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Nazarenes Gather for M7 in Kansas City

Nazarenes from all over the United States and Canada have braved the Midwest's chilly cold to come to Kansas City for M7, the Mid-Quadrennial Conference on Mission and Evangelism, and the denomination's largest gathering between general assemblies.

Over 4,000 people are expected to attend plenary, mega-seminar, and workshop sessions, and other functions at the downtown Kansas City Convention Center in Bartle Hall from February 19-21.

"We welcome the Nazarene family to Kansas City for a time to share and consider how to reach our mission field for Christ," stated Tom Nees, director of the USA/Canada Mission/Evangelism Department, and M7 director. "We are anticipating an exciting time of worship, learning, fellowship, and inspiration as Nazarenes from across our church come together to consider ministry in a post-modern world."

Rising secularism and growing cultural and religious diversity have left many church leaders wondering how to navigate among fast-paced societal change. This conference provides an opportunity for all Nazarenes to get connected to the ideas and processes that can enable transformational ministry. "I pray for a church that would be empowered to bring forth spiritual, missional disciples that would be innovative and radically obedient to the call of God," shared General Superintendent Jerry Porter.

A variety of conference activities will occur over the next three days. Prior to the M7 Conference, over 200 volunteers were involved in a One Heart, Many Hands service project, which benefited several inner-city sites in the Kansas City area. A special project update will be provided in this evening's plenary service.

The first plenary session will begin this evening



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at 7:00 p.m. Dr. Dan Boone, president of Trevecca Nazarene University, will be the featured speaker. A noted speaker, Boone contributed the title sermon to the recent book, *Dirty Hands—Pure Hearts: Sermons and Conversations with Holiness Preachers* (Beacon Hill Press, 2006).

Music will be a special highlight of all conference services. Eon Trotman and David Hubbs are coordinating conference music. Both Trotman and Hubbs have led worship in many national and regional gatherings across the church. The conference will also feature music from many excellent soloists and groups, including The Sharpes (Tuesday p.m.), and Adam's Voice (Wednesday a.m.), as well as choirs from the Ft. Lauderdale Manor Church and Brooklyn Beulah Church, and a combined Mass Choir that will sing Wednesday evening.

Each plenary service will feature resurrection stories of changed lives from across the United States. These stories were gathered on video specifically for M7. For those coming early to get a good seat, video roll-ins and special music will begin 30-minutes prior to the start of each plenary service.

Other special speakers include Dr. Oliver R. Phillips (Tuesday a.m.), Dr. Reggie McNeal (Tuesday P.M.), Rev. Susie Shellenberger (Wednesday A.M.), and General Superintendent Nina Gunter (Wednesday P.M.).

The coming days will provide many opportunities to worship God, visit friends, and learn about the great things that are going on across our church.

We're glad you're here!

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Can't find your workshop? Signs will be outside all workshop rooms to help you find the correct workshops.

The Nazarene Presence in Kansas City

by Stan Ingersol,
denominational archivist,
Church of the Nazarene

At the beginning, the Nazarene presence in Kansas City was just a small church led by the Rev. A. S. Cochrane, who had just become a Nazarene. A year later, everything was different. The Third General Assembly (1911), meeting in Nashville, recommended that the denomination's three publishing companies located in Rhode Island, Texas, and California—each founded by a different Nazarene parent body—consolidate into “one central publishing company” and merge their three papers into one strong paper.

It was easier said than done. The publishing company in Rhode Island refused to join, but those in Texas and California gave their stock and other assets to the church, and the Pentecostal Nazarene Publishing House opened in Kansas City in 1912. *Herald of Holiness*, the new weekly paper, appeared for the first time that spring.

Why Kansas City as the site for the new publishing house's “central location”? In two words, “stockyards” and “railroads.” The city's location at the confluence of the Kansas and Missouri

Rivers had long made it a place of commerce. The enterprising Chouteau brothers, a St. Louis trading firm, opened a store near the mouth of the Kansas in the early 1820s. The City of Kansas (as it was originally called) slowly grew up around Chouteau's Landing. Daniel Morgan Boone, son of the Kentucky pioneer, settled near it until the river area “got too crowded,” then moved twelve miles south to property now owned in part by the Nazarene International Headquarters. Between the river and the Boone plantation, famed “mountain man” Jim Bridger maintained his trading store in Westport.

