

District Advisory Board Nominees

Ministerial



Rev. Megan Allen

Megan grew up on Joplin District and accepted the call to ministry at age 12 during a missionary service. She was fortunate to grow up in a Christian home and church played a huge role in shaping who she is today. The district that helped grow and shape her is now the same place that she proudly chooses to serve and minister. She graduated from MidAmerica Nazarene University with a Bachelor of Arts and from Nazarene Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity.

Megan became the lead pastor of Nevada Church of the Nazarene in 2021. Megan's prior ministry experience includes multiple staff positions in the areas of children, discipleship, and administration. She has served on multiple district committees including NMI, NDI, and the Credentials Board. She is passionate about discipleship, Christian education, and seeing lives transformed by the gospel.

She has two precious children, Kennedy (5) and Palmer (3). She enjoys preparing her sermons at a coffee shop, good books, and summer storms.

He has+ been married to Charlene for 43 years. They have one son, Bo (wife Kelsey), and grandchildren Blakely and Kole. He has pastored for almost 30 years - 28 at Banner, where he presently serves.



Rev. Dennis Bergen

Born and raised on the Joplin district, he has also been privileged to serve on the Kansas City, Arizona, and Oregon Pacific districts. Bruce and Connie have been married since 1986. His current assignment is pastor of the Springfield One Life church. Across his various assignments he has served the districts on NYI councils, ministerial credentials boards, DAB, and currently serves our district as the district secretary. It has been a privilege and honor to serve God and his church in so many ways in the places to which he has been called.



Rev. Bruce McCrite

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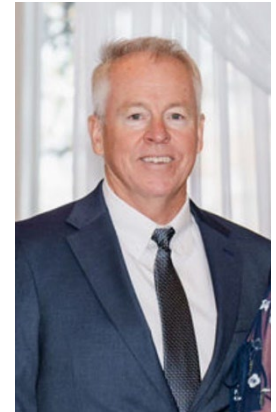
Layperson



Mike Godfrey

Mike is a long-time attendee of Carthage Church of the Nazarene where he leads the weekly prayer partners ministry and teaches a weekly Sunday School class. Mike is John Maxwell certified in leadership and is a former high school coach and teacher.

Dennis Olson, age 59, has been married to Shellie for 33 years in September and they have two children. Brenton is married to Hannah. Lauren is engaged to be married to Ethan in September. Dennis is a long-time member of Joplin Calvary Church of the Nazarene, currently serving on the Board as a Trustee. He has also taught Sunday School to young adults and older adults. Dennis graduated from Diamon High School in 1982 and Cleveland Chiropractic in 1988. He has been in practice in Joplin for 36 years. His hobbies include hiking, fishing, snow skiing, Nebraska Football, and raising cattle.



Dr. Dennis Olson



Rod VanDyne

Rod is a long-time member of the Ava Highway church, serving as the chair of the board of trustees for 20+ years. Additionally, Rod participates in the worship ministry of the Highway church both vocally and in the a/v booth. Rod has previously served as a member of the district Advisory Board. Rod retired from the ownership of a regional delivery business. Rod's wife, Toni, has co-ownership of the Clinkingbeard funeral home in Ava.