

## ABOUT OUR NOMINEES . . .

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<b>NICOLE ALDER</b>	Nicole is a wife and mother of 3 boys, ages 13, 11, and 9. She attended Nazarene Bible College online while her kids were preschoolers and received a degree in Christian Counseling. She is the Center Director of the Pregnancy Care Center of Ogden, where she runs the clinic services and ministers to women in unexpected pregnancies. She currently serves in SDMI and NYI and enjoys reading, painting, and spending precious free time family and friends. Nicole is currently the worship leader at Layton Rosewood Lane.
<b>MARK BERNHARDT</b>	Mark has been a Christian since 1978 when he found Christ while serving in the U.S. Air Force. A graduate of Northwest and Point Loma Nazarene Universities, Mark has served as a pastor in the church since 1982. Mark and his wife Glenda, a music educator in Nampa, have 2 daughters: Courtney and her husband Josh serve as pastors on the Los Angeles District, and Allison lives and works in Nevada. He has served in numerous roles for the districts he has served: NYI President, Ministerial Credentials Board, amps Board, Finance Committee, etc. Currently Mark is in his third term with the Intermountain Board of Ministry and serves as pastor of Nampa Karcher.
<b>BRIAN BOWMAN</b>	Brian was a school teacher for 20 years before he entered full-time pastoral ministry. His first pastorate was in Green Bay, Wisconsin where he served for 6 years as the Wisconsin District SDMI director. Prior to coming to the Intermountain District, he pastored in McCook, Nebraska. In February, Brian celebrated his fifth year as the lead pastor of the Harney County church. He currently serves on the SDMI Council and the Trinity Pines Camp Board, and is the District Men’s Retreat director.
<b>TIM BUNN</b>	Tim has been the lead pastor at Eagle since 1995 (22 years this June). He has served for 17 years on the NNC/NNU board of trustees as regent, and as a member of several committees, including Institutional Advancement where at times he was its secretary. Multiple times Tim has been a district delegate to General Assembly. Prior to his ministry at Eagle, he served as associate pastor at Nampa Karcher where he was on staff for 7 years. He also served on the Intermountain District Camps Board during that time period. He has served on various other committees at the district level as well. Tim and his wife Melodee have been married for 31 years and have 3 children: Kaylee (26), Joshua/”Jeb” (22), and Colton (18).
<b>RANDY BYNUM</b>	Randy is a life-long Nazarene, raised in the Northwest. He graduated from NNC/NNU in 1974 with a major in Philosophy/Religion in 1974. He received a M.Div. from NTS in 1978 and his Ph.D. from NTC/U.Manchester in 2009. Randy has served in full-time ministry along with his wife Kathy since 1978. He has served as pastor of Nampa Vida Nueva since 2005 and is currently a member of the District Advisory Board. Randy is happy to serve the Lord on this great district, along with his fellow Nazarenes, and counts it an honor and a privilege.
<b>SCOTT DANIELS</b>	Scott and Debbie have been married for 27 years and have 4 children: Caleb (23), Noah (21), Jonah (17), and Sophie (14). He came to Nampa College to pastor two years ago and serving nine years as pastor at Pasadena First and five years as the dean of the School of Theology at Azusa Pacific University. While on the Los Angeles District, Scott was a member of the District Advisory Board.
<b>BRENT DEAKINS</b>	Brent, Nichole, and their 3 beautiful daughters have been members of Eagle Nazarene for 18 years and part of the Intermountain District since he was a child. During that time, Brent has been a layperson, board member, missionary with Extreme Nazarene, and a church planter. He and now serves at Eagle as the Executive Pastor. Brent loves the church and has a passion for how the church will lead into the next generation. He has a passion for leading organization growth and increasing efficiency in order to engage and serve insiders while inviting and investing in outsiders. Brent loves having the opportunity to activate the mission and implement the vision of the church.
