarene University board of trustees where he serves on the executive committee of that board. He is currently serving as the Director of Strategy for the USA/Canada region of the Church of the Nazarene.

**Judy Askren** is an NNU graduate and is part of a multi-generational NNU family. She has lived in 3 different Nazarene districts which offers a unique perspective of the University. She would consider it a privilege to serve as a Trustee.

**Bette Asuega** and her husband Ritchie moved to Colorado with their children (Trinity, Ritchie, Ethan and Sanalynn) from Long Beach, California to answer the call to ministry by attending Nazarene Bible College. Following graduation from NBC, they felt called to plant two new churches - Kingdom Rock Church, Colorado Springs & Kingdom Rock Church, Aurora. Born and raised up in the Church of the Nazarene, Bette has served in a variety of ministries throughout her life. As an ordained elder in the church, she has co-pastored and faithfully served alongside her husband for over 12 years. She continues to use her gifts to encourage the body of Christ and to empower women to grow spiritually in the Lord.

**Ritchie Asuega** is the senior pastor at Kingdom Rock Church of the Nazarene in Colorado Springs. He is married and has four children. Church service includes: board member, worship pastor, church planter, small group leader, and pastoral counselor. He has a passion to train, equip, and mentor those called by God to become effective leaders in the local church and ministry.

**Ed Belzer** is the pastor of Aurora Tower Community Fellowship. He has served in multiple roles including youth pastor, district NYI president, and lead pastor. He is married to Lori.

**Robbin Bryant** is a wife, mom of 3, and grandma to 8 precious grandkids. She has attended the Nazarene church since 1980 and was a committee member on the Colorado Prime Time committee for 12 years and loves going to Golden Bell. She attended Greeley First Church of the Nazarene for 25 years, then moved to Pueblo in July to be closer to family. Her husband and she now attend Pueblo First Church.

**Mark Callister** serves as the Senior Pastor of our La Junta church. He has served as Senior Pastor for over 30 years in Wisconsin, Missouri, and Colorado. Mark was also Facility Director at Golden Bell for three years.

**Lynette Cherry** is blessed to serve as the associate pastor at Pueblo First Church of the Nazarene. She has worked in various facets of ministry since 2004, including worship, youth, preaching, administration, and more. Lynette was ordained in 2015 and is so thankful for the ways God has led over the years. She recently joined the Colorado District team as an administrative assistant and is excited to serve the district in this new capacity.

**Curt Christensen** is a 4<sup>th</sup> generation, retired farmer from N. E. Colorado. He has been a member of the Morgan Church of the Nazarene for over 15 years and has served in multiple positions, including the church board. He is married and has five children and 13 grandchildren.

**Kevin Compton** has served as the Assistant District Superintendent and District Secretary for the Colorado District since 2013. He holds a BA from Nazarene Bible College, an MA from MidAmerica Nazarene University, and a PhD from Regent University. He also serves on multiple USA/Canada Regional boards and committees.

**Kent Davenport** is the pastor of Morgan Church of the Nazarene and has been ministering there with his family since 2019. Prior to serving in Fort Morgan, he was the Associate Pastor at Greeley First. Over the years, God has given him opportunities for multicultural ministry and continues to equip him for the work.

**Stacey Fajardo** attends Morgan Church of the Nazarene, where she and her family have attended for the last 20 years. She has had the privilege of serving in various roles at the district level and had the honor of attending the last General Assembly as a lay delegate. Stacey has thoroughly enjoyed being part the Golden Bell board the last three years.

**Joel Garcia** is currently serving as Executive Director for Golden Bell. He and his wife, Olivia, have five children. Joel has served on the church board in: NYI, facility, finance committee, and chairman of the board. Previously, Joel served on the pastoral staff at Eastborough CON in Colorado Springs, as the Facilities Director and Chaplain at Golden Bell, and lead Pastor in Fort Morgan for four years. He has a heart for fellow pastors and helping others as they answer the call to minister.

**Karen Garrison** previously served as Executive Administrator and Church Treasurer for twelve years at Portland First Church of the Nazarene. She also served on the Oregon Pacific District Advisory Board and as Chairman of the District Properties Committee. She is currently serving as the Colorado District Treasurer.

**Dee Gookin** currently serves as the NMI President for Pueblo First Church of the Nazarene, as well as the Deputation Secretary and Care and Compassion Coordinator for the Colorado District NMI. Dee is deeply committed to serving and supporting our missionaries and helping them connect with churches across our state. Dee loves her work as a Respiratory Therapist, helping people with their overall health. She also finds great joy in sharing time with her husband, children, and two granddaughters. Balancing all these roles allows her to live out her passion for service both professionally and personally.

**Lonnie Green** and his wife, Christie, moved back to the Colorado District in August 2024, to serve as the lead pastor of the Longmont Church of the Nazarene, after having served for 36 years as the lead pastor of the Bryan Church of the Nazarene in Bryan, Texas. Lonnie was ordained on the Colorado District in 1983 and was then the pastor of the Glenwood Springs Church of the Nazarene where he served for 7 years. Lonnie received BA and MA degrees at Bethany Nazarene College (now SNU) and a MDiv at Nazarene Theological Seminary.

**Tom Hassell** and his wife Stacey have been attending Westminster Crossing for over 20 years. They have served as small group leaders, taught Sunday school for the children's program, and have been involved with youth for 15+ years, the last 3 of which serving as co-directors for the youth program. Tom has served on the church board since 2012, most of which as the NYI president. He has 4 grown children and 5 grandchildren.

**Ian Hyde** and wife Marcia (children Samson, Adelynn, Conan, Rosalynn, and Gwendolyn) originally hail from Marshalltown, IA. After deploying to Afghanistan with the Army as an Unmanned Aerial Systems operator, he experienced God's call to pastoral ministry in 2013 and has since served pastoral and chaplaincy roles in Colorado Springs, La Junta, Cortez, and Montrose where he is currently the Senior Pastor. Ian holds an MDiv from Fuller Seminary, a BA in Policial Science, and an AAS in Flight Operations. He loves wrestling with the tough questions of life, faith, and spirituality over coffee, and getting hopelessly lost in the mountains."

**Craig Krager** and wife Mindy (daughters Makayla, Jaedyn, and Norah) have served on the Colorado District for the last 20 years. Craig served at Hope Springs Community Church for 12 years as the Youth Director, and multiple other roles. Craig has served on the Colorado NYI District Council for the last 15 years. He has been the Main Event Director for the past 10 years. Craig served as the NYI vice president for 6 years, and for the last 2 years as the Colorado NYI District President. Craig is currently about to complete his 8th year on staff as the Youth Pastor at (Loveland) Stillwater Church.

**Jim Lynch** is married to Zeida, and they have two daughters, Hannah and Sarah. He serves as the lead 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.

**Chris Maker** has spent most of his life being part of the Sterling Church of the Nazarene, where he came to know Jesus as Lord and Savior and where he continues to serve Him today. He has taught high school and middle school Sunday school, served as NYI President, been a part of children's quizzing at the local through district level, and is currently serving on the church board. He is married to Rachelle, who is a Family Nurse Practitioner, and they have two wonderful daughters.

**Jan McIntire** grew up on the campuses of Northwest Nazarene University, Mid-America Nazarene University and Nazarene Seminary where her parents were both professors; she and her husband Tim both graduated from NNC. Over the years, she has served as a Sunday School teacher, Bible study leader, and church board member; she has also served as a member of the Alumni Board and the Board of Trustees at NNU. Most of her career has been spent in education where she has been an administrator and classroom teacher; currently, she is the Asst. Controllor at The Academy, a retirement center in Boulder. She and Tim are members of Longmont Nazarene church and are the parents of three adult children and -- soon-to-be -- four grandchildren.

**Tim McIntire** is a 1980 graduate of Northwest Nazarene University, where he competed in Track & Field, served as team captain, and earned a B.S. in Psychology. Born in Colorado and raised in a Nazarene pastor's home, Tim and his wife Jan have raised three children. He later

served as an assistant track coach at NNU and has remained engaged through alumni leadership and consulting, including helping reinstate the track program and leading a Track & Field alumni focus group that brought together 140+ alumni. He has coached Track & Field at the high school and collegiate levels, developing All-Americans and 30+ collegiate scholarship athletes. Tim has served on the Boulder County Track & Field Championships Board of Directors and the Colorado High School Track & Field Committee, and has led Max Trax, Inc. in business development and strategic initiatives for over 30 years. A member and board member of the Longmont Church of the Nazarene, he remains active in church ministry and is committed to advancing the mission of Christian higher education.

**Carlton McKay** and his wife, Marilyn, have been a part of the Colorado District for over thirty years. While attending Trinity Church in Colorado Springs, Carlton taught an adult Sunday School class for 15 years and served on the church board for several terms. In 2015, he began studying for ordination through Nazarene Bible College and was ordained in 2022. In 2019, Carlton accepted a call to the Las Animas Nazarene Church, where he and Marilyn moved in 2021. Carlton just completed his seventh year as the senior pastor of this church, which continues to grow.

**Marilyn McKay** has been an active member in the Colorado District for almost forty years. As a member of Trinity Church in Colorado Springs, she was involved in the choir, Sunday School, and women's ministries. She now serves as a pastor's wife in the Las Animas Nazarene Church.

**Keith Morgan** and wife Mona have served on the Colorado District for 32 years. Keith served at Eastborough Church of the Nazarene for 10 years as a youth pastor and evangelism pastor. He planted True Life Community Church of the Nazarene in 2004 and this past Easter marked 22 years he has served as the Lead pastor. He has a passion for church planting, evangelism, missions, and community transformation. He and Mona have four grown children, three married and one at home, along with 2 grandchildren.

**Jim Murray** and his family 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 for 4 years before returning to accept the Senior Pastor position at Pueblo First, where he has served for nearly 16 years. Jim currently serves on the Colorado District Advisory Board (DAB), the Board of Ministry (BOM), and the finance committee.

**Wayla Murrow** is a graduate of Southern Nazarene University and works as a trainer and supervisor for the State of Colorado in the Early Intervention Colorado Program. She is a former NMI district president and currently serves at the Westminster Crossing Church on the mission council, church board, and in worship ministries. Wayla is married to Sid and has two adult children.

**Terry Nelson** began his walk with Christ 60 years ago and He has always been faithful. Terry served on the boards of Kailua Church of the Nazarene (Oahu, Hawaii) for 11 years and Trinity Church of the Nazarene (Colorado Springs) for 27 years with chairmanships on the Finance and Property Committees. He also served on the Colorado District Finance Committee and on the

Golden Bell Board. A highlight of his secular career was as a VP of Sales for a national software company. He and his wife have three grown children and two grandchildren.

**Shari Palmer** serves as the Senior Pastor of the church in Golden and is married to David. She currently serves on the Board of Ministry.

**Daniel Pape** and his wife Melissa (children Isaiah, Ian, and Eleanor) have served at Emmaus Road Church of the Nazarene in Fort Collins since 2017, first as staff and now as Lead Pastor since 2022. Before returning to Colorado, where Daniel grew up, the Pape family served for five years as Nazarene missionaries in the Philippines. Daniel is a graduate of Northwest Nazarene University and is currently pursuing a certificate in Spiritual Direction through the Center for Spiritual Formation at Nazarene Theological Seminary.

**John Prichard** and wife Brenda (sons Joshua and Benjamin) came to Colorado after serving 12 years as the Lead Pastor of the Butler Church on the Joplin district. John has served Churches of the Nazarene in West Virginia, Missouri, California, and Oklahoma and has just finished his seventh year of service as the Lead Pastor of the Trinity Church of the Nazarene in the Springs. He also recently completed his Doctorate at Nazarene Theological Seminary.

**Sandy Ricicki** attends Harmony of Hope Church of the Nazarene in Thornton, Colorado. She is currently the District NMI President for the Colorado District. She has been the NMI President for the past two (2) years. This happened because of her passion for, and serving as the coordinator for, the Nazarene Navajo Nation Ministry project (NNNM) which the district conducts each December. She has been in the Nazarene church most of her life. She and her husband, Tom, have two children and five grandchildren. One of her grandsons is currently leaving to boot camp after enlisting in the United States Marine Corp.

**Tom Ricicki** currently attends Harmony of Hope Church of the Nazarene in Thornton, Colorado. His wife, Sandy Ricicki, is the current District NMI President for Colorado. Currently, he serves on the church board and is a greeter. Tom also teaches the Everybody's Bible Study on Sunday morning. In addition to that, he teaches a new believer's Bible Study in his home on Tuesday evenings. He currently has 3 individuals attending that study. On Thursday evenings, Tim teaches the Spoken Word bible study. His passion is bringing the word to believers in all walks of their journey to grow their faith and knowledge by reading and studying the Word. Sandy and Tom have two children and five grandchildren. One of their grandsons is currently leaving to boot camp after enlisting in the United States Marine Corp.

**Chris Rose** and his wife, Kim (children, Jordan, Autumn, and James, and granddaughter, Avery) have been serving in the Colorado district for the last 11 years. In 2015, Chris began serving as Youth Pastor at Wray Church of the Nazarene in Wray, CO. On September 11, 2022, the Rose family began a new adventure by serving as Interim at Sterling Church of the Nazarene. Then in July 2023 the board and congregation asked Chris and Kim to stay on as the Lead Pastor role. For the last three years Chris and Kim and their wonderful family have been blessed to serve as the Lead Pastor family at Sterling Church of the Nazarene in Sterling, CO. Also, in August of 2025 the Rose family was extended to serve another 4-year term as the Lead Pastor family of Sterling Church of the Nazarene.

**Ken Roth** has been a member of Harmony of Hope Church of the Nazarene since the early years when it was known as "Hope Hacienda". Ken has been on the church board for 7 years.

**Renee Schmidt** is the NMI President at Longmont Nazarene and serves on the CO District NMI Council as the Disaster Response Contact. Her passion for missions includes multiple Work and Witness and Jesus Film trips to Panama and Nicaragua as well as serving with the Nazarene Mission Corp at the border of Poland and Ukraine. As a retired teacher, she now loves spending time with her husband, Monte, her children, and grandchildren.

**Taw Taw Soe** and his wife, Dah Eh, were blessed by God with five children. Taw Taw and Dah Eh's family came from the Thai-Myanmar refugee camp eighteen years ago. Taw Taw grew up in the Baptist church and served as a minister for eight years before joining the Church of the Nazarene at Greeley First Church. He received his first district license in 2018 and was ordained as an elder in June 2022. Taw Taw was the first Karen man to lead his own people and to join the Church of the Nazarene in the US/Canada region. Now, Taw Taw is leading Greeley First Church as the Senior Pastor, with people speaking three main languages, including English, Karen, and Chuukese.

**Wayne Spencer** and wife Jessi (sons Parker and Lain) came to Colorado after serving for 9 years on the South Arkansas district. While there, Wayne served as a Youth Pastor, Christian Ed. Pastor, District NYI President, Lead Pastor and Church Planter. Wayne holds a bachelors in Pastoral Ministry from Nazarene Bible College, a master's in theology from Trevecca Nazarene University and has served as the Lead Pastor of Grand Junction Nazarene Church since September of 2022.

**Jeremy Stover** has enjoyed serving Grand Junction Church of the Nazarene for 12 years, beginning as worship pastor before transitioning into his current role as young adult pastor over the past two years. He has recently taken on the additional responsibility of coordinating with student ministries. Jeremy and his wife Cassi have three children — daughter Addison and sons Oliver and Bennett.

**Cenida Suyen** is an ordained elder in the Church of the Nazarene since twenty, twenty-one. Cenida has served in ministry alongside her husband, since nineteen ninety-three in different countries, namely: Belize, Guatemala and U.S.A. She has worked with Work and Witness teams in Belize, Guatemala, Mexico and U.S.A. Her husband, Marvin Suyen Sr., is also an ordained elder in the Church of the Nazarene since nineteen, ninety-four, and they have two sons. Most importantly; Cenida is a very proud grandma.

