MARCH 2026

The Ascending

Rocky Mountain News

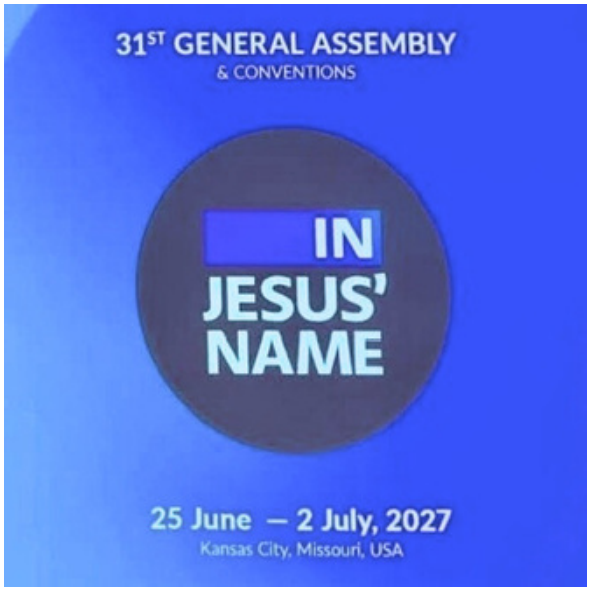
Newsletter of the Rocky Mountain District Church of the Nazarene

ROCKY MOUNTAIN
NINETY-NINTH
DISTRICT ASSEMBLY & CONVENTIONS
JUNE 18 - 21, 2026

BECOMING CHRISTLIKE DISCIPLES

ROCKY MOUNTAIN COLLEGE
1511 Poly Drive, Billings MT

Leadership Dinner - Thursday, June 18
NDI-NMI-NYI Conventions - Friday, June 19
DS Skinner Report - Friday, June 19
District Assembly - Saturday, June 20
Worship Service - Sunday, June 2



Dr. Gustavo A. Crocker
General Superintendent

GS Croker and Mrs. Rachel Crocker will be attending RMD's District Assembly & Conventions. Dr. Crocker became the 31st General Superintendent in June 2013. He was born in Guatemala and is a licensed architect with a master's degree in community planning. Dr. Crocker attended the University of Cincinnati as a Fulbright Scholar. Dr. and Mrs. Crocker have two full grown daughters, Raquel and Beth.

SAVE THESE DATES

Memorial Service

Pastor Ed Koteskey served at Kalispell Church of the Nazarene from 2004 to 2019, passed away on December 17, 2025. Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2026, at 11 a.m. at the Kalispell Church.

KALISPELL NAZARENE CHURCH

HAPPENINGS IN THE RMD

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN YOUR CHURCH ? SEND YOUR NEWS OR PHOTOS TO joannhirning@gmail.com

SUNNYSIDE CHURCH OF THE NAZAENE

Helena Nazarene Church

Helena Naz has a group of men that meet every Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. in the backroom of Perkins restaurant. Men !! you are invited to join them.

HUNDLEY UPDATE

Kelli and the kids have embarked on the homeschooling adventure! Ethyn has joined the Civil Air Patrol and is looking to be a pilot in the Army's Street to Seat program. Isabella is prepping for nursing in the military first then the mission field abroad in a more ministerial. Jessa and Jordyn are coming to the teenage years and all that comes with it!

As for Jarid... There is never a shortage of ways that he can support the troops! Pray for them as Jarid looks at a 9 month rotation to somewhere in Europe this fall! God is good!

BE IN PRAYER

FOR OUR RMD CHURCHES
IN THEIR PASTORAL SEARCH

Pray for clarity and discernment for the search committee and the church members involved in the process.

Ask God to grant wisdom to those making decisions during the search.

Pray for unity within the church as members come together in this important decision.

Pray for the individual God is preparing to lead your church. Ask that he be equipped spiritually and emotionally for the role, and that he develops a love for the congregation.

YOUTH

The Great Northwest Field Conference

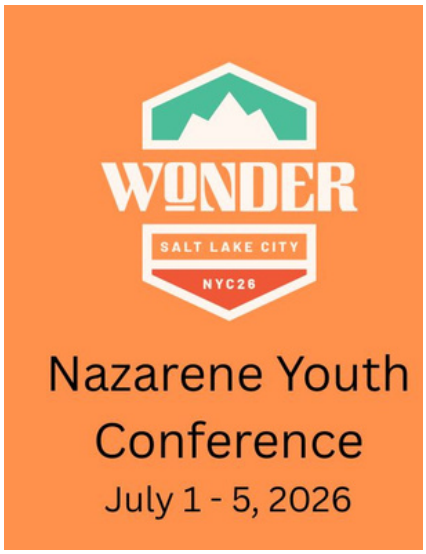
May 22–25
(all day)

CHILDREN

RMD KIDZ CAMP HEARTBEAT

The first Monday of August of every year
August 3, 2pm – August 7, 10am

RMD NYI



TEEN SUPER CAMP at Abba's Haven, Lavina MT

July 27 - August 1, 2026

Pastor Mike Konings, RMD NYI President **nyi@rmnaz.org**

RMD KIDZ

ZONE QUIZ MEET

SUNNYSIDE WY GREAT FALLS MT

March 13th 7 p.m. - March 14th 2 p.m.

Lessons 1 - 20

Memory Verses 1 - 20

Deadline March 8th to let Candace know if your quizzers will be attending.

MONTANA QUIZ - Great Falls Nazarene (1727 2nd Ave. South, Great Falls, MT 59405) Overnight Lodging is available and breakfast and lunch will be provided by the Great Falls church on Saturday.

DISTRICT QUIZ

March 27 & 28th

Laurel Church of the Nazarene

Do you have your motel rooms booked yet?

The Rocky Mountain District Church of the Nazarene takes the safety of our children and youth very seriously. We require that ALL volunteers at district events have completed our District Screening process. Go to www.rmnaz.com for details.

March Emphasis = Easter Offering

Did your church send in your Alabaster Offering?

New style Alabastor Boxes are available at The Foundry Publishing

Our Links Missionaries

Shaun and Faraja Bati serve in the Africa Region in Nairobi, Kenya.
Shaun Bati (Zimbabwean), has been an ordained elder in the church of the Nazarene and has served in various capacities for 20 years. Shaun Bati currently serves as the Regional Youth Ministries Coordinator for the Africa Region. Shaun is passionate about youth in missions, leadership development, preaching, mentoring young people, music, and sports.
Faraja Bati (Tanzanian), is a devoted Christian, passionate about empowering and encouraging others to reach their full potential. Faraja serves as an Administrative Assistant for the Regional Personnel Office and Mission Mobilization in the Africa region. She provides administrative support to the Regional Personnel Office and Mission Mobilization team.

NMI Convention will be held on June 19th in partnership with NDI and NYI.
Delegates to be elected in April at your annual meeting.
See you all at
Rocky Mountain College
Billings MT

Missionaries on Deputation in RMD this year
Monte & Bethany Cyr
Oct. 25 - Nov. 5

Dave & Kim Hanes
in 2027

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PSALMS 1:1-3