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The Mid-Quadrennial Conference on Mission and Evangelism for the USA/Canada Church of the Nazarene

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Dan Boone Gives a Vision of God's Future

"The only way for us to get into God's future is to get God's future into us," proclaimed Dan Boone, president of Trevecca Nazarene University, during Monday evening's opening plenary service. Boone, a descendant of the American frontiersman Daniel Boone, proved an able explorer as he guided the assembly into the unfamiliar territory of God's future. Using Revelation 11:15-18 and 21:1-5 as starting points, Boone explained God calls us into a redemptive partnership to create a new future.

Boone contrasted this call by showing a video parody of ESPN's World Strongest Man competition, which showed pastors laboring to single-handedly pull large freight trucks. Boone explained that the burden of ministry can feel like the weight of the world. "How much more can you pull than what you are pulling right now?" asked Boone.

"We are always looking for ways to energize the clergy," related Boone, but he explained that having an eschatology, a vision of God's future reconciliation, will provide us with all the energy



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we need to lead with hope. "It is a magnetic pull that is full of divine energy."

Boone went on to share how a vision of God's future is what prompted Martin Luther King, Jr. to compose his famous "I have a Dream" speech. In a time of weakness and lack of courage, God's vision of the future helped King stand up for righteousness.

Boone ended the service by sharing a transforming experience which happened during a 1968 General Assembly World Mission service. He participated in a teen choir which sang, *We Shall Walk through the Valley of Peace*. "I remember that was the night the Church of the Nazarene gave me an eschatology, a picture of the future," proclaimed Boone. He shared how that kind of hope is what the world needs to hear.

The service ended with Dan Copp, Clergy Development director, asking for those who felt a call to the ministry to come forward. General Superintendent Paul Cunningham prayed for those that came forward, affirming and confirming their call to ministry.

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The Ft. Lauderdale Manor Choir Shares in song.



General Superintendent Paul Cunningham brings greetings to the assembly.

Book Spotlight:

An Interview with Oliver R. Phillips, compiler of *E Pluribus UNUM: Challenges and Opportunities in Multicultural Ministry*, a new book published by Nazarene Publishing House.



M7 staff asked Phillips about his new book and the challenge of multicultural ministry in the U.S. and Canada.

M7 Staff: What prompted you and others to develop *E Pluribus Unum: Challenges and Opportunities in Multicultural Ministry*?

Phillips: The immigrant population has spiraled to unimagined proportions in the U.S. and Canada. I believe that it is advantageous for the evangelical community to shape policies and develop strategies that take seriously the shifting of the demographic pen-

dulum. *E Pluribus UNUM* is an attempt to raise the awareness of a mission field that is not the same as it was 25 years ago.

M7 Staff: *E Pluribus UNUM* (“Out of many, ONE”) is a phrase used to express the belief that wherever we come from, and however different we may be, we can work together. Do you believe this when it comes to the challenge of multicultural ministry? Why?

Phillips: This is a major challenge. In the midst of globalization and the “flat world,” we are increasingly challenged to deal with the tensions that are created by diversity and difference. Immigrants constantly live in a duality of memory and amnesia. This is often overlooked by individuals who are anxious to have them integrated into the U.S. system. Unity by no means implies uniformity. The challenge is to celebrate our uniqueness and to accept our differences.

M7 Staff: How do you recommend pastors and laity use this book?

Pastors and laity can best use this book as a group exercise. I would recommend that persons be selected to lead in group discussions. They could either work through the whole book or just selected chapters.

M7 Staff: As Nazarene churches become more diverse and multicultural, what’s the glue that holds everything together? What makes us “ONE”?

Phillips: In the corporate world, there is a business case being made for diversity. In the church world, there must be a corresponding missional case made for the need to understand each other. If the holiness message is the compelling glue that gets a congregation or district excited about “doing church,” then it is left with no choice but to include all ethnic groups in its plan for evangelism. Further, our Nazarene forebears believed that holiness could bridge any divide between people, whether it be regional, cultural, or economic, and truly unite people for the good of God’s kingdom. I see no reason for any less optimism today.



