

# DAILY M7 SUMMARY

## Into Faith...Out to the World

The Mid-Quadrennial Conference on Mission and Evangelism for the USA/Canada Church of the Nazarene

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Volunteers will be wearing red sweaters and are available to help with directions.



## Reggie McNeal's Three Shifts to Join the Missional Movement



Church leadership developer, Reggie McNeal, says the rise of the missional church movement is the single largest development in Christianity since the Reformation. McNeal says it comes down to people who get it, and those who don't. Listed below are the shifts each person needs to make to join the missional movement. Are you ready?

**1. A shift from internal to external** – This is a shift from a church-centric to a Kingdom-centric view of the world.

"We think in North America that the church is the destination. It is not. It's the Kingdom."

"The church is a connector to help people get where they want to go—which is abundant life. When we confuse that, we miss what Jesus meant."

"So much of our evangelism strategies focus on turning people into church people. All we do is end up taking people away from the places where they can be salt and life to others."

"There's a reason for the church, but it is to bless people. Don't have an evangelism strategy, have a blessing strategy."

**2. A shift from program-driven to people development** – The days of templating people's spiritual experiences are over.

"We believe if we keep people busy, they'll be disciples, but we are wearing them out. People

are not waking up hoping they can spend more time in church."

"Ask people, 'What would you like to see God do in your life in the next 6 to 12 months?'"

**3. A shift from church-based leadership to apostolic-era leadership.**

"It's A.D. 30 all over again. All the old gods are dead."

"In A.D. 30, you look for God in the world. God is breaking in on people's lives."



Mission directors for the U.S. and Canada are introduced to the assembly.

# Oliver Phillips Asks the Church, "Which Christ?"



Tuesday morning plenary speaker Oliver Phillips decided to discard a prepared address a few days before M7 to help the assembly focus on the implications of the new denominational statement of mission, "To Make Christlike Disciples in the Nations." Phillips, who serves as Mission Strategy director for U.S. and Canada, pondered the scope and meaning of the term "Christlike" as he reflected on the implications of the Church's witness in the world. "We are trying to make Christlike disciples, but I'm trying to figure out which Christ and who's Christ we are trying to be like," stated Phillips.

Phillips acknowledged cultural and economic perspectives can limit our understanding of Christ and his mission. As a former drug addict and alcoholic, Phillips asked pointedly, "Can you embrace the Christ of the ghetto?"

In his attempt to define Christlikeness for the Church, Phillips offered two main portraits, both coming from the Gospel of John. In recounting the calling of Nathaniel in chapter one, Phillips shared that Jesus included and embraced Nathaniel despite his human-

ness. "Christ calls us in spite of who we are," Phillips said. He then asked the Church make room for everyone despite their struggles and failures.

Phillips then related Jesus' encounter with the woman who came to the well to draw water in John 4. Jesus broke gender and cultural taboos by speaking with a Samaritan woman. "This Jesus broke down geographic, cultural, and gender barriers out of his desire to be a change agent and to speak out against systems of oppression," proclaimed Phillips. "Jesus was not only about extending compassion, but establishing justice."

In closing, Phillips related that as a symbol of her attachment to her new found relationship with Jesus, the Samaritan woman left behind her water pot, which represented her old life. Phillips admonished the assembly to let go of those things that would inhibit the Church's ability to reach out

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to all people, especially the younger generation. "We can't be afraid to give the Church to young people. Let's give it away and make Christlike disciples in the nations."

The service ended with General Superintendent Jerry D. Porter asking the congregation to let go of everything for the benefit of the work of Christ.

Earlier, the service was punctuated by live music from the Ft. Lauderdale Manor Choir and soloist Dorzel King, who serves as senior pastor of Risen Lamb Church of the Nazarene in Kansas City.



General Superintendent Jerry Porter shares about the Nazarene Centennial on October 5, 2008.



The Ft. Lauderdale Manor Choir sings during the Wednesday morning plenary service.



The M7 worship team leads the assembly in praise.



Rev. Dorzel King, senior pastor of Risen Lamb Church, prepares the assembly for the message by Oliver Phillips.

