

2018 SDMI District Leadership Conference

Speaker List



Dr. Filimão M. Chambo was elected to the office of general superintendent in the Church of the Nazarene in June 2017 by its 29th General Assembly, held in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA. He was director of the Africa Region at the time of his election, a post he had held since 2009. As regional director, Dr. Chambo was responsible for overseeing the church planting and development efforts of the Church of the Nazarene across the continent of Africa.

Born in Mozambique, Filimão grew up in a pastor's home. Both his father and mother served in full-time ministry for the Church of the Nazarene. At the age of 17, when God called him to full-time ministry, his answer was yes.

Chambo earned a Diploma in Theology at Seminário Nazareno em Mozambique (SNM) in 1993 and a Bachelor of Theology (ThB) at Nazarene Theological College (NTC) in 1997. He was ordained by Dr. Jim Diehl as an elder in the Church of the Nazarene in January 2000 on the Gauteng District, South Africa; and later that year attained his Masters of Arts (MA) in Biblical Studies from the University of Johannesburg. His Doctor of Literature and Philosophy in Biblical Studies (PhD) was also earned at the University of Johannesburg and was completed in 2009.

Before serving in the regional office, Chambo's ministry experience included pastoral positions and Christian higher education. He served as pastor in South Africa for the Mphagane and Eldorado Park Churches of the Nazarene and in Mozambique at Igreja do Nazareno da Matola Cidade. He was an educator at NTC, South Africa, and at Seminário Nazareno em Mozambique where he later became president. In 2005 Dr. Chambo was named education coordinator for the Africa Region, where he served until his appointment as regional director in 2009.

Filimão is married to Samantha, who is also an ordained elder, and they have two children, a daughter, Tsakani Gabriella, and a son, Emanuel.



Dr. Holly Catterton Allen (PhD, Talbot School of Theology) is professor of family studies and Christian ministries at Lipscomb University in Nashville, Tennessee, where she holds a joint appointment in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the College of Bible and Ministry. She teaches undergraduate courses in early childhood development and family ministry, and has previously taught at John Brown University, Biola University and Abilene Christian University. SDMI in partnership with NTS will present the Laytham Lecture in Early Childhood Ministry at the SDMI Leadership Conference. Allen's areas of scholarly interest are children's spirituality and intergenerational issues. She is the coauthor of

Intergenerational Christian Formation: Bringing the Whole Church Together in Ministry, Community

and Worship and the editor of *Nurturing Children's Spirituality: Christian Perspectives and Best Practices*. She is part of the national board that convenes the triennial Children's Spirituality Conference: Christian Perspectives at Concordia University near Chicago. She has published articles in *Christian Education Journal*, *Lutheran Education*, *Lifelong Faith*, *Christian Scholar's Review* and *Christianity Today* along with chapters in several books. Allen is married to Dr. Leonard Allen and they have three adult children as well as four grandchildren.



Rev. Mark Bane currently serves as the Director of Evangelism and New Church Development for USA/Canada Church of the Nazarene. He is also lead pastor in a new Church plant, Total Life Church (TLC), in the urban core of Kansas City.

After graduating from Trevecca Nazarene University, Mark continued his education at Nazarene Theological Seminary. He is a graduate of the Billy Graham School of Evangelism, the School of Large Church Management (tract 2), and is a certified Personality Trainer. He is a certified Senior Master trainer with Dynamic Church Planting International and is a certified church planting Master Assessment Director.

Mark spent 9 years in youth ministry and pastored for 24 years in Arkansas, St Louis, Albuquerque, and Atlanta, Georgia. He served as a member of the board of Trustees for Point Loma Nazarene University for six years, where he also chaired an auxiliary committee and served on the Executive Committee. Before accepting his current position at the Nazarene Global Ministry Center, he served as District Superintendent of the Joplin District (June 2013-July 2017.)

Rev. Bane has been honored to speak at a variety of public venues from youth camps to Sunday School Conventions to district Assemblies across the US and as far east as the Caribbean and west to Hawaii. He is responsible for planting eight new churches while pastoring existing churches. Mark has received 10 General Superintendent's growth awards and many district growth honors. He loves preaching, teaching, developing leaders, and is highly committed to evangelism and the starting of new Churches.

Making Christlike disciples is a vital part of Mark's ministry, as 1500 souls have joined the church by profession of faith in his pastoral ministry, 24 of those now in ministry as a result. Because of the passion Mark has for seeing the lost saved, the Joplin District, under his leadership for four years, grew in every category including the planting of 50 new churches, 15 fully-organized churches, growing the district from 67 to 82 organized churches.

Mark's life mission is "win as many people to Jesus as possible and then die."

He is happily married to Cheryl his wife of 35 years. They have two adult children, Katie and spouse Mike Finn (Kansas City) and Kelley and spouse Jeff Rossmann (Georgia.)



Rev. LaMorris Crawford is the chaplain for the USA National Football League team, the Cincinnati Bengals, and a graduate of Olivet Nazarene University. LaMorris has spoken at a number of Nazarene churches, including the Springdale Church of the Nazarene, and is highly recommended. His message will be on the priesthood of all believers.

LaMorris and his wife, Megan, have four children. LaMorris has a passion for preaching, communicating clearly and effectively the Word of God by sharing with others how God can do incredible work in their lives.



Rev. Daryl Blank has pastored in four churches over the past 24 years in Michigan, Tennessee, and Ohio. He is currently the senior pastor of Springdale Nazarene Church in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Daryl's call to ministry came while in business as a district manager for Stewart Warner Corporation. In addition to pastoring, he has been a volunteer fire chaplain in Michigan and the Vice President of a local Chamber of Commerce while serving in Tennessee.

Daryl has a passion for the lost and a deep desire for the followers of Christ to move from just showing up to growing up in the faith.

Daryl has been married to his wife, Tracy, for 29 years, and they have three adult children.