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The WordAction and Barefoot Ministries teams are looking forward to a great event and seeing you there. Don't forget, stop by and say "hi!"

Make Plans to Attend...

Specialized Tracks for Starting Strong, New Churches:

Starting Strong New Churches - This track of workshops will assist new church pastors and teams in the details for starting a strong, new church. (Room 2103A)

Evangelism - These workshops address diverse issues and methods in evangelism and discipleship. (Room 2103C)

Emerging New Ministries - These workshops begin the dialog about the emerging church and its applications for starting new ministries. (Room 2101)

Starting Multicultural New Churches - These workshops examine cutting-edge trends in extending the reach of congregations to new areas. (Room 2102B)

Sponsoring New Churches - These workshops target best practices and suggestions from other leaders who sponsor new churches. (Room 2103B)

Discipleship - Closing the back door and connecting new attendees help these workshops address diverse ideas in discipleship. (Room 2104A)

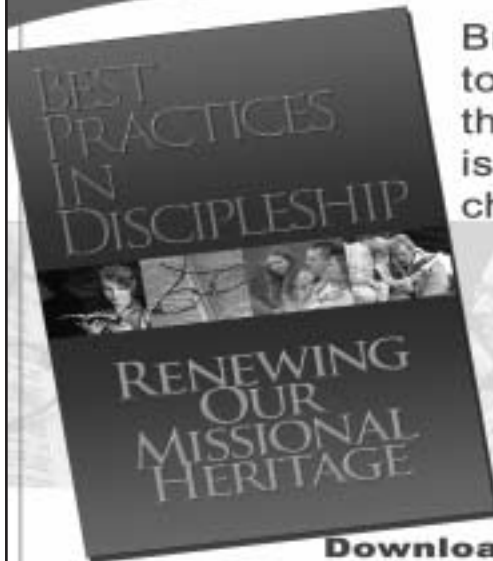
Evangelism Advanced Track - These workshops focus on issues for churches having effective outreach, but processing common concerns. (Room 2104B)

Prayer Ministry Networks - A trend in prayer networks has many churches using new resources and approaches for enlisting prayer support. (Room 2105)

The Master's Plan of Evangelism - This discipleship strategy comes straight from the largest Nazarene congregation in the world in Cali, Columbia. (Room 2102A)

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Did You Know?

A Spotlight on the Ministry of Nazarene Chaplains

The number of chaplains in the Church of the Nazarene has increased since 1984 from 150 to nearly 900 -- an increase of 500 percent in 22 years. Yearly, Nazarene chaplains provide ministry to more than 750,000 people, report 10,000 to 15,000 conversions, baptize 5,000 new Christians, perform 1,400 funerals, and conduct 450 weddings.

Chaplaincy is truly international in scope. Nazarene chaplains are currently serving in more than 20 countries throughout the world and in 60 differing and comprehensive ministry areas.

Chaplaincy is one of the few entirely self-supporting ministries of the Church. Because chaplain salaries are paid by their secular employer, this ministry to thousands happens at virtually no cost to the denomination. The first century apostles, who were literally kicked out of every place they went, who found no welcome anywhere, could never have imagined a day when Nazarene chaplains would be invited and courted into secular workplaces.

Nazarene chaplains serve in the following areas: Health Care (Hospital, Hospice, Nursing Home), Military, Workplace, Law Enforcement, Correctional Facilities, Campus, and Fire Department. Many retired persons and volunteers serve as chaplains.



An Interview with Susie Shellenberger



Susie Shellenberger has traveled all over the U.S. speaking and sharing with youth. She is the founding editor of Brio, a magazine published

for teen girls by Focus on the Family. M7 staff asked Susie, who will serve as Wednesday morning's plenary speaker, to provide an example of how to make faith relevant to young people.

M7 Staff: How can we share the message of holiness in ways that relate to college and university-age young people?

