



# **Tidewater Central Church of the Nazarene**

## **2016-2017 Annual Reports**

**July 9, 2017**

William R. Dillon, II, Lead Pastor  
David Kriner, Associate Pastor  
Madison Freeman, Youth Pastor  
Heather Wells, Children's Pastor  
Kay Lynn Perry, Discipleship Pastor  
Walt Kriner, Shepherding Pastor  
Rhona Hands, Worship Director

## 2017 Lead Pastor's Report to the Church

I count it all joy to share my sixteenth report for the Tidewater Central church with you, its people. Jean and I are grateful for the opportunity afforded us to continue to share our lives and ministry here with you all.

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This year did not start out on a good note. Because of military relocations, retirements, and folks heading out to parts unknown we experienced the loss of approximately sixty of our folks last summer. Along with them went well over \$50,000 worth of tithes and other income. By the time the exodus was over, our sanctuary and many of our ministries had been depleted many of our leaders.

But this is not a report about how bad things are. This is a report about how faithful God is when we choose to be faithful. Last fall we had our first Friend Day. (I say first because it is my intention for us to have one every fall for the foreseeable future.) Many of you took this opportunity to invite family, friends, and neighbors that were seeking new church homes. While the increase in attendance that day was welcome, it was even better that we had several of those families choose to make Tidewater Central their church home.

God has also led several other new folks into our church and it has been a pleasure to get to know them and help them to get assimilated into our church body. Little by little God is rebuilding us into a stronger, more vibrant church that is more concerned about others than we are about ourselves.

Another joy has been watching our new church plant, Renacer con Cristo, grow under the leadership of Pastors Yeliz and Mario Mairena and Assistant Pastor Veronica Gamboa. Starting from absolute zero, they have built a strong Hispanic body of believers that during the month of May averaged 49 men, women, and children.

We have had the privilege of having them share in two of our Sunday morning worship experiences and look forward to having them join us every few months during the year ahead.

Before long they will begin meeting in the sanctuary on Sunday afternoons rather than back in Carpenter's Café. In preparation for this transition, they have been training with our sound and tech teams to learn how to use our sound and media equipment. That's great and exciting news!

Slowly but surely God is rebuilding Tidewater Central into the church that He intended us to be from our inception. He wants us all to be “disciples that are capable of making disciples.” For that to happen, each of us must look within ourselves to make sure God possesses every fiber of our being and that we are not in this for what we can get out of it but for what God can achieve through us.

In the year ahead, there are some physical things that I would like to see accomplished to enhance our worship and ministry experiences. We have tried live-streaming our morning worship service on Facebook and have had limited success. During the coming year, I would like to see us invest in some video equipment and a software platform that will allow us to broadcast our services live for those home-bound, assisted living, or who worship now long-distance via our podcast.

I would also like to see us add the capability for online giving to our website and TCN app. I believe that there are those who would welcome the opportunity to use this avenue to financially support the work of the Kingdom, and our church, in this manner rather than using the bill pay capability of their online banking account. The younger generations are not given to checking accounts or carrying cash, but use bank cards for the large majority of their expenditures. We, as a church, need to keep abreast of this trend.

In closing, I would like to thank our faithful pastoral staff – Pastors David, Kay Lynn, Madi, Heather, Walt; and our worship director – Rhona – for their service to Christ, me, and the church. No church or pastor could ask for a more caring, supportive, and giving group of ministers. We are fortunate to have them all here. Make sure you give them some love.

My testimony remains filled with praise to our God. He is the center of my life, my ministry, my home, and my family. I count it all joy to serve Him and you wonderful people here at TCN.

Blessed beyond measure,

Pastor Bill Dillon

Rev. Dillon, Church Leadership Team, and TCN Faith Family,

This is my 6<sup>th</sup> report as a member of the staff at Tidewater Central. As I look back over the last year of ministry, I can see that God is continuing to work in and amongst His people here at TCN. I consider it a privilege that He has allowed me to be a part of what's happening!