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## WORDS FROM PAST AND PRESENT GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS ABOUT BEING MISSIONAL

It is time for holiness people to get into the attack mode and take their liberating message to the streets. Leaders of the coming era must grant freedom for pastors and congregations to discover together the ministry methods that work in their communities, and such must be deployed. — Jim L. Bond

We affirm that evangelism and socio-cultural involvement and compassionate ministry are both part of our Christian witness. We need to be people who seek justice, freedom, and dignity for all, especially the powerless who cannot seek it for themselves. — John A. Knight



# Chaplaincy Activity at M7

Chaplaincy Services has received positive responses to three of their six workshops presented so far on their track title, *Local Churches Making a Difference in Life's Vulnerable Places*. Chaplains from all areas of ministry are coming together and sharing stories and experiences. With intentional direction given to exposure at the local church level, chaplains are making a difference in the lives of individuals as a response to the recently released emphasis of making Christlike disciples in the nations.

If you have seen the *Making a Difference* emphasis on certain t-shirts, you have seen some of the seminary and chaplain candidate volunteers giving back to the church what it has received. Chaplaincy Services targeted these individuals to work specifically with university students who have come to the conference desiring an area of ministry intentional in authenticity and relevance. The workshops have been designed to address the post-modern world and its ramifications on ministry systems. Chaplaincy Services yearns to be the presence of the incarnational Christ to all people groups in various populations, including prisons, hospitals, workplaces, fire departments, law enforcement agencies, military installations, and any place where caring for the integration of spiritual well-being is recognized.

The regional chaplain coordinators came together for their annual meeting prior to the start of M7. These coordinators facilitate communication with Nazarene International Headquarters in meeting the needs of their chaplaincy constituents on the nine educational regions in the U.S. and Canada.



*Pictured: Taking advantage of the opportunity to see the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit at Union Station on Sunday afternoon was, from left to right, Trevecca Nazarene University Regional Coordinator Don Dunlap, Chaplaincy Ministry Director Dwight Jennings, Canadian Nazarene University College Regional Coordinator Deb Tanasieciuk, Northwest Nazarene University Regional Coordinator Merv Friberg, Southern Nazarene University Regional Coordinator Gaetano Franzese, Olivet Nazarene University Regional Coordinator and spouse Chip and Lyn Pieper, and Eastern Nazarene College Regional Coordinator and spouse Barry and Paula Cook.*

# A New Day

## Hispanics in the U.S. and Canada

A few years ago, members of the USA/Canada Hispanic Strategy Committee adopted a theme for the new millennium that is still valid today: A new day.

Since then, every year has been a new day for Hispanic ministries in the U.S. and Canada. A good example is the Hispanic presence at M7. The Hispanic leadership expected an attendance of 50-75 people, but more than 100 Hispanics traveled to this great event.



In addition to the many English-speaking workshops, four Spanish workshops are being offered by four pastors from the U.S. and Canada. Tuesday morning, Pedro Julio Fernandez, a pastor from Toronto, dictated the workshop "Come and See," where he described the discipleship method he is using in his church and other Hispanic churches in Toronto. Obed Jauregui similarly presented a workshop entitled "Morir para Fructificar," meaning the seed must first die in order to produce fruit – a compelling description of his ministry in the Miami area.

On Wednesday, there will be two additional pastors sharing the secrets of their successful ministries: Hugo Melvin Aldana, pastor of Grace Hispanic Church in Lynwood, Los Angeles, and Leonel de Leon, pastor of the First Hispanic Church of Kansas City.



Hispanics attending M7 reflect the "new day" for the Church of the Nazarene in the U.S. and Canada. Additional meetings are being held regarding ministerial education, church growth, and communications with

an emphasis in literature for the specific need of the growing Hispanic constituency in more than 400 USA/Canada congregations.

# An Interview with Nina Gunter



*Nina Gunter is a trailblazer. She was the first woman ever presented with an honorary doctorate by Trevecca Nazarene University, her alma mater. In June 2005, she*

*was the first woman ever elected to serve as general superintendent. Recently, Gunter has been involved in another first – the launching of the denomination’s new statement of mission. Gunter, who will be Wednesday evening’s closing plenary speaker, shared details about the statement in a recent interview with GROW magazine. A portion of that interview appears below.*

**GROW: What is this new statement of mission for the Church of the Nazarene?**

**Gunter:** The mission is “To make Christlike disciples in the nations.”

**GROW: What does this new statement of mission mean?**

**Gunter:** The statement of mission makes clear the preeminence of Jesus Christ. It says that Christlikeness is the essence of holiness.

While our primary motive is to glorify God, we are also called to participate in His mission – reconciling the world to Himself. God is establishing His Kingdom by working through the Church of the Nazarene and others to achieve this end.

The mission of Jesus was to make disciples. It is our mission as well.

The disciple-making journey is salva-

tion, sanctification and discipleship. The church is to equip and teach all who respond in faith. Disciples are people sent into work places, homes, neighborhoods, cities, and countries.

