

FLORIDA CONNECTION

FLORIDA DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE



News, insights, and resources for Florida District Churches

October 2023



October is traditionally the month set aside to show appreciation to our pastors. Many of our Team Florida churches have already begun the celebration. It's not too late to show your pastor and their family your appreciation for their gifts of time, talent, and energy in leading the body of Christ in the mission of the Gospel. What are you doing as an individual and as a church to show some love to your pastor this month?

As we've shared in previous years, Bless Your Pastor will provide guidelines to appropriately bless your pastor this month, as well as guidance and resources for pastors and churches in the area of financial health. Check it out at:

<https://blessyourpastor.org>

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 plan to schedule an interview at the **next meeting** of your church board.

[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 Heart & Soul event closest to you:**

- Sunday, October 15 @ St. Johns Faith Community 6-9:00 p.m. (First Coast/Jacksonville Mission Area)
- 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.



Wesleyan Holiness Women Clergy Conference

7 Days Left for Super Early Bird Registration!

Register by 11:59pm EDT on October 15 to take advantage of Super Early Bird pricing for E2024 and save \$115 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. All they have to do is submit their 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/>

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.



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

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

Year-to-Date Giving Report

Thank you!

[Click here](#) for a giving report for **2023-24 thru September 30, 2023**. Your Fair Share helps provide funds for events like the upcoming Board of Ministry interviews with candidates for licensing and ordination. Our ability to provide local resources to Ministers in Training depends on your generosity. Thank you! Your giving DOES make a difference.

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