Shellenberger: We need to be willing to flex our methods without changing our message. Our message of holiness needs to remain constant, but we need to be willing to deliver it in creative ways. Here's an example: A few years ago I wanted to deliver a message on sanctification to 500 students from a variety of denominations. I knew if I simply spoke in terms of "holiness living," "being filled with the Spirit," and "sanctification," they wouldn't automatically understand those terms.

So I set up a coffin in the front of the room with a sheet over it (no one knew what was underneath the sheet

until the very end) and delivered a message on the importance of no longer running our own lives; the need to "die" to our own dreams, plans, relationships, etc. and submit to God's authority in every area of our lives. I realize many people don't like to use the word "die" any more when talking about sanctification, but there's such truth to that being what we actually need to do. It even goes beyond death to self; true holiness is death of self.

So the message explained that whole process and how the Holy Spirit—with God's supernatural power—can enable us to truly live holy lives after surrendering all.

At the end of the service, I challenged students to pray this kind of prayer. While they were praying, I removed the sheet so the coffin was visible. I told them if they wanted to seal their commitment, they could walk past the coffin and view the "dead" person inside. The only thing inside the coffin was a mirror. So when students walked by, they saw themselves and realized just how serious this commitment to holiness is.

They even took it a step further than I had anticipated. They not only walked by the coffin, but they stopped and wept as they saw themselves and realized that they were truly giving up "self." And with no suggestion from me, they voluntarily began dropping things inside the coffin—pieces of paper with things written on them that they were giving up: CDs, cigarettes, etc.

That's an example of delivering a message on holiness, but being flexible on the method. The message stays the same; but to reach this generation we need to be willing to think outside of the box and possibly change some of our methods.

The Quotable Susie Shellenberger

We *all* need the church! Try to think of the church as a hospital for sick people. We're all struggling with something. It may be a bad attitude, or it may be sexual intimacy outside of marriage. But your heavenly Father wants you in His house (the church) to encourage you, help you grow spiritually, heal your hurt, and help you get beyond your failures.

A relationship is a deep connection between two people. You need to be introduced to someone before you can have a relationship with them. Therefore, to have a relationship with Christ means you need to be introduced to Him, get to know Him, and become connected with Him. We do that by confessing our sins, accepting His forgiveness, placing our trust in Him, and living in obedience to Him.

Jesus Christ *begs* you to move away from casual Christianity. The world is filled with too many weak-kneed, wishy-washy Christians. He has a much higher calling on your life, and He asks for a much deeper commitment from you. He wants your all! He wants to be your Lord. **M7**

Pre-M7 Conference Spiritual Formation Retreat

Twenty-five Nazarenes from 11 different states, four different ethnic groups, and with vocations such as student, pastor, librarian, retail employee, and retiree, all gathered together February 18-19 at the Sanctuary of Hope Retreat Center in Kansas City. They had one purpose—to deepen their spiritual life in Christ. The 24-hour retreat experience included opportunities for silence, solitude, prayer,



and spiritual conversation. Many came away with an increased awareness of God's enfolding presence in the midst of the brokenness of life. They were encouraged to trust God

more deeply for the days ahead.

If you would like to be informed of future retreats in conjunction with Nazarene events, please contact Alden Sproull, hospital chaplain and spiritual director in Redlands, California kairos3@verizon.net or Doug Hardy, professor of Spiritual Formation, Nazarene Theological Seminary dshardy@nts.edu. **M7**

Missional Spotlight Interview with Dan Copp



Clergy
Development
Director, Church
of the Nazarene

Dan Copp has served as a senior pastor and district superintendent, and is now director of Clergy Development. M7 staff asked Copp about serving Nazarene clergy.

M7 Staff: As Clergy Development Director for the Church of the Nazarene, how do you serve Nazarene clergy?

Copp: Clergy Development is responsible for women and men who respond to the call of vocational ministry. This process includes providing the necessary nurturing, education, credentialing, training, continuing education, and encouragement, etc. that enables clergypersons to live “worthy of the calling” (Ephesians 4:1). Our intent is to resource a synergistic partnership with our clergy, districts, regions, and educational institutions so that together we are faithfully serving the full development of our clergy.