**GROW: Why is this new statement so important for our church family now?**

**Gunter:** As we approach our Centennial, it is time to recapture the original spirit of the Church of the Nazarene.

Every church that exists for a long period seems to face the problem of what someone referred to as “mission creep.” What starts out as a simple, but powerful idea soon gives way to more and more things. If one isn’t careful, the original mission disappears. One must be intentional about finding the center and remaining there.

This gives us a very good opportunity, if handled properly, to identify and clarify the essence of the Church of the Nazarene for a new generation.

**GROW: Is this just another program or evangelism emphasis?**

**Gunter:** The mission of the church is not a program or emphasis, but a way of life. It is part of the “everydayness” of our lives.

This statement also reminds us evangelism needs to be holistic. It is not evangelism or discipleship. It is evangelism *and* discipleship.

The holy life is an example from which people hear, understand, and obey the teaching of Jesus. The fullness of the Spirit and prayer are necessary for being Christlike and obeying all He commands.

**GROW: Are there ways for the local church to adapt this statement of mission?**

**Gunter:** Any congregation in any part of the world can use this statement of mission. It represents the official mission of the denomination. The Board of General Superintendents is providing this statement on a bookmark and poster, along with graphics, to all our churches.

How and where the statement is used is a local decision. This statement is meant to be complementary and compatible with what has been developed in local congregations.

The statement of mission is also a teaching tool and linked with our Core Values of Christian, holiness, and missional. It will be possible to use the seven words of the statement to explain the beliefs and mission of the Church of the Nazarene.

As it is now worded, our statement of mission is common ground for our 18,600 congregations and 1.6 million members in 151 world areas.

**For more about the statement of mission, visit the denominational web site at [www.nazarene.org](http://www.nazarene.org).**

## The Quotable Gunter

“The single greatest challenge to world evangelization is reviving passion for the lost. Historically, the church has grown most when it ignited in people a desire to reach the lost.”

“Will you and I dare to reproduce that all-reaching sincere love of Jesus Christ to those who so desperately need healing? For you see, when God makes us a holy people, He reproduces His own life in us.”

“Holiness is the theology of the open hand, the open heart, the open door.” **M7**

## WORDS FROM PAST AND PRESENT GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS ABOUT BEING MISSIONAL

The Church of the Nazarene is an “open arms” church. Everyone from everywhere is welcome. We don’t try to keep people out. We pray and work to bring people in.

— James H. Diehl

We believe that the transforming grace of God is available to all, whoever they are, wherever they are found, whatever they may have done. God leaves no one outside the scope of His gospel.

— Jesse C. Middendorf

## Official plans for Centennial Celebration unveiled at M7

As the Church of the Nazarene approaches its 100th anniversary in 2008, plans for the Centennial Celebration were officially launched by the Board of General Superintendents February 20 at the M7 Conference in Kansas City.

To include all Nazarenes worldwide in this historic and strategic milestone, the Centennial will be celebrated in every local church on October 5, 2008, across 24 time zones in 151 world areas.

Speaking on behalf of the Board of General Superintendents, Jerry D. Porter, Board chair, said, "We considered a mass gathering at Pilot Point, Texas or Centennial Celebration gatherings on each region, but ultimately we realized that this global celebration must be more. It must include every Nazarene worldwide! Thus, on October 5, 2008, over 18,000 congregations around the world will be united across space and time by sharing a common framework of scriptures, sermon, music, media, and sacraments."

The Centennial provides a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to equip, educate, and reinforce to new Nazarenes and the long-term faithful Nazarene core values, doctrine, and mission.

"Out of Many One, Out of One Many," the Centennial Celebration

# CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

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theme, draws on Nazarene heritage and godly commitment to the future of an international church.

"The global Nazarene family is enriched by our diversity of cultures, languages, and nationalities," said Porter. "Yet, what holds us together as one is greater than the factors that distinguish us. We have one faith, one call, one mission to make Christlike disciples. The Centennial invites us to celebrate our diversity and our unity, our message and our mission."

Each church will receive a Centennial Celebration kit with complete

resources for the anniversary worship service and options for three Sunday services leading up to the Centennial Sunday.

Among the entities developing special ministries, activities, and resources for the Centennial Celebration are Nazarene Youth International, Children's Ministries, and Lillenas Music of Nazarene Publishing House, who has produced a Centennial music package including the Centennial theme song "One."

World Mission is assisting in translation of Centennial resources, and regional coordinators for the Centennial have been appointed on every world region to ensure that the celebration will include the entire Nazarene family.