**Calvin Cardell Thomas** and his wife, Mary, first arrived in Colorado in 2003 while Calvin was serving in the military. Their journey with Kingdom Rock Church began in 2021 after a heartfelt invitation to visit, and they have been dedicated members and servants of the congregation ever since. Calvin is deeply committed to spiritual growth and leadership within the church, currently serving as a local Minister, the adult Bible Study facilitator, and the prayer team leader. His passion for the Word is backed by his recent academic achievement—an Associate Degree from Charis Bible College in Woodland Park, Colorado. Together, Calvin and Mary continue to be a pillar of faith and service for the Kingdom Rock community.

**Dan Voss** and his wife, Becky, have attended Springs First Church of the Nazarene in Colorado Springs since 1986. Dan is a 24-year Air Force veteran. After retiring from the Air Force in 2005, he served Focus on the Family in Colorado Springs as a Family Advancement Representative. Dan earned a bachelor's degree in Defense Systems Management from Colorado Technical University and a master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Colorado Christian University.

**Matthew Waggoner** serves as the Lead Pastor of Falcon Community Church in Falcon, Colorado. He has served in West Virginia, Pennsylvania, and now Colorado. His heart is to help people walk with Jesus, become Christlike disciples, and discover holiness not as something heavy, but as a life formed by grace, love, and surrender. Matthew and his family are grateful to serve the Falcon/Peyton community and the wider Church.

**Nikki Walker** and her husband, Ted, have called Colorado home for the past 13 years, where they are raising their four children—Elle, Drew, Brynn, and Blake. Nikki is a 5th-grade teacher at Resurrection Christian School, where she is passionate about helping students grow both academically and spiritually. She has been actively involved at Loveland Nazarene Church throughout their time in Colorado, serving in a variety of roles including church board member, women's ministries, event planning, coffee cart coordination, directing children's musicals, and she is especially looking forward to chaperoning students at NYC this summer.

**Joe Warrington** and wife Jackie (daughters Jewel, Joy and Jasmine) came to Colorado in 1993 after serving twelve years in pastoral ministry in Southern California. Joe has served on the faculty of Nazarene Bible College the last three decades. He is the lead pastor of Colorado Springs Grace Church of the Nazarene, a position he has held since 1995. His doctorate is from Denver Seminary.

**Tim Wilhite** and wife Roxanne (Jonathan, Stephanie, and Matthew) came to Colorado in 1990 with the phone company. Tim has served Tower Community Fellowship (f/k/a Aurora Church of the Nazarene) as a volunteer youth staff, church board secretary, and Sunday School/Discipleship teacher. Tim has a dual bachelor's degree in Pastoral Ministries and Counseling and Christian Ministries from Nazarene Bible College. Tim is an ordained minister in the Church of the Nazarene and continually serves as church board secretary, and Sunday School/Discipleship teacher and is now the online pastor for Tower Community Fellowship.

**Chris Yocom** serves as Senior Pastor in Monte Vista and graduated from Nazarene Bible College in 2002 and 2004 with a Biblical Studies and then a Christian Counseling degree. He has served as Senior Pastor for approximately fourteen years and is married to his wife Heather. They have two children.

## 2026 District Advisory Board Report

The Advisory Board met six times this year. Those meetings included the review of monthly financial reports, transfer and receipt of credentials, oversight of the financial audit, receiving reports on the status of churches, and oversight of the operations of Golden Bell.

### **SPECIFIC ACTIONS TAKEN:**

**Credentials** - Recommended granting and renewal of a district minister's license for the following senior pastors: Ben Beckner, Eladio Chavez, Chris Crook, JanElle Hoffman, Pam Jantz, Gildardo Prieto, Colton Townley, Matthew Waggoner, and Jim Young. Approved requests for special service status for Jadalla Ghrayyeb, Tina Hayhurst, Cindy Johnson, Janine King, Alan Scott, and John Watkin. Approved the request for Song Evangelist Registered status for Jerry Nelson. Returning the credential of Michael Askew to active status was also approved.

**Properties and Loans** – Brighton Chapel Hill Church was approved to continue interest-only payments on their mortgage, to sell their entire campus, and to purchase a new building in Brighton. True Life Community Downtown was dropped from the list of churches. Approval was given for the sale of the former Loveland Hope Springs building. Greeley First was approved to sell one of their church-owned houses. Colorado Springs Trinity Church was approved to sell a vacant piece of ground and to borrow up to \$500,000.00 for building renovations. Colorado Springs True Life church was approved to lease a new worship location. Emmaus Road was approved to enter a lease agreement for their parking lot. Springs First Church was approved to lease part of their campus to Andrew Womack Ministries. The Morgan Church was approved to lease out a church-owned house. Denver Bear Valley church was approved to lease meeting space to three tenants.

**Church Changes and Approvals** – The Denver Columbine Hills, Colorado Springs Indian Heights, and Loveland Hope Springs churches were disorganized. The Loveland church was approved to enter a partnership agreement with Lionheart Academy to use the church's building. This was also approved by the Board of General Superintendents. The Loveland Church also was approved to change their name to Loveland Stillwater. Westminster Iglesia was approved to change their name to Lakewood Ebenezer and Thornton Hope Hacienda was approved for a name change to Thornton Harmony of Hope.

**The Board approved** and made the recommendation of the proposed 2026-2027 District Budget and the District Finance Committee Report and Recommendations to the district assembly. Finally, the board approved a strategic growth initiative requiring investment of capital funds. This investment is detailed in the district financial reports.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Kevin Compton

District Secretary

# Golden Bell

## A Mountaintop Experience



Greetings from Golden Bell,

This marks my sixth report to the Assembly, and we are grateful to be part of this amazing district. We are thankful for the district leadership and for the support of our District Advisory Board and the entire district over this past year. Like many, we have faced our share of trials, yet we have seen the provision of our great God. Through every struggle, we are reminded that God's provision and plan are greater than the challenges we endure. While we have had to say goodbye to some ministries, we are re-envisioning new ways of ministering. Through it all, we continue to experience the faithfulness of God.

The year 2025 has been one of intentionally stepping back and seeking God for new direction. Golden Bell has been somewhat unique in the camping world, operating both as a rental facility (hosting outside groups) and as a program camp (running camps led by Golden Bell staff). Attempting to do both simultaneously has taken a toll on our staff, often splitting our team and operations into two distinct organizations at the same time. Industry standards typically reflect camps operating either as a program camp or as a rental facility during the summer. However, for over 15 years, Golden Bell has operated as both—sometimes hosting up to four outside groups while also running our own program camp.

The transition to becoming solely a rental facility was not made lightly. There were several key reasons for this decision: First, the regulatory environment has increasingly required Golden Bell to maintain strict standards not only for campers participating in our programs but also for all outside groups using our facilities. These requirements became so burdensome that last year alone, Golden Bell lost over \$350,000 in revenue from groups that chose not to return due to these regulations. Second, the regulatory framework began to encroach on our ability to operate according to our religious convictions as a ministry aligned with the doctrine of the Church of the Nazarene. Third, the strain of maintaining both program camp operations and rental facility requirements, while meeting all regulatory demands, became overwhelming for our staff and unsustainable at the level of excellence we strive to uphold.

After much prayer and careful consideration, Golden Bell leadership presented the recommended change to both the District Advisory Board and the Golden Bell board. Both boards unanimously voted that Golden Bell would no longer maintain a childcare license or operate as a program camp.

While this is a significant change, it does not alter the mission of Golden Bell. We will continue to foster a mountaintop experience for people of all ages. In many ways, this transition frees us from the burden of navigating conflicting regulatory requirements and allows us to operate fully within our calling as a Church of the Nazarene ministry, aligned with our beliefs and convictions.

In addition to the operational change there have been several other important improvements taking place on the camp:

- Completion of a new dual zip line last summer, which significantly increased accessibility, enabling participation for individuals with some physical limitations and improved overall safety for users. The expanded capacity to accommodate and engage larger groups, has resulted in increased overall participation.

- Remodeling of the back porch, creating a year-round usable space and adding 75 additional seats to the dining hall.
- Renovation of Willis Brown, including new deck furniture and new carpet throughout and additional new furniture in the house.
- Purchase of a six-person golf cart to assist individuals who have difficulty navigating camp, especially during Nazarene events.

All of these projects were made possible through the generosity of faithful donors.

Toward the end of last year, Golden Bell also received a grant to upgrade and modify the high ropes course. This project will transition the course from a single zip line to a dual zip line system, with improved safety features and enhanced accessibility. Preliminary work has already begun, including tree removal and guidewire adjustments, with construction scheduled to begin between June and July.

Additionally, Golden Bell received a donation of a commercial playground set, which is currently being modified and will be installed over the summer and fall. This new addition will include slides, swings, and climbing elements for children of all ages.

Finally, near the close of Golden Bell's fiscal year, a donor provided a \$5,000 matching grant to complete the installation of a campus-wide security camera system. I am pleased to share that the match was fully raised, and the project is now underway, with hardware purchased and installation in progress.

As we look ahead, we do so with confidence in God's continued provision and guidance. While this past year has brought significant change, it has also brought clarity, freedom, and renewed focus on our mission. Golden Bell remains committed to providing a place where individuals and families can encounter God in a meaningful and transformative way. We are excited for what lies ahead and deeply grateful for the support, prayers, and partnership of this district. Together, we trust that God will continue to use Golden Bell to impact lives for His kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,



Rev. Joel Garcia

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

**AS OF 4/30/2026**

**Money On Hand:**

Cash in Checking - Unrestricted CAMP	\$52,981
Cash in Checking - Unrestricted STORE	\$6,094
Cash in Savings - Wesleyan Investment	\$391
Petty Cash	\$964
<b>Total Cash Balance:</b>	<b>\$60,430</b>

**Programs 2025-2026 (Income and Expenses):**

**STORE**

YTD Store Expenses	10,190
YTD Store Income	16,939
<b><u>Store Profit/Loss</u></b>	<b>6,749</b>

**GENERAL OPERATIONS INCOME**

Income Camps, Retreats, Reunions, Programming, RV Park	998,753
Rental Properties Income	31,045
Other Income	13,649
<b><u>Income (w/out Store)</u></b>	<b>1,043,447</b>

**GENERAL OPERATIONS EXPENSES**

Personnel, Finance, Office & Admin.	633,018
Facility & Utilities	287,697
Program & Guest Services	181,449
Food Service	269,387
<b><u>Expenses (w/out Store)</u></b>	<b>1,371,551</b>

**Total Profit/Loss General Operations** **(328,103)**

**ADDITIONAL INCOME/EXPENSES**

**Grants Received**

Find Us Faithful	\$105,000
August 2025 Educational FUFF	<b>\$44,000</b>
Colorado District Grant	<b>\$232,000</b>
<b>Total Grant Income</b>	<b>381,000</b>

Donations Income	80,207
Misc Other Income	4,007

**Income (non budgeted)** **465,214**

Other misc/non operational Expenses 9,210

**Other Expenses** **9,210**

\* tentative report - prior to year end adjustments (i.e. depreciation, payroll liabilities, etc.)

## 2026 NDI Report

General Superintendent Dr. Gustavo Crocker, District Superintendent Dr. Virgil Askren, and Delegates to the Colorado District Assembly,

I would like to begin by thanking everyone who has served on our NDI Council for the past church year. Ministerial members at large, Ed Belzer and Shari Palmer, and lay member at large, Taeler Gallegos, will no longer be able to serve on our district NDI Board due to expanding life and ministry commitments. So, we thank each of them for their contributions to the work of NDI in Colorado.

On a personal note, after suffering from a pulmonary embolism and deep vein thrombosis in January of 2025, I began to step back from several responsibilities on the district. However, after prayer, I concluded that I needed to continue to serve as our district NDI Chairperson. Thank you so much for your prayer support during that difficult time! It served greatly to help me focus on my health and my own spiritual formation.

During this last church year, I met with our Council on one occasion to plan our April 25<sup>th</sup> NDI Convention and Training. I also met with our Nominating Committee to prepare the ballot for that meeting. Thanks to everyone who allowed their names to run!

The Convention and Training had 147 registered! It was a joy to see the Springs First Church gymnasium filled with delegates and the buzz of conversation. Those in attendance were challenged by our Global NDI Director, David Gonzales, and workshop leaders like our USA-Canada Kids' Ministries Coordinator, Trey Brooks. Pastors Keith Morgan, Dan Voss, Tabita Gonzales, Mark Callister, David Woods, and Zeida Lynch gave workshops regarding important topics in discipleship.

The Convention elected Pastors Mark Callister and Bette Asuega to serve as Ministerial Members at Large, and Emily Walker and Chris Maker as Lay Members at Large, on our Colorado NDI Board.

The Convention also elected Pastors John Prichard and Mark Callister to serve as ministerial delegates to our Global NDI Convention in June of 2027. Pastors Colton Townley and JanElle Hoffman were elected as ministerial alternates for that convention. Tom Ricicki, Emily Walker, and Hadley Adkins were elected to serve as lay delegates to the convention, with John Rattle, Kimberly Rose and Tatianna Esquerro elected as lay alternates.

Thanks to staff of Springs First Church, members of our district NDI board, and Pastor David Woods for making that event a success!

Three new ministry coordinators also came onto the NDI Board this year. Stacey Fajardo took on Children's Ministries; Brenda Prichard took on Women's Ministries; and Pastor Jason Brest took on Men's Ministries. We thank them for their willingness to serve! Please pray for each member of our NDI team so we will have God's anointing and blessing upon all we do.

Finally, I pray that Colorado Nazarenes...

- Fall so in love with Jesus that His interest in evangelism becomes our interest
- Discover the way to become so conformed to the image of Jesus Christ that it becomes natural and routine for us to do the things that He and His apostles taught and did
- Find God's way to continually be in such a communion and communication with the Lord that making disciples comes naturally!

May God bless the Colorado District Church of the Nazarene and Colorado NDI!

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Jim Lynch



Dear Dr. Crocker, Dr. Askren, Local NMI Presidents, Delegates and Friends of NMI:

This is my third report as District President of the Colorado Nazarene Missions International (NMI), second full year completed as NMI President. I would like to highlight a few of the things that the Colorado NMI has done over the past year.

- ✚ We had our NMI District Council retreat with Dr. Askren. and discussed how we can make NMI more visible and engaging. Dee has set up our NMI Facebook page to get information out to our churches.

**A few highlights from this year:**

- ✚ The Eastborough Nazarene Church continues to have missionaries come to their church and they held one workshop March 14th with Camilo Gonzales. The topic was how to involve youth in missions.
- ✚ On December 3-7, 2025, we did our annual trip to Gallup, NM for our Christmas project. We had twenty-four people attend from the Colorado district this year to help unload the trailer, stage the area for the next day's distribution to our Native American friends. We had a church service with our Colorado team and our Native American friends, which was in Navajo and English. After service, they served us lunch from their food truck and we did the distribution of food stuffs and Christmas gifts. We have eighteen (18) churches on the Southwest Native American District that we distribute to. God is Good!
  - ✚ We had 2 companies in Buena Vista who heard about our Christmas distribution for our Native American friends that we do every December (the Nazarene Navajo Nation ministry in December each year). They wanted to be a part of it and donated 80 – 50 lb. bags of potatoes to distribute to our Native American friends. GOD IS SO GOOD!
  - ✚ I again challenged the SW Native American churches to reach out and start establishing a personal relationship with their Colorado counterparts and did last year at District Assembly for the Colorado churches to do the same.
  - ✚ In July 2025, our Grand Junction church reached out to their sister church in Gallup, Twin Buttes, and found out they had some repairs that needed to be done. Because of this, they took a team down to Gallup and replaced the floor in the church foyer area, and replaced the floor in the parsonage for Pastor Sage. They are planning to go back down and assist with replacing the roof of the church later on.

- ✚ In August 2025, a couple from Buena Vista visited our sister church, Nazlini, and they asked if their church had any special needs we could, as a church (Buena Vista), be praying for. She said their refrigerator had quit and they were in need of a new one and didn't have the funds because their church was struggling as they were new to the church as the previous pastor had died that summer. This was mentioned to Pastor Chris Yocom who was able to make contact with Pastor Vincent from Nazlini church and our church here in Buena Vista purchased a new fridge that Pastor Vincent picked up. We look forward to seeing how the church has been able to minister to their congregation and area this coming December.
  