Kansas City became a violent place during the Civil War, as abolitionists and slavery advocates clashed repeatedly in guerilla warfare. Rev. Thomas Johnson, missionary to the Shawnee Indians, father of Kansas Methodism, and Johnson County's namesake, was gunned down in the doorway of his Kansas City home. He was a Unionist. The war passed, though, and a burgeoning beef industry spurred Kansas City's growth. The great cattle drives from Texas to the rail yards of Kansas all funneled cattle through Kansas



City, spurring the growth of the stockyards, the railroad lines, and eventually Kansas City's famed barbecue. Like Chicago and St. Louis, Kansas City became one of the nation's major rail hubs.

It was this that made it an ideal location for the new publishing company. From here, the weekly paper, *Herald of Holiness*, reached Nazarene homes on the East Coast, West Coast, and Southeast almost simultaneously. And that, more than anything else, was why Kansas City made sense as “a central location” for the church during the early years.

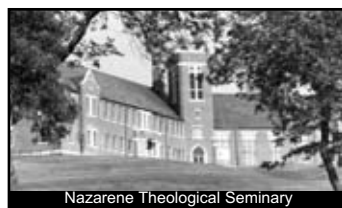


Nazarene Publishing House

The Nazarene headquarters grew up gradually around the Nazarene Publishing House. Dr. H. F. Reynolds, who carried dual roles as general superintendent and general missionary secretary, moved to Kansas City

around 1915. He was given an office at the publishing house and staff assistance. The Sixth General Assembly (1923) gave further impetus to a headquarters by establishing a Department of Church Schools (with a full-time executive) separate from the publishing house and by authorizing a full-time General Church Secretary. Over the years, other executives and staff were hired for Home Missions, the Spanish Department, Evangelism, the Radio Commission, Pensions, and other agencies authorized by the General Assembly.

The 1944 General Assembly added a third general entity to Kansas City's landscape by authorizing Nazarene Theological Seminary, the church's first graduate school of theology.



Nazarene Theological Seminary

The headquarters and seminary were located on Publishing House property until 1954, when the seminary occupied a newly constructed building on land purchased in the South Town area. The Nazarene headquarters

moved to a new building on the same campus a short time later. The Nazarene Publishing House, slated originally to join the other entities on Meyer Boulevard and The Paseo, remained instead at its longtime location on Troost Avenue. There, it has played the part of a good neighbor by stabilizing an area once threatened by sharp urban decline.

The Nazarene public witness in Greater Kansas City has been marked by commitment to social service and higher education. Rest Cottage maternity home (related to the Rest Cottage in Pilot Point, Texas) was founded in Kansas City before the Nazarenes arrived, but its staff linked up with Kansas City First Church and the Nazarenes became Rest Cottage's primary base of support, donating funds, serving on its board of directors, and staffing it. Later, the Kansas City Rescue Mission was founded by district superintendent Jarrette Aycock. Today, KCRM provides a variety of services for the poor and homeless, operating under the supervision of the Rev. Joe Colaizzi.

Over the years, Nazarene Theological Seminary has educated thousands of ministers and missionaries who have served around the world. MidAmerica Nazarene College (now University) opened in 1968. Originally a junior college, it attained four-year liberal arts status in record time. It is one of nine liberal arts colleges and universities supported by the Nazarene districts in the U.S. and Canada.

Congregational life has been at the heart of the Nazarene presence in Kansas City. The storied history of Kansas City First Church includes Sunday night hymn-sings conducted by song-writer Haldor Lillenas (buried near the headquarters and seminary) and pulpits from which nearly all of the church's general leaders have preached at one time or another. KFC has been joined over the years by dozens of other Nazarene congregations spread across the metro area, including Olathe



Nazarene International Headquarters

College Church, presently the second-largest Nazarene congregation in North America, based on both membership and worship attendance. The network of Nazarene congregations in Kansas City today stretches

across nearly all racial and socio-economic lines. And they are tied together with other churches in eastern Kansas and western Missouri through the Kansas City District, led by superintendent Jeren Rowell.