Pastors will receive Centennial Celebration kits from district superintendents early in 2008. More informa-



Nazarene students share their enthusiasm for the centennial.

Photo: Michael Thomasson, Nazarene Research Center





Finding your purpose is a very popular topic these days and is at the heart of the mission of the Association of Nazarene Technologists (AONT). AONT members are finding purpose by using their technology skills to meet the needs of their local church, as well as reaching beyond to assist in global church ministries.

So, are you a “techie”? Do you remember when the Information Technology (I.T.) guys were “the geeks in the basement” playing with the computers? In this past decade, society has become more technically savvy; meanwhile, the I.T. folks have honed their skills in the application of technology to meet business objectives. Those “I.T. guys” can help guide and support church leadership to resolve business problems.

Over 35 people attended the AONT lunch event at M7 to explore how they could get involved in using technology within their respective ministries. During the lunch’s opening introduction, Virginia Dean gave her experience with addressing technology in the local church. Following Dean, Randy Macbeth shared about the history of the organization, Jay Akkerman presented the vision of the association, and Michael Fetting discussed getting involved to serve the needs of the kingdom. In addition, pastors and laity shared their interests in the fellowship offered by the association.

Never before have we been able to act as a single global church. Technology allows our churches to share and collaborate with ease. So, whether you find yourself today as a technologist by vocation or bi-vocation, or simply a technologist enthusiast at heart, you can find purpose in technological ministries and fellowship with others like yourself online at <http://aont.org>.

## Woodie Stevens Gives the Challenge “Move Beyond Sunday to Every Day”

“The work you do through your Sunday School and church is essential for the future of your culture and the lives of those you teach,” affirmed newly elected Sunday School



Woodie Stevens  
Sunday School Ministries Director

Ministries Director Woodie J. Stevens in his opening remarks. “What if we counted everyone who is ministered to in our churches each week? There is a lot more happening than on Sunday morning. Sunday School must be expanded, renewed, and revitalized.”

Stevens relocated to Kansas City from New Mexico where he has served as the district superintendent for the past twelve and one-half years. Stevens urged churches to “count carefully and count them all,” a quote from Central California District Superintendent Mel Rich.

Stevens posed the questions, “What has changed in your church, and who has to adapt?”

He suggested three areas of change.

- Attendance – It is difficult to earn attendance pins. At one time the average Sunday School attendee missed three times a year. Currently, that has increased to thirteen times a year or a quarter of Sunday School attendance.
- Work and vacation schedules – One-fourth of the population is working on Sunday morning during regularly scheduled Sunday School classes. Three-day weekends compete for people’s time.
- Worship count – Prior to 1972, only membership and Sunday School attendance were reported.

Stevens quoted a recent Gallup poll as stating, “There is an unprecedented desire for religion.

There is an intense searching, hunger for God.” The challenge is how do we adapt to change? We have resources, programs, institutions, and members. But do we have disciples discipling disci-

ples?

Stevens shared the three Cs of discipleship. Classic discipleship uses a curriculum with Bible study. Christian formation discipleship involves God using the spiritual disciplines to form Christ in us. Discipleship in community recognizes we cannot be solo Christians, but together God uses His words, His spirit, and His body to shape us as His followers. “Sunday School and discipleship, an essential part of our DNA, must become our daily mission,” challenged Stevens. He listed three basic assumptions:

- Prayer is the key.
- The Bible is the main curriculum.
- Transformation comes before multiplication.

Stevens expanded the theme, “each one win one” to “each one win one teach one.” He suggested that if three people disciplined three people every six months and that continued for four years, 19,683 people would be disciplined.

“Who is your teacher, and who are you teaching?” asked Stevens. He concluded with the words of Jesus, “If you love me, you will do what I command.” “I will build my church ...Go make disciples.”



## Ketchum to Moderate Today's Prayer Lunch

Today's lineup for the prayer track of seminars will include three workshops and a box-lunch mega seminar in room 2105.

Beginning this morning at 8 A.M., "A Theology of God's Manifest Presence," led by Gary Schmitz, will jump-start Wednesday's lineup that includes a Mega-Seminar box-lunch (noon to 1:30 p.m.), with "A District Prayer Network" at 2 P.M. and "Can We Prepare Our Communities for God's Presence?" and 3:30 P.M.

Daniel Ketchum, Global Nazarene Missions International director, will moderate the box-lunch seminar, which will focus on a renewal movement in Christ-focused intercession. His wife, Carol, will share in song.

