



DAILY SUMMARY

Wednesday
July 1, 2009
Issue Eight

TODAY AT A GLANCE

UCME Workshops
8:00 AM – 6:00 PM

GA Plenary Session
8:30 AM – 11:30 AM

**Nazarene Foundation
Board Luncheon**
12:00 PM (S321)

GA Plenary Session
2:00 PM – 3:15 PM

Regional Caucuses
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

GA Plenary Session
7:30 PM – 9:30 PM

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“THIS IS WHAT BEING A MISSIONAL CHURCH GIVES YOU”

Eugenio Duarte, regional director for Africa and a native of the island of Brava in the Cape Verde Islands, became the first citizen from outside the USA/Canada Region elected to the Church of the Nazarene’s Board of General Superintendents in the 100 year history of the denomination on Tuesday, June 30. Duarte was elected the 37th general superintendent on the seventh ballot on Tuesday, June 30, 2009, at the Church’s 27th General Assembly. Duarte’s election also reflects the multicultural face of the denomination.

Upon the announcement of the election, a crowd of delegates immediately swarmed Duarte in celebration, lifting him off his feet. Song erupted as the auditorium stood and clapped. Duarte finally was able to make his way to the stage followed by his fellow Africans waving a Cape Verde flag and photographers. He was warmly greeted by the presiding general superintendents, many of whom were in tears for this historic day.

Taking the podium, and after thanking the delegation, a humbled Duarte declared: “This is what being a missional church gives you.”

Duarte spoke of being enrolled in a small Nazarene mission school at a very young age, and later returning to teach at that same school. He talked of his journey as a minister and the steps that have been taken, following God’s lead for his life - a journey that has led him to the general superintendency.

“One who is inadequate has no right to say ‘no’ to God,” he said.

He then told the crowd, “[Since] I have been a part of the Church of the Nazarene, it has always been the case that the church teaches me how to serve. That’s all I know. That’s all I came to do.

“I am willing to serve.

“Thank you very much for trusting me,” he continued. “Thank you very much for trusting the mission. Thank you for trusting Africa.”

Duarte then took his spot on stage - as is tradition - next to his fellow members of the Board of General Superintendents.

Duarte has been serving as the regional director for the Africa Region since 2005. Prior to this assignment, he and his wife, Maria Teresa, served as regional global missionaries with the Church of the Nazarene. Duarte was field strategy coordinator of the Africa French Equatorial and West Fields.

Duarte was born on the island of Brava, one of the Cape Verde Islands. He gave his heart to the Lord at a young age. Upon his completion of high school in the city of Mindelo, he was chosen by the Portuguese, who governed the Cape Verde Islands at that time, to be secretary to the administrator on the island of May. While there, Duarte was active in the work of the Church of the Nazarene. He also met and married Maria Teresa, who was serving as postmaster on the island at the time. When Cape Verde received its independence from Portugal, the new government asked Duarte to go to Moscow to study electrical engineering. He declined that offer to respond to the call to preach.

After his training in the Nazarene Seminary in Cape

Verde, Duarte pastored on the island of Saint Antao. He was ordained in 1981 and later took charge of the publishing work in Cape Verde. He served the district as treasurer and as a teacher in the seminary, and then as pastor of the church in the city of Mindelo. He was later elected district superintendent.



Duarte’s talents were obvious, and soon he was called to direct the work in Central Africa. The Portuguese-speaking areas of Africa were growing so fast that it became clear that a field strategy coordinator was needed. Duarte was asked to take that responsibility. In August 2003 his assignment was changed when he was asked to serve West Africa and the French Equatorial fields.

On November 23, 2005, the Board of General Superintendents, in consultation with World Mission Director Louie E. Bustle, announced the election of Duarte to serve as Africa regional director. A majority response was received from a mail ballot sent to the General Board, ratifying the election at that time.

Duarte holds a master’s degree in leadership from California’s Azusa Pacific University and speaks at least five languages, including English and three of the major African languages. He has a gentle spirit, is a firm leader, and has a good understanding of mission philosophy.

Upon Duarte’s election as regional director in 2005, Bustle described Duarte as “a good man and a great leader.”

“His quiet and effective leadership has earned the respect of people through the continent of Africa,” stated Bustle. “He loves the Church of the Nazarene and testifies through word and deed that Jesus is our hope. God is doing great things in Africa; I look forward to seeing how He will use Eugenio to build His Church.”

Under Duarte’s leadership, that work has continued to grow rapidly and expand to new areas of the continent, making Africa the fastest growing region in the denomination. In fact, 22 percent of all Nazarenes are African.

Eugenio and Maria Teresa live in Johannesburg, South Africa, and have three sons, Sergio, Francisco, and Richard.