As a church, we have had an incredible year. At the beginning of the year, we knew that we would face some challenges due to military transitions that we already knew were coming. These transitions included staff pastors, leadership team members, teachers, and many other key members of our faith family. However, this year has proven that God is faithful. We finished this year by receiving over 20 new members! These new members are not just members who have come forward and joined the church, but they are members who have already become involved in ministry and are making a difference at TCN. I think two key words could summarize the last year for TCN: **prayer** and **preparation**. These words are tied together perfectly in the Book of Proverbs:

**“Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.” (Proverbs 16:3)**



As a pastor one of the highlights of this year has been our heightened emphasis on prayer. Following the preaching series on The War Room, we designated a room in our building with a specific focus on prayer. At 9:45 each Sunday, we gather in The War Room to pray for our pastoral leadership and our service that morning. Another unique opportunity to pray together is our joint prayer service with Renacer con Cristo. If you have not made it to one of these gatherings, you are missing out. I believe that as we continue to focus on prayer and make it a priority that God will honor our requests. In the year to come, it would be great to see more of our congregation in the ministry and discipline of prayer.

**“A praying church isn't a church at ease; it is a church so uneasy with the culture around it that it prays to infiltrate the culture around it with a holy character.”**

**- Stan Toler**

## PREPARATION



Preparation is an important part of any successful venture. As I look back over the last several years, I see the hand of God moving. In reality, I believe He is preparing TCN for something great. As we continue to seek Him and pray for His direction, we will realize the greater work that He has for us. Two years ago, He began preparing TCN for a new Hispanic congregation. It has been incredible to see Pastors Yeliz and Mario build His Kingdom and win lost souls for Jesus through the work of Renacer con Cristo. We are believing great things for them in the year to come. In our congregation, the Lord is continuing to bring new people with fresh ideas and new approaches to ministry. Some of these new ideas include being more involved in the community around us. How is the Lord preparing you for the work that wants do through you?

Personally, preparation has been a key part of my ministry this past year. I have completed all the requirements for ordination as an Elder in the Church of the Nazarene. I want to take a moment to thank Pastor Dillon for allowing me the opportunity to serve alongside him and having confidence in me as an Associate Pastor. I would also like to thank all of you for your grace and understanding as I continue to learn to be the Pastor that God has called me to be.

**“The Lord’s work in us is the preparation for the work that He wants to do through us.”**

**- Joyce Meyer**

Theresa and I are humbled to be a part of the staff here at TCN. In the last several years of our ministry, the Lord has placed a passage of Scripture on our heart that has played a major role in everything we do.

***“We loved you so much that we shared with you not only God’s Good News but our lives, too.”***

**1 Thessalonians 2:8 (NLT)**

Thank you for graciously accepting our family and loving us just the way we are. As we serve both Him and you, it is not about us; but it is all about Christ in us. To God be the glory for the great things He is doing in us and through us here at TCN. We pray that the Lord continues to use our family to make a difference for His Kingdom.

One more thing, see you for lunch at Las Palmas!

Following His Lead,  
*Pastor David*

## 2016-2017 TCN Youth Pastor Annual Report

I have been the youth pastor at TCN since August 2016 so this report is not for the full year. Thank you to Pastor Steve and Tonya Raney for doing such an amazing job with the TCN youth leading up to the transition! Thank you to our NYI President, Stephanie Shelley, for stepping up and filling the role of youth leader for the months between! In addition to Stephanie's leadership there is also Brian Cornett, Alex Fleet and Cassidy Beatty, and our incredible church assistants Amy Cornett and Jodi Scozzafava. I cannot stress enough how much of a blessing it has been having each of you by my side in this journey! Our church is blessed with such amazing talent and callings to work with teenagers!

When I begin a new step in ministry, my priority is forming relationships between myself and the teens. Building Christ centered trust and love between us. So, from August through February, I focused on forming and building relationships with our teens. Between myself and them, leadership, and each other. Normally, there is some hurt from losing the last youth pastor and there is a lot of learning and growing pains with the new Youth Pastor that steps in.

When it comes to ministry, the primary and basic need are relationships. Once there is a strong bond and spiritual growth amongst the people in the church, then they will want to grow and share Christ with others. This is where discipleship happens in today's world. In everything that I've planned, building relationships is the center, the teens with their peers and them Christ. These relationships are Christ centered, supportive, loving and much needed nowadays.

It wasn't until we attended VA district teen Winter Retreat as a youth group where I witnessed the relationship bonds become complete. Some of our teens hearts were opened to Christ for the first time and some of them re-committed their lives. I cannot stress enough how life changing that event was! I, personally, have never experienced something so spiritual. I got to witness the Holy Spirit move in ways I never imagined. The youth group became a family. Winter Retreat helped us turn our youth group around and helped solidify the different connections. It has been an beautiful journey since!

