

NEWSLETTER

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Pastor's Conference Delhi District



The 47th District Assembly Meeting of the Delhi District was held at Don Bosco Institute, Delhi, with great enthusiasm and active participation. The Assembly served as an important platform for review, fellowship, and vision building. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Filimao Chambo, General Superintendent, and was attended by Dr. Samantha. The Assembly was also honoured by the presence of Dr. Rev. Sunil R. Dandge, Field Strategy Coordinator for the India Region, along with his wife Mrs. Sarah Dandge.



Pastors, their spouses, and church members from across the district participated in the Assembly. Leaders from various ministries including NYI, NMI, CDC, and NDI were present and actively involved. The District Secretary conveyed greetings to the global leadership of the Church of the Nazarene. Reports related to district administration, finance, missions, education, and ministry were presented and reviewed. Rev. Kingsley Jayakumar was re appointed as the District Superintendent of the Delhi District for another term of two years. Ministers were recognised for their faithful service, local minister licenses were granted, and Mrs. Rosey David was ordained during the Assembly.



The main and most important event of these gatherings was the Pastors Conference. The entire conference focused on the theme of holiness. The sessions emphasized holiness in personal life, family life, and church ministry. The conference was held on 5th and 6th January and was attended by pastors from Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Punjab, Jammu and Kashmir, and Uttarakhand. Dr. Rev. Sunil R. Dandge led a session on the Church Manual and highlighted the importance of living and leading in alignment with biblical and denominational principles. Mrs. Sarah Dandge shared on Nazarene Missions International and reminded pastors that a holy church is a missional church.



On the second day, Dr. Samantha spoke on holiness within families and future generations. She encouraged pastors to build strong spiritual foundations at home. Dr. Filimao Chambo concluded with a sermon on holiness as a biblical calling, not a cultural practice. He reminded pastors that holiness is sustained by God's grace through prayer, obedience, and dependence on Him.

The Assembly and Pastors Conference strengthened unity, renewed commitment, and encouraged leaders to live and lead holy lives in service to the church.

Pastor's Conference

Western Maharashtra District



The 49th District Assembly was held on 8 January 2026 at Union Biblical Seminary, Pune, bringing together nearly 450 delegates from across the District. The gathering was marked by worship, prayer, and thanksgiving as leaders and members sought God's direction for the future. The Assembly was prayerfully chaired by Dr. Filimao Chambo, along with Dr. Rev. Sunil Dandge, and other senior leaders. God's presence was evident throughout the sessions and deliberations.





The Assembly witnessed significant leadership moments in the life of the District. Rev. Manohar Pawar, Rev. Suresh Abhyankar, and Rev. Shaul Jadhav retired from active ministry as per the age requirement and will continue to serve the Lord in the Church of the Nazarene. The District expressed deep gratitude for their years of sacrificial and visionary service. In the same Assembly, Rev. Paulus Pawar was elected as the new District Superintendent. The Assembly also celebrated the ordination of four pastors: Rev. Vilas Padale, Rev. Yohan Waghmare, Rev. Ishak Gamit, and Rev. Sanjay Barish.

Following the District Assembly, the Pastors Training Program became the spiritual centre of the gathering. The conference focused entirely on the theme “Holiness as God’s Transforming Encounter,” calling pastors to reflect deeply on holiness in personal life, family life, and church ministry. Pastors from across the District gathered with a spirit of openness, prayer, and renewal.

Speaking from Isaiah 6, Dr. Chambo emphasized that holiness is not a cultural practice or religious routine. Isaiah was already a respected religious leader, yet his encounter with the Holy God revealed his inner condition. His confession, “Woe to me, for I am a man of unclean lips,” showed that holiness speaks to behaviour, lifestyle, and the posture of the heart. God’s gracious response brought cleansing and recommissioning, demonstrating that true holiness leads to transformation rather than condemnation.

Dr. Samantha shared on God’s calling upon both pastors and their wives, highlighting the vital role of families and women in ministry. Rev. Savantsare said that the sessions reminded me that ministry flows from lives shaped by encounters with God. Rev. Kasabe echoed the prayer that holiness would never be reduced to outward appearance, but would remain a visible expression of God’s transforming power. As the gathering concluded, pastors returned to their fields of ministry with renewed commitment.

The Republic Day Celebration



The 77th Republic Day was celebrated with joy and reverence at Nazarene Pre Primary School, Ramtekdi, Hadapsar, Pune. The campus was filled with patriotic spirit as students, teachers, parents, and guests gathered for the national flag hoisting ceremony. The programme was honoured by the

presence of Rev. Paulas Pawar, District Superintendent, Anthony Ghorpade, DAB Member, and Rajan Nair, Social Activist.

The school currently serves 75 students, many of whom come from under privileged backgrounds. The Republic Day celebration became a meaningful occasion to affirm the value of education, dignity, and equal opportunity for every child. During the programme, the guests encouraged students to grow in discipline, strong values, love for the nation, and respect for one another.

