

# Northeastern District Family Newsletter

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## Thoughts from Dan

### Of Texting, Twittering and Time

I don't have my head totally buried in the sand concerning things technological. I can email (including attachments). I can navigate the net. I probably use about 40% of the features on my cell phone. At home, I can program my VCR (finally) but terms like "TEVO," "high def" and "Blue Ray" still have me scratching my head and I'm faceless on Face-Book. So, while not a total technophobe, I would never be mistaken for an early adopter and I'm OK with that.

I have a love -- hate relationship with e-mail. I love the almost instantaneous communication and correspondence it enables. But I hate the almost instantaneous communication and correspondence it sometimes demands. In the good old snail-mail days, if someone sent a letter requesting information or action it was understood that some reasonable amount of time might elapse before a response was received. With email the unspoken expectation is that the request will receive an immediate or same day reply. Talk about "the tyranny of the urgent!"

Email, texting, twittering, face-booking, etc. adds a whole new dimension to the challenge of time management. While I don't text, twitter, tweet or face-book my ears are generally tuned to the tone of my laptop announcing the arrival of some new email (there's one now) which my innate curiosity will not allow me to ignore. I must know now what essential piece of information has just come in. Of course, I could mute that tantalizing tone and eliminate the temptation to drop the important for the urgent. Unfortunately, I don't always exercise that self-discipline, thereby "redeeming the time."

What about you? Is texting, twittering, face-booking, emailing, blue-toothing or some other means of staying "connected" chewing up large chunks of your time -- time that truly could be put to any number of better uses?

Don't just laugh that question off. Take time to take stock of your tech time and make some timely adjustments if needed.

There's that chime again, gotta go,

Dan



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## Empowering Church Leadership

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and Multiplication  
Administrative Assistant**  
*Mrs. Debra A. Martin*

One of the eight quality characteristic that NCD (Natural Church Development) emphasizes is Empowering Leadership. Some of the symptoms as to why this particular quality may need to be enhanced are as follows:

- ◆ Burned out leaders and leaders stepping out of ministry.
- ◆ Difficulty in forming a productive leadership team; little cooperation and teamwork among staff and volunteer leaders to accomplish a shared vision.
- ◆ Little time for personal worship and seeking God's vision and guidance; lack of passion and/or consistency in personal spiritual life.
- ◆ Lack of confidante(s) for pastors to share personal issues; difficulty in resisting temptations regarding money, sex or power.
- ◆ Pastor's lack of clarity regarding role and call.
- ◆ Limited time for training and developing leaders, pastor(s) not mentoring leaders personally, leaders are not mentoring apprentices for their position.
- ◆ Lack of leaders to take responsibility for ministries.
- ◆ People afraid to take risks for fear they might fall.

In his materials entitled: "Resourcing Change, Motivating and Mobilizing 'Type B' Leaders", Martin Giese makes the following points:

- ◆ 'Type B' personalities tend to wait for change to come to them, passively observe it, or passively resist it.
- ◆ Smaller churches tend to attract 'Type B' personalities who are more accepting of the idiosyncrasies of a smaller church, less threatened by its inertia, (lack of movement, activity); are less threatening to the people already within the system
- ◆ Significantly, 'Type B' "laid back" men often are attracted to (and marry) women who have strong leadership abilities. As a result, if a smaller rural church has strong natural leaders among its members, they are highly likely to be women.
- ◆ Within ecclesiastical traditions that require male leadership, smaller rural churches, place male non-leaders in leadership positions or restrict gifted female leaders from participation in leadership.
- ◆ Result: these churches may be either perpetually conflicted or may adopt a system in which strong female leaders lead indirectly "through" their non-leader husbands.