This past year, we've had different events like lock-ins, game nights, overnights, 30 Hour Famine, FOL, banquet, Winter Retreat, Beach Nights, and now we have a weekly bible study. All have been very successful! We have grown in numbers but the most important part is that our group has grown in their spiritual walk! PRAISE GOD! It is all Him! Our teenagers have become an example in our church with their fire for Christ. They constantly are craving more and asking questions. I've worked with hundreds of teenagers in the past 10 years and I have never EVER seen the spiritual drive that I see in our group! They are living out the verse of 1 Timothy 4:12, "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity". It is a beautiful thing to be a part of! I pray that this fire influences our congregation as much as it has impacted me!

I must admit, it was overwhelming to leave our last youth group and petrifying to come in and lead this one after Pastor Steve. We sold our home and moved from the country on top of a mountain, the area that I've lived all my life, to the city by the beach.

Virginia Beach is a whole new world for me. In the process, my husband and I have spent the last 9 months living apart waiting for the Lord to provide a job in Stu's vocation. It has been challenging but also absolutely life changing! Through it all, God has constantly reminded us of His perfect plan! God has blessed me with a unique ability to connect and minister to these teens. God has given me the drive to show teens that it's okay to be themselves. We are all unique and do not fit the mold of the world but we fit perfectly in Christ's body! Everything I do is for Christ; my life has led up to this because my calling is to work with teens in all that I do. I am very blessed.

Thank you so much for accepting my husband and I into your church family. It has been an incredible year so far and I am expecting an amazing 2017!

God is working! May you experience all of God's constant blessings!  
Pastor Madison Freeman  
Youth Pastor

## **The Wild Kingdom**

Where kids are WILD about Jesus!

### **Mission Statement:**

The purpose of the children's department at Tidewater Central Church of the Nazarene is to lead children to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ which will excite them to become "Wild About Jesus" through loving and serving God and others, therefore leading them to impact their world in positive ways for Christ.

**W- Worshipping the King**

**I- Investing in Others**

**L- Learning God's Word**

**D- Discovering His Purpose For Us**

It has been a great year in the children's department as we have seen our children growing in Jesus! The children studied the books of I and II Samuel in Bible Quizzing. They worked hard and learned so much about God's Word! Two of our quizzers will be moving on to represent our church and our Virginia District at the World Quiz during General Assembly in June. We had approximately 12 children who participated in quizzing this year. Special thanks to Wendy Kinne, Cassie Logan, and their helpers for all their hard work with our quizzers this year!

Our worship time on Sunday mornings has been very energized with anywhere between 25-40 children age 4 through sixth grade each week! We have had wonderful worship times together with Bible stories/object lessons, Bible verse study, puppets, object games, and snacks that correspond with the day's lesson. We participate in family worship time in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings before going back to Children's Church.

The children presented a fun and inspirational musical, "Really Really Really Good News," in December. It was a wonderful performance! Also in December, we had our annual Breakfast with Santa Event and invited our Angel Tree families. Santa delivered a special message about the real meaning of Christmas. It was a special day!

Last summer was a busy time for us! We had five children who went to district Kidz camp where they made new friends and drew closer to God. On Wednesday nights, we held a "Deep Sea Discovery" program during our evening services. We learned about having a deeper relationship with God. We discovered God's truth's through Bible stories, learned songs about God's love, played water games, had snacks, and enjoyed fellowship with one another each Wednesday evening of the summer. In lieu of Vacation Bible School, we decided to have Family Fun Nights



one Sunday evening a month throughout the summer. We focused this night on family ministries and invited families to come together for a meal followed by a time of fun games together.

I want to say a special thank you to Beth Stacey who filled in for me during my two month sabbatical in the fall. It was a wonderful opportunity for me to get some much needed rest and spiritual renewal!

It is a pleasure and a joy to be the children's pastor at TCN! I am very blessed that God has called me to this special ministry! It touches my heart as I see these children so eager to learn about Jesus! I love each child and their families! I'm excited to see what God has in store for us in this upcoming year! Be in prayer for our children and children's workers as we teach these children to grow in the ways of the Lord. There are many obstacles facing families and children in today's society. We need to keep them bathed in prayer!