- ✚ Crisis Care Kits – This year one of our Pastors, Wayne Spencer from Grand Junction First Church graciously offered to drive Crisis Care Kits to Idaho from the Colorado district. We had a total of 38 boxes delivered. The churches donated deserve to be recognized for their contributions:
  - ✚ Palisade – 10 boxes
  - ✚ Montrose – 2 boxes
  - ✚ Grand Junction – 6 boxes
  - ✚ Greeley First – 8 boxes
  - ✚ Longmont – 6 boxes
  - ✚ Harmony of Hope (formerly Hope Hacienda) – 6 boxes. Harmony of Hope also brought up 3 more boxes that will be included in the next delivery.
  
- ✚ Care and Connection (previously LINKS):
  - Our Care and Connection Missionary for Colorado is Rhonda & Errol Carrim, serving in South Africa.
  
- ✚ Deputations:
  - The district helped fourteen (14) missionaries book deputation services in Colorado.

These are the reasons we do MISSIONS!

Respectfully Submitted,

*Sandy Ricicki*

Sandy Ricicki  
Colorado District NMI President

## 2026 District NYI Report

Colorado District NYI has had a strong and meaningful year marked by unity, spiritual growth, and a renewed commitment to evangelism. From the beginning of the year, our focus has been clear: to work together as one team, built on the foundation of Christ, and intentionally pursue the mission of Bringing People to Jesus. Throughout the year, we have seen God move through our district events, our council meetings, and the faithfulness of local churches and leaders. We have created spaces where lives can be changed by the gospel. We have planted seeds, watered seeds, and trusted God to bring the increase.



At each of our events we repeatedly returned to the idea that we are stronger together and that the success of Colorado NYI comes through Christ-centered unity. The district has continued to emphasize that no single leader, church, or event accomplishes the work alone. This spirit of collaboration has helped strengthen our district events and deepen our shared vision.

Another important highlight has been the focus on leadership growth and development. This year we looked at how we could continue to build upon existing strategies, including expanding the leadership team for the Colorado District NYI. The goal has not simply been to maintain what already exists, but to improve, adapt, and create space for fresh vision and Spirit-led ideas. We want to be a district that does more than talk about ministry—we want to move forward in action, with thoughtful planning and prayerful dependence on God.

District events have also played a key role in this year's ministry:

- **Camp:** Once again, our NYI camp at Golden Bell was a spiritual high point. Thank you to Ken and the team for making it impactful. There were 193 students and adults registered as of the time I write this report.
- **Water World 2025:** We had 297 in attendance, and we had a great day of fellowship. Thanks to Alex Edwards for leading this great day in the sun.
- **PowerSurge 2025:** There were 274 in attendance, and excitingly we had 15-20 students make a first time decision to follow Christ, and nearly everyone made a decision to take a next step in their faith. Our workshop changes and spiritual disciplines service were all well received. Alex did an amazing job leading this event and his team to make this a successful weekend.
- **Main Event (March) 2025:** We had 148 in attendance, and the focus was on glorifying God through the entire weekend. It was clear that many seeds were planted through the services and conversations. We can report with confidence that students were impacted in lasting ways. 35-40 students came forward to make a decision, either a first time or next step in their faith. We put a wrap on a long standing district event, and capped off the weekend once again with a powerful student led service.

- NYC 2026: This will take place in Salt Lake City, UT June 29-July 6, 2026. We have 186 students and adults registered to attend NYC. NYC is going to be a great encounter with God while gathered with over 10,000 students.

We have regularly celebrated conversions, rededications, and sanctifications, and we have expressed a desire to keep hearing stories of God's work in local churches. Colorado NYI exists not just to organize events, but to help students grow deeper in their relationship with God. That goal has remained central as we seek to build a generation that is rooted in Christ.

As we look back on the year, we do so with gratitude and hope. Gratitude for the leaders, students, and churches who have invested their time and energy into district ministry; and hope for what God will continue to do in the months and years ahead. The call before us remains the same: stay focused on Christ, work together as a team, and make Disciples. May Colorado District NYI continue to glorify God and build His Kingdom through every ministry effort, every conversation, and every student reached.

Respectfully submitted,  
Craig Krager  
Colorado NYI President



# PASTORS



**25% DISCOUNT**  
for Senior Pastors on  
all stays and camps



Colorado District Senior  
Pastors receive  
**4 FREE NIGHTS**  
(annually) in the  
*Valley View Pastor's Cabin*



# CHURCHES



**20% DISCOUNT**  
on all lodging and programming



**50% OFF**  
Willis Brown Chalet  
(November - April)  
for Nazarene Church staff  
and board meetings



**35% OFF**  
**ENTIRE STAY**  
(November 2026 - February 2027)



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# 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

We thank God for His faithfulness and grace. Through prayer, love, worship, and sharing the Gospel, lives are being touched and people are coming to Jesus Christ. We have seen hearts encouraged, souls restored, and people growing closer to God.

This reminds us that when we faithfully shine the light of Christ, God draws people to Himself. Aurora Kingdom Rock Church will continue to depend on work of the Holy Spirit in helping to continue to serve with humility, compassion, and boldness so others may know the love and salvation found in Jesus through our ministry.

<i>Worship and Discipleship</i>		<i>Funds Raised</i> <b>\$36,000</b>		
In Person Attendance	25	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>	<b>%</b>
Online Attendance	30	District	\$300	28%
Conversions	3	World Evangelism	\$0	0%
Baptisms	0	Pension Fund	\$0	0%
		Education	\$0	0%



**Aurora Tower Community Fellowship**  
 Pastor Ed Belzer

We continue to minister under the leadership of Jesus as we are seeking to help “Transform Aurora One Life at a Time.” The urgency to be aware of people around us who do not have a relationship with Jesus has been the guide for this year, especially as we did our summer series on “Amuse Bouche”. We are not the main course or the center of evangelism, but our part is to help make people hungry and thirsty for Jesus!

We baptized 1 individual this year who two times in our services proclaimed his new-found faith in Jesus Christ! Since that time, his son has accepted the Lord, and his daughter is re-engaging in church and just had her son dedicated to the Lord! These are exciting days as we continue to bring people to Jesus, but as we also seek to develop Christlike disciples!

We are walking down the road of possible expansion of our facilities here at TCF. We seek God’s guidance and direction and timing in all these steps! God is moving, God is providing, and God is at work leading our church! And He is reminding us that it is not about a “building” but about “building the Kingdom of God.” And that is worth giving our lives for!!!!

<i>Worship and Discipleship</i>		<i>Funds Raised</i> <b>\$687,346</b>		
In Person Attendance	195	<b><i>Budget</i></b>	<b><i>Amount Paid</i></b>	<b>%</b>
Online Attendance	43	District	\$19,574	100%
Conversions	11	World Evangelism	\$33,715	100%
Baptisms	1	Pension Fund	\$12,311	100%
		Education	\$16,429	100%



**Brighton Chapel Hill**  
 Pastor Nathan Blanchard

One of the highlights of our year was our Kids' Cooking Camp that we held during the summer. Children from the community came to the church to learn to cook a different dish. One young man named Jerzi, through our children's ministry, who is a passionate boxer, came to Jesus and was baptized this year. He has been instrumental in setting a godly example for the rest of his family, even at his young age.

<i><b>Worship and Discipleship</b></i>		<i><b>Funds Raised</b></i> <b>\$177,733</b>	
In Person Attendance	64	<i><b>Budget</b></i>	<i><b>Amount Paid</b></i> %
Online Attendance	200	District	\$0     0%
Conversions	19	World Evangelism	\$0     0%
Baptisms	10	Pension Fund	\$0     0%
		Education	\$0     0%



**Brush First**  
Pastor Rick Davis

It's time for District Assembly once again, and time for me to review some things Brush Naz has been doing for our community.

We have come to the conclusion that if we want new people to enter our doors, and visit our church, we must FEED them. So, this year, in August, we opened our new outdoor event center. We had a BBQ, and a well-known band (actually a couple of guys from our praise band) to supply LIVE music. We brought in a jump house (no I did not get in the jump house) and had some outside games. It was fun for all!

We have been praying that God would send ONE new family to our congregation, and he did! Joel has been coming faithfully for a while now, and is now a member of Brush Naz, and his wife and son are faithfully attending as well.

God thought we needed another family, so he sent us Isaiah and his family of four.

God is so good! We will keep praying!

<i>Worship and Discipleship</i>		<i>Funds Raised</i> <b>\$116,560</b>		
In Person Attendance	40	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>	<b>%</b>
Online Attendance	42	District	\$3,483	100%
Conversions	1	World Evangelism	\$5,915	100%
Baptisms	1	Pension Fund	\$2,183	100%
		Education	\$2,569	100%



**Buena Vista High Country**  
Pastor Daniel Seifert

This past year has been one of transition for High Country. After 32 years of faithful service, Pastor Ken Rose retired from active ministry in August of 2025. The church had a variety of pastors step in to provide pulpit supply through April of 2026, when the new Lead Pastor, Daniel Seifert, was able to officially take over as the third Lead Pastor of the church in its 34-year history. During this time of transition, the church held together as a community but did not see anyone brought to Jesus during that time. The vision for the church going forward is to focus on incorporating more children and youth into the body and developing discipleship opportunities for them. The church has maintained an active prayer group throughout the year, and a dedicated and faithful Sunday School presence. As the church moves into a new chapter, there is optimism about what God has in store for the church and the community.

<b><i>Worship and Discipleship</i></b>		<b><i>Funds Raised \$135,985</i></b>		
In Person Attendance	40	<b><i>Budget</i></b>	<b><i>Amount Paid</i></b>	<b><i>%</i></b>
Online Attendance	10	District	\$4,067	100%
Conversions	0	World Evangelism	\$8,580	100%
Baptisms	0	Pension Fund	\$2,481	100%
		Education	\$3,521	100%



## Calvary

Pastor Hyun Soo Park

No report provided.

<i>Worship and Discipleship</i>		<i>Funds Raised</i> <b>\$47,000</b>		
In Person Attendance	11	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>	<b>%</b>
Online Attendance	0	District	\$0	0%
Conversions	0	World Evangelism	\$0	0%
Baptisms	0	Pension Fund	\$0	0%
		Education	\$0	0%



**Castle Rock the Connection**  
 Pastor Garry McGlinchy

The Connection Church is seeing lives transformed as people respond to Jesus in simple, faithful moments. As Easter approached, I invited anyone who was interested in baptism to come and talk with me after the service—and God moved immediately. Right after the service, one of our teens came forward asking to be baptized, followed by an elementary-aged child who felt the same call. On Easter morning, both publicly declared their faith through baptism.

Alongside this, we have seen families return to The Connection and new families finding their place at The Connection through worship services and discipleship. Our children’s ministry continues to grow through children’s quizzing, our teen group is expanding, and two students will be attending NYC this summer. These are clear signs that God is drawing hearts of all ages to Himself through our church family.

<i>Worship and Discipleship</i>		<i>Funds Raised</i> <b>\$192,621</b>		
In Person Attendance	40	<b><i>Budget</i></b>	<b><i>Amount Paid</i></b>	<b>%</b>
Online Attendance	10	District	\$5,463	95%
Conversions	0	World Evangelism	\$8,755	88%
Baptisms	2	Pension Fund	\$3,253	89%
		Education	\$4,669	100%



**Cedaredge**  
Pastor Sherry Mitchem

Although we are few in number the Lord still calls. During this past church year Forest acknowledged the call into ministry the Lord has placed on his life. The Lord is still calling people from every size church, from any area, at any stage of life. We can be encouraged knowing the Lord is still moving and calling.

<i><b>Worship and Discipleship</b></i>		<i><b>Funds Raised</b></i> <b>\$8,814</b>		
In Person Attendance	5	<i><b>Budget</b></i>	<i><b>Amount Paid</b></i>	<b>%</b>
Online Attendance	2	District	\$285	100%
Conversions	0	World Evangelism	\$469	100%
Baptisms	0	Pension Fund	\$0	0%
		Education	\$239	100%



Clarkville Buffalo Grass  
Church of the Nazarene

Sowing and Reaping



## Clarkville Buffalo Grass

Pastor Jon Shaw

The Buffalo Grass Church continues to minister on the High Plains of Colorado. Pastor Jon Shaw ministers to the farmers in the area and to the community of Eckley through the Eckley Community Church. It was his privilege to baptize 8 people this past year. Prayer is a great part of our ministry and God uses us to pray for needs that only he can answer. The church blessed a young family who just moved a home to their property and had their first baby just before Christmas by giving some gift cards to help them out. The church gave a love offering for the family of a young couple who have a baby that has long-term heart issues and is in Children’s Hospital and has been for over a year. We feel that the missions of the Nazarene Church is vital and support global missions through WEF and NCM. We helped to sponsor two teens from the Eastborough Church to NYC and gave them an opportunity to spend a day at the church doing various jobs. It was an excellent partnership! Our church is trusting God that he has souls to reach for salvation and discipleship. We covet the prayers of our brothers and sisters across the Colorado District.

<b>Worship and Discipleship</b>		<b>Funds Raised \$54,962</b>	
		<b>Budget</b>	<b>Amount Paid %</b>
In Person Attendance	6	District	\$1,697 100%
Online Attendance	4	World Evangelism	\$3,398 100%
Conversions	0	Pension Fund	\$763 84%
Baptisms	0	Education	\$1,414 100%



**Colorado Springs Eastborough**  
 Pastor Jim Lynch

Merida began coming to church after her friend from school, Trinity, invited her to our Wednesday Night Alive meal and Bible Study for kids. Trinity’s mom, Dusty, started driving Merida the forty minutes to church on Wednesday nights. Soon, Merida’s mother, Anna, and her cousins, Destiny and Sam, were also coming. During one of those Wednesday night Bible Studies, Merida gave her life to Christ. Anna asked if her family could celebrate Merida’s 12<sup>th</sup> birthday party in our church fellowship hall, and we accepted. Zeida and I helped set up for the party and clean up afterward. Zeida was excited as she told me that Merida wanted to be baptized. We set up a baptismal service about a month later, and Michelle, a lady who had been attending for about a year, let me know she wanted to be baptized too! Then, three days before the baptism, Gary and Bonnie, parents of one of our teens, let me know they would also be getting on board! Zeida did the baptism class with Merida, Judy did the class with Michelle, and I taught Gary and Bonnie. Baptism Sunday, Gary and Michelle gave powerful testimonies. Then, Merida’s eyes beamed as she stepped down into the water. Afterward, Michelle told her sister, who had been in attendance, “This was the best thing that ever happened to me.” I believe that watershed moment took place because a girl named Trinity invited her friend Merida to church!

<i>Worship and Discipleship</i>		<i>Funds Raised</i> <b>\$219,050</b>		
In Person Attendance	95	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>	<b>%</b>
Online Attendance	0	District	\$6,752	100%
Conversions	13	World Evangelism	\$12,048	100%
Baptisms	9	Pension Fund	\$4,382	100%
		Education	\$5,476	100%



## Colorado Springs First

Interim Pastor Wayne Dawson

I'm the interim Pastor at Springs First Church since March 8. The last 10 weeks I've enjoyed observing the mission and morale of Springs First. There is a real sense of movement in **Spanish ministries, youth ministries, increase of financial resources, and children's ministries.** I'll just address one area for this report. Children's ministries was effective in discipling children and leaders of children in 2025. There was one baptism of a child. There was also the mentoring of leadership in 2025 by Pastors to the extent of one teacher, Minister Hadley Adkins sensing a call to ministry through the children's department and women's ministry. God still speaks and calls! She now is the children's ministry director, recruiting new leaders and discipling children. There is a doubling of growth in children's Sunday School attendance and His Kids worship attendance. We have a possible 7 attending camp in July. We pray that we can continue to be effective in discipling and outreach to children and families at Springs First Nazarene.

<i>Worship and Discipleship</i>		<i>Funds Raised</i> <b>\$708,313</b>		
In Person Attendance	252	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Amount Paid</i>	<i>%</i>
Online Attendance	30	District	\$23,123	100%
Conversions	23	World Evangelism	\$25,649	70%
Baptisms	22	Pension Fund	\$100	1%
		Education	\$0	0%



## Colorado Springs Genesis Pastor Gwen Henderson



What a year! Being stretched, challenged, blessed and strengthened. Our God is an awesome God. I bring my 11th report to the district. Matthew 5:6 “Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled” (KJV). My hunger is to do the will of God. My thirst is to help those who are in need of a Savior. Because the bible says, they shall be filled.