The Great News! Effective leadership is not limited to a certain type of personality. By God's grace both "Type A" and "Type B" personalities can be effective leaders! How? Giese offers **5 Motivational KEYS**

### **Enlarge their self-concept**

Help them understand their personal giftedness and potential

### **Broaden Their Perception of Ministry**

Help them see ministry as fulfilling

### **Establish an Eternal Context**

Help them understand the significance of their contribution

### **Find the Right Fit**

Adapt the ministry to the minister

### **Equip Them to Succeed**

Provide ministry training and support



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*It was He who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Eph 4:11-13.*

For a Healthier Today and Tomorrow, Jon

# District Items of Interest

## Northeastern District Family Newsletter

Articles for the **July**  
Newsletter should be sent to  
da\_martin@northeasterncma.com  
by **Monday, June 22, 2009**

Welcome to Shiloh Nevaeh Buehler  
Daughter of Arnold and Melody  
Buehler  
May 12, 2009  
Weighing 5 lbs. 15 ozs

Congratulations to  
Melody and Arnie!



## Fall Missions Conferences

Encourage early planning  
momentum for exciting participation.

Theme: **Open Doors**

Verse: "And pray for us, too, that God  
may open a door for our message, so  
that we may proclaim the mystery of  
Christ, for which I am in chains."  
Colossians 4:3 (NIV).

**MANY THANKS** to the District  
Missions Committee members for their  
great work preparing the **District** Fall  
Missions Conference information that  
was mailed to District Senior  
Pastors/churches on May 14.  
If you did not receive your tour  
schedule, please contact  
Mrs. Joyce Mertz, District  
Missions Committee Chairperson,  
at: mjmertz1@stny.rr.com  
or 607-563-8301.

Reminder: any "District" tour change  
requests are to be cleared by June 17  
with the other church involved and your  
District Missions Committee "Contact  
Person" : Madeline Kilmore, Lorraine  
Regnier or Rev. Joseph Zach (thank  
you to Madeline, Lorraine and Joe for  
your tour coordination efforts).

Every District church now should have  
your next Missions Conference date  
inasmuch as the National C&MA  
Missions Mobilization Office  
has e-mailed the  
**Interdistrict** Tour Schedules.

## Ordination

The ordination oral examination by  
the License, Ordination, and  
Consecration Council was  
successfully passed by  
**Barritt W. Durbin**,  
Senior Pastor of the Arcade, NY  
Calvary Alliance Church,  
on May 5, 2009.

**Congratulations** to  
**Barritt** and **Jordan!**

The public is cordially invited to  
attend Barritt's  
**Service of Ordination**  
on Sunday, June 7, 6:00 PM  
at the C&MA Church,  
1011 W. Third St.,  
Jamestown, NY.

## Delta Lake Bible Conference Center Family Bible Camp July 3—11, 2009

With summer coming and, as the  
President says "change is in the air,"  
we trust you are making plans  
or change of plans to attend the  
**85<sup>th</sup> season** of Family Bible Camp.  
The lineup of the speakers is in the  
brochure and District Pastors should  
now have received vouchers to be  
used. Please contact Jenn  
with any questions.

**Games and activities** are planned  
during the week for all ages.

**Alliance Women** will be gathering on  
Sunday July 5 at 3:00 PM.

**Alliance Men** will be meeting on  
Saturday, July 4, at 2:30 PM with  
missionaries speakers and a  
**special guest, Joe Sears** who hosts  
"Adventure Game Calls" TV show.  
Joe is a personal friend of Bill Brown,  
and we are excited that Joe can come  
and speak to the men.

We look forward to seeing you  
and your church families.

Rick Barnard,  
DLBCC Executive Director

## Sympathy

**Mrs. Esther E. "Kirchmeyer" Kowles**  
born 1917 at Buffalo, NY  
Retired C&MA Missionary  
Widow of Rev. Raymond Kowles  
February 10, 2009

**Mr. Robert Body**  
Father of Mrs. Kathy Main  
(Associate Pastor's Wife, Auburn, NY),  
April 5, 2009

**Mrs. Carol (Don) Cope**  
Sister of Rev. Skip Fields (Ithaca, NY)  
May 5, 2009

**Mr. Lester Morgan**  
Grandfather of Rev. David M. Murphy  
(Valleyview/Vestal, NY)  
May 14, 2009

**Mrs. Melva Robinson**  
Mother of Mrs. Soni Murphy  
(Pastor's Wife, Valleyview/Vestal, NY)  
May 17, 2009



## Looking for Pastors or Interim Pastors in NY

Ballston Spa, Horseheads, Olean,  
Schoharie, Springville  
Wellsville and Whitesville

