

Northeastern District Family Newsletter

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Thoughts from Dan

Our Worship (Continued)

Last month the first five principles from the "Worship Position Paper" of one of our District churches were presented.

They are:

1. We want worship to be Christ-centered.
2. We want worship to be spiritually honest and healthy.
3. We want our worship to be theologically and musically balanced.
4. We want our worship to be physically involving.
5. Our worship celebration will be blended in style.

Here are the other five for your consideration:

6. **We want our worship sound to be consistent** . . . in style, mix and loudness as determined by the worship leader. To achieve that our sound, music, lighting and video (coordinators) will follow the lead of the worship leader who, in addition to praying for God's direction each week, is under the lead pastor's authority who is under the authority and worship direction of the Board of Elders . . . Greeters and ushers will be trained to view themselves as part of the worship team . . . We will strive for consistency each week in content, music, excellence, sound and friendliness.
7. **We want our music to be culturally relevant** and sensitive to seekers of God. Col. 4:5 says, "Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity." Maurice Ervin, former editor of *Alliance Life* magazine once said, "People come to God through Christ. But they come to Christ through us. We must be careful not to erect any barriers they must climb over to get to Jesus." One cultural barrier we do not want them to have to handle to come to Christ is music.
8. **Our worship will be other focused.** What the Staff, Elders or Board likes or doesn't like is not to be the determining factor in the styles or songs we use . . . While our worship celebration is not seeker oriented, it will always be seeker sensitive to the unchurched mindset . . . We will avoid insider language. We will not assume the unchurched knows certain stories or words . . . We demonstrate spiritual maturity when we are considerate of the needs, fears and hang-ups of unbelievers and, like Christ, are willing to place those needs before our own in the Worship Celebration. There is a difference between a worship service and worship serve-us.
9. **Our worship will be thematic.** The worship leader will work with the lead pastor's, or speaker's, preaching theme each week . . . This may involve drama, video, congregational songs, decorations, props, testimonies or special music to augment the sermon's theme. Preaching will be structured to be Christ-centered and culturally relevant and to do that will use different styles (topical, exegetical, etc.).
10. **Our worship will be done with excellence as unto God.** The worship of the Lord, the Word of God, and the evangelization of the lost deserve excellence.

Again, these are excerpts, snippets, of this document. I pray they will lead you to think through the corporate worship services of your church with lost people in mind.

Your partner in the gospel, *Dan*



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glory of your name!!*



Northeastern
District
Office Staff

Church Health and Multiplication

“Possibly Three Sets”

District Superintendent
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Director of
Church Health and
Multiplication
Rev. Jon A. Martin

Executive Secretary
Billie L. Merrick

District Business
Manager/Bookkeeper
Mr. Frank E. Whiting

Church Health
and Multiplication
Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Debra A. Martin

What do you do with TMI (Too Much Information)? Many pastors/churches may be asking that question when it comes to duplicate and even triple sets of core values, vision and mission statements (Local Church, District, and National Office). Trying to utilize and encourage the person in the pew to grip three different sets of those well crafted documents will lead to fatigue. If the church you serve and attend has worked through this helpful and important process and the congregation has embraced them with their calendar and cash this is a terrific accomplishment! May you experience God's full blessing as you continue to clinch and run with them.

For others as you compare the three sets you may want to slot in or tweak some of the information. Still for others, your church may not have even embarked on the process. If you find yourself in this category, I would highly recommend that you consider wrestling with the core values that Rev. John Soper, Vice President of the C&MA presented at the Sunday evening service at Delta Lake. By now each District church should have received a complimentary CD of Core Value #1, “Lost People Matter to God and He Wants Them Found” from the District office of Church Health and Multiplication (If your church has not received one, please be in communications with Debra Martin). In that message, we were presented

with “Jesus’ Way” of evangelism and were challenged to “Turn around and face the harvest.”

Recently the CMTeam was given some unique proposals to think outside the box and to “turn around and face the harvest.” In the Albion/Rochester area for example, there is a growing Filipino population. Guess who lives in that area? David and Donnie Stockwell are former C&MA missionaries to the Philippines residing in the Albion area and are working with Faith Alliance Church (Albion) leadership to assist the church with this ministry. Another proposal that caught the eyes of the CMTeam is with a ministry couple, Muhanad and Enas Moses (great friends of Sami Dagger). Partnering with the Kenmore Alliance Church in “turning around to see the harvest,” we are praying for an Arab Ministry in western New York as “There are a growing number of native Arabic speaking peoples relocating to Western New York.” Henry Blackaby states, “Find out where God is working and join him.” As we continue to embrace this core value that lost people matter to God and He wants them found, we will be eager to “turn around and face the harvest” and be His true witnesses – even “His martyrs.”

