

# Northeastern District Family Newsletter

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## Thoughts from Dan

There are several thoughts roaming around my mind these days. Rather than focus on one, I'll briefly mention each one.

**Haiti Earthquake.** What a devastating tragedy for these people and this country, yet another reminder we are living in the last days. The worldwide response has been overwhelming and this crisis has been an opportunity for all who watch to see how many Christian ministries have been involved in this very needy nation – especially with its children. As I write, the amount given by Alliance people through CAMA Services is approaching \$200,000 and it likely will go much higher as churches send in offerings from their congregations. Thank you! The reports of many coming to Christ in the wake of this disaster is reason to rejoice. God is at work!

**Great Commission Fund (GCF).** Reports I received from President Gary Benedict this week (January 20) show that GCF giving in 2009 from Northeastern District Churches reached just over 100% of what was given in 2008. I rejoice in that news and praise the Lord especially in light of on-going economic stresses. Alliance wide, 2009 GCF giving reached 98.9% of the 2008 total. Like our President, I too give thanks and praise to God for every dollar and every dime given and for every Alliance person who has faithfully supported the GCF and our missionary effort.

**Delta Lake Bible Conference Center.** Back in 1992 the building now known as The Delta Center was constructed, incurring a debt of approximately \$500,000. Since then this building has continually been upgraded. Most recently beautiful camp offices have been built and occupied in the space previously filled by the This-n-That Shop. Now, hold onto your hats, last month (January) the final payment was made on the mortgage – PRAISE GOD!! We look forward to celebrating this amazing milestone with Delta Lake at a mortgage burning ceremony during Family Bible Conference this Summer. Thanks to all who have prayed and given over these 18 years and please continue to love and support the wonderful ministry of the camp. (Delta Executive Director has an article further on in this edition.)

**Valentine's Day.** If November is Thanksgiving month, then February is Love month. Of course, like Thanksgiving, Love should mark our lives year round. 1 John 4:19, a very short verse says, "We love because He first loved us." The motive for our sincere, active love toward others is the perfect love God has lavished on us through Jesus Christ, His only Son. I pray that each of us will celebrate God's unfailing love by passing it on as a Valentine celebration and as a way of life. May the love of our Heavenly Father be demonstrated over and over in our love for our spouses, children and families, our brothers and sisters in Christ, our neighbors (broadly defined) and those "not yet" Christ followers God places in the pathways of our lives.

Celebrating God's love and grace with you, *Dan*



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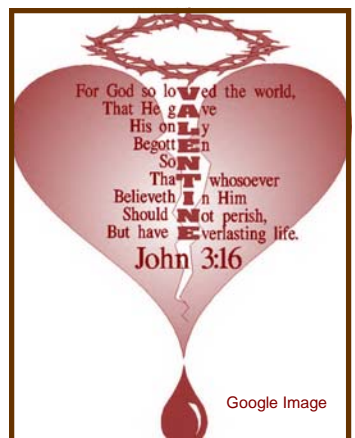
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I have never been in one, nor do I have the desire to be so, in the eye of a hurricane. Those who have, describe it as a place of “peace and calm.” Pretty amazing to think, that all around them are these horrendous un-harnessed turbulent winds capable of literally obliterating much within its path and yet, there in the center...is this perfect place of serenity. Today’s vernacular may describe that “eye” as a “sweet spot.” Grandparents receiving a hardy, ‘never wanting to let go hug’ from their grandchild followed by the precious words, “I love you” ...cherish that “sweet spot.” Having dealt with years of emotional issues, the “sweet spot” for a “Biggest Loser contestant” is finally, consistently dropping double digit pounds. The “sweet spot” for the Indianapolis Colts may come on Super Bowl XLIV!