In His Service,

Pastor Heather Wells

## **2016-17 Annual Report: Discipleship**

We give praise to God for all he has done in the Discipleship department over the last church year. It has been a privilege to serve TCN as Discipleship Pastor this year. In addition to taking my turn in the pulpit a few times and teaching for special events like the Ladies' Tea and the Soulmate Soiree, I have given myself to discipleship ministries. My areas of responsibility include:

### **Nursery Department**

We began the church year with a search for a new Nursery Director. Cassie Logan agreed to take this role, and has done a tremendous job organizing the schedule for nursery volunteers. In addition, we rolled out a new computerized check-in system for nursery families, which is helping us to track nursery usage as well as keep our little ones safer.

### **Adult Discipleship**

Pastor David and I rotated teaching Wednesday night adult Bible studies. Topics have included "All Hands on Deck," a service-oriented series; the book of Acts; "Half-Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say;" and others. A shout-out to Pastor David who covered Wednesday nights exclusively mid-January through mid-March to allow me to direct a play, which is a part of my outreach in the community.

We recognized our Sunday School teachers with a small gift card on Volunteer Appreciation Sunday in November. I began teaching the Discussions adult Sunday School class in January, giving long-standing teachers Tracy Beatty and Nathan Kinne a well-deserved break. That study continues; we are discussing the book, "The Reason for God."

### **Looking ahead**

We have identified some goals for the coming year, which include: recruiting additional nursery workers and toddler Sunday School teachers as well as a new nursery director; tracking Sunday morning and Wednesday night adult attendance figures; and developing a strategy for discipling new believers.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Kay Lynn Perry

**Shepherding Pastor  
2016-17 Report**

It has been an honor to serve again this year with the staff at Tidewater Central Nazarene.

Several of our ministerial students have recently met with the District Board of Ministerial Studies and the District Board of Credentials. Following are highlights regarding their progress:

David Kriner has completed the course of study and has met all other requirements for ordination at our District Assembly in July. Congratulations, Pastor David.

Madison Freeman and Veronica Gamboa have met the requirements to be granted the renewal of their District Licenses.

Mario Mairena has met the requirements to be granted his first District License.

By action of the local church board, Stephanie Shelley's Local License was renewed for another year and she continues her studies. Lauren Kriner was presented her first Local License.

Thanks to Pastor Dillon and our church board for an opportunity to serve our faith family at TCN.

Pastor Walt Kriner

## **TCN WORSHIP DIRECTOR 2016/2017 ANNUAL REPORT**

This is my **7th annual report** as Worship Director at TCN. In this ever changing world, we continue to honor our Lord with worship & praise music here at TCN. We try to utilize some of the “old” hymns & songs, and also implement new music & styles to continue to move forward to appeal to all generations. It is humbling to be a part of the TCN church, Pastoral staff, Worship Team, & congregation. I thank the Lord as He continues to be faithful and proves His promises to be true.

**Our purpose for worship is to recognize Who God is & give Him all praise & honor that is due to Him. . . in all things & wherever we are.** At church, we use many avenues in the worship service to point people to Him; such as, through the assembling of ourselves together, singing & playing music together, hearing testimonies, giving of offerings, listening to sermons, praying, and obeying God by applying His truth to our lives and living for Him as His disciples. My prayer is that each person is drawn closer into the Presence of God through our worship experience.

### **2016/2017 YEARLY WORSHIP DIRECTOR ACTIVITIES as performed by Rhona Hands: Worship Director**

Routine tasks that were performed are the following:

1. Weekly Planning & preparation of music/orders of service for the worship service.
2. Conduct 2 weekly worship practices, including a time of encouragement & relationship building with sharing & prayer together with worship team members.
3. Oversee the technology team for sound & power point support for the equipment, presentations, tech meetings, communication updates, scheduling, & purchasing.
4. Attended weekly staff meetings, regular and special called board meetings, & regular and special services conducted at TCN.
5. Planned & prepared schedules for music specials, offertories, musicians & praise team singers in order to use so many talented people we have at TCN.
6. Assisted in preparation & serving food and planned the Music & entertainment for the annual 2016 Christmas TCN Open House in Carpenter’s Café.
7. Purchased music supplies as needed & arranged for instrument maintenance as needed; and also keeping CCLI licensing current and up to date.
8. Planned for soundboard coverage for special services and events, such as funerals, weddings, etc.

## APPRECIATION & THANKS GO TO MANY

The TCN worship & music program involves **many people** who unselfishly give of their time, talents, and energy. Many thanks go to each one who plays an instrument, sings and/or leads on worship teams or specials, runs the soundboard & troubleshoots sound issues, performs the task of all the technology; including power point projections, keeping our computers current and running smoothly, videoing and/or recording the services, and monitoring the lighting.

