

FLORIDA CONNECTION

FLORIDA DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE



News, insights, and resources for Florida District Churches

November 2023

ATTENTION Pastors & Church Boards:

Do you have any Ministers in Training (MiTs) in your local church? Applications for new and renewed district ministerial licenses have been sent out to the MiTs. Your church board will need to interview and recommend any candidates for district licensing*. The required **Local Church Board Recommendation** form is available to be completed and submitted **ONLINE** this year and is due **NOVEMBER 15, 2023**. Please **submit your recommendations ASAP!**

[CLICK HERE](#) for the form

*local church recommendation is not necessary for an MiT serving as lead pastor.



Heart & Soul 2023: We're gathering this fall for a season of worship, vision, celebration, and prayer, in what we call Heart & Soul: A Night of Worship, Prayer and Vision. We had a great turnout for previous Heart & Soul events. You have two more opportunities to attend.

- We'll spend time together in worship
- We'll celebrate the faithful ministry of our congregations
- We'll share updates from this summer's General Assembly
- We'll pray for the lost and the hurting
- And we'll anoint, commission, and pray for our pastors and lay leaders.

Following worship, we'll spend some time in fellowship, where we'll have time to connect informally with friends from across our Mission Areas. **Please mark your calendar now and plan to attend the last Heart & Soul event of 2023:**

- Sunday, November 19 @ Lakeland Lake Gibson 6-9:00 p.m. (South Central Mission Area)

We can't wait to meet with you for what we are confident will be a powerful time of seeking, celebrating, and experiencing the work of God's Spirit in and through His Church! See the schedule above, or visit www.floridanaz.com/events for more information.

Got plans?

The District Finance Committee has recommended that each church on the Florida District adopt and implement **plans for handling emergency situations in the local**



church. Emergencies could be anything from damage from storms, a medical crisis during a worship service, or a church intruder. Plan ahead. Have a team in place that knows what to do.

Sample plans and resources are available on the district website: [HERE](#)



Wesleyan Holiness Women Clergy Conference

Early Bird Registration...

Register by January 5 to take advantage of Early Bird pricing for E2024 and save \$90 off the regular registration cost. Discounts are also available for students and first-time WHWC conference attendees.

The District Advisory Board has approved \$200 of scholarship assistance to the **first 25 female clergy** serving in an active assignment or female lay leaders (with their pastor's recommendation) who register for the E2024 Wesleyan Holiness Women Clergy Conference **by January 5th**. After registration, submit your proof of paid registration to the Florida District Resource Center for reimbursement.

E2024 will be held March 7-9, 2024 at the Hyatt Regency in Dallas, TX. E2024 is a unique opportunity for women clergy as well as women exploring a call to pastoral ministry to connect with like-minded women clergy spanning many denominations. Many of our female clergy have attended in prior years.

Learn more about E2024 and register now:

- English: <https://womenclergyconference.com/>
- Spanish: <https://womenclergyconference.com/es/>



Exponential 2024 *Theme: One-Eighty Return to Disciple Making*

Exponential tickets usually run about \$119 - \$129 per ticket, Once again, the Florida District is purchasing 100 tickets and will be selling them for \$50 each. Each ticket purchased through the Florida District for \$50.00 will include a reservation to the National Association of Church Planters (NACP) Dinner (\$20 per person value), hosted by the Nazarene USA/CANADA Regional Office. NACP Dinner guest speaker is [Alan Hirsch](#).

[CLICK HERE](#) to reserve your tickets now.

UPCOMING DATES:

Pastors' Roundtables

Each year our lead pastors gather by region for fellowship, training, and to share what's been going on in their local church in the past year (part of the annual report process). All senior/lead pastors are expected to attend. NOTE: The morning sessions are for **lead pastors only**. Lunch is included.



District ministry license interviews will take place in the afternoon by appointment.

ROUNDTABLES:

North Region: Thursday, January 11, 2024

Gainesville, FL (CityLight Church) - 9:00 am to 1:00 pm (includes lunch)

East Central Region: Thursday, January 18, 2024

Kissimmee, FL (Kissimmee First) - 9:00 am to 1:00 pm (includes lunch)

West Central Region: Thursday, January 25, 2024

Zephyrhills, FL (Zephyrhills First) - 9:00 am to 1:00 pm (includes lunch)

Not sure which Region you're on? [Click here](#)

2024 District Advance: April 19-20, 2024, Highland Park Church, Lakeland, FL

Kids Camp 2024

July 29 - August 2, 2024
@Lake Placid Camp

Open to Grades 1-6

*Save
the
Date!*

For up-to-date information on **Kids Camp 2024**, visit the Florida District Kids Ministries page [HERE](#)

Year-to-Date Giving Report

Thank you!

[Click here](#) for a giving report for 2023-24 thru October 31, 2023. Your Fair Share helps provide funds for events like **Children's Bible Quizzing** and **Youth Extreme Days**, that affirm their unique gifts and create connections between the kids and youth across Team Florida. Thank you! Your giving DOES make a difference.

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