

Northeastern District Family Newsletter

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Thoughts from Dan

As we leave Pastor Appreciation Month and move into the month during which we celebrate Thanksgiving, I want, on behalf of all of us in the District Office, to express appreciation and extend gratitude to every pastor and pastoral staff member in the Northeastern District. It is difficult to distinguish between appreciation and thankfulness. So, it is appropriate to sincerely offer both.

Each of you have our very great appreciation and gratitude for your faithfulness. You are faithful in many things – proclaiming and guarding Biblical truth; providing pastoral care and a godly example to those who look to you for comfort, counsel and guidance; persevering in the face of the many large and not-so-large challenges of the ministry; upholding and championing the purpose, passion, distinctions and directions of The Christian and Missionary Alliance; shouldering enthusiastically the extra responsibilities (in the Navy we called them “collateral duties”) of serving on District teams (Missions, Evangelism, Disciplemaking Ministries, Church Health and Multiplication, Rules, LO&CC, DEXCOM, Delta Lake Board) without which the ministries of our District would be significantly diminished; and praying diligently and fervently for the success of the gospel in your churches, in the District and around the world.

I appreciate you and thank you for being men and women who love and serve Jesus Christ wholeheartedly, creatively and selflessly. Many thanks for being workers who take the Great Commission and the soon return of our Lord literally, living your lives and leading your churches in light of these truths.

I could go on at length but then Debra would need to add extra pages to the Newsletter. I’ll wrap it up by saying what I hope you already know. I have the highest regard, affection, appreciation and gratitude for each of you (and in all of this I include your spouses) who I am privileged to call “partners” in the gospel. I cannot improve on Paul’s words, “I thank my God every time I remember you.” (Philippians 1:3)

Your partner in the gospel,
Dan



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**Northeastern
District
Office Staff**

**District Superintendent
Rev. Daniel D. Miller**

**Director of
Church Health and
Multiplication
Rev. Jon A. Martin**

**Executive Secretary
Billie L. Merrick**

**District Business
Manager/Bookkeeper
Mr. Frank E. Whiting**

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

Church Health and Multiplication

Preparing for the Seasons

With leaves still on the trees and lawn, our first major snow fall hit central New York in October! In the dark hours of the night prior, Zebadiah and I scrambled to finish seasonal chores. The grill and some additional patio furniture were placed in the shed. The lawn hoses were: disconnected, unreeled to drain the water; and put away for the season. The oil and gas levels in the snow blower were checked. The snow blower was fired up and is ready to go. The rose bushes that graced the landscape with colorful blooms all summer were cut down to 8-12" and mounded with saw dust. Shovels, scrapers and snow rakes are at hand. Preparing for winter is a must living in Upstate New York for Jack Frost certainly nips our noses.

Evangelistically, I trust the church in which the Lord has called you to serve has been reaping from the preparations/seeds that were sown this summer. With the start of the new school year in September and the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays, the Holy Spirit works in people lives and it is a privilege to partner with Him as found in Mark 4:3-9.

In Breaking the 500 Barrier, the importance of both saturation and personal evangelism is examined.

Five keys to Effective Saturation/Promotional Evangelism

Pinpoint Your Best Fields:

"A farmer went out to plant some seed." - Mark 4:3

Who is not churched?

Who am I currently reaching?

People are most open when they are:

Under Tension

During Transition

In Trouble

Plant the Maximum Number of Seeds as Possible:

"As he scattered it across his field..." - Mark 4:4

This point speaks about not being too conservative.

What is the riskiest thing you can do to reach people?

Promotional or Saturation Evangelism can encourage personal evangelism. As Nelson Searcy states, it functions as "Air Cover" for personal evangelism.

Expect a Proportional Return:

"...some seed fell on..." - Mark 4:4-7

Wait for the Coming Harvest:

"...still other seed fell on fertile soil" - Mark 4:8

Focus on the harvest, rather than the negative.

Even four years later, that promotional item may be instrumental.

Prepare and Plan for the Future:

"...produced a crop ...30, 60, 100 times..." - Mark 4:8

If your baptism is a storage unit - clean it out!

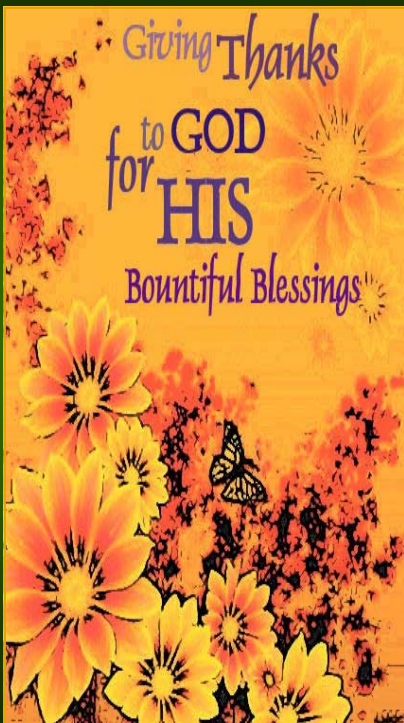
Purchase New Believers resource materials.

Purchase New Believers Bibles.

Expect God to answer your prayers.

"Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness." 2 Corinthians 9:10

For a Healthy Today and Tomorrow, **Jon**



District Items of Interest

Northeastern District Family Newsletter

Articles for the December Newsletter should be sent to da_martin@northeasterncma.com by Monday, November 24, 2008.



Syracuse Alliance Church has several items available for churches to put to effective use.

Children's chairs
Several podiums
Two paintings
Bibles
Hymnals

Anyone who is interested can contact Cathy Steding at:

Syracuse Alliance Church – (315) 492-1741

Or cathy.steding@syracusealliance.org

Photos are available for those who are interested in a particular item.