Worship, service, education, and dedication to the printed word are dimensions, then, that have defined the Nazarene presence in Kansas City.

God Will Take Care of You— But You Need to Do Your Part

Investing for the future isn't only smart, it's biblical. Remember the story of the talents? The wise servants invested their master's money and saw a handsome return. The guy who didn't—well, you know the rest of the story.

The principle of planning ahead by investing is still a good one. That's why Pensions and Benefits USA automatically enrolls most Nazarene ministers in the Nazarene 403(b) Retirement Savings Plan. Unfortunately, some pastors don't feel comfortable making decisions about how their money is invested.

Good news! Andy Dyson, retirement counselor for Fidelity Investments—the service provider for the Nazarene 403(b) Retirement Savings Plan—will speak in two seminars Tuesday on *The A.R.T. of Investing*. Andy's workshop will focus on how to develop a strategy that fits your age, goals, and tolerance for risk. Take advantage of this financial specialist's expertise. Sponsored by Pensions and Benefits USA, *The A.R.T. of Investing* will be presented in room 3501D at 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.



NAZARENES EXPAND MINISTRIES TO REACH STUDENTS ON SECULAR CAMPUSES

By David Kyncl, Nazarene Secular
Campus Mission Director

Nazarene Secular Campus Mission is a denominationally-sponsored ministry which encourages Nazarenes to engage the secular campus mission field through local church ministries, campus ministry centers, or NewStart congregations.

The Nazarene Secular Campus Mission (NSCM) network continues to expand with ministries forming in Iowa, Nebraska and Washington state.

At the University of Washington, Seattle First Church of the Nazarene is working with Tim and Bree Smith to open a coffee house in the basement of their church as a place where students can connect with others and with Christ.

At the University of Nebraska, the Nebraska District has hired Wes and Judy Meisner to launch the ministry in Lincoln. The district has purchased a building with a lot of potential, though it needs work, as they reach out to the Cornhuskers across the street.

At the University of Iowa, Nancy Weikal leads the Iowa district's effort to establish a campus and compassionate ministry center near the campus. "Districts and local churches around the country are beginning to see secular campuses with missional eyes," David Kyncl, NSCM director, said. "There are students and faculty from around the world living, learning and working in the neighborhoods of many of our churches. We can have global impact right in our neighborhoods."

The NSCM Strategic Readiness Team has been working to identify local churches that are located near

secular college and university campuses. In fact, there are almost 800 churches with a Sunday morning attendance of 95 or more that are located within five miles of a campus. Many of these churches may already have the resources to begin reaching their local campus. The team is in the process of contacting these churches and casting a vision for ministry on these campuses.

At M7, several campus-related ministries will be represented in the workshop sessions and NSCM will have a booth in the exhibit area to encourage pastors, district superintendents, and laypersons to reach the global mission field on every community college and university campus in the United States and Canada.

About sixty students from state universities are joining 600 students from Nazarene universities to discuss current issues in society and the church during two round-table discussion sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday during M7. The greater church has established this time as a forum to listen to the opinions, cares and concerns of this strategic generation.

For additional information, please check the NSCM website at www.NazSCM.org or contact David Kyncl at Kyncl@ounsc.org.



Ministries like "2:8 House" on the campus of the University of Oklahoma are reaching foreign and secular students with the gospel.

An Interview with Dan Boone



Dan Boone has served as a author, seminary teacher, and much sought after preacher. M7 staff asked Dan, who will serve as Monday evening's plenary speaker, about

preaching. Persons interested in this response may want to attend Dan's Mega-Seminar luncheon on "Creating Narrative Sermons," which will take place on Tuesday from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. in 2103AB.

M7 Staff: As a missional pastor, how do you approach the preaching task?

