

Parent Information Meeting Sunday, January 26, 2025

Meeting Agenda

- Welcome
- Explanation of NYC
- Student & Leader Testimonies from NYC 2023
- Payment Schedule, Cost Breakdown
 & Fundraising
- Volunteers
- Questions & Discussion

Northwest Ohio District Nazarene Youth Conference



Dear Parents,

Every four years our denomination puts together a large conference for youth from Canada and the United States. This large event is called **NYC (Nazarene Youth Conference)** and it is right around the corner.

Just in case you are wondering 'What is NYC?' Nazarene Youth Conference is a vibrant, life-changing youth event held every four years in different locations across the United States and Canada. High School students from all around North America belonging to the Church of the Nazarene gather in a time of worship, teaching, and community outreach, united by a common belief in Jesus Christ. NYC makes an intentional effort to focus on calling, spiritual formation, and serving others. Imagine over 8,000 teens coming together in Salt Lake City, Utah.

NYC will take place **Tuesday**, **June 30 – Wednesday**, **July 8, 2026 in Salt Lake City, Utah**. The conference is open to teens in grades 8-12 for the 2025-2026 school year. The first four days will be the conference and then we will participate in excursions Sunday evening through Tuesday evening. Our tentative planning for excursions includes Lower Antelope Canyons, Grand Canyon Sky Bridge, Hoover Dam & Top Golf.

Please take this information home with you and discuss it with your student. This conference will be a life changing event and we would love for your student to be a part of it! Most of all, pray with your student about their potential involvement in NYC.

Once you and your student have made a decision, please reach out to *Libby Oswald* (our churches point person) to receive the next steps in the process. For planning purposes, we will need to know of your commitment by **Saturday, March 15, 2025**.

If you have any further questions or concerns following this meeting, please reach out to Libby Oswald.

Thank you,

Pastor Joe Hurst

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NYC 2026 Payment Schedule

In order to have payments ready to send to the district on time, our payment schedule for NYC 2026 will look like this:

Saturday, March 15th: \$150.00 (initial deposit to confirm your spot...non-refundable)

Thursday, May 15th

Tuesday, July 15th

Monday, September 15th

Saturday, November 15th

Thursday, January 15th, 2026

Sunday, February 15th, 2026

The initial cost for a student to attend NYC 2026 is **\$2,400**. However, through some generous donations, the cost per student attending from Lima Community Church will **be lower than this**. At this time, we cannot give you an exact total as this will depend on how many students register for the conference. That amount will be updated after March 15th when all students interested in attending have submitted their initial deposit.

HOW TO PAY:

Payment can be submitted a variety of ways:

*By Credit Card through the ChurchbyMinistryOne app. *Under the events section, look for NYC 2026 payments button*

*By check payable to Lima Community Church with NYC and your students name in the memo line.

If you mail it, please put attention Libby Oswald or you may bring it to the AXIS office Monday through Thursday 8am to 4pm.

*All NYC program fee payments are **non-refundable**. However, in the event your student is not able to attend, you may request for your sponsoring district to transfer your registration to a *new*, *previously unregistered* participant. Your sponsoring district will facilitate this process on your behalf. Transfers may be facilitated through April 31, 2026.

Fundraising

To help offset the cost of NYC 2026, AXIS Student Ministries will be holding a Chicken & Rib Dinner Fundraiser on **Sunday, September 14**th, **2025.** More information will be coming soon but plan to participate!

We also will be creating a *fundraising letter* for you to send to family and friends. We included a mock letter in this packet of information but that will be updated once our final total is determined. This will then be sent via email to parents to print. We encourage you to take this letter and personalize it.

Get creative! **Ask** family and friends to babysit, help around their homes, etc.

Registering

Registering for NYC will be done completely online. Libby will send your information to Dawn Williams- our NWO District Registration contact- who will then contact you with the link to register.

Registration will open on May 1st and end on October 15th. *No late registrations will be accepted.*

Mock Fundraising Letter

Date

Name of person you're sending to Their mailing address City, State, Zip

Dear (fill in their name),

I would like to share with you an exciting opportunity that God has opened up for me. I have been blessed with the chance to go to Nazarene Youth Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah from June 30th-July 8th, 2026. This is a once in a lifetime event, held every four years in different locations in the U.S. and Canada. High school students in North America, who belong to the Church of the Nazarene, gather together in a time of worship, teaching & community outreach, united by a common belief in Jesus Christ.

I believe that ministry is best done through community and that you can be a part of this ministry that touches student's lives in an extraordinary way. Please consider supporting me as a prayer partner in this ministry. Please ask that God would prepare my heart and provide for my needs. Also, pray that God would bless those who will be attending and teaching and that God would further His kingdom in that place.

In addition, to join in this conference, I will need to raise *(cost will be inserted here)*. The cost includes airfare, ground transportation, food, lodging and excursions. I would enjoy the opportunity to talk with you about this upcoming ministry and answer any questions you might have.

Should you give financially, here are the details you will need to know. Checks should be made payable to me and write NYC donation on the memo line of the check. All checks should be mailed to me directly at <u>INSERT YOUR ADDRESS</u>. I will then turn in all financial support to Lima Community Church. Please note: if unforeseen circumstances should prevent this trip or my participation in the trip, because this is a Northwest Ohio District Event, the contributions are non-refundable. If I meet my financial goal of *(cost will be inserted here)* any additional donations will be returned to the donor. Donations for this trip are not eligible for tax deductions. Please make all donations no later than *(date will be determined and inserted here)*.

Thank you for your thoughtful prayers and support. I am grateful for the opportunity the Lord has given me to attend this life-changing event.

Yours truly, Sign your name here

Volunteers

The volunteer number will depend on how many students we have attending. NYC asks that we have a 1 to 8 ratio...meaning 8 students per 1 adult. Volunteers who are interested in attending can submit their names to Pastor Joe.

The cost for volunteers to attend will be determined at a later date.

Questions & Discussion

And lastly, please begin praying for this event. We are expecting and anticipating God to move in mighty ways through our students and volunteers attending!