Don't get bogged down with the “three sets.” Find out what works best for your church and stick with it. Let's hold close biblical core values that bring honor and glory to our Lord.

For a Health Today and Tomorrow,

Jon



*Retirement Celebration
Honoring Billie Merrick
for 35 years of service
Save the date!!*

Saturday
October 10, 2009
1-4 pm
Rome Alliance Church
920 Turin Street
Rome, NY 13440

District Items of Interest

Northeastern District Family Newsletter

Articles for the September Newsletter should be sent to da_martin@northeasterncma.com by **Monday, August 24, 2009**

With Deepest Sympathy

Mrs. Ruby M. "Brown" Walker
Former District Missionary
June 26, 2009

Mrs. Grace M. Miller
Mother of Rev. Daniel D. Miller
July 20, 2009

Rev. Bernard L. Dunham
Former District Pastor
July 22, 2009

Miss Ann Droppa
Retired District Missionary
July 25, 2009

Delta Family Retreat September 4—7, 2009

DLBCC
Rome, NY

Speaker: Rev. Nick Becker
Concert with the Doerfel Family
Sunday, 6:00 PM.
For further information,
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Delta Lake Bible
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315-336-7210 or
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In Transition

Mr. Christopher and Linda Agee
to Southern District

**Rev. Daniel and
Traceen Beeman**
to Western Pennsylvania District

DEXCOM Meeting

Reports to DEXCOM and other items for DEXCOM consideration must be received at least two weeks before scheduled DEXCOM meetings in order to be placed on their Agenda.

It is important to send information for their September 15 meeting to Frank Whiting at fe_whiting@northeasterncma.com by **September 1, 2009**.

Newsletter

Please remember that the monthly District Newsletter is the vehicle to dispense communications each month -- to reduce the number of "urgent" special notices sent to churches. Please send your items for the District Newsletter to Debra Martin at da_martin@northeasterncma.com

Welcome

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**Rev. Douglas J.
and Christina Kesler**
Pastor at Ballston Spa, NY
effective September 1

Births

Kaylie Lovette Cutting
Daughter of
Pastor Jeffrey and
Kimberlie Cutting
July 1, 2009
weighing 6 lbs. 13 oz
Congratulations, Jeff and Kim!

Looking for Pastors or Interim Pastors in NY

Cortland, Delhi, Horseheads, Olean,
Rochester/Savior's Chapel,
Springville, Ticonderoga,
Wellsville and Whitesville

Looking for Assistant or Associate Pastors in NY

Jamestown, Oneida,
Rochester/Trinity
and Syracuse

The public is cordially invited to attend the

Service of Ordination for Mr. Nathan G. Hill

Amherst Alliance Church
3915 Millersport Hwy
Amherst, NY 14228

Sunday
September 27, 2009
10:30 AM

Nathan successfully passed the *Oral Examination for Ordination* by the License, Ordination, and Consecration Council on July 7, 2009.

**Congratulations,
Nathan and Ashley.**

REMINDER

to church congregations
Clergy Appreciation Month!
This **October** could be the time when pastoral staffs receive a fresh touch from the Lord through thanks from their beloved.

Dates to Remember



Parsonage to Parsonage

AUGUST Happy Vacation!

SEPTEMBER

- 1 District Executive Committee Agenda Items
Due at District Office
- 4-7 **Delta Family Retreat**, DLBCC
- 7 **LABOR DAY HOLIDAY** – District Office Closed
- 10 Evangelism Committee Teleconference
3:00 PM
- 13 Missions Tours Begin
- 15 District Executive Committee Meeting
District Office, 10:00 AM
- 25-26
AWM Fall Refocus, DLBCC
- 27 Ordination Service (Nathan G. Hill)
Amherst, NY, 10:30 AM
- 29 License, Ordination, and Consecration Council
Agenda Items Due at District Office

OCTOBER *Clergy Appreciation Month!*

- 6 Disciplemaking Ministries Committee Meeting
10:00 AM
- 10 Retirement Recognition (Billie)
Rome Alliance Church, 1:00—4:00 PM
- 13 Ordination/Consecration In-Service Training
(Continuing Education)
DLBCC, 10:00 AM—3:15 PM
- 20 License, Ordination, and Consecration
Council Meeting, District Office, 10:00 AM
- 22 Missions Committee Meeting
District Office 10:00 AM
- 23 District Events Calendar Dates Due
at District Office
- 27 DEXCOM Agenda items due at District Office

God allowed my dear friend, Nancy Farnum, to run a race she never would have chosen—cancer. Yet God provided flowers along her path and promises a huge bouquet of blessings as she crosses her cancer finish line. Praise God that her prognosis is good. I hope these quotes from her blog entry are as encouraging to you as they were for me:

“Cancer wasn’t fun. I wouldn’t wish to go through this again. I don’t have any answers to the normal why’s that a person wrestles with when facing a serious illness, BUT it wasn’t seven wasted months either. There was a lot of ‘down’ time...and almost no ‘doing.’ Normally that would have driven me nuts. I have always defined myself by what I did; not by who I was when I was still. Now I have a new definition of me and it includes what I look like when there’s no activity, no job title, and no accomplishments to define who I am.”