Boone: The question I always ask is whether I start my sermon in the world of the text or the world of the community in which I live. And there are debates back and forth as to where a sermon is meant to begin. I think when you're dealing with the maturing of believers in a discipleship-oriented service, it's probably fine to start in the world of the text. And by the time you get to the sermon, you're making

applications as to what that text might suggest for life in our world today.

But I think if you're going to be missional, you begin where people are. And where they are is living in the world that they're in at this particular time. And the more that preaching starts in the world of our community—our politics, our wounds, our disappointments, our challenges, our factories that are closing, our people who are dying, our family values that might be crumbling, our marriages that are in trouble—the more that sermons begin in that world, I think we will gain the ear of the non-churched person or the invited person, the friend who comes. Because immediately, they will recognize, we're talking about the world in which they live. But somewhere in that sermon, there has to be a clear connection that asks the question, "Did you know that God is vitally interested in this? As a matter of fact, God's people have been at this place before. And today, we're going to visit a time like that in the scripture."

So you begin your sermon in the reality of the bad news of the world in which we live, and you move toward the gospel of good news of how God

has addressed that human need in ways that are utterly transforming and that bring in a new kingdom.

M7 Staff: What writer has had an impact on your preaching?

Boone: Barbara Brown Taylor. Her writings, her narrative form of preaching demonstrate how the barriers between the world of the text and the world that we live in just seem to disappear. You find in her sermons that scripture flows into our life, and our life flows into Scripture in seamless kinds of ways. She's extremely creative, expressive, and I've learned a lot from her work.

The Quotable Boone

"I wish we would understand the idea of *call* as God telling us who we are rather than an external something to do being placed on us. I think calling is a lot more about God revealing what is created and birthed inside us, than God saying, 'Hey you, go be this.'"

"When I think of missional, I focus on a combination of ecclesiology and eschatology, where the words about the church and the words about the future come together. We are a people on the way into a future in which God will complete what God has started." **M7**

An Interview with Oliver R. Phillips



As the director of Mission Strategy USA/Canada, Oliver R. Phillips has not only guided the greater Church in more effective ways to ministry

to those in need, but has also helped develop more effect outreach strategies to reach all persons of color for Christ. Staff from M7 spoke with Oliver, who will be speaking during Tuesday morning's plenary service, and asked him a few questions about compassion and social justice.

M7 Staff: How important are the topics of compassion and justice to the work of the church?

Phillips: The undisputable task of the church is to be light and salt to the world. It's hard to comprehend how this could be accomplished without the two-pronged ministry of compassion and social justice. Many Nazarenes who lead ministries of compassion will tell you that evangelism is often an unsolicited outgrowth of these two prongs. In the inaugural pronouncement of Jesus, on that historic day in Galilee, one is left with no ambiguity with regards to the holistic compassion and radical justice that Jesus came to declare, embrace, and implement.

M7 Staff: The term "social justice" suggests there's something

not right about society that needs correcting. In the US and Canada what would some of those things be?

Phillips: I doubt seriously that we could talk about social justice without some reference to social injustice. The sacred writings, particularly the Major Prophets, confronted a society gone awry—where money ran the society instead of God, accumulation of wealth became the objective of the economic system by exploiting the poor and the working class alike. Politicians oppressed the people in order to strengthen the few, and religion degenerated into a concern with rules rather than justice.

Today, in the context in which the Church ministers, it should be abundantly clear that church work—presence, prayer, practice, and proclamation—

may be strategic and essential, but is not “sufficient” as a contributor to the transformation of society as God requires of us.

Look around us! Read the poverty indices and the census analyses! Visit our penal institutions and hospitals! All indications would suggest that there are far too many individuals in this affluent society who have been left out on the margins. The very spectacle of a city landscape dotted with thousands

of homeless citizens speaks to a system that has failed to adequately care for those who are marginalized by spiraling housing costs and low wages. I believe that corrupt systems, whether economic or politically-based, tend to hurt the least powerful the most.

The Quotable Phillips

“Moving toward becoming an inclusive, multicultural fellowship should be the desire of all Nazarenes.”