Spiritually, are you ministering in your “sweet spot”? That is, the contentment of knowing that God has called you to a “specific place at this specific time for this specific ministry” like being in the eye of a hurricane, you are experiencing joy and contentment. These places are never void of “snap shot” challenges and difficulties but hopefully, “video” footage of these difficulties would be hard to splice. Recently, I have been thinking of this “sweet spot” in another format, a personal philosophy of ministry that could be embraced on a District or church level, but I find it most

meaningful personally, especially contemplating God’s Word and the lyrics of various genres of songs. It goes like this:

“The top priority (fill in the blank...) is to Glorify God seeking daily to joyfully be and do His perfect will.” I see a “sweet spot” there. The Song of Moses celebrating Israel’s exodus from Egypt (Ex. 15:1-18) reminds us in Rev. 15: 4

*“Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy.*

*All nations will come and worship you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.”*

Unpacking that statement,

“Glorifying God” is all encompassing and impacts every area of our lives especially in two broad areas of Passion for God & His Attributes and Passion for Others:

“Daily” - Satan wants to rob us of our “sweet spots” and bash our desire to glory God. Praise the Lord, each day is a new day! This is not about perfectionism or legalism, but “Satan is a liar, and he wants to make us think we are paupers when he knows himself we are children of the King.”

“Joyfully” John 16:22 “Your joy no one will take from you.” January 25, Daily Bread reading

“Be” and “Do.” This order is significant for sometimes we can be hyper diligent with the “doing” aspects of ministry and the “being” escapes our attention.

“His perfect will” Missional/Incarnational making disciples--for His Glory!

I Peter 2:12 gives the idea of living “as aliens to bring Glory to God in a Hostile World.”

“Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.”

Note a portion of the lyrics, “*Filled with Glory*” by Michael Gungor

*As we all bow down, as we all come casting off our crowns,  
would you hear our cry, we want to see you glorified. (repeat)*

*Chorus: Glorify your name, Glorify your name, Glorify your name,  
We want to see you glorified.*

*As we join as one, as we live to let Your Kingdom Come.*

*Father, through our lives, we want to see you Glorified.*

Praise the Lord for “sweet spots” and for the opportunities today and when we get to heaven to Glorify His Name!  
For a Healthier Today and Tomorrow, Jon

# District Items of Interest

## Northeastern District Family Newsletter

Articles for the **March**  
Newsletter should be sent to  
da\_martin@northeasterncma.com  
by **Monday, February 22, 2010**

## With Deepest Sympathy

**Rev. W. Emerson Ackerman**  
Retired Former District Pastor  
and District Superintendent  
December 25, 2009

## Great Commission Fund

Giving to the Great Commission  
Fund from our District Churches of  
\$1,560,440 for twelve months of  
2009 is 100.3% compared to the  
same time in 2008.



## Appliance Available

A 30" electric range/oven (white)  
in working condition is available  
to a District church or pastor.  
It is located in Rome and will need  
to be picked up. No cost.  
Please contact Frank Whiting at the  
District Office if interested.

## Looking for Pastors or Interim Pastors in NY

Campbell, Cortland,  
Frewsburg, Port Crane,  
Ticonderoga and Whitesville

## Looking for Assistant or Associate Pastors in NY

Oneida and Syracuse

## District Resources

If you would like to receive an  
electronic copy of the  
**Northeastern District  
Events Calendar**  
please contact Tracy Murphy at  
office@northeasterncma.com

For an electronic copy of the 2008  
**District and Prayer  
Conference Proceedings** or the  
2010 **District Directory**  
contact Frank Whiting at  
fe\_whiting@northeasterncma.com

## Ordination/Consecration In-Service Training

ATTENTION: *Provisional* official  
workers and those preparing for  
ordination or consecration,  
please note that Tuesdays,  
**May 18** and **October 12, 2010**,  
are In-Service Training days at the  
Delta Lake Bible Conference  
Center Rome, NY  
10:00 AM—3:15 PM.

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

## Rev. Timothy R. and Penny L. McNamara

moved back into the district.  
1366 State Route 38  
Owego, NY 13827

## Births

### Calvin Andrew Ferguson

Son of Rev. Kenneth  
and Wendy Ferguson  
January 7, 2010  
weighting 6 lbs. 5 oz

## CCLI Reminder

Please remember that copying  
or projecting copyrighted music  
(including lyrics) without specific  
permission from the copyright  
owner or a current CCLI license  
is a violation of copyright law  
(i.e. illegal).

Also remember, if you have a  
current CCLI license, you must  
include the required information  
on each piece of music you  
copy, whether for distribution  
(bulletins, inserts, etc.) or  
projection. As I visit churches it  
seems we are getting a little lax  
in this area. Dan Miller

## NOWF (New Official Workers Forum) – August 23-26, 2010

The NOWF will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Colorado Springs,  
Colorado. Registration will begin on Monday afternoon, August 23, and the  
meetings will conclude around noon on Thursday, August 26.