<b>LARRY DURHEIM</b>	Larry graduated from NNC in 1967. During his college years, he attended Nampa First and for 7 years thereafter. Along with his wife Elaine and their 2 daughters, they moved to Hines, OR where they lived for 36 years before returning to Nampa almost 7 years ago. While living in Hines he served on the District NMI council for 3 years and

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	taught elementary and middle school for 37 years. He has served on the Nampa First board for the past 2 years and on the local missions council for the past 4 years. Larry was just elected to serve as the president of the local missions board.
<b>STEVEN EMERSON</b>	Steve is a member of Eagle Church of the Nazarene where he serves on the finance committee, teaches Sunday School, and is part of the greeting team. He has also served as a church board member (Nampa First; Lifespring church plant, Cincinnati; Eagle) and as a member of the District Church Properties Board. He presently serves on the District Investments Committee and the NNU Audit Committee. Steve holds degrees in Accounting and Business Administration, and MBA from NNU. He is currently an Executive Vice-President at Home Federal Bank.
<b>LAURI FERRING</b>	Lauri felt God's call to ministry as a child, but did not enter into full-time ministry until her mid-thirties. She previously attended NNC, but later finished her education at the Nazarene Bible College in Colorado Springs. After serving as children's pastor for approximately 20 years, Lauri felt God calling her to be a lead pastor. Last March, she accepted the pastor position at Elgin Harvester's.
<b>DAVID FRALEY</b>	Dave came to Idaho to attend NNC where he met my future wife, Carolita. Their family now includes 3 boys, their wives, and 7 grandchildren. Dave graduated from California State University, Long Beach with a BA in Psychology, and from Nazarene Theological Seminary with a MA in Missions. Dave and Carolita went to France in 1979 to begin the work of the Church of the Nazarene. They served there for 30 years. His primary responsibilities were in the areas of church planting, pastoral training, evangelism, and leadership development. In their later years there, Dave served as District Superintendent. Since 2009 he has been the lead pastor at Caldwell Canyon Hill which has just sponsored a new Spanish-speaking congregation. It is Dave's and Carolita's desire to help continue to plant new churches on the Intermountain District.
<b>LIBBY GERDES</b>	Libby Gerdes has been married to her husband David for 30 years. They are the proud parents of 3 boys, 2 of whom are currently in college at NNU. She grew up in Kansas and Oregon and is a graduate from NNU with a B.A. and Masters degrees in Christian Education from NNU. Libby current serves as the discipleship pastor at Twin Falls where she has been on staff for 13 years.
<b>JEREMY JOHNSTON</b>	Jeremy Joe Johnston is from Jordan, Montana. He lives by the Jordan River (Utah); his wife Heidi went to Jordan High; his favorite basketball player is Michael Jordan. He was once a slave to alcohol and drugs in his younger years, suffered from depression, and was suicidal. Jeremy should have been dead long ago, but our gracious and merciful God saved him. He is now a new creation and lives to serve God. He is an Iraq veteran who loves to serve. Together with his wife they have 3 children: Dakota (14); Hailey (12); Roderick (10). Since 2011 Jeremy has been the pastor of Salt Lake City Central. He is humbled by this opportunity to serve his Lord and our district in this capacity.
<b>STEPHANIE LOBDELL</b>	Stephanie and Tommy have been married for 10 years and have 2 children: JoJo and Jack. She grew up a Nazarene preacher's kid and is a graduate of MNU (BA in Christian Education and Spanish) and NTS (MDiv). They served the church internationally in Sicily for a year with Mission Corps before entering the pastorate full-time. They have co-pastored for 8+ years and love it...most days anyway! Currently Stephanie and Tommy serve in Mountain Home. They love the Church of the Nazarene and are committed to helping the church be faithful in the face of an ever-changing cultural landscape. Stephanie is passionate about educating and empowering the church to live into its calling to be in and for the world.
<b>TERRY MARTIN</b>	Terry and his wife Bev have 2 children, Jason and Michele, along with 4 grandchildren. He currently serves on the District Advisory Board, the District Board of Ministry, the District Properties Board, and the Trinity Pines Development Team. He is a member of Boise Tree City Church where he serves as the Executive Pastor.