Rev. Paulas Pawar shared inspiring words on nurturing young lives with faith, character, and moral responsibility from an early age. Mr. Rajan Nair, Social Activist, emphasized the importance of education, unity, and responsible citizenship in building a strong and inclusive India. The programme concluded with prayers of

thanksgiving to God for the nation and a special prayer for the bright future of the children. The celebration reminded everyone of the role schools play in shaping responsible citizens and nurturing hope for the future.

Bible Quiz



A Bible Quiz programme was successfully conducted in month of November 2025 at the WMDA, Ulhasnagar 4, bringing together believers from across the Western Maharashtra District for a time of learning, fellowship, and spiritual encouragement. The programme was led by Rev. Sanjay S. Sawantsare and began with prayer and worship songs, setting a joyful and reverent atmosphere. The quiz was based on the Book of 1 Samuel and witnessed enthusiastic participation from around 76 participants.

The strong participation reflected a growing interest in studying and understanding God's Word among believers of all ages. Teams represented six areas, namely Vasind, Ambivli, Kalyan, Ulhasnagar, Badlapur, and Bhandup.

Several pastors were present to encourage the participants and support the programme. These included Rev. Rajanikant Gaikwad, Rev. Prabhudas Manware, Rev. Alpesh Gaikwad, Ps. Hemant Rajurwala, and Ps. Sachin Yashwant.

WAVE MAKERS



In today's fast moving and highly digital world, Generation Z is constantly connected yet often disconnected at a deeper level. Many young people are absorbed in social media, studies, careers, and urban lifestyles. Cities are full of Gen Z energy, but churches frequently struggle to see their presence. Traditional worship sometimes feels distant to them, leading to disengagement, loss of joy in faith, and a growing gap between the church and the younger generation.

Amid this reality, a hopeful and inspiring initiative has taken shape at the Church of the Nazarene Bhushannagar. On 21 December 2025, the Gen Z Church named "WAVE MAKERS" was officially launched during the evening service held from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. This historic step marks the first Gen Z focused church initiative in Bhushannagar.

"We see many Gen Z young people in the city, but very few in the church. Our aim was not to dilute biblical values, but to build a church that listens to them, understands them, and allows them to worship God without compromising truth," shared Bro. Prarthen A. Hidadugikar.

The vision for the Gen Z Church was conceived by Mrs. Prafulata A. Hidadugikar, who observed a growing lack of interest among youth in regular



worship services. After prayerful reflection and a careful study of Generation Z, she initiated a worship space that is joyful, participatory, and rooted in Scripture. A core committee of youth leaders was formed and trained over several weeks, empowering them to lead worship, coordination, hospitality, media, and outreach.

When the idea was first shared, only five youth were involved. Through training and social media outreach, participation grew to 10 to 12 youth, and on the launch day, twelve young people gathered for worship. The worship is led by Bro. Abhidnya A. Hidadugikar, and the Word of God is preached in a motivating and relatable manner by Bro. Prarthen A. Hidadugikar. Today, by God's grace, 30 to 35 youth attend every Sunday.

The Gen Z Church expresses heartfelt gratitude to Rev. Advait Hidadugikar, Pastor in Charge, and the Church Board for their encouragement and prayerful support. The church rejoices in this new work of God and gives all glory and honor to Him for the birth and growth of the Gen Z Church, WAVE MAKERS. All glory to our good God.

Child Development Centre



The Child Development Centre Jabalpur celebrated the 77th Republic Day on 26 January 2026 with great joy, enthusiasm, and patriotic spirit. Children, parents, and staff gathered together to mark this important national occasion. The programme began with an inspiring address by the chief guest, Rev. Praveen Pawar, District Superintendent of the Central India District, who spoke about the values of the Indian Constitution and encouraged children to grow as responsible citizens.

The highlight of the celebration was the colourful cultural performances by CDC children. They presented dances on patriotic songs in Hindi, Marathi, Tamil, Gujarati, and native languages, beautifully reflecting the unity and diversity of India. Primary and middle school children participated actively, and several parents were present to support and encourage them. The Centre expressed heartfelt gratitude to sponsors, the India Field Office, NCM India, and the CDC Ministry Office for their valuable support.

Global Week of Prayer

The Global Week of Prayer (1-7 March) is a special week of prayer for the global church. We invite you to come together in your local churches to pray for the regions of the Church of the Nazarene. Prayer resources will be shared with you.

Prayer is not asking God to do what you want, but asking God to help



you want what He wants.



Billy Graham

1. **Pray for** all pastors and clergy of the Church of the Nazarene worldwide.
2. **Pray for** FSC and all District Superintendents of the India Field and their advisory boards, as they play an important role in extending the Kingdom of God.
3. **Pray for** all coordinators and their teams in the India Field as they spread the Word of God in different parts of the country.



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