All new official workers who have not attended a NOWF are invited to  
attend in order to fulfill one of the requirements toward ordination.

Where need exists, financial assistance for transportation cost  
is available for Senior/Solo Pastors. Contact the District Office.

ATTENTION: District senior pastors and church office personnel  
***The Christian and Missionary Alliance Annual Report to the President.***  
**District Deadline: Monday, February 1.** If you have not completed this  
report, please do ASAP. This report is required to be completed by every  
District church. A special **CONGRATULATIONS** to Rev. Bill Trinidad at  
The Village Chapel, Candor, NY for being the first church to submit both  
their Annual Report and Church Personnel Form on January 6. Thank you!



## Parsonage to Parsonage

Marriage to a minister has its benefits—and its drawbacks. Our husbands can be home in the middle of the day—and they are away many nights. Helping people in crisis is rewarding—but phone calls come at all hours. We become more Christ like and die to self—especially when the needs of a parishioner pre-empt the needs of a wife. There are those who yearn to trade places with us—and some who say, “I feel so sorry for you. I’d hate to be married to a Pastor.” If we concentrate on the negative, we may think life in the parsonage is a curse instead of a blessing. Don’t let that happen. Focus on the positive and the privilege it is being married to a man called by God.

*Partnership Magazine* years ago said, “To the world He gave His Son, to the Church He gave Pastors, to your husband, He gave you.” You are married to God’s gift to the church. Sure there are difficult days, but remember that we aren’t the only wives whose lives are affected by our husband’s calling.

Dan and I were in the military before we were in the ministry. During that time I met Navy wives whose lives taught me the meaning of marriage to a man committed to his work. One had five children including a newborn. Her husband was on a ship thousands of miles away. It was December and she was preparing for another Christmas—without him. She faced each day with joy and confidence—never complaining about her single-parent status.

One day I asked her, “How do you deal with this? Your husband doesn’t have to be in the Navy. He could have chosen a lucrative career and one that allowed him to be home helping you raise your children. Why did he choose the Navy?”

She did not hesitate to answer, “Because he loves his country.”

Should we not love His Kingdom more than the Navy officer loves his country? We could have prosperous secular careers, but we chose ministry? Why? Because it’s a calling from God and we love God.

This Valentine’s Day wrap your arms around the man God gave to you to love. Assure him of your respect and support, and thank God for the gift of sharing life and ministry with a man chosen by God to serve Him. That’s quite a gift! Enjoy it. Sending lots of love to you this Valentine’s Day! *Elaine*

## District Calendar

### FEBRUARY

- 1-2 DEXCOM Meeting, District Office, 10:00 AM
- 5-7 Youth Winter Weekend, DLBCC
- 11 Evangelism Comm. Mtg., District Office, 10:00 AM
- 12-14 Youth Winter Weekend, DLBCC
- 15 **PRESIDENTS’ DAY HOLIDAY** – District Office Closed
- 19-21 Youth Winter Weekend, DLBCC
- 22 Newsletter Items Due at District Office
- 24 Town & Country part II Horseheads STCCC

### MARCH

- 5 **Conference Reports** Due at District Office
- 16 DMC Mtg., Baldwinsville, 10:00 AM
- 19 **Conference Registrations Due** at District Office  
by March 19, per: Accredited Delegate \$65  
Corresponding Delegate \$35  
after March 19, per: Accredited Delegate \$90  
Corresponding Delegate \$60
- 19-20 March Madness Scramble Quiz Tournament  
LaFayette Alliance
- 22 Newsletter Items Due at District Office
- 23 CMTeam Mtg., District Office, 10:00 AM
- 27 AWM Women’s Leadership Studies, Fulton Alliance
- 30 DEXCOM Agenda Items Due at District Office

## Directory Updates

### Owego

**delete** “Pastor” phone number at Church

### Rev. Lyle D. Leach

5821 Meadows Rd  
Dewittville, NY 14728

### Rev. Tedd M. Lewellen

pastortedd@thesaviorschapel.org

### Mr. Moses A. Mousa

716-873-1891

### Mr. Todd D. Wolfe

185 Day Hollow Rd  
Owego, NY 13827

## LIFE 2010 Collide

**LIFE 2010: COLLIDE**

**July 6—10, 2010**

**Louisville, Kentucky**

Registration -- \$395.