<b>LINSEY MATHER</b>	Linsey has spent time in social work and mental health services prior to becoming a pastor. She enjoys incorporating that knowledge into her approach to ministry. She believes relationships are the foundation of ministry and discipleship. Linsey has led

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	<p>many small groups and classes. Through these experiences, she has seen the beauty of learning about Scripture in community, building relationships, and congregants praying for one another. When safe and hospitable settings are available for discipleship, they can be incredibly formational—for individuals and church communities. Linsey would love to help get more people across the district involved in discipleship opportunities. By the way, she and her husband Javin are expecting their first child in April.</p>
<b>HUNTER MIZAR</b>	<p>Hunter grew up in Anchorage, Alaska and attended Anchorage First and Chapel of the Cross. He went to NNU and during college married his high school sweetheart Chrissy. They have 2 beautiful children: a daughter Emma (13) and a son Joshua (10). In the past Hunter has served on various district SDMI boards, NYI councils, and has been a guest speaker at various retreats and camps. Currently he serves as pastor of Weiser and is on the District Board of Ministry. Jeremy has also served with the District SDMI Board to be mentored through D camp and is now a Coach for D camp.</p>
<b>ALAN MORTIMER</b>	<p>Alan and his wife Crickett were married in June 1967 and have 4 sons and 15 grandchildren. He holds a Master of Ministry degree from NNU and is a graduate of the School of Large Church Management. He has held district offices in NE Indiana, Arizona, Northern California, Northwest, Oregon Pacific, and Washington Pacific. He has also served as Minister of Music and Youth from 1964 to 1980 and as Senior Pastor from 1980 to the present where he pastors at LaGrande.</p>
<b>TIM PUSEY</b>	<p>Tim and his wife Cindy have 3 children and 9 grandchildren. He now serves as secretary of the District Advisory Board, and is a member of the Camps Board and District Board of Ministry. He currently is the Senior Pastor at Meridian Valley Shepherd.</p>
<b>CHANDRA SALISBURY</b>	<p>Chandra grew up in a Christian home. Her parents are Rick and Arlene Youngblood, long time members of the Church of the Nazarene. Both she and her husband Matt attended Nampa First when they were children and belonged to the same youth group. They continue to attend Nampa First with our 3 children: Claire (17), Christian (13), and Madeline (11). Chandra works as Licensed Professional Counselor and works part-time for the Counselor Education Department at NNU. She has had the honor of serving on the SDMI Board for the past 3+ years, and has traveled with the Board to churches throughout the district helping facilitate different programs. She has also participated in D Camp as an attendee and this year will serve as a Coach. Chandra has been involved in many areas of local church ministry, and over the past several years has found a clear calling to work with teens. When her oldest son moved into Junior High, she started teaching a High School Sunday school class, which she still does. Since then Chandra has gotten more involved, adding Wednesday night activities, mission trips, and mentoring relationships.</p>
<b>MARK SCHMELZENBACH</b>	<p>Mark is member of Layton Rosewood Lane and has lived in Utah since 1996 with his wife Debi. They have been actively involved in Nazarene churches in the area for 20 years. Mark holds a B.S. in Computer Science from Northwest Nazarene University and a M.E. in Computer Science from the University of Utah. He currently serves as VP of Engineering at inContact Corp., leading teams in the development of semantic extraction technologies and text analytics solutions. Mark presently is a Sunday school teacher and member of the worship team.</p>
<b>MIKE SEWARD</b>	<p>Mike has been married to his wife Debbie for 38 years and they have 4 children: Summer (31), Sharelle (29), Shannon (21), and Shawne (19). He is a graduate of NNC and has served 9 years in youth ministry, 11 years as pastor of Boulder First, and 16 years as a hospice chaplain. For the past 18 years, Mike has been and continues to be the pastor at Kimberly. At the district level, Mike has been a member of the SDMI Board, the Board of Ministry (Secretary, Assessment Coordinator), Advisory Board, and Magic Valley Mission Area Facilitator.</p>