A special thanks to **Jason Monette** and **Nathan Kinne** as they willingly & regularly support the sound system, and also to **Jay & Mickey Woodcock & family**, as they support & display the PowerPoint, announcements, podcasting, website & computer maintenance on a regular basis. All of them don't just do this job during Sunday morning services, but also support during the week & for practices, and any special services or activities being held at the church. They make sure that we have the sound & words on screens and are available to troubleshoot problems as they arise.

**Theresa Kriner** has played a vital role as **Worship leader** in our praise and worship team, & I appreciate her leadership, support, & prayers in that area, as well as appreciation to **Kris Steele** for leading worship once a month. Again this year, we've added additional adults & teens into the worship team including those that are lending support in the mouse house. The teens play a vital role in our church and I'm glad that they are getting involved and share their passion for God through worship music. Including all of the above, plus all the those **musicians, singers, sound & media techs, Pastor Dillon & the church staff**, and those who have helped in various projects; I want to say a huge thanks for their service unto the Lord in the area of Worship at TCN. They have all been used in giving God the glory in our music ministry and it's a joy to serve alongside such servants of God. Thank you all for your dedication and commitment to serving in the music ministry here at TCN. May you continue to ***"Sing to the King" and give praise to Him.***

***"He Is Faithful",***

*Rhona Hands*

Rhona Hands,  
TCN Worship Director

# **Tidewater Central Church of the Nazarene**

## **Church Board May 2016 – April 2017 Yearly Report**

The church board met on following dates: May 14 2016, September 12<sup>th</sup>, November 14, January 23, 2017, March 20 2017. Board approved the ministry position for Education Pastor (Kay Lynn Perry) and Madison Freeman was called to be your youth pastor.

Board approved the renewal of our District License ministers: Pastor David Kriner and Pastor Madi Freeman. Board approved local preacher's license for Stephanie Shelley and Lauren Kriner. Associate Pastor Veronica Gamboa district license renewed for 2017-2018 and recommends Co-Pastor Mario Mairena his first district license for 2017-2018. Motion made and second. Motion passed.

At each board meeting, the reviews and approves team minutes from the following areas of ministry: Education, Finance, NMI, NYI, Properties and Technology. We are grateful to the various teams that help our church in accomplishing the mission of Tidewater Central.

The church is pleased to report that the church loan was paid off this year. Also, our budgets were paid in full. We are grateful to our church family for making this possible. We continue to be financial stewards of what God has entrusted us to manage.

Changes were made to making sure our church is meeting the compliance for Ministry Safe for our children and youth departments. The church has implemented a nursery software system for protection of their safety.

The church continues to seek ways to reach our congregation and community for ministry. The church website continues to be a successful media for reaching our congregation and outreach ministry.

We, the board, are grateful for our church family and Pastoral staff that support TCN Ministry. Let each of us continue in prayer for our church as we continue to reach and teach others for Jesus Christ. May we all allow the Holy Spirit to direct our life as we become disciples for the Lord. May we honor God as we serve Him and demonstrate His love for those who we meet each and every day. We are grateful to God's faithfulness to all of us at TCN.

Respectfully submitted,

*Diane Nelson*

Church Board Secretary

# **Tidewater Central Church of the Nazarene**

## **Financial Team May 2016 – April 2017 Yearly Report**

The finance team had their monthly meetings to review and approve the monthly Treasurer's Report. A budget for May 2017 through April 2018 was approved and submitted for Board's approval.

An audit was completed on our church financial books for the church year 2015-2016. All records were found to be in order and accurate as reported.

A special thank you to our church treasurer, Mickey Woodcook; to our recording secretary, Audrey Spaulding and to our weekly church counters.

Our church's budgets were paid in full. Each year our church's budgets for the general and district budgets are based on a percentage of our offerings (receipts). See below:

- World Evangelism Fund 5.5%
- Pension and Benefits 2%
- Education Fund 2.5%
- District 5%

Respectfully submitted,

The Finance Team

*Audrey Spaulding, Mickey Woodcook,  
Marion Julal and Diane Nelson*

## **Financial Audit for May 2016 – April 2017**

**Completed: October 31, 2016**

A financial audit of Tidewater Central Church of the Nazarene's was completed. Marsha Billet submitted the financial books for May 2014 through April 2015. All monthly treasurer reports, bank reconciliations and expense receipts were verified and found to be in order and accurate. All documents were returned to the church for storage.