Early in January 2025, I prayed after one of our services; “Lord, we need to grow. It will be nice if we had our own place.” The Lord answered prayer and on October 1, 2025

we moved into our own building. Hallelujah! A lot has transpired since then. We are grateful to everyone who helped us, prayed for us, supported us and loved us.

We’ve been pouring into our youth. They are a dynamic group of children and young people. They are excited about Jesus and God. We dedicated 4 children and baptized 4 youth. We had a program for them to earn their own bibles. They had to memorize scripture, know the books of the bible, quote scripture and know the ten commandments. We have 6 bibles to purchase with their names engraved on them. In addition, they participated in the MLK, Jr Community Choir where Yolanda King did a roundtable for youth. It was a dynamic and powerful event.

The four who we baptized went through the baptism class curriculum. They know what asking the Lord to forgive them of their sins means and why baptism is important. I overhear their conversations and am very proud of them. We love on our children and youth. We have a two-year-old that loves to sing and walk the pulpit with a microphone. She loves to sing about the Lord and is not afraid to express it.

We’re preparing for the increase. Our overflow room has a multipurpose organization to it. We will use it for Children’s church soon. We do use it for Sunday school, small meeting space, Wednesday night, my office, nursery and children’s area. Amen.

Our Wednesday night schedule has changed to meet our needs. Everyone is pleased with the new schedule. 1st Wednesday, Training. 2nd Wednesday, Children and youth 3rd, Men and Women’s bible study, 4th Wednesday, Words of encouragement service 5th Wednesday, Worship, praise and prayer. With the understanding, any children who come during any of those days, we will accommodate them. Other events and programs are being planned to include the community.

We thank God for trusting us enough to do a new thing for our church. It has stretched us, but we are thankful for making a difference in others’ lives.

<b>Worship and Discipleship</b>		<b>Funds Raised</b>		<b>\$24,359</b>
In Person Attendance	17	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>	<b>%</b>
Online Attendance	250	District	\$881	100%
Conversions	4	World Evangelism	\$1,500	100%
Baptisms	4	Pension Fund	\$551	100%
		Education	\$656	100%



**Colorado Springs Grace**  
Pastor Joe Warrington

We truly believe that *Grace Happens Here* at Grace Church. It is more than a poster for us; it is what we experience and desire for our community. The Sunday morning worship see more people coming to the altars seeking the help and presence of God. In addition to Sunday morning celebration some folks are moving to Monday and Wednesday evenings events seeking more in-depth study of the word of God. Six of our lay people are involved in the church’s compassion ministry (Food pantry) on a weekly basis. An average of sixty families are being served weekly.

Southgate Ecumenical Resource Center, a 501C3 entity, provide missional engagement each week. Two non-Nazarene volunteers are regulars at our Wednesday night Bible Study. Our summer cook-out at the park which included school supplies give-away created the opportunity for spiritual conversations to take place with several people from an apartment complex.

Our newest convert is Jessica W. She was led to Christ two months ago at the church and is finishing up the Basic Bible Study for New and Growing Christians. (Chick Shaver). Jessica is in her late thirties or early forties who rides her bicycle to church.

We see Grace Church, like many other churches, wanting to do more and be more. We received a gift of fifteen thousand dollars to help install a digital sign which will allow us to communicate more meaningfully with our community. Next year we would like to experience the joy of more conversions and more baptisms. Amen! Praise God!

<b><i>Worship and Discipleship</i></b>		<b><i>Funds Raised \$99,395</i></b>		
In Person Attendance	55	<b><i>Budget</i></b>	<b><i>Amount Paid</i></b>	<b><i>%</i></b>
Online Attendance	20	District	\$3,825	100%
Conversions	4	World Evangelism	\$7,015	100%
Baptisms	2	Pension Fund	\$2,910	100%
		Education	\$2,910	100%



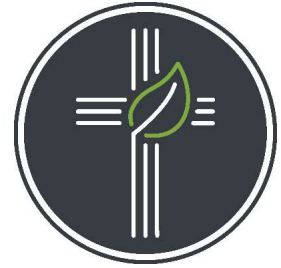
## Colorado Springs Kingdom Rock Pastor Ritchie Asuega

God is doing a mighty work in the lives of our children. Avery, at just 11 years old, has continued to grow in her faith and relationship with the Lord over the past year. As a declaration of her faith, she chose to be baptized, and it has been a blessing to see her desire to seek God and continue growing spiritually.

She is developing a deeper understanding of prayer, trust, and dependence on God, and she has shown a genuine desire to continue maturing in her walk with Christ. We are thankful for the work God is doing in her life and look forward to seeing how He continues to guide and strengthen her faith.

Kingdom Rock Church is blessed to be used by God as a means of leading the young and the old to a saving relationship with Jesus Christ. Praise be to God!

<b><i>Worship and Discipleship</i></b>		<b><i>Funds Raised</i></b>		<b>\$146,426</b>
In Person Attendance	120	<b><i>Budget</i></b>	<b><i>Amount Paid</i></b>	<b>%</b>
Online Attendance	1250	District	\$4,141	94%
Conversions	22	World Evangelism	\$6,573	86%
Baptisms	13	Pension Fund	\$2,641	94%
		Education	\$3,195	91%



## Colorado Springs Trinity

Pastor John Prichard

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus! It is a privilege to share with you how God is at work through the people of Trinity. I confess it has been a challenging year for me personally. And yet, God’s grace has been so real and present with me. I completed my doctoral dissertation this year and graduated culminating a three-year process. When God led me to pursue this degree, I had no idea how much I would need to lean on my church. I look back and can see where the sincere prayers of these godly people carried me through each moment. Trinity did a remarkable job bringing their pastor to Jesus these past 3 years.

This last year, 3 boys from the apartments across the street have made their way to our church. Full of energy and life, the draw has been our gym where they love basketball. They attend the children’s program on Wednesday night and at times have come on Sundays as well. Their lives are not aligned with the life of Jesus yet, but it is a privilege to share his love with them each week. They are unchurched and at times present challenges, but we count it an awesome responsibility that God has led them to us. Our prayer is that the grace of God at work in our lives and his love poured out on theirs will lead them to a life changing encounter with Jesus. Each year as I reflect on the past year, I am amazed at how God has given us the opportunity to touch lives in unexpected ways. When John and Hannah Kartsinel visited our church, we didn’t know it was their three boys who were really looking for a church. Elijah, Henry and Levi had not felt at home in a church since their move from Texas following John’s new assignment at Ft. Carson. The oldest boy, Elijah, told my wife one Sunday, “I have some news to share. This is my family’s church home now.” After a few weeks we spent an afternoon with the family at their home and asked about how they ended up at Trinity. They shared that the boys felt so comfortable when they first visited that they were able to attend a Sunday morning adult group which they had not been able to do. I am grateful these amazing boys immediately felt loved and welcomed leading this new family into our fellowship. God is faithful and we are blessed at Trinity to walk with Jesus and grow in faith together.

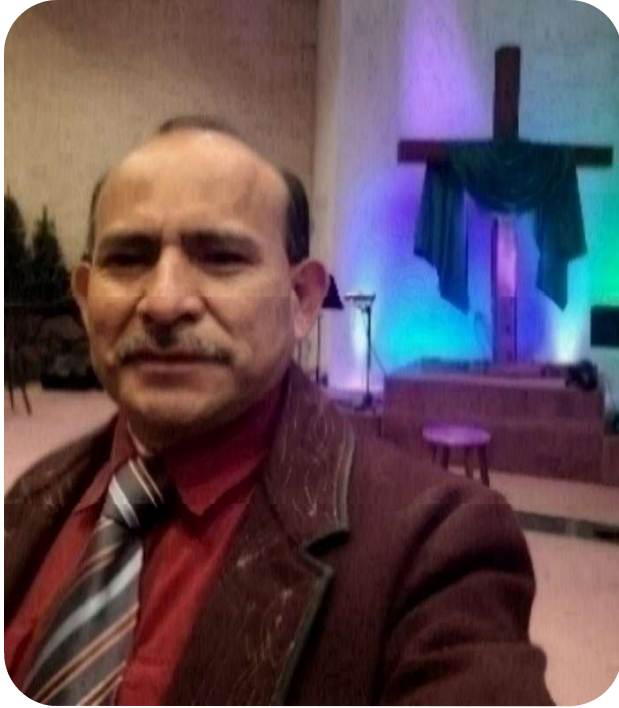
<b>Worship and Discipleship</b>		<b>Funds Raised</b>		<b>\$714,650</b>
In Person Attendance	232	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>	<b>%</b>
Online Attendance	26	District	\$22,472	100%
Conversions	6	World Evangelism	\$39,534	100%
Baptisms	10	Pension Fund	\$16,173	100%
		Education	\$16,854	100%



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

What a privilege it is to Pastor True Life Community Church of the Nazarene! This past year was a year of giving. Giving away staff, people, buildings, food, love, and ourselves. Three of our staff are now new Pastors of other churches. 21 True Lifers moved to other places at some point this past year, and we graduated three incredible ladies into the presence of Jesus. We gave away over a million dollars worth of food, we gave nearly \$45,000 to our community through the ministry of The LIFE Center, we closed our downtown campus and gave the beautifully renovated church building to another congregation, and we paid our budgets in full. Yet, in the giving we also watched God give, and give, and give again to us. This past year 15 new people have become part of True Life and now call us home, 23 folks received Jesus as their personal Savior, 6 were baptized, and we sent 7 different people on 3 different mission trips. We hired Carissa Arpelar as our new Children's Pastor. And, after 8 years of meeting in schools we signed a 5-year lease and moved into our very own facility. God gave us a new church home! We simply set out to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus and God did all of that and more. I am happy to say we are a healthy transformational church with amazing people and leaders who simply follow where the Holy Spirit leads. This is LIFE!

<i>Worship and Discipleship</i>		<i>Funds Raised</i> <b>\$125,594</b>		
In Person Attendance	65	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>	<b>%</b>
Online Attendance	17	District	\$3,766	100%
Conversions	23	World Evangelism	\$6,459	100%
Baptisms	7	Pension Fund	\$2,487	100%
		Education	\$3,055	100%



**Commerce City Iglesia**  
 Pastor Eladio Chavez

God is good. My name is Eladio Chavez, Pastor of Iglesia del Nazareno in Commerce City, Colorado. God is working in us. We see God’s hands in the church; in people’s hearts and how they love to serve God. Some people have left the church, and God has brought new people into the church.

The worship team puts its best efforts to please God. During the summertime we serve people in the parking lot, and we hand out water to people walking by and those that come to service. Also, during the summer, we plan to have baptisms because the rivers and lakes are better than wintertime.

<b><i>Worship and Discipleship</i></b>		<b><i>Funds Raised</i></b> <b>\$28,812</b>		
In Person Attendance	40	<b><i>Budget</i></b>	<b><i>Amount Paid</i></b>	<b><i>%</i></b>
Online Attendance	10	District	\$0	0%
Conversions	0	World Evangelism	\$0	0%
Baptisms	0	Pension Fund	\$0	0%
		Education	\$0	0%



**Cortez**  
 Pastor JanElle Hoffman

In Cortez, our CNaz family chose to take “Bringing People to Jesus” and turn it into “Bringing Jesus to People” as we endeavored to take the truth of the gospel to people outside our church walls. To that end, we partnered again this year with the Gathering Place, a venue for friendship evangelism. A woman we have gotten to know there has been coming to church and is now in a discipleship group led by a woman from our church. The emphasis on reaching children was right up our alley! We partnered with Child Evangelism Fellowship to bring Christmas parties to three different locations in our community. Though not well attended, we were thrilled to see four children trust Jesus as their savior. This past spring we partnered with another church to host a Good News Club after school in a converted school bus outside an elementary school. The highlight of that club was a boy who came to saving faith in Jesus. He and his mom have been attending our church since! We pray we can faithfully follow the Spirit’s leading to continue to be those who live the love and life of Jesus wherever we are.

<i>Worship and Discipleship</i>		<i>Funds Raised</i> <b>\$89,867</b>		
In Person Attendance	41	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>	<b>%</b>
Online Attendance	2	District	\$2,852	100%
Conversions	9	World Evangelism	\$4,906	100%
Baptisms	4	Pension Fund	\$2,007	100%
		Education	\$800	38%

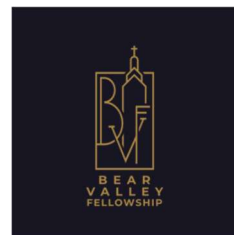


**Delta Gunnison Valley**  
Pastors Charlie and Barb Bechtold

Children, kids, munchkins, however, you may refer to them. They are the joy of our church family. Determined to take on the task we prayed together and just simply prayed for peppermint. Fingerprints on our front doors. Our God did not disappoint. Our children’s program is growing weekly, and there was even a Sunday morning where there were more children than there were adult adults. From all of that excitement, Amethyst began to shine bright. She was told that she was the youngest guitarist to play in a Worship ensemble. She is talented and boldly uses her gifts to serve the Lord and bless others! Her excitement in following Jesus is contagious!

Our focus is bringing a strong sense of belonging- we are planning short missions trips around the area to bring cohesive relationships that serve Jesus straight to eternity!

<b><i>Worship and Discipleship</i></b>		<b><i>Funds Raised</i></b>		<b>\$49,915</b>
In Person Attendance	35	<b><i>Budget</i></b>	<b><i>Amount Paid</i></b>	<b><i>%</i></b>
Online Attendance	4	District	\$0	0%
Conversions	2	World Evangelism	\$0	0%
Baptisms	2	Pension Fund	\$0	0%
		Education	\$0	0%



**Denver Bear Valley**  
 Pastor Jordan Serracino

This year we started an outreach ministry called “Free Bread Friday.” This was a simple event where we gave away free loaves of bread to anyone in need in our community. Our event grew in popularity and eventually we formed a partnership with the Southwest Food Coalition, and we now receive two monthly disbursements of food from them to host a food pantry in our building. We regularly see between 40-60 people at our food pantry events.

Because of this outreach ministry, which we now call “Food Pantry Friday,” we have gotten to know many of our neighbors and made meaningful connections within our community. Several of the families from our food pantry have visited our church and become our friends, we are hopeful that this friendship will lead to new or “renewed” relationships with Jesus.

<i>Worship and Discipleship</i>		<i>Funds Raised</i> <b>\$89,955</b>		
In Person Attendance	18	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Amount Paid</i>	<i>%</i>
Online Attendance	2	District	\$0	0%
Conversions	0	World Evangelism	\$0	0%
Baptisms	0	Pension Fund	\$800	44%
		Education	\$0	0%



## Denver Family

Pastors Abner and Lilliam Garcia

In 2025, our Denver Family Church of the Nazarene continued to grow as a community committed to sharing the love and hope of Jesus Christ both inside and outside the church walls. This year was marked by a strong emphasis on prayer, holiness, spiritual renewal, and family restoration. Throughout the year, we carried out several community outreach efforts to support families and individuals in need within our Hispanic and multicultural community, both spiritually and practically. Through visits, prayer, counseling, food distribution, and pastoral support, we sought to reflect the love of Christ in a personal and compassionate way, bringing hope to people facing difficult circumstances. One of the main focuses of this year was strengthening families and encouraging them to return to the altar of prayer. Through prayer vigils, church gatherings, and times of intercession, we saw many people renew their commitment to God and begin to seek His presence more deeply amid everyday struggles. Our church vigils became moments of spiritual restoration, unity, and biblical growth. We also witnessed the development of new leaders and the integration of new families and young people who began attending and actively participating in church life, bringing encouragement and hope for the congregation's future. One of the most special and meaningful moments of this year was the celebration of the first wedding held within our congregation, an event that brought great joy and gratitude to the entire church family and reflected our desire to continue building families founded on Christ. During 2025, we also began strengthening our discipleship program through what we call "Friendship and Spiritual Fellowship Cells." This initiative has started successfully and with great enthusiasm from the congregation, creating smaller spaces for prayer, Bible study, mutual support, and spiritual growth. Through these fellowship cells, we seek to strengthen unity among believers, support new families spiritually, and encourage a more active and committed Christian life. Although we continue facing spiritual and social challenges within our community, we thank God because we have seen His faithfulness sustaining our church and transforming lives. We move forward with the conviction that God will continue to work powerfully among His people and that every act of service, prayer, and compassion will plant seeds of hope throughout our community.