M7 participants should pick up their pre-ordered box lunch before coming to the seminar room at noon. If you did not register for a box lunch, you are encouraged to grab lunch to-go from one of the concessions or nearby restaurants and join us in room 2105.

These four seminar sessions are your last chance to catch up on the prayer movement that is sweeping the world and, at last, North America. Moderators Schmitz and Ketchum believe firmly in the power of prayer, and that it has untapped potential in our 21st century church.



## Model Prayer Room Highlights Local Displays

The model prayer room in seminar room 2105 features displays from Catholic, Presbyterian, Nazarene, and non-denominational churches and organizations from the Kansas City metropolitan area.

Organizer Sheila Bird of Stewardship Ministries says, "This prayer room model incorporates several beautiful and awe-inspiring displays into one space. It is an opportunity to gather ideas for your church's own prayer room."

The model coincides with the prayer track workshops taught in that workshop room, but is open during the conference for anyone to visit when workshops are not in session. It will remain open through the conference's regular schedule.



Ever wondered how to reach those who don't seem like the church-going type?

Biker ministries are some of the fastest growing (and fastest moving) ministries within the Church of the Nazarene throughout the U.S. and Canada.

One such ministry is Uncaged Outreach Ministries based in Burlington, North Carolina. Led by David Middendorf, their vision is to make a difference, one biker at a time. Check out their booth in the Exhibit Hall and learn more about how to produce a Biker's Sunday or get involved in this effective ministry. You can also visit their web site at [www.uncagedministries.org](http://www.uncagedministries.org).

## FOR SALE

If you've had a chance to tour the Exhibit Hall this week, you may have sat on a park bench or a colored metallic chair placed next to a matching table in the center of the room. These pieces of furniture are for sale and can be claimed at the end of the conference. Park benches are \$50 each and the table sets are \$250 each. To purchase these items or for further information, please call 816-813-9496.

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Come by and see us in the *Nazarene Financial Services* area of the Exhibit Hall.

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## A New Resource for the Church: The Wynkoop Center for Women in Ministry

Exciting things are happening for women clergy in the Church of the Nazarene! Encouraging statistics reveal that young women are flooding Nazarene schools, preparing themselves for a lifetime of ministry. A surge in the last 20 years has resulted in a 300 percent increase in the number of active women clergy, from 5 percent to 15 percent of total active clergy in the U.S. and Canada. These women, striving to be faithful to God's call on their lives, need the support and advocacy of their church, as much as their church needs them.

At Tuesday's workshop, "Women in Ministry: Biblical Foundations and Resources," Judi Schwanz unveiled a new resource for the support and empowerment of women clergy. Schwanz, professor of Pastoral Care, and director of the Wynkoop Center for Women in Ministry at Nazarene Theological Seminary, led workshop participants in an exploration of the Wynkoop Center's newly redesigned web site, [www.wynkoopcenter.org](http://www.wynkoopcenter.org).



Judi Schwanz discusses a new resource for the support and empowerment of women clergy.

The mission of the Wynkoop Center is to equip, empower, and encourage women called by God to serve in and through the church of Jesus Christ.

A featured component of the web site is the new "Bible Studies on Women in Ministry," a series of 21 lessons designed to educate and raise awareness concerning God's creative and redemptive intention for gender relations. The lessons are divided into four units: "The Creation Mandate," "Old Testament Women in Leadership," "New Testament Women in Leadership," and "Difficult Passages in the New Testament." These Bible studies were created

for use with small groups of youth and adults in local church and campus ministries.

Also available on the Wynkoop Center web site are academic papers and essays, worship resources, web links, and literature reviews. All material is available for free download. Visit today to learn more about women in ministry.

### Don't Miss These Mega-Seminar Lunch Meetings: 12:00 P.M. to 1:30 P.M.

- Beyond Multicultural Ministry (2103AB)
- Emergent Church Panel Discussion (2101)
- Prayer Ministry (2105)
- The Master's Plan for DiscipleMaking (2102A)
- Warming the Climate for Women Clergy with Nina Gunter (2103C)
- Who's Responsible for Passing on the Faith? (2215C)
- College/University Young Adult Lunch Discussions (1501AB)

### Other Announcements:

**School of Leadership Development Lunch** from 12:00 P.M. to 1:30 P.M. in Andy Kirk AB in the Marriott.

**School of Leadership Development Dinner** from 4:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. at the Radisson Hotel.

**Hispanic Education Committee Meeting & Dinner** from 4:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. in Mary Lou Williams A in the Marriott.

**NewStart and Multicongregational Task Force Dinner** from 5 P.M. to 7 P.M. in Lester Young B at the Marriott.