M7 Staff: What are some ways in which clergy preparation is changing to meet the current demands of ministry?

Copp: USA/Canada district assembly reports for 2005 and 2006 tell the story of God calling record numbers of women and men to clergy ministry. The 2005 assembly year reported our highest number of ordinands and licensed ministers -- totaling over 1,000 people for the first time. That same report indicated district and local licensed ministers totaled nearly 6,500 people, almost all of whom are presently in the Ministerial Course of Study. While we don't have all the facts and figures, we do know the 2006 assembly year report exceeded the 2005 record-breaking year.

With God calling record numbers of people to clergy ministry, we see a dramatic increase in the availability of educational providers (educational institutions, district training centers, etc.) for the Ministerial Course of Study, which is required for ordination, along with an increased effort to assure some standardization of the course of study curriculum and desired outcomes. Clergy preparation is also providing

more of a practical integrative experience as it is connecting more with the life of a local congregation through an intentional internship, mentoring, or supervised ministry experience.

M7 Staff: Are there skills or habits clergy need to develop for long-term ministerial fulfillment?

Copp: The writings of Henri Nouwen are instructive. He reminds clergy to create a space for God, which includes the disciplines of solitude, community, and ministry. Clergy are to understand themselves first as disciples committed to their own soul care. This involves nurturing their relationship with Jesus, listening, and availing themselves to His shaping and leading of their life. Solitude births a yearning for community, sharing Jesus with others, and growing together as disciples. It is in community that clergy discover ministry and the ways God would have them engage together with Him in the redemptive mission in our world. The ministerial temptation is to short-circuit this process, endeavoring to create and sustain ministry without the disciplines of solitude and community. This short-circuits ministry effectiveness and ministerial fulfillment.

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VISIT THE NPH BOOTH FOR THESE GREAT TITLES

The Multi-Site Church Revolution: Being One Church in Many Locations

Warren Bird, Greg Suratt, Greg Ligon

Fueled by a desire to reach people for Christ, a revolution is underway. Churches are growing beyond the limitations of a single service in one building. Expanding the traditional model, they are embracing the concept of one church with more than one site: multiple congregations sharing a common vision, budget, leadership, and board. Drawing from the examples of churches nationwide, *The Multi-Site Church Revolution* shows what healthy multi-site churches look like and what motivates congregations to make the change.

The Multi-Site Church Revolution offers guidance, insights, and specific action steps, as well as appendixes with practical leadership resources and self-diagnostic

tools.

Breaking the Missional Code: Your Church Can Become a Missionary in Your Community

Ed Stetzer and David Putnam

The task of this book is to identify the cultural barriers that blind people from understanding the gospel. This book will help churches apply basic missional concepts within the context of their church and community framework. With the word “missional” in its title, the book is for church leadership and congregations that seek fresh ways to reach communities for Christ.

The Present Future: Six Tough Questions for the Church

Reggie McNeal

In this provocative book, author, consultant, and church leadership develop-

er Reggie McNeal debunks old assumptions and provides an overall strategy to help church leaders move forward in an entirely different and much more effective way. In *The Present Future*, McNeal identifies the six most important realities that church leaders must address, including recapturing the spirit of Christianity and replacing “church growth” with a wider vision of kingdom growth, developing disciples instead of church members, fostering the rise of a new apostolic leadership, focusing on spiritual formation rather than church programs, and shift, from prediction and planning to preparation for the challenges in an uncertain world. McNeal contends that by changing the questions church leaders ask themselves about their congregations and their plans, they can frame the core issues and approach the future with new eyes, new purpose, and new ideas.

