

COLORADO NYI



2025/2026

Colorado District Church of the Nazarene

2024-2025 NYI President's Report

Submitted by Craig Krager, NYI President

As we conclude an incredible year of ministry together, I want to express my deep gratitude for the privilege of serving as the NYI President for the Colorado District. This is my first report as the NYI President to this Assembly. This year has been marked by growth, teamwork, transition, and spiritual momentum as we continue to build on the legacy of leadership and faith that has come before us.

This year has brought leadership changes, we once again elected a new NYI President. We have seen some of our leaders move away, some of our leaders change roles, and some of our leaders move on to different things. While transitions are never easy, the resilience and dedication of our team shone through. We have welcomed new leaders into the fold, and we continue to seek more voices to join us in this ministry. We would love to have many more of you join us to help grow and strengthen our NYI Council, and to see many more students come to a new or deeper relationship with God.

The theme of **teamwork** has been central to the NYI Council this past year. Scriptures such as John 17:20-23 and Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 have reminded us that we are stronger together. Our success relies on our unity in Christ and each other. We have been focused on being like the disciples, working together to help the Colorado students know that Jesus loves them and that He desires to have a relationship with each of them.

Throughout the year, our strategy has remained grounded in the NYI's foundational focus: **BE, DO, GO** — emphasizing discipleship, leadership development, and evangelism. These three chords of the NYI ministry strategies will continue to be a unifying force for our students and leaders

of the Colorado District. We hope to build on these and tie them into everything that we do as the Colorado District NYI.

This year, we have aligned with the USA/Canada Regional focus on **"Bringing People to Jesus."** We've been called to make disciples, love God, and love people—empowering both leaders and students to fulfill the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20). It is our goal that at our district events that we will see people come to know Jesus for the first time.

Major Events & Highlights:

- **Camp:** Once again, our NYI camp at Golden Bell was a spiritual high point. Thank you to Ken and the team for making it impactful. We had 230 students and adults registered as of the time I write this report. Ken and his team did a great job once again of building a large team of leaders to work together to make this weekend a success.

- **Water World 2024:** Sunburns, there were many sunburns. It was a fun and memorable time of connection and relationship building with 313 people in attendance. Thanks to Alex Edwards for leading this great day in the sun.

- **PowerSurge 2024:** Despite the challenges of the snowy weather, this was still a powerful weekend thanks to the dedication of Eric Arpelar and the backup team. We had 266 registered for the weekend prior to the snow apocalypse that kept many of our churches from being able to attend. The Holy Spirit was present and moved all weekend. We had a lot of people come together to be able to pull off this weekend.

- **Main Event (March) 2025:** We saw a strong increase in participation. There were 200 people in attendance this year. The success was the result of collaboration between our seasoned and new leaders—highlighting the strength of our team-based approach. The weekend was focused on Bringing People to Jesus through the unique talents that God has provided. During our three worship services we heard the Word of God

preached and capped off the weekend once again with a powerful student led service.

● **NYC 2026:** This will take place in Salt Lake City, UT June 29-July 6 2026. This is an experience that you don't want your students to miss out on. We will have many more details to share with you in person. Start fundraising now! NYC is worth every penny spent to help our students have a great encounter with God while gathered with 10,000 other students.

As the NYI Council looks to the future, we are committed to: 1. Growing our leadership team by reaching out to new churches and leaders. 2. Fostering a culture of **professionalism**—leading with integrity, grace, and servant hearts. 3. Staying aligned with the Regional Church to **bring people to Jesus**. 4. Relying on the Holy Spirit to empower every step we take as a district.

This year has confirmed what I've long believed: we are part of one of the best NYI districts in the Church of the Nazarene. We've overcome challenges, grown stronger in unity, and seen the hand of God in our work.

Let's continue this journey—encouraging one another, building on our legacy, and faithfully leading the next generation to Jesus.

Thank you for letting me lead.

Craig Krager

President, Colorado District NYI

2025 CO NYI Convention

Agenda / Schedule

- NYI Convention Start (10:00 AM)
- Welcome and Prayer
- Worship led by One Hope Worship Team
- Devotion
- Rich Vasquez – NNU
- Young Adult/College & Career
- Youth Leadership Training Promotion
- President's Report, Vice President's Report, Secretary's Report, Treasurer's Report
- Water World Report
- Powersurge Report
- Main Event Report
- Camp Report
- Quizzing Report
- Begin Elections
- NYC Promo and Information
- Recognition of 2024/2025 Council
- Results of Elections Recognition of New Council/
Prayer over New Council.
- Adjournment (12:00 PM)

2025/2026 Calendar

- **CO NYI Council Meeting.** Sat Jan 25, 2025 All day
- **NYI Main Event** Fri Mar 28-Sun Mar 30, 2025
- **CO NYI Council Meeting** Sat Apr 26, 2025
- **The Great Northwest Field Youth Conference** Fri May 23-Sun May 25, 2025
- **NYI Teen Camp** Fri Jun 6 - Mon Jun 9, 2025
- **Colorado District Assembly** Thu Jun 26 - Friday Jun 27, 2025. One Hope CON
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- **NYI Water World Day** Sat Aug 2, 2025
- **CO NYI Council Meeting & Youth Leadership Training** Sat Aug 23, 2025
- **The Call Conference** at NNU 2025 Fri Oct 16 – Sun Oct 19, 2025
- **NYI PowerSurge 2025** Fri Nov 14-Sun Nov 16, 2025

- **CO NYI Council Meeting** Sat Jan 31, 2026
- **NYI Main Event** Fri Mar 13-Sun Mar 15, 2026
- **Great Northwest Field Youth Conference 2026** Fri May 22 – Sun May 24, 2026
- **NYI Teen Camp** Fri Jun 5-Mon Jun 8, 2026
- **Colorado District Assembly** Thur-Fri Jun 2026
- **CO NYI Convention** Sat June, 2026 TBD 9am-2pm
- **NYC26'** July 2026. Salt Lake City, UT