Respectfully,

Rebecca J. Huerta

Account Specialist

Diane Nelson

Finance Team Chairman



**TIDEWATER CENTRAL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**

**Balance Sheet for All Accounts**

**As of April 30, 2017**

**ASSETS**

Checking

Bank of America \$74,314.79

**Total Checking** **\$74,314.79**

Other Investments

Bank of America Savings \$37,791.70

Bank of America CD \$47,310.85

Wesleyan Investment Foundation Savings \$25.00

**Total Other Investments** **\$85,127.55** **\$159,442.34**

Other Assets

Church Building and Property \$2,000,000.00

Equipment \$40,000.00

Parsonage 1 - 5520 \$400,000.00

Parsonage 2 - 5524 \$185,000.00

**Total Other Assets** **\$2,625,000.00**

**TOTAL ASSETS**

**\$2,784,442.34**

**LIABILITIES**

Other Liabilities

Loan Balance - Mortgage/Improvements \$0.00

**TOTAL LIABILITIES**

**\$0.00**

**EQUITY**

Fund Balances

Benevolent Fund (Barnabas) \$75.95

Building Fund \$57,341.36

Feeding the Homeless (True Bread) \$474.80

General Assembly \$729.55

General Operating \$54,532.83

Memorial Fund \$499.00

Men's Ministries \$201.00

NYC \$1,202.19

Rent \$22,674.82

Revival \$0.00

Withholding Taxes \$0.00

Women's Ministries \$0.00

Women's Ministries Fundraisers \$975.36

Wednesday Dinner \$115.00

Sunday School \$3,970.74

NYI \$2,797.97

NMI \$2,765.43

Work and Witness \$9,755.95

**Total Fund Balance** **\$158,111.95**

**Tidewater Central**

**\$2,626,330.39**

**TOTAL EQUITIES**

**\$2,784,442.34**

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITIES**

**\$2,784,442.34**

## FY 2017 Property Team

### Annual Report

As I sit down to draft this annual report of the Property Team this year, I first thank God for moving in Tidewater Central the way He has in the past year. As Property team leader, I have fielded many requests for changes to the buildings, to facilitate more effective worship and that means people are trying to make TCN their “home church”. As a result we have done quite a bit of work around the campus. It has been a lot of work and I am very blessed to have men that are willing to commit time and experience to this work.

Some of the things we got done this year include:

- 1) Replacement of the garage door and opener at Parsonage #2.
- 2) Installation of a parking lot runoff to facilitate better drainage in the parking lot.
- 3) Installation of lighting in the sanctuary of more energy efficient units.
- 4) Installation of windows in classroom doors in support of the Ministry Safe program .
- 5) Replacement of worn tires for the TCN van.
- 6) Purchase of a commercial grade lawnmower for Ground maintenance.

The FY 2018 year looks to be just as exciting and as we continue to be good stewards of the blessing God has poured out, we will look toward projects that keep the church staff and attendees safe, keep them comfortable, and look to do some property improvement projects.

Faithfully and humbly submitted,

Kevin Guillen

TCN, Property Manager



Nazarene Missions  
INTERNATIONAL

NMI ANNUAL REPORT for 2016-2017

We thank the Lord for a good year in our NMI ministry.  
We've seen Him working in many areas as we've participated with the International Church of the Nazarene NMI.

Under the four Objectives of NMI our church has been a part in the following ways:

**PRAYING** Interceding for leaders and churches and for the Holy Spirit to draw all people to Christ

1. We participated in the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church Nov 6.
2. "*The Prayer Mobilization Line*" - a weekly publication focusing on the prayer needs and praise reports for the global ministries of the Church of the Nazarene and our missionaries allows us to know what is happening around the world in NMI. You can sign up for free on [nmi.org](http://nmi.org) or visit PML or visit their Facebook at [www.facebook.com/NMIPrayer](http://www.facebook.com/NMIPrayer). A great prayer exercise with your family.

**DISCIPLING** Involving and mentoring future missions leaders, especially youth and children to make Christlike disciples for God's mission in the nations.

1. Both the children's and youth department Pastors encouraged our youth about missions. The Children's Department had meetings with Liz Julal and many children read mission books.