“I GLADLY ACCEPT”

John C. Bowling, president of Olivet Nazarene University, was elected as the 38th general superintendent for the Church of the Nazarene on Tuesday afternoon, June 30, 2009, at the denomination's 27th General Assembly in Orlando, Florida. Bowling was elected on the ninth ballot for the 38th superintendent.

After requesting a time of prayer and consideration for his decision to accept the election or return to Olivet, Bowling took the stage Tuesday evening and thanked the Assembly for their patience. He then talked about his history with Olivet, and expressed his deep love and appreciation for the school and Nazarene higher education.

“But,” he said, “I sense the voice of the Lord nudging me to a new chapter...”

“So, I gladly accept.”

After waiting for the uproarious applause to quiet, he continued: “This process of coming to a decision does not represent on my part any hesitation to be a general superintendent—I’m not going to enter this work looking back, but looking forward. I’m convinced that God has great things for the church!”

General Superintendent J.K. Warrick then walked to the podium and affirmed the election, introducing John C. Bowling as the 38th general superintendent of the Church of the Nazarene.

Bowling was also elected general superintendent in 2005, but graciously declined the election to return to Olivet.

When Ballot 9 results were revealed Tuesday afternoon, an emotional Bowling was immediately surrounded by his fellow delegates for a time of celebration. He was escorted to the platform by General Secretary David Wilson, and was greeted by newly elected general superintendent Eugenio Duarte and the presiding superintendents before making his way to the podium.

Bowling called the election "overwhelming" and the "highest honor of his life." He referred to being part of this Nazarene family as "a remarkable privilege."

Bowling said when he was elected in 2005 he was conflicted with the appointment and did not feel he could say "yes." However, from that moment on, he said, he has never had a second thought about the decision.

"My 'no' enabled two other general superintendents to say 'yes,'" he said, "and we elected two wonderful general superintendents at that Assembly."

Bowling shared a conversation he had with his wife, Jill, about the possibility of the election. He said he hated to say 'no' to the church, and hated to say 'no' to Olivet.

"And that's where we are," he said, "in the middle." He then shared a statement from Riley Coulter of Ambrose University College in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Coulter told him, "it's

not a matter of saying 'no' to either - it's a matter of saying 'yes' to God."

Bowling then highlighted a verse his father - a Nazarene businessman and churchman - used to share with him. Isaiah 30:21: "Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, 'This is the way; walk in it.'"

"I will listen for the voice," he said. And he did.

Bowling has been the president of Olivet since 1991.



Prior to accepting his current position in August of 1991, Bowling served for eight years as the senior pastor of the College Church of the Nazarene in Bourbonnais, Illinois. He also served as senior pastor of the First Church of the Nazarene, Dallas, Texas. He has been a member of the faculty at Nazarene Bible College in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and at Olivet Nazarene University.

Bowling holds a bachelor's degree, two master's degrees, two earned doctorates, and was chosen as a Resident Fellow for post-doctoral studies at Harvard University. In addition, he was honored by Olivet with the conferral of the Doctor of Divinity degree as part of the University's centennial celebration.

In addition to his work at Olivet, Bowling is active with a variety of professional organizations and local community affairs, including membership on the Board of People's Bank in Kankakee, Illinois.

Bowling also serves as president of the International General Board of the Church of the Nazarene. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Nazarene Publishing House in Kansas City, Missouri, and the Church of the Nazarene Foundation Board of Directors. He is a member of the USA/Canada Council of Education and the International Board of Education for the Church of the Nazarene.