“We must be committed to diversity because we can do more together, than alone. The presence of other people groups in the leadership and membership of the Church of the Nazarene in the US and Canada exponentially increases our capacity to reach more people with the holiness message.”

“I believe that corrupt systems, whether economic or politically-based, tend to hurt the least powerful the most.” **M7**

An Interview with Reggie McNeal



*Pastor.
Consultant.
Professor.
Author. Church leadership developer. Reggie McNeal has served in many capacities but his most basic desire*

is to understand the church’s mission in the world in which we find ourselves. M7 staff asked Reggie, who will serve as Tuesday evening’s plenary speaker, to describe what he means by missional and how this idea is changing churches across the country. An edited portion of that interview appears below.

M7 Staff: Describe what you mean by missional church.

McNeal: While this may sound presumptuous, the rise of the missional church is the single biggest development in Christianity since the Reformation. The Reformation, among its many gifts, gave us the gift of denominations. The missional church is a much simpler taxonomy. It comes down to people who get it, and people who don’t. By this, I mean that the core issues are not around doctrine, or polity, or even ecclesiology, but around mission. So, mission is pushing this. Literally, the church is redefining itself as a missionary enterprise, but not one that sends people to other world areas, but does missions at home—that’s a huge difference.

M7 Staff: What is the focus of a missional church?

McNeal: At its root, the missional church is being powered by a kingdom focus rather than a church-centric approach to ministry. This is a huge tectonic shift of the landscape, and it’s changing everything. Literally, it is a reply or a reattachment to the movement of Christianity from its earliest days. I tell people all the time, “It’s A.D. 30 all over again,” which of course takes the church back to a time before its position in society was established and secure. When you are not part of the establishment, you develop a different theology, a different lens, a different worldview.

M7 Staff: So, being missional is about adopting a larger frame of reference than the church infrastructure.

REGGIE: That’s right. It’s a move beyond the church as a club. It’s about a contribution in the larger world where God is at work. Scripture doesn’t say, “For God so loved the church,” but “For God so loved the world.” It is a recognition that God is at work redeeming the world, and the church is being invited to be a partner. The church is not the destination; the kingdom is the destination. We play a part in God’s agenda, but we are not the point of God’s agenda. That’s a huge distinction.

The church, for missional Christians, is a verb—a church at work, a church at school, a church at Starbucks. And, reli-

gious leaders who can’t begin to move to that larger rhythm and expand their bandwidth of knowing what to celebrate and look for are going to miss out.

In a kingdom worldview, we know that God is always at work beyond His people. He is already in the streets. He is already in the office, in the neighborhood, in the school, wooing people to Himself. And, so we begin to look for God, for glimpses of Him, and ways to join Him in this net drawing, in this lifting up. And our job is to lift Jesus up, and God does the rest of the heavy lifting. He is already at work drawing people to Him. We just need to learn to see it, and respond to it.

The Quotable McNeal

“Taking the gospel to the streets means we need a church where people are already hanging out. We need a church in every mall, every Wal-Mart supercenter, every Barnes and Noble.”

“God is still inviting us to join him on a mission, but it is the invitation to be part of a movement, not a religious club.”

“Church-based leaders think God is most at work in the church; apostolic leaders understand that God is most at work in the world.”

“I doubt that God went to bed last night thinking about how many people you had in your church. Most likely he went to bed last night thinking about the two billion people that live on less than a dollar a day or the 30,000 people who died because they didn’t have clean water or about human trafficking or the genocide in Africa.” **M7**

Book Spotlight:

An interview with Jim Dorsey, director of Evangelism Ministries, and editor of *Best Practices in Missional Discipleship: Renewing our Missional Heritage*, a new book published by Nazarene Publishing House, which is available in the New Start area at the Headquarter's exhibit.

M7 staff asked Jim about the new book and how churches can use it to benefit their discipleship efforts.



M7 Staff: What prompted you and others to develop *Best Practices in Missional Discipleship: Renewing our Missional Heritage*?