## Looking for Assistant or Associate Pastors in NY

Oneida, Trinity/Rochester  
and Syracuse



# Parsonage to Parsonage

Did you know there are nearly 300 Pastors' kids in the Northeastern District? Yep, we obeyed God's command to "be fruitful and multiply."

The Northeastern District Pastors' Wives Yahoo Loop dedicates the first day of each month to prayer. On May 1, we prayed for our kids. Requests poured in as moms shared joys and sorrows and concerns regarding their children. Some of our children are going through difficult times. Others have unexplained illnesses. Some have fallen away from the faith. Jody and Rob Gates' son, Justin, leaves in June for an unexpected deployment to the Middle East. The list could fill pages.

We know first hand that Satan intensifies his attack on ministry families. There is a prowling lion encircling our parsonages. Let us not allow him to have our children for lunch. Let's stop him!

I suggest we pray God's Armor Prayer, written by Jill Rigby Garner, Founder of Manners of the Heart. Jill prays this with her husband every morning before their feet hit the floor:

"Lord, place upon my head the helmet of salvation to protect my mind. Place upon my chest the breastplate of righteousness to protect my heart. Buckle around me the belt of Truth that I would know the Truth and speak the Truth. That I would not be deceived nor would I deceive. Lord, I will carry the Sword of the Spirit, Your Word, as an offensive weapon. Enable me to walk in the Path of Peace You lay before me this day, not stepping to the left nor to the right, but walking in its narrow way. With the Holy Spirit dwelling within, with Jesus Christ, my Brother, standing with us, And with You, the Lord God Almighty empowering us, we will stand and hold the Shield of Faith this day for (your child's name). ASSURED WHEN THE DAY IS DONE, WE WILL STAND. In Jesus' precious name, Amen."

The lion prowls, but Jesus says, "Fear not!" See, there are angels encamped around our homes and our children. I choose to trust Jesus with my children wherever they are and whatever they are going through. He loves them more than I do and that brings me peace.

Praying for our children, Elaine

## Dates to Remember

### JUNE

- 7 Service of Ordination, Barritt W. Durbin  
Jamestown, 6:00 PM
- 7-10 Senior Saints Advance, DLBCC
- 16 LO&CC Agenda items due at District Office
- 16 DMC Teleconference, 9:00 AM
- 22-24 Enrich '09 (Youth), Sanibel, FL
- 22-25 NOWF, Simpson University; Redding, CA

### JULY

- 3-11 **District Family Bible Conference**, DLBCC
- 4 Alliance Men, DLBCC, 2:30 PM
- 5 AWM Renew, DLBCC Main Tab, 3:00 PM
- 6 **INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY**  
District Office Closed
- 7 LO&CC Meeting, District Office, 10:00 AM
- 7-12 International Bible Quizzing
- 8-12 Encounter (Youth), Nyack College
- 12-18 Explorer Camp (9-12 grades), DLBCC
- 12-18 Adventure Camp, (9-12 grades), DLBCC
- 14 CMTeam Meeting, District Office, 10:00 AM
- 16 Missions Committee Teleconference, 10:00 AM
- 16 Evangelism Committee Teleconference, 3:00 PM
- 19-25 Pioneer Camp (6-8 grades), DLBCC
- 26--August 1  
Trailblazer Camp (3-5 grades), DLBCC
- 29--August 2  
Encounter (Youth), Simpson U., Redding, CA

## Directory Updates

### MISSIONS

Pg. 4: **Rev. Jonathan D. Philbrick** – Vice-Chairman  
03) **Mrs. Joyce E. Mertz** – Chairperson  
**Congratulations, Joyce!**

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