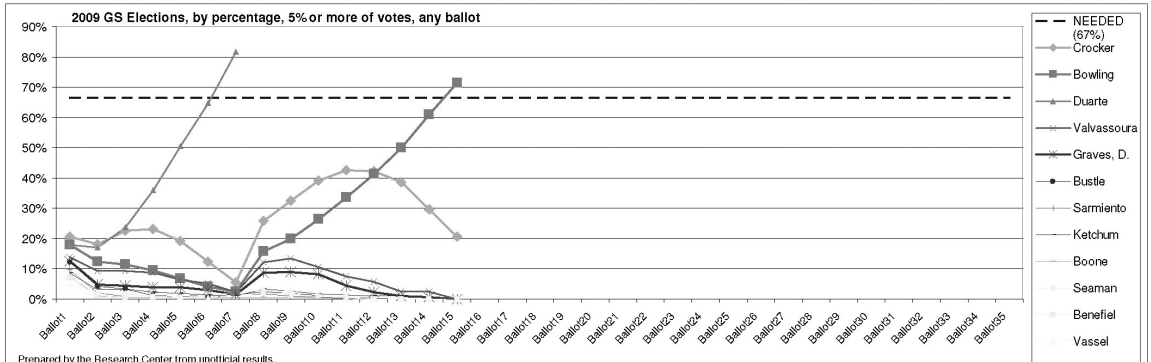
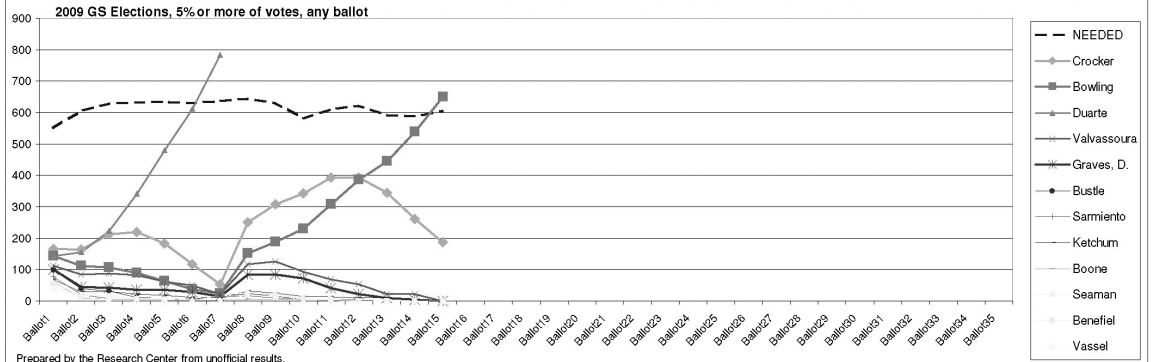
In addition to over 60 published articles, he has authored four books: *A Way With Words*, *Grace-full Leadership*, *Packin' Up and Headin' Out: Making the Most of Your College Adventure*, and most recently, *Making the Climb*, which chronicles his ascent to the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro, the tallest peak in Africa and one of the great mountains of the world.

Ballots for General Superintendent

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Name	Ballot1	Ballot2	Ballot3	Ballot4	Ballot5	Ballot6	Ballot7	Ballot8	Ballot9	Ballot10	Ballot11	Ballot12	Ballot13	Ballot14	Ballot15	Ballot16	Ballot17	Ballot18	Ballot19	Ballot20	Ballot21	Ballot22	Ballot23	Ballot24	Ballot25	Ballot26
NEEDED	551	607	629	633	635	631	639	645	631	583	613	622	593	589	607											
Crocker	166	165	214	221	183	118	54	251	309	343	393	394	345	262	188											
Bowling	144	113	108	90	65	39	24	153	189	231	309	387	445	539	650											
Duarte	144	156	224	342	481	613	783																			
Valvassoura	112	85	89	83	62	50	22	118	127	93	70	54	23	22	0											
Graves, D.	101	45	43	37	37	29	15	85	85	72	42	22	10	6	0											
Bustle	99	40	33	12	8	5		24	18	4	5	4	0	0	0											
Sarmiento	78	20	9	6	4			17	11	4	3	0	0	0	0											
Ketchum	69	29	32	23	19	13	10	33	26	16	14	10	10	5	0											
Boone	62	10	7	5	2			6	7			0	0	0	0											
Seaman	59	18	18	9	5	3		30	25	11	5	0	0	0	0											
Benefiel	56	12	7	7	5			20	18	8	6	0	0	0	0											
Vassel	40	20	14	11	8	5	4	21	14	4	5	0	0	0	0											

50 or more votes, any ballot



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Orange to Orange

Orange, Texas, to Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Florida, that is. In August 2000, Orange, Texas, First Church of the Nazarene Children's Pastor Marilyn Ball heard God speak to her heart and mind, saying, "I want you to take these children to the Children's World Quiz at General Assembly in Indianapolis next



summer." Since that time, the church has prayed, planned, and paid to make this a reality for every General Assembly.

For the Church of the Nazarene, General Assembly is a grand international gathering representing many cultures, races, and languages. The purpose is to take care of church business, but more importantly, to honor our one true God in one accord.

Children's World Quiz gives first through sixth grade students a chance to participate in Bible study in their local churches and to share their understanding of scripture through competition at district and regional levels and at General Assembly. This is one way that we honor God and our holiness tradition by creating lifetime disciples.

"This was our third time to load up our entire quiz team and families and bring them to General Assembly and World Quiz," states Ball. "We feel ALL our children who were on the quiz team worked so very hard, and even if they did not earn a chair, earned the privilege of going on our trip with us. It is a seven-day family vaca-

tion. We worked hard to raise funds for a chartered bus, motels, and more."