<b>Worship and Discipleship</b>		<b>Funds Raised \$39,617</b>		
In Person Attendance	55	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>	<b>%</b>
Online Attendance	28	District	\$1,204	100%
Conversions	12	World Evangelism	\$3,050	100%
Baptisms	3	Pension Fund	\$1,252	100%
		Education	\$1,066	100%



**Grace and Life Church**  
Iglesia Gracia y Vida

**Denver Grace and Life**  
Pastor Scott Carranza

Grace and Life Church (Iglesia Gracia y Vida) was blessed to participate in the 2025–2026 Resurgence Grant. Through this grant, we were able to expand our after-school program, the Academia Mauricio Saravia (AMS), from one 6-week session to two. That extra opportunity became life-changing for many children and families. During our winter session alone, 9 children gave their lives to Christ, including a 6-year-old boy named Matteo. Each week during Bible story time, Matteo faithfully asked for prayer for both his high-risk unborn sister and pregnant mother. When the moment arrived, his mom safely and without complications delivered his baby sister, Elliana. His tender faith touched our hearts. Soon, Matteo’s grandmother began bringing him to church every Sunday, and before long, his parents asked if we would dedicate both Matteo and Elliana to the Lord. It was a beautiful moment for our church family. Matteo is attending our spring AMS session, and he still faithfully asks for prayer for his mom and sister. But something has changed: now he no longer comes to church alone. Today, his mother, father, and little sister all come with him. When we asked his mother what led them to start attending, she shared Matteo’s simple but powerful words: *“When I get out of [Children’s Church] class, I want to see you standing there waiting for me.”* The impact has continued to ripple outward. Recently, Matteo’s mother donated 24 chef’s smocks for every child in our AMS cooking class, and his father volunteered to help prepare our Mother’s Day meal for all the moms in our church. The Resurgence Grant did far more than help us extend a program. It helped us reach a little boy named Matteo, and through him, God drew an entire family into the life of the church. Today, that family is not only growing in faith, but also serving and blessing our community.

<b>Worship and Discipleship</b>		<b>Funds Raised \$104,339</b>		
In Person Attendance	64	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>	<b>%</b>
Online Attendance	0	District	\$3,640	100%
Conversions	32	World Evangelism	\$0	0%
Baptisms	10	Pension Fund	\$0	0%
		Education	\$1,200	46%



## Denver One Hope Pastor Jason Brest



2025 has been a year of growth, transformation, and renewed vision at One Hope Church. Through our participation in the regional **Cycle of Resurgence Initiative**, we embraced a deeper focus on *Making Christ-Like Disciples*, building a culture centered on spiritual transformation, discipleship, and outreach that multiplies into future generations.

One of the greatest blessings this year was seeing lives changed through the Gospel. In 2025, a total of **27 people gave their lives to Jesus**, including **14 children** through our children’s ministry and outreach efforts. Our emphasis on reaching children and families has produced incredible spiritual fruit. One especially meaningful story came from a child who had recently accepted Christ and became so excited about their faith that they asked to have a **Jesus-themed birthday party**. Moments like this remind us that God is moving powerfully in the lives of children and that the next generation is responding to the message of Christ with genuine faith and joy. We also celebrated baptisms during our Easter services as individuals publicly declared their commitment to follow Jesus.

Our **Children’s Department experienced tremendous growth** throughout the year, creating the need to expand the physical space dedicated to children’s ministry. We are grateful to see more families connecting with the church and more children being discipled in a safe, vibrant, and Christ-centered environment. This growth was also reflected in our community outreach events. Our annual **Toy Drive served approximately 800 individuals and families**, while **Trunk or Treat welcomed nearly 600 attendees** from the surrounding community. Our **Spring Fest** also provided another meaningful opportunity to connect with families and share the love of Christ through fellowship and outreach.

We are thankful for the continued addition and growth of **Celebrate Recovery**, which has become an important ministry of healing, restoration, and discipleship for individuals and families walking through life’s struggles. Throughout the year, we also celebrated growth in church membership, meaningful Ash Wednesday services, Easter baptisms, and ongoing outreach efforts that strengthened our connection to the community.

This year also marked the rollout of our new discipleship emphasis, *Making Christ-Like Disciples*, as part of the Cycle of Resurgence vision. Our goal is not simply to grow attendance, but to develop transformed followers of Christ who will disciple others and impact their families and communities for generations to come.

We are also grateful for our ministry partnerships with **Love INC, Alternatives Pregnancy Crisis Center, and Faith Bible Chapel South**, which have helped us extend the love of Christ beyond our church walls and serve our community in practical ways.

As we reflect on 2025, we are encouraged by the evidence of God’s faithfulness and the continued spiritual momentum within One Hope Church. We believe the seeds planted this year—especially in the lives of children and families—will continue producing lasting fruit for years to come. We are deeply thankful for every volunteer, ministry leader, and church member whose faithful service helped make this ministry impact possible.

<b>Worship and Discipleship</b>		<b>Funds Raised</b>		<b>\$910,442</b>
In Person Attendance	279	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>	<b>%</b>
Online Attendance	97	District	\$25,875	100%
Conversions	27	World Evangelism	\$46,375	100%
Baptisms	23	Pension Fund	\$16,864	100%
		Education	\$21,752	100%



## Denver ThornCreek

### Pastor Ruben Villarreal



This report starts with me being lost in Athens in May 2025. I was on my sabbatical, and I unintentionally found myself walking the local streets of Athens, with no phone, no technology, no map, everyone spoke Greek, and all the street signs were in Greek! While

I was lost, God gave me a word, "You need a greater filling of the Holy Spirit to guide you." I took this message to heart and shared it with ThornCreek Church. I told them, "We need a new and greater filling of the Holy Spirit for the future that God has for us." The church received this word, and we started to chase after a new and fresh anointing. We made changes to our preaching, weekend services, and ministries. We made prayer and fasting a priority. Acts 2:38 became our mantra. We became hungry for a spirit-filled revival. Expectations changed. We started to hear recurring phrases like, "I couldn't stop crying during the service", "I don't feel judged here", and "This church feels alive". People started to confess their sins with each other, and shared their personal stories. They openly shared their battles with no shame. People loved the authenticity and transparency. The church increased. Turns out sinners and saints have more in common with each other than we think...None of us have it all together, and we all need the grace of God. This is the culture at ThornCreek.

Do people find Jesus at ThornCreek? You gotta know that we believe heaven and hell are real places, and people who don't know Jesus are going to hell. We are extremely evangelistic! We had 344 people stand up to receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior! We had a total of 118 baptisms! On Easter weekend we baptized 87 people! Over 1,000 people have stood up to be filled with the Holy Spirit! Men, women, married, single, young adults (18-25 yrs), teenagers, and children, are turning to God. Every age group is exploding and there are God stories everywhere. God is doing this in an interesting location...ThornCreek is located in a shopping center with very limited square footage, between an Ace Hardware and a liquor store. (Our baptism shirts say, "I found Jesus at a strip mall.") It's not unusual to see a fight, a drunk, or see some action outside our front doors. Our realtor called our location "Dog Space!" We don't have our own building, a big parking lot, a large fellowship room, a big kids area, or a gym. (One day!) But, we are evidence that God can pour His Holy Spirit anywhere! I believe we are in the early stages of a revival, but not only at ThornCreek...across the world. God is drawing people to Himself. Praise God! FYI: ThornCreek turned 23 years old on April 20, 2026! (My wife, Grace, and I started it in 2003 with three people in our living room). God can do anything, anywhere, with anyone. All the glory belongs to God!

<b>Worship and Discipleship</b>		<b>Funds Raised \$904,309</b>		
		<b>Budget</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>	<b>%</b>
In Person Attendance	576	District	\$27,129	100%
Online Attendance	171	World Evangelism	\$43,835	100%
Conversions	344	Pension Fund	\$16,027	100%
Baptisms	118	Education	\$0	0%



**Durango Faith Community**  
 Pastor Pam Jantz

Upon arriving at Faith Community Church in Durango, CO, we have been in the midst of a large refurbishing project on our parsonage. With that being the main focus, I spend the remaining time getting to know our people, the community, and the town. I have met with local pastors and others inquiring about where the spirit of God is moving here. I have no definitive answers yet, but I am determined to seek out where the love of God is being shown so we, as the body of Christ, can come alongside those in our community in seeing, hearing, and bringing value. I so appreciate the prayers of the saints and will continue to do so.

<b><i>Worship and Discipleship</i></b>		<b><i>Funds Raised</i></b> <b>\$82,443</b>		
In Person Attendance	27	<b><i>Budget</i></b>	<b><i>Amount Paid</i></b>	<b><i>%</i></b>
Online Attendance	17	District	\$2,490	100%
Conversions	4	World Evangelism	\$1,000	23%
Baptisms	2	Pension Fund	\$1,649	100%
		Education	\$600	30%



## Emmaus Road Church

Pastor Daniel Pape

When Danny and Shannon first visited us, they sat near the back, and they were warm enough with introductions, though it was easy to see they were guarded. As time went on, over coffee, then meals together, and eventually around Life Group tables, the walls began to come down, and a story began to unfold. They had recently been deeply wounded at a previous church by people carrying the name of Jesus.

This year our region invited us to bring people to Jesus. Danny and Shannon were looking for him, though the version of Jesus they were given was so harmful they were close to giving up. The grace working in them kept the longing alive enough to keep them searching. What they needed was a community honest enough to listen well, patient enough to move slowly, and gentle enough to help them see that the Jesus who first stirred their hearts was not the one who had hurt them.

That kind of conversion is not flashy. Most often it grows through the ordinary rhythms of a congregation: gathering, sharing meals, asking questions and letting the answers take their time, praying with one another in ways that make space for opening what we tend to guard. Much of what the Spirit did in Danny and Shannon this year happened slowly, in the spaces between Sundays.

I keep thinking about the road to Emmaus, how Jesus walked beside two grieving travelers who did not recognize him at first. He listened before he spoke. He stayed with them through the long walk home. Then, at the table, in the breaking of bread, their eyes were opened. Our church carries that name for a reason, and Danny and Shannon have reminded me again why it matters. Thanks be to God.

<i>Worship and Discipleship</i>		<i>Funds Raised</i> <b>\$185,336</b>		
In Person Attendance	69	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>	<b>%</b>
Online Attendance	13	District	\$5,560	100%
Conversions	9	World Evangelism	\$10,193	100%
Baptisms	3	Pension Fund	\$4,170	100%
		Education	\$4,170	100%



**Falcon Cornerstone Community**  
 Pastor Matthew Waggoner

This past year, Falcon Cornerstone Community has been learning to receive the quiet and surprising faithfulness of God. We have watched our average attendance grow by more than 100%, and we have celebrated the holy joy of 12 professions of faith and baptisms. We have welcomed 9 new members into our church family, and we have seen our children’s ministry grow from no consistent children’s department into four spaces where children are being loved, seen, and invited closer to Jesus.

In many ways, we are still a church in formation, growing, praying, and searching for a more permanent home. Yet even in the waiting, God has been near. He has reminded us that the church is not first a building, but a people gathered by grace, shaped by love, and sent with hope. We give thanks for what He has done, and we wait expectantly for where He will lead us next.

<b><i>Worship and Discipleship</i></b>		<b><i>Funds Raised</i></b> <b>\$244,300</b>		
In Person Attendance	58	<b><i>Budget</i></b>	<b><i>Amount Paid</i></b>	<b><i>%</i></b>
Online Attendance	25	District	\$7,335	100%
Conversions	11	World Evangelism	\$12,856	100%
Baptisms	11	Pension Fund	\$4,940	100%
		Education	\$6,112	100%



## Florence Faith Journey

Pastor Colleen McMordie

Greetings from Florence Faith Journey Church of the Nazarene! As we look back on this past year, my heart is full. We’ve walked through a season that held celebration, loss, and a few real struggles—but through it all, the Lord has been faithful. For more than 102 years, this church family has been part of Fremont County—loving, serving, and pointing others to Jesus. And even as we face the sobering reality of being the last Nazarene church in the county, and our closing as of May 31, we choose to celebrate what God has done here and trust Him with what comes next.

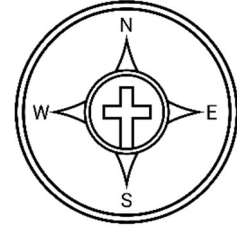
This year we were blessed to welcome—if only for a season—a small group of teenagers, along with a single mother and her two young children. God gave us meaningful moments together, and one especially joyful highlight was baptizing a 16-year-old young woman. We’re continuing to pray for her as she heads to college—asking the Lord to strengthen her love for missions and clarify His calling as she senses a pull toward worship ministry.

Even in challenging financial months, our faithful servants kept their eyes on ministry and their hands open to the community. Together we hosted a Thanksgiving dinner, adopted a family for Christmas, and reached up to 18 families through our Love Basket ministry. I’m also thankful for the moments of pastoral care—counseling and encouraging individuals as they’ve taken new steps in following Christ.

We also pause with gratitude to remember those we love. In December, Bob Hand—our brother in Christ and a member for more than 65 years—went to be with the Lord. We thank God for his legacy, and we’re grateful for Bev, who continues to serve faithfully and strengthen our church family with her steady presence.

The impact of this church will continue through the faithful hearts of those who have worshiped and served here. It has been my joy to walk with you through this season, and I’m grateful for the love you’ve shown to our neighbors— “We love because He first loved us” (1 John 4:19).

<i>Worship and Discipleship</i>		<i>Funds Raised</i> <b>\$32,841</b>		
In Person Attendance	20	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Amount Paid</i>	<i>%</i>
Online Attendance	6	District	\$0	0%
Conversions	1	World Evangelism	\$0	0%
Baptisms	1	Pension Fund	\$0	0%
		Education	\$0	0%



## Fort Morgan Pastor Kent Davenport

Morgan Church of the Nazarene has had a great year together in the ministry of the Lord. In 2024 we launched a Spanish-language service. Since then, we have been learning how to be one church with two distinct expressions. As anyone with multi-cultural ministry experience knows, it is difficult but beautiful work! In the summer of

2025, we changed our Sunday schedule to allow for a “Discipleship Hour” between the services, which provided the opportunities for two things; having us all in the building together (English and Spanish) and having a class in Spanish. We take discipleship seriously.

In the Summer of 2025, we ministered in a manufactured-home community again. It was our 5<sup>th</sup> time ministering in the community, but the first time “we” included people who spoke the primary language of the community (Spanish), and the first time we had ministries in Spanish to invite people to! Not only that, but we were also able to present the gospel message in the language of the community. We have a heart for bringing people to Jesus. We want people to know the transformation that comes by the grace of God!

The story I want to share, however, is not from that summer ministry, but about a woman named Becky who was introduced to our church through a women’s Bible study. She recommitted her life to Jesus after attending the Bible study for a while. Then she started coming to church on Sundays. She would bring her husband, her adult son, and her two grandchildren. Over the course of a few months, through the love of God extended through our people, and the grace of God at work, they all put their faith in Jesus! Not only that, but because of the transformation that was happening in the family, Becky’s daughter who lives an hour away also put her faith in Jesus and is letting Him change her life! Becky and her granddaughter were both baptized at Easter. Becky’s son and grandson will be baptized later this summer.

God is doing good things in and through his people in Fort Morgan. And I believe the best is yet to come! To God to be glory!