**GOT TAXES?
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It's getting close to tax time, and that can cause beads of sweat to pop up on the faces of many folks—especially ministers. Help is on the way in today's seminars with CPA and tax specialist Dan Busby. Busby is the vice president of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA). He's also the author of *Preparing Tax Returns for Clergy, Reporting Procedures for Congregations, Reimbursing Employee Medical Expenses*, and other financial resources for ministers and churches. As a long-time consultant to Pensions and Benefits USA, Busby is aware of the uniqueness of the polity of the Church of the Nazarene.

In today's seminar, he will discuss clergy tax-planning and church finance. This seminar—for ministers and church treasurers—will provide tips for developing adequate compensation packages that could save ministers tax dollars and perhaps even help avoid IRS audits. He'll also provide practical assistance for handling money in the local church.

If you've got questions about clergy or church tax matters, Busby has the answers.

Tax Planning for Ministers and Churches will be offered Wednesday at 2:00 P.M. and 3:30 P.M. in Room 3501D.

PARISH NURSING ACTIVITIES AT M7

Nazarene Parish Nursing Luncheon

12:00 P.M.–1:30 P.M. (Room 3501 E)

Nazarene Parish Nursing, Inc. (NPN) will host a networking luncheon to discuss the unique components of health and healing ministry. The organizers of the luncheon seek to network with health and clergy professionals who want to impact their communities, as well as their local churches, with resources of compassion. Discussion will be led by the coordinator of NPN, Ella Mary Poore, RN, MSNEd.

Parish Nurse Ministry Ideas - Stories of Successful Parish Nurse Programs/Ideas

2:00 P.M.–3:00 P.M. (Room 3501 E)

Many people are looking for creative ways to minister to the community by utilizing laity. This will be a rich and rewarding session that will explain the “why” of Parish Nurse Ministry. The passion for helping others is at the core of who we are.

Facilitators are Barbara Sage and Teresa Stecker. Category: *Congregation to Community*.

Launching a Parish Nurse Ministry

3:30 P.M.–4:30 P.M. (Room 3501 E)

A parish nurse can be an essential part of health ministry in any congregation, whether it is in the inner city, an outer suburb, or a rural community. This seminar will explore the role a parish nurse can play in equipping the church to maximize its mission.

Facilitators are Karen Campbell and Debbie Drake. Category: *Congregation to Community*.

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TOGETHER WITH HIS HEART AND OUR HANDS WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE:

As disciples of Jesus Christ we are called to love our neighbor. This love was demonstrated this past week as volunteers gathered to serve with the One Heart, Many Hands/M7 pre-conference service project.

One Heart, Many Hands (OHMH) was honored when asked to join the M7 Conference. Project director for OHMH, George Sisler, under the direction of David Felter, general editor for the Church of the Nazarene, Jeren Rowell, Kansas City district superintendent, and a local planning committee, identified the Troost Corridor as the focus for the pre-conference service project.

The following ministries are where the projects took place: Beacon Hill Church of the Nazarene, Blue Hills Family and Counseling Center, Kansas City Rescue Mission, Kansas City Urban Youth Center, and True Light Church of the Nazarene. "It has been a rewarding experience to work with

the pastors and laymen and to participate first hand in their ministries," said Sisler.



Volunteers came from all over the greater Kansas City area and from several states February 15-17 to unite their hands and make a difference in the lives of those living in these communities. Each day, volunteers eagerly arrived to scrape walls, repair plaster, paint, repair plumbing, sort clothing, and many other tasks. The goal of the project was not the physical labor. M7/OHMH wanted to join hands with these ministries and support the brothers and sisters in Christ as they build the Kingdom of God.

"It is good to come together to accomplish a common goal," Sisler stated, "but when that goal has eternal consequences, it becomes supernatural. Love is not love until it is given away. There has been a lot of love in Jesus' name going on and it has been so very good to be part of it."