When K. Ray McDowell recently became pastor at Orange First Church, he encouraged the church to "continue what they had felt called to do since August 2000." He recognized the potential for children to hide God's Word in their young hearts. Also, he agreed that the trip to Orlando would give families a chance to travel together, share relaxed fellowship with laughter at the dinner table, and lift hands of praise with 20,000 believers from around the world. He and his family journeyed together with 77 children, teen siblings, and parents. Others joined them in Orlando to make over 91 from a church that runs a little over 200 in attendance. It was a wonderful way to introduce new families to the international church.

Since 2005, Southeast Texas has experienced two difficult hurricanes. Hurricane Rita was extremely destructive, and Hurricane Ike flooded half of Orange. Several Orange First Church families lost everything. And yet ... they recovered to follow God's directions for their children and families. A barbecue and other fund raisers helped them raise the needed \$20,000 for the trip.

"This ministry brings new young families together with a common desire to see their children grow in the Lord through this wonderful Bible study opportunity," Ball added. "Let me encourage you to start quizzing for the first time or to continue your commitment to Children's Quizzing, the greatest Bible study for children in your local church."



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Historical Notes from Nazarene Archives

Young, Coulter, and Lawlor

Eugenio Duarte is the fourth general superintendent born outside the U.S. Three earlier Nazarene general superintendents were born in the United Kingdom. Samuel Young was born in Scotland, Edward Lawlor in England, and George Coulter in Northern Ireland. The families of all three men immigrated to North America while they were youths. Young and Coulter became naturalized U.S. citizens, while Lawlor's family settled in Canada and his career as a Nazarene leader developed in that country. Duarte is the first citizen from a country outside the USA/Canada Region elected general superintendent.

Eugenio Duarte of Cape Verde

The election of Eugenio Duarte to the Board of General Superintendents represents the closing of a circle that began in 1901, when John Diaz was sent as a missionary to Cape Verde. He was sent by the Association of Pentecostal Churches of America (APCA), the Nazarene parent body located in New England and the Mid-Atlantic states of the U.S. At the time, Hiram F. Reynolds was in his fourth year as general missionary secretary of the APCA. Under his general leadership, the APCA opened the India field in 1898. Cape Verde became its second field of missionary endeavor.

John Diaz was a native of Cape Verde who immigrated to New England, where he joined a flourishing immigrant community of Portuguese and Cape Verdeans that was concentrated especially in Rhode Island. Diaz professed his evangelical faith and joined the APCA. He was the first person of color commissioned as a missionary by any parent body of the Church of the Nazarene, and he gave leadership to the church in Cape Verde for several decades, as it grew into one of the denomination's stronger fields. Eugenio Duarte, the 37th general superintendent, is the product of a missionary church planted and nourished by one of Cape Verde's own sons.

Update on Nazarene hero

In yesterday's *Daily Summary*, it was reported Earl Ayersman, a father and grandfather from the Lakeland, Florida, Church of the Nazarene, was in serious condition after he nearly died saving a girl from drowning. As of Monday afternoon he was unresponsive, but on Tuesday we were informed Ayersman was moving his arms, legs, and head, and even opening his eyes when asked. Continued prayer is requested.



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Legislative Actions

Among legislative actions late Monday and Tuesday (morning, afternoon, and early evening), the General Assembly:

- Changed the requirement in *Manual* paragraphs 200.2 and 200.3 from "ordained elders" to "ordained ministers." This change includes ordained deacons among the number of ordained ministers needed to move districts from Phase 1 to Phase 2 status, and from Phase 2 to Phase 3 status.
- Voted to allow the District Advisory Board to choose the place of the district assembly.
- Voted that lay career missionaries would be members of the district assembly where their church membership was located.
- Defined the district as "an entity made up of interdependent local churches organized to facilitate the mission of each local church through mutual support, and sharing of resources, and collaboration." (DA-201)
- Rejected a resolution that sought to place district assemblies on a biennial schedule.
- Voted that ordained ministers serving on the District Advisory Board be assigned ministers.
- Voted to allow the district journal to be prepared in a format permitted by the Office of the General Secretary. This allows publication in formats other than print, including their publication as digital products.
- Voted that an elder employed by the district office is ineligible to be elected or appointed superintendent of that district unless there is approval by the District Advisory Board and the jurisdictional general superintendent.
- Rejected a motion that sought to raise the age limit for election as a general superintendent from 68 to 70.
- Voted to designate Trevecca Nazarene University as an "historic landmark" of the denomination.
- Renewed for three more quadrennia Manual 902.10, "Historic Sites and Landmarks."
- Authorized a committee with the responsibility to approach "like-minded churches in the Wesleyan-Holiness tradition in order to pursue closer relations, with a goal of exploring the possibility of a merger or a collaborative relationship."
- Authorized a committee to address the concern that a high percentage (as many as 40 percent in some world regions) of non-North American/non-United States delegates are unable to attend a General Assembly. The committee is to be composed of General Board members appointed by the Board of General Superintendents.