<b>DAVID SLONAKER</b>	<p>David is a member of Eagle Church of the Nazarene where he serves on the Worship Team, works with the Children’s Church Drama Team, is the Greeter Program Director and in the past a Board Member, Church Treasurer and Sunday School Teacher. David</p>

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	<p>and his wife Jenae have 3 kids: Jamie, Jeff, and Tyler. David is a CPA, was the Director of Finance for Blue Cross of Idaho, and currently manages Commercial Real Estate projects. David has been a NNU Board of Trustee and the Trinity Pines Development Board Chair, both for 17 years. He serves as the NYI District Treasurer and on the Trinity Pines Camp Board. In the past David has been on the Northwest District Advisory Board and was District Treasurer of the Northwest District. On the Intermountain District David has served as a Teen Quizzing Director, Children’s Quizzing Director, and a General Assembly Delegate.</p>
<p><b>JOY STREIGHT</b></p>	<p>Joy and her husband have been married for 31 years and have 3 adult children and 1 grandchild. She has served on the District finance, credentials, and nomination boards Joy has been the lead pastor at Boise Castle Hills since 2008. The church ministers to the community through their benevolent garden—distributing produce through local food banks. Joy serves on the Idaho Emergency Food and Shelter Program, assisting in the distribution of local resources. She is devoted to connecting with people, offering them the love of Jesus, and including the in the fellowship of His church. Joy was a children’s pastor for 9 years, serving 2 congregations on the Intermountain District. She currently serves on the district finance committee and on the credentials and nomination boards. Joy as a BA from NNU and has served on the NNU Board of Trustees for 6 years as well as on the board development committee, assisting in resourcing and orienting new trustees.</p>
<p><b>BEN TURNER</b></p>	<p>Ben was born in Florida and grew up in the little town of Belleview. He was raised in the Ocala Church where he learned of God’s love for him. As a young teen, Ben committed his life to Jesus. We he was 17, his family moved to Alaska where his life dramatically changed. God gave him a beautiful and amazing wife Melodie and called me to preach. Ben and Melodie moved to Colorado Springs where he graduated from NBC and later from Mid-America Nazarene College. They have pastored 4 churches: 2 in western Kansas, 1 in Utah, and are presently serving their 14<sup>th</sup> year in the Boise Five Mile family. Ben also serves on the SDMI Board, where his focus is Discipleship Camp; and on the District Board of Ministry, encouraging young ministers on their way to ordination. The Lord has been gracious in leading their ministry all the way along.</p>
<p><b>JENNIFER VASQUEZ</b></p>	<p>Jen and her husband Rich have 3 children: Orion (12), Diego (10), and Chavelle (5). She was raised in the Othello, WA church and is a graduate of NNU. Jen co-directed Junior High Camp #1 for the first 3 years Trinity Pines was open. She also represented our district twice as a delegate to the Global NYI Convention. She has intentionally not been involved on the district since her children were born and with Rich’s heavy district involvement. Now Jen is ready to be more active.</p>
<p><b>ED WEAVER</b></p>	<p>Ed has been married for 36 years to my wife Debi. They have 3 grown daughters and 4 grandchildren. He has been blessed to have served with 3 churches on the district for a total of 27 years so far. His undergrad studies were in Church/Christian School Business Management and he holds a M.R.E. degree from NTS. Ed was a speaker for Senior High camp in 2015 and currently serves on the District Board of Ministry.</p>
<p><b>DOUG WILSON</b></p>	<p>Doug was born and raised in Idaho and is a graduate of NNU. He and his wife Joni have been married for 40 years and have 2 daughters and 4 grandchildren. He was a businessman before the Lord called him into pastoral ministry. Doug has been a pastor for 29 years and currently serves as Pastor of the Nampa Bethel church. He has been involved in the Intermountain District as a member of the District Advisory Board, the Board of Ministry, the NNU Board of Trustees, and Director of Boys camp. Doug has also served as a member of the finance committee, the nominating committee, and the education committee.</p>