“God is good even when life seems to tell you otherwise. From the beginning of this ordeal David and I both experienced lots of unanswered prayers. Everything we asked for, we got the opposite of. Life did not look good or feel good but we both were confident that God was still a good God even when we weren’t feeling good about life or what He had allowed to enter into ours. I know it sounds almost trite but God is the same God on the mountain that He is in the valley. The only thing that changes is the scenery.”

We can be so busy running our races, we miss some of the best scenery and the lessons God wants to teach us along the way. Please be encouraged knowing that the God of Hope runs with you. He is holding your hand and He won’t let go.

Run your race for the prize!

Elaine

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Ordination/Consecration In-Service Training

October 13, 2009

10:00 AM—3:15 PM

Delta LBCC, Lower Level

Rome, NY

Reservation deadline: **September 29**, 2009.

A cordial invitation is extended to all District Official Workers and spouses to attend this training which qualifies for *Continuing Education* credit.

9:30 AM – Registration; coffee, beverages, light snacks at Delta Cafe.

10:00 AM—11:00 AM – **Alliance Women Ministries** with **Mrs. Daisy B. Wallace**

11:00 AM—12:00 PM – **The Role of the Pastor** with **Rev. Kurt P. Johnson**

1:00—3:15 PM – **Church Health and Multiplication** with **Rev. Jon A. Martin**

Lunch (12:15 PM) and snacks will be provided at Delta, \$10.00 per person. For *provisional* official workers and those preparing for ordination or consecration, and their spouses who attend, lunch/snacks are *compliments* of the District. *Provisional* Official Workers who “choose” to attend will receive In-Service Training credit towards their “future” ordination-consecration requirements.

Please send the name of each attendee and \$10.00 payment (if applicable) to the District Office (payable to *Northeastern District/C&MA*) by **September 29**, 2009. Refund requests for lunch/snack reservation cancellations will be considered only until October 6, 2009, as the District is responsible to pay for all lunch/snack reservations.

For further information: 315-336-4720, Ext. 201 or office@northeasterncma.com

Chapel Pointe, a Christian residence home for retirees located in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, has benevolently cared for many Alliance workers in the 65 years it has been in service. Jonathan L. Doty, Director of Development and Outreach, will be corresponding with your church with a request to consider donating to the cause of benevolent care.

Although Chapel Pointe would like to see its ministry as a line item in each church budget, Chapel Pointe also appreciates one time gifts. Each church has to prayerfully consider which outside ministries to partner with and Chapel Pointe accepts the outcome as being in the Lord's will. If you have any questions upon receiving the correspondence from Chapel Pointe, please do not hesitate to contact Jonathan L. Doty at 717-713-2204 (direct line) or by email – jdoty@chapelpointe.org. Thank you for your prayerful considera-

Evangelism Minute

One of the things that really struck me in our last Evangelism meeting was the fact, that to use our evangelism tools, we need an audience. This may sound strange, but for Pastors it can be very relevant because we spend our day, almost exclusive, interacting with Christians who don't need to be evangelized. As a fellow Pastor I want to encourage you to be intentional about reaching the lost. What radio station are you listening to? If all you listen to is Christian music you have one less connection point with the unsaved. The same could be said about the books and magazines we read and the movies we watch. Are you coaching a community sport team, or serve on a community board, hospital board, the Chamber of Commerce, or Rotary? Take a minute to examine your life. Do you interact with non-Christians on a regular bases? If not, make some changes and find ways to make these valuable connections.

In Christ's Service
Kelvin McKnight

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District Quizzing

The 5 young men who made the Northeastern District Team in April represented the district well. They worked as a team and finished 6th in the preliminaries with all 5 of the guys answering correctly at some point. During the championship rounds they were model examples of how to handle success and defeat finishing with 7th place overall. Nate Kitchen finished in 4th place and Nate Harp finished in 19th place individually and narrowly missing receiving the rookie of the year award.

More stats are available at: www.biblequizstats.org

The 2010 International Competition will be held July 20th - 25th in Calgary, Alberta Canada.

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For the past four years my family and I have lived in Hefei, China, teaching at the University of Science and Technology of China serving under IFAP and ELIC (English Language Institute) giving opportunity to share our faith with a number of students and teachers, to see some of them make decisions and be followed up. We are available to speak in the Northeastern District churches for Sunday worship services, small group settings, Sunday School classes and other local church gatherings to acquaint congregations more with this ministry in China.

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