Ordination oral examinations by the License, Ordination, and Consecration Council were successfully passed by **Mr. Benjamin D. Lineman** and **Mr. Michael J. Seymour** on October 20 and 21 respectively, and the previous ordination of **Rev. Terrence M. Davis** was **sustained** on October 21. **Congratulations to Ben & Erin, Mike & Karen, Terry & Anne!**

Looking for Pastors or Interim Pastors in NY

Andover, Ballston Spa, Olean, Orchard Park, Saratoga Springs, Schoharie and Whitesville

Looking for Assistant or Associate Pastors in NY

Horseheads
Kingston and Syracuse

In Transition

Rev. Kenneth P.
and Susan Maynard
to Mid-Atlantic District
(mid-November).

Great Commission Fund:

Giving to the Great Commission Fund from our District churches of \$1,183,008 for nine months of 2008 is 108.6% compared to the same time in 2007. Praise the Lord!

GHC — How to Get the Alliance Price

For those who are in the Ministerial Study Program (MSP) or the ordination/consecration track and need to sign up for the **Growing a Healthy Church** training, the C&MA has a special Web link that will enable a person to get the Alliance price:
www.growingahealthychurch.com

The C&MA ordination and MSP price for GHC Online is \$69.00 per person for three months.

The cost for individual C&MA churches is \$299 per year. For more information, contact Dale Edwardson at dalee777@prodigy.net.

DEXCOM

Reports to DEXCOM and other items for DEXCOM consideration must be received at least two weeks before scheduled DEXCOM meetings in order to be placed on their Agenda. It is important to send information for their November 18 meeting to Frank Whiting at fe_whiting@northeasterncma.com by **November 4**.

Future District and Prayer Conferences

April 21-23, 2009
Auburn, NY

Introductory Packet items due at District Office: January 13, 2009. Delegate/Events Reservation deadline: March 31, 2009.

April 19-22, 2010
Wheatfield, NY

January 2009 sxt/GHC-CPR/NOWF

Word from C&MA National Office Church Ministries -- sxt/GHC-CPR/NOWF (C&MA New Official Workers Forum) event will be held on January 26–29, 2009, in Peoria, Arizona (near Phoenix), at New Life Community Church. Registration for this conference will open on November 17.

Cassette duplicator and tapes available for an interested church. Contact: Oswego Alliance Church 315-342-5493.



Parsonage to Parsonage

The writings of Amy Carmichael have had a major impact in my spiritual growth. I recently read, *Fragments That Remain*. By the second paragraph of the Prologue, God spoke to my heart through Amy's words. She writes: "In my room in Japan I had two words written on the wall: 'Yes, Lord.'"

Pastors' wives say "Yes, Lord" a lot. The nursery worker doesn't show up on Easter Sunday, your husband calls to you from the pulpit to retrieve the message left on his desk, someone with whom you wouldn't choose to share your bathtub arrives at the parsonage at 10:00 p.m. asking if they can take a bath (yes, this happened to me). The sacrificial life we are called to can be humorous.

It can also be painful. We all know satan's aim is more accurately pointed at the Pastoral family. Physical health, prodigal children, marital problems, and church issues require us to prayerfully whisper, "Yes, Lord" as we allow Jesus to work in His way within His timetable. Of course, sometimes these issues require a "No, satan" rather than a "Yes, Lord" response. We need to prayerfully know the difference.

As the busyness of Thanksgiving and Christmas knocks at our doors, I pray we will be Pastors' wives with two words on our wall, "Yes, Lord." Yes, Lord, I am willing to trust You through this pain. Yes, Lord, I will see people and love people as you see and love them. Yes, Lord, I will do everything to use the gifts You have given to me to live the Great Commandment and complete the Great Commission.

Yes, Lord, Yes, Lord, Yes Lord, Yes!

In my prayers I thank God for all of you,

Elaine

Dates to Remember

NOVEMBER

- 1 West: Breaking the 500 Barrier, Lockport,
\$6.00 per person;
9:30 AM Registration; 10:00 AM--3:00 PM
- 4 DEXCOM Agenda items due at District Office
- 4 Election Day
- 6 CMTeam Teleconference, 10:00 AM
- 8-12 Fall District Superintendents/Directors Conference
Colorado Springs, CO
- 13 Evangelism Committee Teleconference, 3:00 PM
- 18 DEXCOM Meeting, District Office, 10:00 AM
- 27-28

HAPPY THANKSGIVING! – District Office Closed

DECEMBER

- 24-Jan. 2, 2009
CHRISTMAS Recess – District Office Closed
- 25 **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

Directory Updates

In preparation for the 2009 District Directory, please send all updates to:

office@northeasterncma.com ASAP

DEXCOM, Pg. 4, delete

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Quilt Alliance
2008

Project Brazil

Last year Quilt.Alliance sent 45 quilts to the Women and Children's Hospital in Mali, West Africa. Ladies from four different states and nearly 20 churches were involved with this ministry.

This year Quilt.Alliance will be sending baby quilts to Porto Allegre, Brazil. The C&MA church in Porto Allegre is currently caring for nearly 90 children. The ministry is overseen by Jeff and Jo Kiel, who are currently in the states on home assignment.

Quilt. Alliance is accepting donations of fat quarters or greater of quilting fabric only. Clean quilters cotton only please!

**Questions? Request a kit?
Contact Jordan Durbin at
quilt.alliance@gmail.com
Or 585-492-4615**

**Un-quilted tops are due by December 8, 2008
Quilts are due by January 16, 2009**

**Please pray for the little ones
who will receive these quilts!**