**GIVING** Devoting ourselves and our resources, especially to the *World Evangelism Fund*, to extend Christ's kingdom.

1. TCN gave to the *World Evangelism Fund* through the generosity of *Faith Promise, Easter Offering and Thanksgiving Offering*.
2. In February and September, we gave to *Alabaster* to build churches, schools, parsonages in needy areas. Both our youth and children participated with great enthusiasm.
3. Our church also gave to *Missionary Health Care* for the healthcare of our missionaries.
4. We gave cash for Christmas to our *LINKS* missionaries, a family part of Creative Access that we cannot personally communicate with them for their safety.
5. TCN gave to the District Disaster Relief.

6. We have added 5 (@ \$75 each) who went to be with the Lord to the *Memorial Roll*.
7. May the Lord richly bless you as you contemplate what Jesus wants you to do and give missions in the new 2016-2017 year.

**EDUCATING** Informing people of the World's needs and enabling our church to meet those needs in Christ.

1. We provided *Mission Education* for all ages through Mission Moments, Power Point, videos and other resources.
2. Another important ministry of education is the reading of missionary books, audios and CD's. Last year, between the adults, children and youth we read about NMI global.
3. Mission service projects that we did are:
  - a. *Crisis Care Kits* -24 kits for use in case of a crisis such as a hurricane or tornado.
  - b. *Compassion Christmas* - a local mission ministry of Christmas caroling to Senior Adults in our area and church. Adults, children and youth had a great time making gifts to take when they went to carol. A great success.
4. One of our most successful ministries was our *Faith Promise* last June with Rolf & Debbie Klenfeld. They gave a wonderful presentation of their ministry in missions.
5. *Nazarene Compassionate Ministries* - a December emphasis with a need all year. Brochures on NCM were passed out in December.
  - a. *Child Sponsorship* - Brochures were given out in December offering an opportunity for our people to sponsor a child. Our Senior Adult class sponsors a child too.

I am humbled by what you at TCN have done to make our church such an integral part of the Church of the Nazarene global missions. Let's pray and work together in the new year to make even a bigger difference in missions - both at home and abroad.

I want to thank my wonderful NMI Council (Marcella Guillen, Liz Julal, Beth Stacey, Joyce Wright), Pastor Dillon, Pastor David, Pastor Heather and Pastor Maddie for their support in making TCN a "Mission One Priority" and "Honor Church" for 2016-2017.

It has been my pleasure to serve as NMI President for 2015-2017. I know the Lord has great days ahead as your new NMI President, Liz Julal and the NMI Council leads you forward in the important ministry of NMI missions around the world.

Jesus said in Matt. 28:19-20 *Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.*" That's us at TCN! Let's be a part of "The Great Commission".

Respectfully Submitted,  
DJ Turnock, NMI President for 2016-2017  
Tidewater Central Church of the Nazarene

Pastor Dillon, Pastoral Staff, Church Board and Church Family,

Greetings in the name of the Lord our Savior Jesus Christ! Women's Ministries has been alive and well in our church this year. I would like to provide you just a few of the highlights from this past year:

In October, Women's ministries helped to promote and provide breakfast for the Women's conference held at TCN. It was a wonderful time of worship and growing with our sisters in Christ!

In November, Women's ministries hosted our first ever paint night at Painting with a Twist in Chesapeake. We had close to 40 ladies in attendance and even those of us who are not artistic managed to create a unique snowman.

In December, We hosted our annual ornament exchange. This is always a fun event! We started with a pot luck dinner! We had close to 50 ladies in attendance and most of us walked away with a unique ornament.

In February, Women's ministries hosted our progressive dinner. We went to 3 houses and stuffed ourselves with delicious food. We had close to 30 people in attendance and it was a fun time of fellowship.

In March, Women's ministries hosted our second paint night-this time at the church with Heather Donis, the paint lady. We had 30 people in attendance. We had a great time but let's just say that the beach scene painting was a little harder than the snowman.

Our last event was our ladies tea in May. The fellowship hall was transformed into our very own tea room by Debbie Strahan, June Jenson, and too many others to name. We had over 60 ladies in attendance and Pastor Heather gave a wonderful devotional on cleaning out the clutter in both our purse and our spiritual life. We had some handsome men serving us tea too!

I must say that I have been so overwhelmed and humbled by the attendance, support and encouragement from the ladies at TCN of Women's Ministries. I see God working through Women's ministries and I know He has great things planned

for us this upcoming year. That is the reason why I am involved with Women's ministries-to uplift and minister to women and to glorify God!