Dorsey: Just over a year ago, Evangelism Ministries was formally organized by the General Board of the Church of the Nazarene. Among the various assignments to this office, collaborating and connecting with some of the most effective leaders across the USA and Canada remains a high priority. From the best practices of these leaders, and many others like them, the office of Evangelism Ministries plans to provide networks, resources, and training for interested church leaders in evangelism and discipleship. Most of the contributors to this new book are also workshop presenters here at the M7 Conference.

M7 Staff: What is meant by the term "best practices"?

Dorsey: *Best practices* has become a popular term used to describe the discipline of studying the most effective plans and procedures working for other endeavors. Most leaders understand that ministry contexts, gifts and graces of staff and volunteers, the missional endeavors and target groups may all vary from one church to another. However, some ministry principles and practices can be adapted, amended, or adopted to work for other situations. *Best practices* offers a look inside ministries that have generated highly effective ideas and innovative applications which can be taken and applied to most church settings.

M7 Staff: How is missional discipleship different from discipleship in general?

Dorsey: Missional discipleship brings a new emphasis for intentionality to our denomination's new "Statement of Mission." The Great Commission is much more than making decisions, recording conversions, and conducting baptisms. Our denomination places great value in the spiritual development and growth of every new believer, leading them into an understanding and experience of heart holiness and lifetime of service for Christ and all of humanity. Being missional for most of these contributors in this book involved leading people through all the steps in their spiritual formation, from decisions to disciples.

M7 Staff: This book has chapters on discipleship and evangelism. Traditionally, we have separated these two things. Is part of our missional heritage bringing them back together?

Dorsey: This book reflects the approaches and attitudes of the contributing authors. Most of them write about the multiple phases in a missional approach to ministry: attracting, enfolding, convincing, teaching, equipping, training, enabling and sending them into ministry. These presenters saw this whole process as the call to evangelism and discipleship. While some may have separated them in the past, the trends and best practices today seem to be making them seamless.

M7 Staff: How important is leadership with respect to discipleship and evangelism?

Dorsey: We believe in both the work of God's Spirit and the work of God's people in fulfilling the task of evangelism. Either/ or is just not an option from my observations. Leadership has an important place, as it does with any significant calling or mission. But so does the work of the Spirit of God, and the word of God and the people of God. A divine synergy comes into play whenever lives are being transformed by the power of the gospel.

To simplify, extending the kingdom of Christ into the latest new evangelism formula or best and brightest program or single "cause and effect," like leadership, really misses the miracle.

M7 Staff: How do you recommend that pastors or laity use this book?

Dorsey: Evangelism Ministries is offering a free copy of the book to every pastor or lay person (representing their church) who attends the M7 Conference. We would hope that as they read it, the ideas and insights from these other leading pastors will encourage them to begin discussions of possible new ministries for evangelism and discipleship in their own churches.

Additional copies of the book will be available at the reduced rate of \$5 per copy after the M7 Conference. The hope is for staff and church boards to read and discuss these 12 chapters together. Free discussion guides are also available on-line at www.NazEvangelism.org.

The days of "one size fits all" and "cookie cutter programs" are over. Each congregation must find what works best in its own ministry context. Our prayer is

that by consulting with some of our more effective churches and leaders, a new day of evangelism and discipleship will begin for the Church of the Nazarene.

M7 Staff: What have you learned about discipleship since putting this book together?

Dorsey: Several surprising trends surfaced from this project. We're actually conducting only one workshop during the

M7 Conference, and it's to review that very subject. The workshop will be in room 2104A on Wednesday at 2:00 p.m., with an overview of the book and a lengthy question-and-answer time with some of the authors. We're actually conducting a *Best Practices* workshop during the M7 Conference. I hope many of your readers will be able to join us.

Turning Decisions into Disciples through your congregation's ministries. Discover how to launch new, strong Nazarene ministries of discipleship that really work.

Bringing new people to faith and discipling them into your church is today's missional challenge. Now discover some of the best practices of leading pastors in evangelism and discipleship.

Download a free study guide at www.NazEvangelism.org

Available during M7 Pastors - Stop by the NewStart area in the Headquarter's exhibit to pick up your church's complimentary copy.