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REGGIE MCNEAL'S 5 BOOKS YOU NEED TO READ TO BE MISSIONAL

- ✓ *The Externally Focused Church* by Rick Rusaw and Eric Swanson
- ✓ *The Church of Irresistible Influence* by Robert Lewis
- ✓ *The Shaping of Things to Come: Innovation & Mission for the 21st Century* by Michael Frost and Alan Hirsch
- ✓ *Simple Church* by Thom Rainer
- ✓ *The Jesus Creed: Loving God, Loving Others* by Scot McKnight

***Note:** These books, and those by Reggie McNeal, are available in the NPH book exhibit.



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M7 Q&A:

Where do I pick up my boxed lunch?

Pre-ordered boxed lunches can be picked up from 11:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. in Lobby 2200 with a printed receipt. College & University Young Adult luncheon participants need to go directly to 1501AB. Your lunches will be served in the Mega-Seminar session.

May I have a registration packet to take home as a souvenir?

Of course!

Where is the Prayer Room?

The Prayer Room is located at the Marriott Hotel in Big Joe Turner Room A. Prayer requests can be left at the Information Booth or any of the drop-off tables located by the escalators.

Where is seating for the hearing impaired?

The reserved seating is in the front of the assembly hall. Interpretation equipment will be available in Spanish.

Workshop Cancellation:

087 ID - *Becoming a Church Where Lost People Matter* (Session #4, Tuesday) with Bud Reedy has been cancelled.

Tuesday's Announcements

Looking for the Cutting Edge...and Needing Lunch?



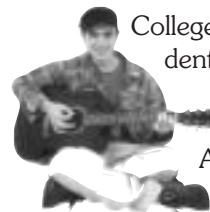
Try *Beyond Multicultural Ministry* with Gabriel Salguero. This Mega-Seminar luncheon will examine the next step in multicultural ministry, which is to go into multi-class and multi-generational perspectives. An excellent communicator and hard-hitting speaker, Salguero, a Ph.D. candidate at Union Theological Seminary, will take you to the edge! If you want something that will challenge your thinking and give you a taste of the future, don't miss this session.

Chaplaincy Luncheon is being held on Tuesday from 12:00 P.M. to 1:30 P.M. in Bartle Hall 2204.

NewStart District Coordinator's Dinner - District coordinators and their spouses are invited to dinner on Tuesday from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. in the Truman Room in the Muehlebach Tower of the Marriott. Stop by the NewStart exhibit to make any last minute reservations or for further details.

Nazarene Theological Seminary Dessert Luncheon - You are invited to a dessert reception following the evening plenary service from 9:00 P.M. to 10:30 P.M. in Bartle Hall. 2206.

College and University Students Invited to Mega-Lunch Seminar



College and university students are invited to a Mega-Lunch seminar in Room 1501 AB. Students ages 19-25 are invited to participate in round

table discussions to share their thoughts on critical issues and hot topics affecting the Church of the Nazarene. Don't miss this opportunity to connect with and be heard by church leaders. The discussions will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. If you have not yet made meal arrangements, please visit the Information Booth in Bartle Hall Lobby 2200.

About Tonight's Offering:

Funds collected from the Tuesday evening plenary service offering will be used to defray student housing costs of the 500-plus college and university young people that have come to attend M7 from all over the U.S. We greatly appreciate our students taking time from their studies to attend this event.



WORDS FROM PAST AND PRESENT GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS ABOUT BEING MISSIONAL

The field of labor to which we feel called is in the neglected quarters of the cities and wherever else may be found waste places and souls seeking pardon and cleansing from sin. This work we aim to do through the agency of city missions, evangelistic services, house-to-house visitation, caring for the poor, comforting the dying.

— P.F. Bresee, co-founder, Church of the Nazarene

Pure religion always has and always will have its two sides, purity and service. To neglect service in the welfare of others is to demonstrate a lack of purity. Holiness people should be preeminent in social service. This is chiefly characterized the Early Church—their untiring service to bless their fellowmen and care for their widows and fatherless children.

— John W. Goodwin

An inclusive multicultural community of faith, an inclusive church, is simply one that has a huge banner that says, Everybody belongs here. Everybody is welcome here. The inclusive church has a sign with neon lights that just simply says, over and over again, "You are welcome here."

— Jerry D. Porter