

18 February 2014

Dear Pastors of the Illinois District:

Greetings in the magnificent name of our liberating Lord!

As you know, Dr. James R. Spruce has announced his retirement as superintendent of the Illinois District. We all celebrate his missional leadership during the past 11 years, and we pray God's richest blessings on him and Karen as they begin this new chapter in their lives.

As the jurisdictional general superintendent, I am writing to inform you that Dr. Robert Broadbooks, USA/Canada regional director, and I met with your District Advisory Council (DAC) on Saturday, 15 February 2014. The DAC is composed of the District Advisory Board members, the district secretary, the Nazarene Missions International president, the Nazarene Youth International president, and the Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries International chairperson. The purpose of our meeting was to review district superintendent transitional matters and to assist the district in preparing for the selection of a new superintendent. That election will take place at the assembly of the Illinois District on 17–18 July 2014.

In preparation for that meeting, a document will be distributed for each pastor and key lay leader to complete. The responses you give will help me and the DAC to develop a profile for the candidates to be considered for election as your new superintendent.

The DAC initiated a process in preparation for the assembly:

1. Calling the entire district to intentional prayer for the election and ministry of the new district superintendent
2. Opening a district-wide conversation to help evaluate the current strengths and challenges of the Illinois District
3. Opening a district-wide conversation to help create a profile of the district superintendent that is needed at the present time

Thank you for cooperating with the DAC as they request your input and participation in this important consultation. We look forward to working with you over the next several months. I believe that the best days for the Illinois District are ahead of us as we work together for the glory of God.

Blessings and grace,

Jerry D. Porter

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ATTENDANCES FOR January 1-31, 2014					
Church	Sunday Morning	Sunday School	Church	Sunday Morning	Sunday School
Anna First	99	70	Jerseyville	29	27
Arcola First	35	22	Laclede	18	15
Arcola Spanish	27	21	Lincoln First	30	18
Auburn	48	33	Mahomet	43	27
Barry	NR	NR	Mansfield Community	16	20
Beardstown	55	53	Marion First	NR	NR
Beardstown Liberty Hispanic	32	11	Marshall	NR	NR
Belleville Emmanuel	49	44	Mattoon East Side	76	87
Belleville First	156	119	Mattoon Real Life Com.	27	13
Belleville Korean	19	1	Monticello	14	14
Benton First	31	23	Mount Carmel	28	12
Bethel Community	57	36	Mount Erie	NR	NR
Carbondale New Begin Com.	NR	NR	Mount Sterling	NR	NR
Carlinville First	35	25	Mount Vernon Faith	20	17
Carmi	59	59	Murphysboro	NR	NR
Casey	156	95	Nebo	66	36
Centralia	49	44	Oakwood	NR	NR
Champaign First	NR	NR	Ogden	53	48
Champaign New Day Com.	40	40	Olivet	67	40
Chrisman	59	31	Olney	78	37
Clinton First	68	46	Pana First	NR	NR
Collinsville Good Sam.	81	33	Paris First	60	63
Decatur First	664	509	Pittsfield	217	140
Decatur Oak Grove	NR	NR	Quincy Emmanuel	63	37
Decatur Parkway	60	50	Rantoul	62	36
Decatur Trinity	53	47	Roxana	141	156
Decatur West Side	72	45	Royalton First	109	108
Du Quoin	15	12	Salem Grace	NR	NR
Dupo Bluffview Christian Cntr.	NR	NR	Shelbyville	NR	NR
East St. Louis Rush Mem.	5	5	Sherman	80	61
Edgemont Grace	NR	NR	Sparta	NR	NR
Fairfield Fountain of Life	28	23	Springfield First	233	131
Fairview Hghts Parkview	39	27	Springfield Trinity	NR	NR
Flora	138	105	Taylorville First	NR	NR
Georgetown	NR	NR	Tuscola	25	8
Glenview	74	44	Urbana Lighthouse	63	64
Godfrey	22	17	Vandalia	NR	NR
Granite City CTM	NR	NR	Viriden	NR	NR
Griggsville	NR	NR	West Union	NR	NR
Harrisburg Oasis	NR	NR			
Highland Community	NR	NR	Total	3891	2869