

To the North Arkansas District Family,

As most of you know, Dr. Randy and Debbie Berkner will be transitioning into a new season of ministry as they retire this fall. We have truly appreciated the visionary leadership and pastoral guidance they have given to us during their tenure. We pray for all God's best as they find new avenues of service.

Our leaders are taking steps that will help us find the district superintendent God has for our district. After our district assembly, the District Advisory Council (DAC) met with Dr. Carla Sunberg (our jurisdictional general superintendent) to establish the process of selecting our new leader.

Dr. Sunberg, Dr. Robert Broadbooks (Director of the USA/Canada Region), and the DAC will now be working through the process over the next few months. The input of local pastors and church members will be vital as Dr. Sunberg prayerfully considers who to appoint as our new DS. In the next few days, the DAC will be communicating what this process looks like and how you can participate.

For now, however, we want to call our district to prayer and fasting. We challenge all pastors to lead their congregations in this effort. We encourage each to set aside a special time during each gathering (worship, Bible study, Sunday School class, fellowship, etc.) to focus on prayer for the following:

- Pray for the leadership directly involved in this search process and everyone involved in identifying the characteristics and attributes our district most needs.
- Pray for the District Superintendent God is preparing for this position and that he or she will continually seek God's direction and paths for the future of the North Arkansas Church of the Nazarene.
- Pray for the Berkners as they move into God's new work for them. Ask the Lord to wrap His mighty arms around them so that they might feel His love and care.

Thank you for all your efforts to seek God's way for the North Arkansas District during this critical time. God is ready to answer when we seek Him and His way with sincere hearts.

*"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." --Jeremiah 29:13*

Sincerely,

North Arkansas DAC