None of this would be possible without many volunteers and people stepping up to assist us. I want to thank each and every one of you who helped with Women's ministries this year. I would also like to give a big thanks to the Women's Ministries council ladies who do a lot behind the scenes: Cassie Logan, Laura Pedigo, Amy Cornett, Amy Younger, and Madeline Westbrook. Each of these ladies has been a tremendous help. If you are looking for a ministry to be involved with, please consider the Women's ministry council for next year. We are losing a few ladies and could always use more help.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy Westbrook

Women's Ministries Director

## 2016-2017 Military Ministries Annual Report

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**Purpose:**

To connect, reach, and grow the military community within TCN.

**Goal:**

To surround our families at home and deployed Soldiers. To serve our military families as their husbands or wives are away by lifting them in prayer, encouraging and supporting our service members and families as they prepare for deployments, move to new duty stations, and/or separate from the service, etc. To foster discipleship and equip service members and their families to live for His purpose.

**Motto:**

"I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength." (Phil.4:11-13)

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With a Military town comes transition periods, and we are currently in a transition phase. While we had a smaller group of military members in attendance at TCN during 2016-2017, our plan included that every quarter we would host a major event, providing food and encouraging connecting beyond the church walls for our military families. This has been successful in providing a great time of fellowship.

We hosted our second Summer BBQ in July 2016, where we held a BBQ for our military families and opened the event to our entire congregation, including TCN's Hispanic Ministry "Renacer Con Cristo". Following Pastor Dillon's motivational series of "We are TCN!". While we invited military, we co-hosted this event to be disciples and reach any of those who need to come closer to God. Many military members leave their families and friends in other locations, so it's important to connect the different areas within the church to become the "family away from home". We offered a bounce house, and dunk tank, and fun games for the adults to play, like Frisbee, corn hole, ladder ball, etc. We had a great turnout and enjoyed quality fellowship with old and new friends alike.

During December 2016, we held a "Dinner, Movie, & Cookie Exchange" over the Christmas holiday, and opened the event up to the whole church. This was a great time to share in the celebration of Jesus' birth with the families who were not traveling for the holidays.

Though much of our focus is based on fellowship, we find various other ways to make connections with our military members and their families. As the opportunities arise, we attend homecomings at the airport, have given moral support and assistance to separated families, those returning from boot camp, and providing care packages to our deployed service members. Many times our fellow military brothers and sisters do not have the opportunity to attend services, or receive encouraging thoughts from back home. In this manner we can be the lighthouse to the individuals on deployment. We look forward to continuing sending care packages to individuals who are deployed.

A future idea, which we will be implementing in our third Summer BBQ in 2017 is that the event will be an opportunity for all attendees of TCN to invite their military friends and family out for an afternoon of connecting, and reaching those who would not normally come to TCN's services, and to participate in fellowship with the current Military community at TCN. We need to focus at better connecting non-military with military. While it is good to have connection within the military families themselves, we cannot grow without connecting to the individuals who are not military.

As our military ministries outreach continues, we know that it takes individuals to become involved in the planning and outreach, and are looking to identify any new individuals (military and non-military) who would be willing to take on a role in Military Ministries as individuals of the current committee either receive orders to new locations, retirements, or to let different committee leadership come in with new ideas and passion for continuing TCN's Military outreach.

Anchored in Christ,

*Hana Gifford, Amy Pakidis Cornett, and Alex Fleet*

Military Ministries Committee



## Local Minister's License 2016-2017

I think this past year went fairly well. I was able to attain my Local Pastor's License in May. Pastor Steve and Pastor Bill presented it to me. I got to go to camp with the teens for the first time and it was a really good way to connect with all of them. Sometime in July Pastor Steve left us and before Pastor Madi got here in August I was able to run things for a little while. We mostly did Beach Nights and Service Projects throughout the Summer. We had Back to School Bash and we were finally able to get the wood for the Gaga Pit. We started quizzing in August and the team did really well this year. It gave me a chance to get to know some of the other youth pastors and leaders around the area during the season. We even hosted our own quiz meet here at TCN. In January we went to Winter Retreat and I think that was the weekend our entire group really started to connect and become a unit. In January I also was able to attend a class to get started toward becoming a youth pastor. I was able to attend a second class in March taught here at TCN. I'm hoping in the next coming year I can get more classes done. Also in March I was able to run 30-Hour Famine for the first time. It was very challenging and there are a lot of things that I learned to make it better for next year. We were able to do a service project at JCOC. Our teens liked it so much we will be going out there more often to do more service projects outside of 30-Hour Famine. There is so much that I have learned and I can't wait to see what this next year has for our lovely group.

Stephanie Shelley