<i>Worship and Discipleship</i>		<i>Funds Raised</i>		<b>\$169,529</b>
In Person Attendance	96	<b><i>Budget</i></b>	<b><i>Amount Paid</i></b>	<b>%</b>
Online Attendance	5	District	\$4,955	100%
Conversions	15	World Evangelism	\$8,698	100%
Baptisms	8	Pension Fund	\$3,165	100%
		Education	\$4,120	100%



**Golden**  
Pastor Shari Palmer

**The Lunch That Took Ten Years to Schedule**

This past year I had the honor of meeting Gage (a young man whom I have known since he was in elementary school) for a series of lunches at Qdoba to discuss loving God, what baptism means, and following Christ as a young adult. And this was pretty out-of-the-blue too - which is the coolest part. As I said before, I had known Gage since he was a young dude. His family was in and out of the church for the past decade, with his sister being a main-stay in our youth group through her high school graduation. I would always say to her, “how is Gage doing? Make sure to say hi, okay?” Gage had wandered pretty far from the church and into some rough choices - but God was working. One Sunday, early this year, Gage showed up at church - saying he wanted to commit his life to Christ. This has happened with other folks who come one Sunday and are gone the next, but Gage...kept coming. I told him I’d be happy to help him however I could and I would treat him to lunch. Sure enough, on a Friday afternoon we met at Qdoba - and he started speaking about his faith in Christ, how his girlfriend encouraged him to come back to church, and how we was reading his Bible, on and on. It was beautiful. To make a long story short. God had met Gage where he was, and brought him onto a path for His glory. And we got to watch. From those early days of burritos and discipleship, to preparation for a baptism in local Clear Creek in February, to a celebratory deployment cake (yeah, God was working on his vocation too) our church got to surround and invest in this young man. Is that a resurgence? Perhaps so, but it definitely is a work - a work of God that had been building for over a decade.

<i>Worship and Discipleship</i>		<i>Funds Raised</i> <b>\$40,314</b>		
		<i>Budget</i>	<i>Amount Paid</i>	<i>%</i>
In Person Attendance	18	District	\$1,210	100%
Online Attendance	0	World Evangelism	\$2,339	100%
Conversions	1	Pension Fund	\$807	100%
Baptisms	2	Education	\$1,010	100%



**Grand Junction**  
Pastor Wayne Spencer

During this last year, while we don't have a specific story of a child coming to Christ, I would instead like to share what new things are happening with our children's ministry and how we are working with the Spirit to bring children to Jesus. We have added a children's ministry coordinator to our staff who is directly working with the children and their families to implement new methods, ministries, and build relationships. We have been reaching out to our childcare families and increasing our ministry to the children directly. We are even currently planning our first VBS in three years for this summer! Child worship has been incorporated into the second half of our weekly worship gathering and once a month we have Family worship Sunday where the children stay in the service and are specifically engaged at their level during the service. We also dedicate one Sunday a month to be Mission Sunday where they get to learn about the Global missional church and what has and is happening.

I could continue to go on and on about all of the "things" we are doing, but let me share a few stories about how our children are connecting and growing in their faith and relationship with God. We have a three-year-old boy who sits in the backseat of the car with his hands stretched out asking for the Sunday blessing during the week while he is out with his mother. We have a four-year-old who talks about Jesus and our faith better than some grown and mature Christians. Our children are connecting with Bible stories in new and powerful ways. Our children feel comfortable enough in the church family to be themselves and even walk up on stage from time to time during service! The church family is gracious, accepting and encouraging of these little ones, even when they have to dodge them as they run around. Our belief is if you feel comfortable enough to be yourself, then you are more likely to share struggles, fears and doubts so the church community/family can be there as needed. All of these things tell me that God is working in the lives of the children in our church and there are great days ahead as we continue to seek to partner with God in our community.

<b>Worship and Discipleship</b>		<b>Funds Raised \$196,505</b>		
		<b>Budget</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>	<b>%</b>
In Person Attendance	77	District	\$5,506	100%
Online Attendance	9	World Evangelism	\$9,083	100%
Conversions	2	Pension Fund	\$3,333	100%
Baptisms	5	Education	\$4,588	100%



**Greeley Celebration Pointe**  
Pastor Gary Haddix

Celebration Pointe Church was excited to participate in the regional Cycle of Resurgence this year in an effort to reach more children in our community. Our congregation was very thankful to the district for the award of grant money to help in that effort. We held several Super Saturday events in the fall that included great teaching, fun activities like a bounce house, crafts and snacks for all who attended. One of our Super Saturday events included Mel & Bev LaMar who taught and led 6 of our attendees to Christ! We also distributed Bibles to many children who had never had their own Bible before our event. Because of the efforts of our people, we plan to host our first VBS in ten years at the end of the summer! Praise God for a church and district committed to reaching children!

<b><i>Worship and Discipleship</i></b>		<b><i>Funds Raised</i></b>		<b>\$45,221</b>
In Person Attendance	36	<b><i>Budget</i></b>	<b><i>Amount Paid</i></b>	<b>%</b>
Online Attendance	8	District	\$3,069	100%
Conversions	8	World Evangelism	\$5,691	100%
Baptisms	3	Pension Fund	\$2,070	100%
		Education	\$2,557	100%



**Greeley First**  
Pastor Taw Taw Soe

God is steadfast in faithfulness and consistently benevolent towards us. Greeley First offers three language services on Sundays, excluding the first Sunday of each month. The first Sunday is designated as our Unity Service Sunday, when we gather collectively as brothers and sisters, the Family of God. We partake in the act of worshiping the Lord with unified hearts, voices, and Spirit, in commemoration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, as we serve His Holy Communion. We are offering support, encouragement, and the message of Jesus to individuals who are new to our nation and are learning to navigate and succeed within our culture. God is presenting remarkable opportunities for us to proclaim His Gospel.

<b><i>Worship and Discipleship</i></b>		<b><i>Funds Raised</i></b> <b>\$354,003</b>		
In Person Attendance	169	<b><i>Budget</i></b>	<b><i>Amount Paid</i></b>	<b>%</b>
Online Attendance	174	District	\$10,620	100%
Conversions	67	World Evangelism	\$19,471	100%
Baptisms	10	Pension Fund	\$7,081	100%
		Education	\$8,850	100%



**Karval New Day Community**  
 Pastor Enola Leonard

God is in the small things, and while we have accomplished small things, we are having a big impact on the Kingdom of God. We had to rethink our WASPS ministry (Wednesdays After School Power Surge) due to ongoing changes within the local school, so we started a new “First Sundays” discipleship ministry for all ages in September meeting the first Sundays of each month. Two children have become actively involved in the church because of this ministry and the adults in our congregation are growing in our understanding of being the church in today’s political and divisive culture. We were excited to have 30 in attendance at our Christmas Eve Candlelight service. Reaching out to families outside of our church to help with our service made a huge difference in our ministry that night! We have also ministered to families by providing funeral/graveside services for their loved ones. We find this can be one of the most caring ministries to those who don't have church homes. We want to thank the Colorado District for honoring us with a scholarship for our VBS in July. It has allowed us to invite others in who will share their stories and trade skills as we blaze the trails of “A Great Adventure” through the wild west of the Old Testament. We are excited and hope to see great results! We baptized an infant in July 2025, which was a much warmer event than her mother’s baptism in October. I will say, “While the Spirit warmed our hearts, an outdoor baptism in a cow tank in the middle of October tends to lend itself to being a mighty cool baptism!” Oh, but what a joy to see these commitments for Jesus and the spiritual growth happening across our congregation. We are small, but we are solid for Christ!!

<b>Worship and Discipleship</b>		<b>Funds Raised \$12,506</b>		
		<b>Budget</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>	<b>%</b>
In Person Attendance	11	District	\$400	100%
Online Attendance	0	World Evangelism	\$700	100%
Conversions	2	Pension Fund	\$300	100%
Baptisms	2	Education	\$300	100%

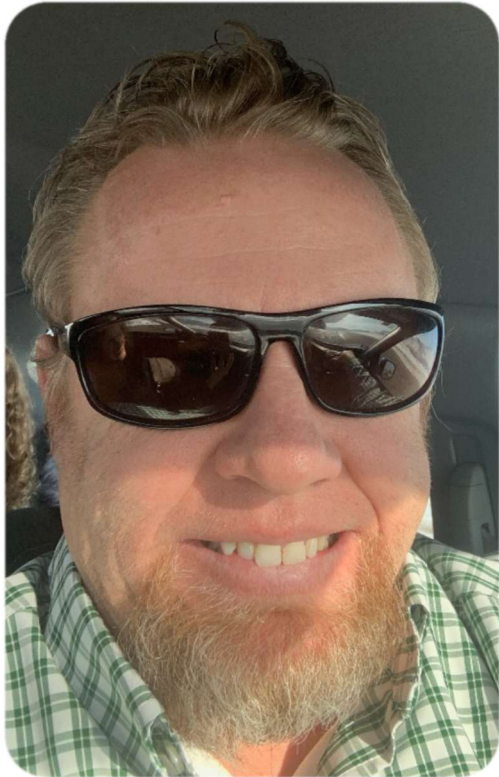


**La Junta First**  
Pastor Mark Callister

I know this Delegate Notebook Story is supposed to be happy, rejoicing and victorious. I also know that this year the emphasis was to be about children who have been brought to Jesus through the ministry of our local church. But this year our Children’s department has gone through some brutal change. We lost two disgruntled Children’s Directors in the span of nine months and children and parents departed in each case. It is hard to track victories and progress with that kind of change.

That was the bad news, now here’s the good news. We currently have a wonderful team of gentle, compassionate, deeply committed workers who are pouring themselves into the lives of children. They are teaching with humility and are intent on introducing children to a lifelong relationship with Jesus Christ. We are beginning to see more and more children back in our church on a regular basis, and with that will undoubtedly come stories of victory and commitments for the Kingdom.

<b>Worship and Discipleship</b>		<b>Funds Raised \$242,222</b>		
In Person Attendance	111	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>	<b>%</b>
Online Attendance	66	District	\$6,966	100%
Conversions	8	World Evangelism	\$14,077	100%
Baptisms	4	Pension Fund	\$4,645	100%
		Education	\$5,805	100%



**Lakewood**  
Pastor Brian Troxell

McHenry is one of our young teenagers. His family became a part of our church last year through our ministry toward Micronesians. He was very quiet and reserved in the beginning of his time with us. Over the last year, though, he has become one of our leaders. We are seeing him grow in his walk with Christ and he is one of the core members of our youth group. He is participating on our worship team on Sunday mornings, and we are seeing him take more leadership roles in our Micronesian group, as well. It is very exciting to see what God is doing in him and through him.

<b><i>Worship and Discipleship</i></b>		<b><i>Funds Raised</i></b> <b>\$371,851</b>		
In Person Attendance	109	<b><i>Budget</i></b>	<b><i>Amount Paid</i></b>	<b><i>%</i></b>
Online Attendance	1125	District	\$9,516	85%
Conversions	11	World Evangelism	\$7,158	37%
Baptisms	3	Pension Fund	\$5,777	79%
		Education	\$9,097	100%



**Lakewood Ebenezer**  
 Pastor Omar Gurrion

“I give thanks to God for the opportunity He has given us to serve as pastors in this church. God's hand has been with us; despite the difficult times, He has not forsaken us and has provided a solution for every obstacle. I am deeply grateful to God and to our congregation for their faithfulness.”

<i><b>Worship and Discipleship</b></i>		<i><b>Funds Raised</b></i> <b>\$32,500</b>		
In Person Attendance	60	<i><b>Budget</b></i>	<i><b>Amount Paid</b></i>	<b>%</b>
Online Attendance	0	District	\$0	0%
Conversions	6	World Evangelism	\$0	0%
Baptisms	3	Pension Fund	\$0	0%
		Education	\$0	0%



**Lamar Crosswind**  
Interim Pastor Darwin Enicks

Darwin and Lucy Enicks have been married for over 64 years, and Darwin has also been preaching that entire time. Most of his ministry was spent in the Louisiana district. He has also served in Indiana, Illinois, Texas, and Colorado. He also worked bi-vocationally as a middle school teacher for over 30 years, and often worked in other jobs, such as carpentry, to support his family. The Colorado District appreciates Pastor Darwin stepping in as the interim in Lamar following the passing of Pastor Roy Gueswel. Please pray for the Lamar church as they search for a new pastor.

<b><i>Worship and Discipleship</i></b>		<b><i>Funds Raised</i></b> <b>\$33,566</b>		
In Person Attendance	15	<b><i>Budget</i></b>	<b><i>Amount Paid</i></b>	<b><i>%</i></b>
Online Attendance	5	District	\$1,007	100%
Conversions	1	World Evangelism	\$1,848	100%
Baptisms	0	Pension Fund	\$672	100%
		Education	\$840	100%



## Las Animas First

### Pastor Carlton McKay

As I write this report, I can hardly believe we have been pastoring the Las Animas church for more than seven years. Is it just me, or has time hit warp speed? One thing is certain: time has not slowed down! I appreciate the continued health God has given Marilyn and me throughout another year.

We are grateful for the opportunity to serve the community in Las Animas. We have seen great things happen this year, but we have also witnessed unfortunate situations. It is difficult to see individuals bound by the chains of

addiction. However, we know the Chain-Breaker is Jesus! We have faced several health issues in the congregation, yet God is still working in each circumstance.

Last summer, I was privileged to baptize a young man who came to faith in Jesus after a Sunday morning service. He wanted to be baptized on the ranch, so we found a creek deep enough to submerge him! It's great to see children respond to the Holy Spirit's tug. Seven of our ladies are taking turns on Sunday mornings teaching the children during the message. Their faithfulness is inspiring to everyone. Our church regularly teams up with several other churches for an annual VBS in June. We are excited to hold it this summer at the public elementary school. Several of our children who attended regularly had to move because of an unexpected death in their family. Only eternity will reveal what they learned during the few years they were part of the church. We have several teens attending, which is a great blessing.

For some time, I've been concerned about the men in our community. I spoke with another pastor in town, and we teamed up to teach two six-week classes titled "Aim for God." We plan to repeat these classes this fall. I think about twenty men took part in these classes.

Our church continues to grow and attract new people. We held a weekend revival last year with Dr. Norman Moore and recently hosted another with Tim and Pam Gerdes. The church is a gathering place for baby showers, community dinners, and other events. Improvements are underway on the property, but our greatest need is for people, young and old, to catch the vision of a Spirit-filled life. Please pray for a mighty move of the Holy Spirit in this corner of the Arkansas River Valley.

<i>Worship and Discipleship</i>		<i>Funds Raised</i> <b>\$81,327</b>		
In Person Attendance	45	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>	<b>%</b>
Online Attendance	10	District	\$2,440	100%
Conversions	1	World Evangelism	\$4,466	100%
Baptisms	1	Pension Fund	\$1,636	100%
		Education	\$2,034	100%



**Longmont**  
Pastor Lonnie Green

We learned in theology class that the phrase describing how God created the world was *ex nihilo*, meaning “from out of nothing”. *Ex nihilo* would have been an appropriate name for our children’s ministry since we were essentially starting from scratch. But instead, we started a monthly children’s event that we are calling “*KidsTown*” that is designed for children up through the 5<sup>th</sup> grade and their parents. *KidsTown* is an event consisting of a light dinner, a group game, a Bible lesson, and then 3 activity centers that are done in the motif of a small town (*KidsTown*), centers such as Mrs. B’s Bakery where the children decorate pastries, and The Olde Workshop where they make wood crafts.

We’ve had two *KidsTown* events so far, one of which had 14 children in attendance along with 26 adults – a strong showing for us. That, along with our Sunday morning Children’s Church (a creative name yet to be determined), we are confident is going to help us establish a strong ministry to children and their families.

<b><i>Worship and Discipleship</i></b>		<b><i>Funds Raised</i>      \$324,304</b>		
In Person Attendance	80	<b><i>Budget</i></b>	<b><i>Amount Paid</i></b>	<b>%</b>
Online Attendance	34	District	\$9,162	100%
Conversions	4	World Evangelism	\$16,797	100%
Baptisms	5	Pension Fund	\$6,128	100%
		Education	\$7,635	100%



# STILLWATER C H U R C H

## Loveland Stillwater Pastor Derek Whitten

At 102 years young, Stillwater Church is just getting started. We are thankful for the many great pastors who have served our local church, most recently Jim Lynch followed by Brian Smith. Dreams to host a daycare to reach the surrounding community with Christ-centered childcare are coming true in just a few short weeks. As of this writing, we anticipate our first Sunday in our new space being May 31st, this year. If you know, you know.

I have been here just a shade over two months, so I don't have a lot of history with our people yet. But what I have witnessed so far is a wonderful group of people who are generous towards God and each other. We are prayerfully anticipating how God will have us serve Loveland and the surrounding area. We want to be part of the resurgence cycle of prayer, blessing our community, bringing people to Jesus, and becoming Christlike disciples.