Jim Dorsey serves as Evangelism Ministries Director for the Church of the Nazarene. You can reach Jim by e-mail at evangelism@nazarene.org.



Someone is Praying for You

Prayer is playing a significant role at the M7 Conference. In addition to an entire track of prayer workshops and a Prayer Initiatives exhibit highlighting the Global Day of Prayer and National Day of Prayer, a Prayer Center has been set up to provide 24/7 intercession for the conference and the needs of those attending.

The Prayer Center, located in the Marriott's Big Joe Turner A meeting room, will be open 24 hours a day throughout the conference and upcoming General Board meetings. Various districts have committed to staff the room throughout the day and night providing around-the-clock prayer.

Conference participants will receive prayer request cards throughout the week. These can be used to indicate special prayer requests. In addition, everyone is welcome to use the Prayer Center for personal prayer, a quiet time of reflection, or to pray for the M7 Conference and General Board meetings.

Each workshop session will feature a workshop on the theme of "Transforming Your Community in Prayer." Tuesday's workshops will include *Preparing your church for the presence of God* (8:30 a.m.) and *A life that attracts the presence of God* (2:00 p.m.). Both workshops are in room 2105 of the convention center. The workshop room will include a model of a 24/7 prayer room.

For more information about the prayer focus this week, visit the Prayer Initiatives booth in the exhibit area or the M7 Information area in Bartle Hall Lobby 2200.

Last Minute Workshop Changes:

- **071** - *Developing a Drama Ministry in Your Church* by Kim Messer is now Tuesday at 8:30am in 2214
- * **074** - *Keyboard/Piano Seminar* with Victor Labenske and Kim Meiste is now Tuesday at 2:00pm in 2214
- * **070** - *Creative Kids Worship* with Pam Andrews is now Wednesday at 8:30am in 2214
- * **075** - *A Drama Reading Session* for the Local Church with the Lillenas Drama Company is now Wednesday at 3:30pm in 2201

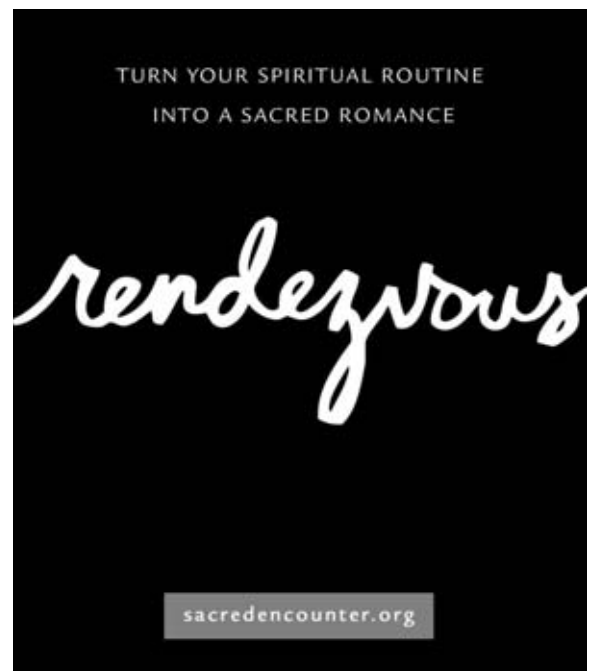
Creating Your Missional Action Plan Into Faith ... Out to the World

Missional leaders understand the value of training and networking for improving ministry influence. Most agree sharing a conference or other significant learning experience with a leadership team can provide enough momentum for completely turning around an entire ministry.

You are invited to attend one of these special tracks in Evangelism Ministries. The M7 Conference will provide and sponsor dozens of workshops and discussion opportunities in evangelism and discipleship, as well as sponsor a wide range of new churches. Every ministry context is unique, and requires an approach for your congregation that connects with the target audience of each ministry.