Website:

[www.lifeimpactcma.org/LIFE/2010.html](http://www.lifeimpactcma.org/LIFE/2010.html)

Maranatha Bible Chapel  
Horseheads, NY

Is planning on attending  
**LIFE 2010!**

Are you?

We are currently looking for  
local Alliance churches  
who are planning on attending  
**LIFE 2010**

and might be interested  
in participating in the CORE  
training or traveling together.

If you are interested,  
please contact

Katie Drake  
Director of Student Ministries  
at the church office:  
607-739-7168  
Or

[youth@maranathabiblechapel.org](mailto:youth@maranathabiblechapel.org)

## Christian Based Counseling Services

James F. Lewis, M.S., LMHC  
2700 Bellevue Ave.  
Syracuse, NY 13219  
315-425-1943

Christian counseling  
for Individual  
(Adult & Adolescent),  
Marriage & Family,  
Mental Health, and Addictions  
Jim is a recognized  
Christian Worker  
in the  
Syracuse Alliance Church

Dear Northeastern District Family,

I have been blessed by God to be a part of this district and blessed by the many ways you have supported me. Thank you for making it possible for me to serve in Venezuela as a missionary. In reflecting on my experience in Venezuela I do so with a grateful heart for what God has allowed us to be part of.

My experience as a missionary has forever changed me. To God be all the glory. I am thankful to the Lord for allowing me to be part of a church plant in the city of Maracay where today the church continues to grow and reach out to the people in its community. What a blessing for us to be part of a movement of God. God allowed us as the body of Christ in New York to be part of the church in Venezuela. Most of you have never been there, but in sending, giving and praying, you have been a vital part of the work.

I have great memories of the missionary tours, AW retreats and Delta Lake in the Northeastern District. I have been so encourage by the many people committed to praying for missions and personally for me. Thank you. Thank you as well for the gifts through the outfit fund and special offerings that I have received over my years as a missionary. The Alliance Women and the District Family know how to care for their missionaries.

I would like to give you an update on the opportunity God has given me to continue serving Him. When I left Venezuela in June 2008, I knew then that I would not be returning there as a missionary. God had for sometime been preparing my heart for a change of context in where I would serve. I have prayed about serving in other places in South America but have not sensed God's leading or peace about it.

Within these last six months of waiting on the Lord for direction, He has led me to an amazing opportunity to serve in a local church. Over the past several months I have been in an interview process. The result is that Pearce Memorial, a Free Methodist church, located in North Chili, NY, has invited me to be part of their ministry team by serving as the Pastor of Children and Family Ministries.

I have accepted the invitation knowing that it is God who is calling me to serve there. I am excited to be serving the Lord in the way He has gifted me in the local church.

In closing I would like to echo the words of Paul written to the people in Philippi, from Philippians 1:3-6.

**“Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. I always pray for you, and make my requests with a heart full of joy because you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now. And I am sure that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus comes back again.”**

May our Lord Jesus richly bless you all as you seek to serve Him in reaching out to your families and community with the life-changing message of Jesus Christ.

In Christ, Kathy Petteys

# Urban Preaching for Life Change

Date: Friday, March 5, 2010

Time: 9:00am - 5:30pm

Location: Bethel Gospel Assembly ([www.bethelga.org](http://www.bethelga.org))  
2-26 East 120th Street New York, NY10035

## Speakers

### Dr. David Ireland

Founder and Senior Pastor  
of Christ Church  
[sithome.org](http://sithome.org), [davidireland.org](http://davidireland.org)

### Rev. Gabriel Salguero

Director of Hispanic Leadership  
Program at Princeton Theological  
Seminary and Pastor of  
The Lamb's Church in Manhattan  
[lambschurch.org](http://lambschurch.org)

### Rev. John Torres

Senior Pastor of Goodwill  
Evangelical Presbyterian Church  
[goodwillchurch.org](http://goodwillchurch.org)

### Rev. Dr. Jackie McCullough

International Evangelist and  
Speaker  
[www.bethrapha.org/jem/](http://www.bethrapha.org/jem/)