<b>Worship and Discipleship</b>		<b>Funds Raised \$488,922</b>		
		<b>Budget</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>	<b>%</b>
In Person Attendance	108	District	\$13,783	100%
Online Attendance	15	World Evangelism	\$29,846	100%
Conversions	5	Pension Fund	\$9,832	100%
Baptisms	1	Education	\$11,484	100%



**Monte Vista Valley**  
Pastor Chris Yocom

This past year was fruitful. I want to thank the USA/Canada region and the Colorado District for their support through the Cycle of Resurgence grant. We had a great VBS in the Summer with over a hundred children in attendance. We also had an outreach called “Fall In Love With Jesus Block Party,” where we held church outside and hosted a great event for the community. We had over 400 in attendance. One child who stands out to me is Aspen. Aspen attended our VBS and came to our Block Party. Aspen asked Jesus into her heart at VBS, and we baptized her on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Aspen is one example of the impact of outreach over many years. God has worked in Aspen’s heart through the children’s program, which brought the gospel to her at VBS, and disciplined her through the children’s church. Our block party allows us to connect with many families, who can then be reached through our other outreach programs and events. Aspen will soon enter our youth program, where she can continue to grow and be a vital part of our church.

<b><i>Worship and Discipleship</i></b>		<b><i>Funds Raised</i>      <b>\$381,332</b></b>		
In Person Attendance	95	<b><i>Budget</i></b>	<b><i>Amount Paid</i></b>	<b><i>%</i></b>
Online Attendance	93	District	\$13,565	100%
Conversions	15	World Evangelism	\$31,769	100%
Baptisms	11	Pension Fund	\$7,462	100%
		Education	\$0	0%



**Montrose First**  
Pastor Ian Hyde

At Montrose First over the past year, it has been a real blessing to see the ways God has been bringing transformation and a renewed passion for a deep, personal commitment to following Jesus in a way that reflects his holy love in all we do. In February we started a new youth program and already have 12-14 “regulars” who continue to invite more friends to our Tuesday Youth Night, this Summer we will host our first VBS in many years, and we are building a new Children’s Ministry program as well. We’ve also expanded our Men’s and Women’s Bible Studies and have started a Midweek Study as well. But beyond starting new programs, what I am most grateful to see are the ways in which God is completely turning lives around, especially in our partnership with local recovery programs such as Calvary Ranch CO, which specializes in a “bible boot camp” model of helping men experiencing PTSD and addiction find healing and a renewed sense of purpose in Christ. One young man, who with his fiancée recently completed our membership class, immediately comes to mind. Raised in an abusive household in extreme poverty on a nearby reservation, he spent most of his adult life in prison under the weight of a violent past. Realizing he needed a change or he would lose his family, his future, or even his life; he enrolled in Calvary Ranch. There he found a new lease on life through the quiet peace which comes with reflecting on the Word and the support of many brothers in our congregation who have walked a similar road before him. He soon gave his life to the Lord, was baptized, and dove right into the life of the local church; actively engaging in Sunday School, in worship and prayer, and in our Men’s bible study. Now he has been sober nearly a year, and recently, he and his fiancée felt the Lord’s conviction that they should be married, and so they have begun receiving pastoral marriage counseling as well. Since committing his life to Jesus, his dad and siblings have followed suit, and he is seeing his whole family transformed as they break free of generational cycles of addiction and violence. It has been truly amazing to see what the Holy Spirit can do, and we are inexpressibly grateful to be a part of it.

<b>Worship and Discipleship</b>		<b>Funds Raised \$127,052</b>		
In Person Attendance	60	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>	<b>%</b>
Online Attendance	2	District	\$3,600	100%
Conversions	8	World Evangelism	\$6,963	100%
Baptisms	0	Pension Fund	\$2,400	100%
		Education	\$3,000	100%



**Palisade**  
 Pastor Don Blanchard

It is a privilege to submit my 48<sup>th</sup> pastoral report to the Colorado district, and 40<sup>th</sup> report for the Palisade Church of the Nazarene.

As always, I thank God for every victory we, as a church, have seen in this past year. I thank God for a church that gives sacrificially of its resources, time, and the love of Jesus. We have remarkable volunteers engaged in a variety of ministries that has consequences in 31 conversions; 25 baptisms, a food pantry that distributed over 57,000 pounds of food to 2,900 families representing 6,525 individuals.

Once again, we constructed and sent off over 105 crisis care kits; sponsored 30 children through NCM. We are blessed with great leadership at several levels in our Mission ministries. We had a successful VBS with 88 enrolled and averaged 70 in attendance in an exciting week with a great team who loved children and teens.

We have helped numerous families with rental assistance, utility bills, medical situations and gasoline. In addition, we paid all our budgets in full. Praise the Lord!

Our NDI department has especially seen growth in various small groups, bible studies, women’s ministries men’s group, young adults, youth and children.

I thank God for my two associate pastors who are making a positive difference in our fellowship every week. Our NYI department has ministered to others and grown in faith and involvement in our church. Four teens will be attending NYC in Salt Lake.

We have an incredible group of loving, hardworking and relentless in their efforts to touch a wide variety of adults and children with the love of God and the gospel of Jesus Christ.

<b><i>Worship and Discipleship</i></b>		<b><i>Funds Raised</i></b>		<b>\$233,784</b>
In Person Attendance	108	<b><i>Budget</i></b>	<b><i>Amount Paid</i></b>	<b>%</b>
Online Attendance	151	District	\$7,279	100%
Conversions	31	World Evangelism	\$12,200	100%
Baptisms	25	Pension Fund	\$4,640	100%
		Education	\$6,069	100%



**Paonia**  
 Pastor Sherry Mitchem

The 2025-2026 Church year has brought additions to our scope of ministry. We have combined for Sunday worship with the Paonia First Christian church. Combining for worship while maintaining separate buildings and by-laws has been interesting. But the Lord is in this. Both congregations are enjoying the combined worship and fellowship. We were able to baptize our one and only preteen, Megan, using the built-in baptistery of the First Christian Church. Both congregations enjoyed publicly welcoming Megan into the church universal. The nursing home ministry has also expanded to include Jane leading singing at Wednesday Bible Study and filling in when Pastor Sherry can't be there. It has been a Lord led year.

<b><i>Worship and Discipleship</i></b>		<b><i>Funds Raised</i></b>		<b>\$19,895</b>
In Person Attendance	18	<b><i>Budget</i></b>	<b><i>Amount Paid</i></b>	<b>%</b>
Online Attendance	2	District	\$548	100%
Conversions	0	World Evangelism	\$993	100%
Baptisms	1	Pension Fund	\$0	0%
		Education	\$455	100%



**Primera Iglesia del Nazareno**  
 Lay Pastor Gildardo Prieto

Well, what I have observed in the church—where God has been at work in each of us—is spiritual growth; and regarding those who have recently joined us, we see that they desire to serve the Lord with all their hearts. I see that God is working and transforming lives, for people are becoming more obedient to His Word and are willing to be baptized and serve Him wholeheartedly—because we know that God is always with us. Consequently, we have become more united, strengthened, steadfast, and fully devoted to the Lord Jesus.

<i>Worship and Discipleship</i>		<i>Funds Raised</i> <b>\$27,925</b>		
In Person Attendance	22	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>	<b>%</b>
Online Attendance	0	District	\$0	0%
Conversions	15	World Evangelism	\$0	0%
Baptisms	7	Pension Fund	\$0	0%
		Education	\$0	0%



**Pueblo First**  
 Pastor James Murray



Bringing people to Jesus has been and continues to be the focus of PFC, which goes hand-in-hand with our mission statement: “To Introduce People to a Growing Relationship with Jesus Christ!” Our scripture focus this past year has come from the words of Jesus when He was teaching His disciples how to pray... “**Thy kingdom come.**” We noticed that not only does the Lord’s prayer *begin* with a kingdom focus, but it also *concludes* with a kingdom focus... “**For thine is the kingdom.**” We have been impressed by

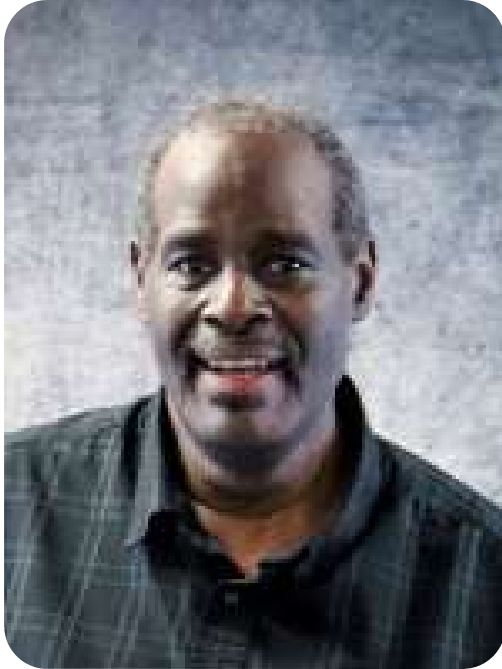
the Holy Spirit to courageously and actively seek to be about building the kingdom of God right here on earth and leading as many people as possible to a personal, growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

We have been fulfilling this missional call in three intentional ways: First, by continuing to make prayer a priority each day! The first step in seeking “**Thy kingdom come**” is to deliberately pray for His kingdom to come. We pray these words, trusting that the Holy Spirit will lead, guide, and empower us to do the work He has prepared long in advance for us to do. Second, we seek “**Thy kingdom come**” by servicing the Lord together *offering ourselves as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God*. We serve not just *inside* the church, but *out* in our community by offering ourselves as the hands and feet of Jesus, giving cold cups of water, or hot coffee, in His name. Our ministry to serve and feed the homeless, along-side Crazy Faith Street Ministry, continues to grow as the needs in our community continue to grow. We have also assisted our community through compassionate ministries, serve projects, and by partnering with some of the faith-based non-profit organizations in our city. And third, we seek to actively build the kingdom of God through reaching our community and world through sharing the greatest story of hope in the history of the planet – Jesus!

An emphasis on reaching our children and young people is not new for PFC, but with the grant money we were awarded by the district, we were able to do even more than we had hoped or imagined and God continues to use those funds to reach children both in our church and our community. We had the privilege of baptizing 5 of our children. Our partnership with Good News Clubs throughout our city and beyond continues to open doors to introducing children to the love of Jesus on a regular basis. We provide an after-school program in six of our local elementary schools, ministering to 137 children on a weekly basis, and of those, 77 have accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord! We also had an Easter Reach event where 14 children accepted Jesus when given an invitation. Praise the Lord from whom all blessings flow!

Our continued prayer is that the love of Christ will compel us to truly live out “**Thy kingdom come**” by praying, serving and reaching wherever God leads!

<b>Worship and Discipleship</b>		<b>Funds Raised</b>		<b>\$408,375</b>
In Person Attendance	170	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>	<b>%</b>
Online Attendance	44	District	\$13,757	100%
Conversions	31	World Evangelism	\$42,057	100%
Baptisms	21	Pension Fund	\$7,682	100%
		Education	\$11,722	100%



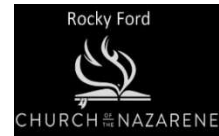
**Pueblo West  
Living Water Fellowship**  
Pastor Jim Young

It is hard to believe five years have passed. In that time, we have experienced many challenges and many blessings, along with remarkable growth. Watching our church grow from the ground up after COVID to where it is today has been truly amazing. We are raising up leaders, launching new ministries, and extending our reach beyond our walls. Our new Outreach ministry is actively making a connection with businesses and homes in the community. We have also started a monthly prayer meeting open to everyone and are preparing for a night of worship featuring old hymns, with local churches invited to join us. Our men's ministry meets monthly for breakfast, inviting other men from the community to join us. Although our church is small, it is spiritually strong and healthy. We remain committed to drawing closer to our Lord and Savior through faithful prayer, study, and a continued focus on encouraging and building up others.

<b><i>Worship and Discipleship</i></b>		<b><i>Funds Raised</i></b>		<b>\$93,844</b>
In Person Attendance	25	<b><i>Budget</i></b>	<b><i>Amount Paid</i></b>	<b>%</b>
Online Attendance	120	District	\$7,400	79%
Conversions	3	World Evangelism	\$0	0%
Baptisms	2	Pension Fund	\$0	0%
		Education	\$0	0%



**Rocky Ford**  
 Pastor Paul Farrell



Our Rocky Ford Church congregation has experienced an intimate, communing spiritual growth in discipleship by focusing on the power of prayer, a deeper communion with the Father, the abundant life of Christ, and the sanctifying power of the Spirit.

As a church, we have refocused our efforts on children. We reworked our children’s Sunday School and have encouraged children’s participation during worship services. Two of our children are sisters from a turbulent background, which included being removed from the custody of their mother. One of our members became their foster mother and has provided them a loving and safe environment. Through her care and their experiences in the life of the church, they have learned to trust in Christ Jesus for His love, healing, and acceptance even amid their traumas and struggles. The sisters have transformed from being two frightened young girls into ones who no longer have a fear in their eyes but smiles on their faces. They both actively participate in the life of our congregation, including providing Sunday worship specials and helping to open our worship with the sounding of small shofars. They joyfully memorize Sunday School Bible texts such as the Ten Commandments. Our congregation has also emphasized ministry to our young adults, with a new discipleship class and fellowship opportunities for them. We have seen this group begin to participate in services as well as volunteering to perform in other church roles. As a congregation, we have reached young adults who face daily struggles with neuro-disabilities such as autism. We have three frequent in attendance with one who has recently brought two more into our fold, giving us five in total!

Additionally, our congregation reaches our community through practical and compassionate ministry. First, a few congregants help provide meals and food boxes to those in need through the local Food Kitchen and the Food Share Project. Second, two other members provide local ride share assistance for veterans, the elderly, and the disabled. Third, a few other congregants provide hands-on assistance through local recovery support programs which focus on substance abuse, addiction counseling, and crisis centers. One member takes recovery programs into multiple prison facilities. Additionally, for nearly seven years, our church has sponsored its own midweek Recovery Group which has been instrumental in providing conversions to Christ, baptisms, and new additions to church membership.

This year, our church experienced 18 new professions of faith in Christ, 5 new disciples baptized through our recovery program, and 9 new members. In the last ten reports, Rocky Ford membership has included four years of 20%+ growth and 4 more years of at least 9% growth, including 14% this year. This is why the Rocky Ford Church proclaims the saving, sanctifying, and sustaining power of God’s love and grace – all to usher us into a deep, intimate, abiding, communing fellowship with Him!

<i>Worship and Discipleship</i>		<i>Funds Raised</i> <b>\$52,054</b>		
In Person Attendance	46	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Amount Paid</i>	<i>%</i>
Online Attendance	18	District	\$1,025	100%
Conversions	18	World Evangelism	\$2,835	100%
Baptisms	5	Pension Fund	\$1,025	100%
		Education	\$1,285	100%



**Security Life Community**  
Pastor Chris Crook

Life Community Church is experiencing a powerful Cycle of Resurgence, a Spirit-led renewal that is transforming our worship, our fellowship, and our mission. Our church is bursting with life as people come to Jesus, grow in discipleship, and pursue deeper obedience through fasting and unified prayer. Every gathering reflects a community being reshaped by the presence of God. Where we are worshiping with passion, studying with purpose, and serving with joy.

One of the clearest signs of this resurgence is found in our children and youth. Their faith is not passive; it is active, visible, and contagious. Recently, one of our littlest, barely two years old, stepped forward to pray over the group. In that simple, Spirit-filled moment, we witnessed the beauty of generational discipleship as this child mirrored the faithful worship modeled by our parents.

Our youth have also embraced the mission with boldness. Ahead of our Easter Celebration, they eagerly handed out invitations throughout the community, helping cultivate one of our strongest turnouts of the year. On the day of the event, they served with enthusiasm, welcoming and caring for the children being brought to Jesus.

Through these moments, we see our unified prayer to reach the world taking shape, not only through adults, but through the rising generation God is forming among us. Life Community Church is alive, growing, and moving forward in the power of the Spirit, and our children are leading us with courage, joy, and a vibrant witness of faith.

