

April 15, 2014

Dear Reverend Alexander, District Advisory Board, and the Metro New York District,

2013 was an incredible year for the Metro New York Youth (NYI). The year started out with a trip to Festival of Life at Eastern Nazarene College in Quincy, MA during March. Metro New York sent a small group who participated in numerous activities like volleyball, instrumental solos, and ping pong. FOL was a chance for our teenagers to see a bigger picture of the Kingdom of God.

Summer camp is always a highlight in the year for youth ministry. This year our numbers doubled from the previous year with about 80 teenagers in attendance. Camp was a lot of fun, but it was also a time when our teenagers were challenged to run the "Amazing Race." I am so grateful to Camp Taconic's dedication and commitment to our youth.

Thanks to the dreams and the vision of Lionel Latouche and Gabrielle Pierre, this year we started a new ministry called "The Stand" that is directed towards teens and young adults in a more urban setting. There was a retreat in July at Camp Taconic and a youth rally in November at the Bronx Bethany Church of the Nazarene. For the future, there will be two rallies and two retreats a year.

Our district is blessed to have an active JNI under the leadership of Tito Rivera. The JNI have a youth camp in August and four youth rallies throughout the year.

It has been an honor and a blessing to serve our teens and youth leaders on our district. Metro New York has the best teenagers, who are diligently and earnestly seeking out God. Thank you for your support and prayers throughout the year!

Blessings,  
Christina McCully