New Church Launch Preparations – The most effective form of evangelism is starting new churches. This practical workshop track leads new church leaders through the basics in starting strong new churches the right way. Each workshop is taught by effective NewStart pastors with experience and insights to assist other new churches. Topics include *Finding the Best New Church Leaders*, *Building an Effective Ministry Action Plan*, *Recruiting a Healthy Launch Team*, *Making the Money Work*, *Avoiding New Church Landmines* and *Planning for Evangelism and Outreach*.

Sponsoring New Churches - Each workshop in this track is taught by effective leaders with experience and insights for sponsoring healthy new churches. Titles include *Sponsoring All Kinds of New Churches*, *Understanding the Target Group*, and *Stretching the Sponsorship Support*.



Transcending the 200 Barrier a workshop facilitated by Bill Sullivan and Ken Crow

Most churches have difficulty moving past the 200 barrier in worship attendance. This workshop shares key insights from the latest version of Bill Sullivan's new book, *New Perspectives on Breaking the 200 Barrier*. Bill has served as director of the USA/Canada/Mission/Evangelism Department, and Ken Crow, a trained sociologist, works in the Research Department at Nazarene Headquarters. The workshop will take place at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday in Room 2102B.

Some things to Keep in Mind:

- **Get the News!** M7 daily newsletters will be available by 8 a.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday.
- **Please wear your name badge to all M7 functions.**
- **M7 first aid/Medical assistance in room 2212.**

Late Night Worship Experience for College and University Agers

Monday and Tuesday evening at 9:30 p.m. in the Grace and Holy Trinity Episcopal Church (13th and Broadway—a policeman will help direct traffic) across from Bartle Hall we will encounter two very different, yet similar, late night worship experiences. The goal in our worship together each night is that it will have depth, is participatory, and is passionate. *It's not entertainment, not a show, not glitz, not performance.* It's convergence, the real thing, authentic, genuine, challenging, God-directed worship. Monday night Brian Hull will lead us in understanding the call of God on each of our lives. Tuesday night Dave Curtiss will lead us in a concert of prayer, sending us toward the mission of Christ in our world. Both late night experiences feature the Jacob's Well band.



Announcements

Needing a Daytime Bite to Eat?

- **City Center Food Court** - 1100 Main Street (next to Hotel Phillips), two blocks from Marriott.
- **Town Pavilion** - 1111 Main street (next to City Center Food Court).
Note: Not open for dinner or during evening hours.

Nazarene Theological Seminary Dessert Reception - Tuesday, February 20 from 9:00-10:30 p.m. in Bartle 2206.

Trevecca Nazarene University Reception (Andy Kirk Room) - Monday evening right after evening service at the Marriott.

Try M7 on for Size! OneSource will have M7 apparel (such as t-shirts, hoodies, button-up shirts, and polos) available for purchase, as well as coffee mugs and lanyards. Visit them in the exhibit area in the NPH Booth.



Projectors Available for \$999



M7 has 25 projectors available for sale. These projectors were purchased for M7 workshops and will therefore be slightly used (about 6 hours) when you get them. You can buy them for your church at the excellent price of **\$999**. These projectors are Eiki LC-XB24 models with 2,500 ANSI lumens, weight 5.3 lbs and are HD compatible. They come with a 3-year warranty (which starts Feb. 1, 2007) and have an MSRP of \$1,495.

If you are interested in purchasing one or more of these projectors please contact Rich Houseal, (rhouseal@nazarene.org or 1-800-306-9948). Projectors will be available for pickup after the Wednesday evening plenary session and Thursday morning. So reserve your projector now, bring your check to M7 and take home a projector.

A Few Words about Mega-Seminar Lunch Options on Tuesday and Wednesday:

For those that pre-ordered a boxed lunch, you **MUST** show your receipt in order to claim your lunch. Lunches may be claimed in Bartle Hall Lobby 2200 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. If you did not pre-order a lunch, please pick up a lunch at one of the Bartle Hall concession stands and bring it with you to the Mega-Seminar session.

College/University Young Adult Lunch Discussions go directly to 1501AB. Your lunches will be served in the workshop room.

M7 to be Podcast



M7 Plenary services will be available via podcast on the conference site (www.m7conference.org)

Look for them soon after each scheduled plenary service is over.