<i>Worship and Discipleship</i>		<i>Funds Raised \$37,977</i>		
		<i>Budget</i>	<i>Amount Paid</i>	<i>%</i>
In Person Attendance	38	District	\$1,085	95%
Online Attendance	15	World Evangelism	\$425	22%
Conversions	20	Pension Fund	\$150	20%
Baptisms	18	Education	\$0	0%



**Sterling**  
Pastor Chris Rose

### Bringing People to Jesus-2025

Sterling Church of the Nazarene has stepped out in faith over the last year and partnered with a local preschool in Iliff, CO. Through several members and connections, we have been able to make Godly impacts on the lives of families and children in our community. One of our leaders calls them God winks. God has definitely been winking on several children's lives, but specifically, three young ones have been baptized and have been helping serve among their peers. We also have teens who have stepped up to help in this ministry and have been baptized as well. Within this ministry, we have been able to collect and distribute food, clothing, and other necessities for living, and have served dinner to families of around 70 several times throughout this year. God has definitely taken a small step of faith, or a wink, and turned it into an outreach ministry that all of our congregation has been blessed to serve, from the youngest to the oldest.

<b>Worship and Discipleship</b>		<b>Funds Raised \$263,600</b>		
		<b>Budget</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>	<b>%</b>
In Person Attendance	104	District	\$6,438	100%
Online Attendance	28	World Evangelism	\$13,510	100%
Conversions	15	Pension Fund	\$4,913	100%
Baptisms	8	Education	\$5,365	100%



**Thornton Harmony of Hope**  
Interim Pastor David Ralph

It’s been a delight to interim in this church since February of this year! Pastor Ruben launched this church 14 years ago and under the excellent leadership of Pastor Mark & Debbie Runner they have nurtured this church to be a solid work that is enduring. Pastor Mark enjoys the pronouncement of the affirming words of Jesus, “I will give you Fruit that shall remain!” John 15:16. Thank you Pastor Mark for your faithful service across the years! May your tribe increase! Some events for this year; the church saw 3 significant conversions, we changed the name to "Harmony of Hope" and we also did an OIKOS project with the congregation for Easter where they detected, prayed, loved and invited their relational world toward a designated attraction event which was Easter Sunday, and we tripled in attendance. It was a significant shot in the arm to the church. Of course, Easter is a natural growth Sunday but with OIKOS the people worked to invite their relational world and saw real success! I’m so impressed with this group of people that have the task to set up and tear down every week in a school. They have it down to a science and each person fills their role with no complaints. We appreciate greatly Dr. Virgil in faithfully walking alongside the church and are believing it will be a work that not only “remains” but will advance!!!

<i>Worship and Discipleship</i>		<i>Funds Raised</i>		<b>\$86,144</b>
In Person Attendance	32	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>	<b>%</b>
Online Attendance	0	District	\$2,609	100%
Conversions	3	World Evangelism	\$4,604	100%
Baptisms	2	Pension Fund	\$1,675	100%
		Education	\$2,174	100%



**Trinidad**  
Pastor Becky MacLearn

This year, our church decided to try a new approach for our fall event. Our Harvest Party reached over 50 families as we loved on our community by providing food, games, and prayer. We also had the privilege of ministering to a local family with a special surprise of Christmas gifts and prayer. Additionally, our Easter egg hunt reached over 100 children and their families, and we were able to distribute Bibles to both children and adults. God is good, and we feel blessed to plant these seeds for the harvest.

<i><b>Worship and Discipleship</b></i>		<i><b>Funds Raised</b></i> <b>\$28,351</b>		
		<i><b>Budget</b></i>	<i><b>Amount Paid</b></i>	<i><b>%</b></i>
In Person Attendance	13	District	\$0	0%
Online Attendance	2	World Evangelism	\$98	7%
Conversions	0	Pension Fund	\$36	6%
Baptisms	0	Education	\$0	0%



## Westminster The Crossing

Pastor Colton Townley

The Crossing Church has a clear and focused identity that we refer to as our Purpose & Pillars. Our Purpose Statement states that *we exist to be a bridge - a point of crossing - where hurting people intersect with a holy God and are forever changed.* Additionally, our first 2

Pillars, which are our version of core values, declare that we will *chase God's presence* and that we will *champion the lost*. At the core of who we are is a deep desire and intentional purpose to bring lost people to Jesus so that they can experience transformational life change. In 2025, God has been so faithful to show up and move in hearts and lives as we have seen over 220 salvations this year alone. One story that I am excited to share is the story of Zulema and Alina, a mother and her 7-year-old daughter, who experienced a powerful moment this January on Vision Sunday. Zulema and Alina first visited The Crossing last November after they were invited by a family from our church. They immediately experienced the presence of God and felt moved by the Holy Spirit to give themselves to Jesus. On Vision Sunday, Zulema decided to take her next step and get baptized. In our baptism services, we are intentional about bringing our Crossing Kids into the room and they surround the tank to celebrate and cheer as people come out of the water. Alina was standing right next to the baptismal as she watched her mom publicly display her new faith in Jesus in front of the whole church. As she was walking back to her class, she told Pastor Rachel that she was so excited for her mom and that she wished she could be baptized today too. Rachel said "you can - let's do it!" So they got her changed and we interrupted our service to bring Alina into the sanctuary, and with her mom in the tank, we spontaneously baptized her right then and there. It was a beautiful moment and a powerful reminder of how a 7-year-old can be moved in a moment by the presence and Spirit of God, and as a church, we need to be ready to respond! Thank You, Jesus, for building Your church at The Crossing this year!

<b>Worship and Discipleship</b>		<b>Funds Raised</b>		<b>\$1,327,893</b>
In Person Attendance	496	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>	<b>%</b>
Online Attendance	246	District	\$37,378	100%
Conversions	217	World Evangelism	\$63,031	100%
Baptisms	67	Pension Fund	\$22,557	100%
		Education	\$31,148	100%



**Woodland Park**  
Pastor Dale Butler

“We’re just glad to be here.” I know you’ve probably said that at one point or another in your life (and ministry), but this is a pretty accurate statement for where we are right now. This has not been a year of increase. We’re not discouraged. We’re not panicking. We’re trusting God—for what He promises to do: “...I will build my church (congregation).”

We’re going to remain faithful, and obedient, and we’ll continue to push the envelope as far as we can here in Woodland Park, with what resources we have.

Church revitalization is not easy--pray for us.

<b><i>Worship and Discipleship</i></b>		<b><i>Funds Raised</i></b> <b>\$312,128</b>		
In Person Attendance	62	<b><i>Budget</i></b>	<b><i>Amount Paid</i></b>	<b><i>%</i></b>
Online Attendance	14	District	\$8,846	100%
Conversions	2	World Evangelism	\$16,209	100%
Baptisms	5	Pension Fund	\$5,898	100%
		Education	\$7,372	100%



**Wray**  
Pastor Ben Beckner

Our focus throughout 2025 was "Bringing People to Jesus." We encouraged our congregation to intentionally pray for and invest in "their one"—someone who needed the hope and transforming power of Christ. Through intentional relationships, prayer, invitations, and discipleship, we sought to faithfully point people toward Jesus.

One encouraging story involves an adult who had grown up around Christian influences but had never personally committed his life to Christ. Through relationships within our church family and ongoing conversations about faith, and a crisis number, he came to understand the gospel in a personal way and surrendered his life to Jesus. Since then, he has begun meeting regularly for discipleship and is growing in his walk with Christ.

While we do not have a child conversion story to share this year, we have intentionally invested in children and families through camps, children's ministries, and relationship-building opportunities. We trust that God is planting seeds that will bear fruit in His timing.

This year reminded us that bringing people to Jesus is not an event or series of events, but rather a partnership with God in what he is already doing. We are to faithfully sow the seeds, and God brings the growth. We are grateful for His faithfulness and look forward with expectation to what He will continue to do through our church.

<b>Worship and Discipleship</b>		<b>Funds Raised \$118,337</b>		
		<b>Budget</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>	<b>%</b>
In Person Attendance	67	District	\$3,550	100%
Online Attendance	6	World Evangelism	\$6,983	100%
Conversions	2	Pension Fund	\$3,239	100%
Baptisms	0	Education	\$2,663	100%



**Yuma First**  
Pastor David Martelle



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**Psalm 9:1 - I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.** It has been said many times by the folks of the Colorado District that we serve in the Greatest District of the COTN. Yuma Naz wholeheartedly agrees, but the truth goes well beyond that. We have been greatly served by our District, by its D.S. and by its leadership team, by its Churches and their people. We thank God for this incredibly complete

partnership in the Gospel. Because the presence, power & love of God flowing through you all, Yuma Naz not only has a future, but our future is bright.

Despite our church rebuilding difficulties; there are more of the Lord’s wonderful deeds than we can mention, but here are a few of the things we are giving thanks for: the CO District walked with us through the massive storm, forgave debt and fought for us; One Hope Church awarded us a Hope Grant that got us across the finished line; several churches (too many to list) have sent financial, tech, & volunteer support; several people (again too many to list) have sacrificially given to our rebuilding fund; even though we were initially \$277,713 short of completing the church rebuild, we’ve finished well - completely debt free; we are sending 13 youth and 3 sponsors to NYC – paid in full; *Kingdom Kids* After School program has completed another stellar year of ministry; Adult Discipleship added 2 new small groups, *The 40 Somethings* and *More Than That*; we have had 2 very successful “Bringing People to Jesus” movie nights; our partnership with C.N.E (a Spanish-speaking Church) has enabled them to plant another church in Holyoke, CO; we recently added 7 new church members eager to join God’s mission at Yuma Naz; Pastor Jamie graduated NBC MPP and is being mentored toward ordination. We received a report from another pastor in Yuma, whose youth group one of our *Kingdom Kids* attended. The young boy had shared with their youth group that, “everything in the Bible points to Jesus”, and when asked how he knew that, he said, “I learned that at *Kingdom Kids*.”

Tim Keller wrote, “Gratitude is what you feel. Thanksgiving is what you do.” Yuma Naz gives genuine thanks to God for the CO District COTN; who kept us on mission through it all.

**Ephesians 3:20-21 - Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.**

<b>Worship and Discipleship</b>		<b>Funds Raised</b>		<b>\$131,877</b>
In Person Attendance	56	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>	<b>%</b>
Online Attendance	25	District	\$3,895	100%
Conversions	10	World Evangelism	\$6,963	100%
Baptisms	6	Pension Fund	\$2,517	100%
		Education	\$3,396	100%

COLORADO DISTRICT RADIANT WOMEN'S MINISTRY

# FALL WOMEN'S RETREAT

## *In the Midst*



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**Colorado Springs Grace:** *Michael Kozloski*

**Colorado Springs Trinity:** *Beth Herndon, Richard Lewis, Von Wilson*

**Colorado Springs True Life:** *Sharon Sides, Diane Ulma*

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**Denver One Hope:** *Jerry Challis, Judi Corder, Marilyn Dekker*

**Emmaus Road:** *Wayne Reiff*

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**Golden:** *Carol Brouwer*

**Grand Junction:** *Ruth Smith, Charles Tate*

**Greeley Celebration Pointe:** *Walter (Wally) Oliver*

**Greeley First:** *Zelda Brunner, Ralph Cowan, David Keiss, James Womer*

**Karval:** *Patricia Leonard Hill*

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Mary Suzanne Trotter*

**Lakewood:** *James Diehl, Beverly Johnson, Karen Lucas, Ardyce Parks*

**Lamar:** *Roy Gueswel*

**Longmont:** *Phyllis Haviland, Gail Jergensen, Bill Lowe, Lee Swenson,  
David Wheelock, Janice Wheelock*

**Loveland Stillwater:** *Vernon Busse, Duane Wallon*

**Monte Vista Valley:** *John Glass*

**Montrose:** *Julia Arndt, Eldon Markus, Karen McKishen, Paul McKishen*

**Morgan:** *Margaret J. Brown*

**Palisade:** *Jim Deering, Mike Milholland, Carolyn Murphy, Phillip Thompson*

**Pueblo First:** *Marlene Cox, Beverly Gookin, Michelle Werner, Elza Wilson*

**Pueblo West Living Water Fellowship:** *Nona Larsen*

**Rocky Ford:** *Phillip Riemenschneider*

**Security:** *Barbara Young*

**Sterling:** *LaVonne Bilyeu, Gerald “Jerry” Cullip, Bev Ellsworth, Les Ellsworth,  
Gary Everett*

**Thornton Harmony of Hope:** *Byron Comfort, Vickie Mezza*

**Trinidad:** *Frank Leon “Buddy” Paine*

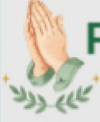
**Westminster The Crossing:** *Amalia Bradley, Larry Shaffer*

**Woodland Park:** *Eloise Diffenderfer, Cheryl Lindley-Infanger, Mike McNally,  
Cliff Miller*

**Yuma:** *Phyllis Campbell*

# 2026 Colorado District Assembly

## Workshop Schedule



Prayer Room  
19B

**Friday, June 26, 2026**  
**10:30 AM Workshops**

**Room  
30**

### **Raising the Next Generation of Christian Leaders** **NNU President, Dr Mark DeMichael**

In a rapidly changing culture, the Church has a unique opportunity and responsibility to raise up young leaders who are grounded in Christ, confident in their calling, and prepared to lead with humility and courage. This session will explore practical ways churches, families, and Christian universities can work together to develop resilient faith, cultivate leadership gifts, and help the next generation discover their God-given purpose. Drawing from experiences in Christian higher education, student development, and discipleship, participants will leave encouraged and motivated to invest more intentionally in emerging leaders for the Kingdom.

Hispanic Ministry

**Room  
14**

### **Holistic Health for Pastors and Leaders – Part 1** **Rev. Jenny Aldana Guerra**

This workshop introduces essential leadership concepts with a focus centered on the holistic health of pastors and leaders. Its purpose is to provide self-assessment tools that enable them to discern and strengthen their well-being across the various dimensions of their lives, thereby fostering healthy, balanced, and sustainable leadership. Furthermore, the workshop will address Biblical and pastoral principles aimed at the holistic care and development of the leader, taking into account the unity of the human being—spirit, soul, and body—and their calling to exercise a wise, responsible, and transformative influence within their family, church, workplace, and community.

**Room  
Lower  
Fellowship Hall**

### **AI Basics and Using It with Integrity** **Matthew Nimeth**

This session gives ministry leaders a working understanding of what AI is, what it can and can't do, and how to use it without compromising the trust and integrity that ministry work depends on. We'll cover the basics of how large language models like ChatGPT, Claude, and Gemini generate responses, why they sometimes get things wrong, and what "hallucination" means in practical terms. From there, we'll walk through a simple set of rules for faithful use: be honest about when AI helped you, never let it replace pastoral care or scriptural study, always verify before you publish, and protect the privacy of the people you serve. No technical background is required. By the end, you'll have a clear picture of when AI is a genuine help, when it's a shortcut to avoid, and how to talk about it with your team and congregation.

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19B

**Friday, June 26, 2026**

**2:30 PM Workshops**

**Room  
32**

### **Children's Quizzing Corner - Kimberly Rose**

Thinking about starting Children's Bible Quizzing? Join the conversation! We'll be sharing resources, brainstorming fresh teaching ideas, and mapping out the dates for our upcoming quiz meets!

**Room  
30**

### **You're Losing Us - Dr. John Prichard**

Generation Z (those born between 1997-2012) have demonstrated a movement away from religious fidelity and practice. What is Gen Z looking for and does the church, particularly those of us in the Wesleyan Holiness tradition, have something to offer? In this session we will look at the cultural backdrop of Gen Z and how we can engage their imagination, offering a vision of community high on flourishing and belonging modeling the character of Christ.

Hispanic Ministry

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### **Holistic Health for Pastors and Leaders – Part 2 Rev. Jenny Aldana Guerra**

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### **NotebookLM in Ministry - Matthew Nimeth**

NotebookLM is a free Google tool that lets you upload your own sources (sermons, books, articles, meeting notes, scripture studies) and then ask questions, generate summaries, or even produce slides based only on what you gave it. That last part matters: unlike a general AI chatbot, NotebookLM stays grounded in your material, which makes it much more useful for serious ministry work. In this session, we'll set up a notebook together, load real sources, and try out the features that ministry leaders use most. We'll also talk about what to keep out of NotebookLM (anything pastorally confidential) and how to fact-check what it produces.



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