### Bishop Carlton Brown

Bishop and Senior Pastor of  
Bethel Gospel Assembly  
[bethelga.org](http://bethelga.org)

### Rev. Sam D. Kim

Founding and Senior Pastor of 180  
Church in Manhattan and Staten  
Island [180church.tv](http://180church.tv)

### Dr. Martin Sanders

Professor of Pastoral Theology at  
Alliance Theological Seminary,  
President of Global Leadership,  
Inc. [globalleadershipinc.org](http://globalleadershipinc.org)

## Theme

“ To preach the way we always have will produce the same audiences who have always come—discover the skills and resources to reach those you want to have come and produce serious life change in your urban context”

## Topics covered for the day

Navigating Urban  
Landscapes  
Transculturalism & Life  
Change  
Intrinsic Motivation  
Effective Uses of Humor  
Utilizing Simple Structures  
Bringing Sermons to Life

### Cost of Registration

Before Feb 24th – \$40

After Feb 24th (at the door) – \$50

For Registration or More Info

[anson.ng@globalleadershipinc.org](mailto:anson.ng@globalleadershipinc.org)

Note that this seminar is available as a part of a larger weekend course:  
“Transcultural Preaching” for credit at Nyack Alliance Theological Seminary.

Sponsored by Global Leadership, Inc. and  
Nyack Alliance Theological Seminary ([www.nyack.edu](http://www.nyack.edu))  
350 N. Highland Ave. P.O. Box 527 Nyack, NY 10960

## Delta Lake Bible Conference Center

Dear Pastor,

With the flurry of activity now behind us my mind is looking at the summer! I know I'm pushing it, but with the camping season being so short I need to plan ahead.

I'm now setting the calendar and was wondering if we could set up a time for a camp promotion Sunday at your church. You might ask what that would mean for you.

Well we have options for you:

Delta can provide your church with a 5 minute promotional video

A Delta Staffer can be present at the Delta display board/table and have brochure materials available for the bulletin count or the display table.

A Delta Staffer can be present at the Delta display board/table, hand out material and provide a 5 minute promotional video

A Delta Staffer can be present at the Delta display board/table, present a 5 minute promotional video and give a verbal presentation of Delta (10min)

A Delta Staffer can make a presentation using video and verbal presentations, and finish with a bible study time (30 min)

There is no cost to the church for the promotion and if desired, an age appropriate presentation can be given to the Sunday school kids.

**Rick Barnard,**  
**Director**  
**315-336-7210**



## **District and Prayer Conference -- April 19—22, 2010**

Theme: ***Open Doors!***

Niagara Alliance Church  
7041 Witmer Rd.  
Wheatfield, NY 14120

**March 5, 2010** – District Committee/Leadership **Conference Reports**  
Due at District Office

**March 19, 2010** – **Registrations** due at District Office.

Registration Fees (per person; Tuesday Banquet included)

Postmarked by March 19:

\$65.00 per **Accredited Delegate** (Official Worker/Lay Delegate)

\$35.00 per **Corresponding Delegate** (nonvoting)

Postmarked after March 19 and at Conference:

\$90.00 per **Accredited Delegate** (Official Worker/Lay Delegate)

\$60.00 per **Corresponding Delegate** (nonvoting)

**March 19, 2010 -- Lay Delegate's Authorization Form:** due at the District Office. Pastors are encouraged to duplicate the **reports** to be mailed to you for any lay delegates who may not have registered by March 19 so they may read them prior to registering at Conference.

**April 20, 2010 -- Tuesday Evening:** 6:00 PM, ***Church Health and Multiplication Banquet*** for all registered Conferees. Non-delegates attending the Banquet only the cost is \$25.00 per person. Location at: Classics V Banquet and Conference Center, 2425 Niagara Falls Blvd., Amherst/Tonawanda, NY 14228.

**April 21, 2010 – Wednesday:** 12:00 PM; ***Pastors' Wives and Women Official Workers Luncheon*** at Pane's Restaurant, 984 Payne Ave., N. Tonawanda, NY 14120. Cost: \$7.00.

If you have any questions or desire further information,  
contact the District Office at 315-336-4720, Ext. 0  
or [office@northeasterncma.com](mailto:office@northeasterncma.com)