

Virginia District Church of the Nazarene

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November 13, 2017

Dear Pastors, Staff Members, District Advisory Board,  
Retired Ministers, and Spouses,

You've noticed it too. Just about anywhere you will find a friendly "recharging" station. Recently, in a hospital waiting room I noticed one. They are available in malls, shops, café's, airports, and just about anywhere people meet. The demand for battery power for cell phones and other electronic devices has created a demand for recharging stations so that everyone can stay "on the go."

Long before cell phones and the like, Jesus set an example for all ministers. At the conclusion of a lengthy series of highly impactful public ministry settings Mark reports that this is what Jesus did, "After leaving them, he went up on a mountainside to pray." (Mark 6:46NIV)

The ability to recharge and to refresh enabled Jesus to fulfill his purpose: "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." Luke 19:10

Come to the Ministry Team Retreat this year to connect with others with a shared calling, to pray together, to worship together, and to learn together. Fellowship will be in plenty supply.

Every minister of the Church of the Nazarene on the Virginia District is invited and expected.

Enclosed you will find all the information you need to prepare for the 2018 Ministry Team Retreat. We call it the Ministry Team Retreat because it is especially designed for you and the other pastors on the Virginia District serving in the great ministry of the gospel. We call it the Ministry Team Retreat because we are a team of pastors here in Virginia, all sharing the same mission. As a team we give to one another through encouragement and mutual care. And if you serve with staff pastors, this is an excellent opportunity to get your "team" together for a few days of renewal. And we call it the Ministry Team Retreat because we've designed it with the best of what a retreat can be. We intentionally do not over-schedule the event with lots of promotion or business. We intentionally focus on mission, worship, fun, and fellowship to encourage you. We have designed this retreat so you can break free from the routine, especially after a season of intense giving to others. Even Jesus took retreat. (See Mark 6).



Location: Charlottesville Doubletree Hotel  
990 Hilton Heights Road, Charlottesville, VA 22901, 434.973.2121

Dates: **March 9-11, 2018**

Speaker: Dr. Dan Boone

Cost: Double Room \$409.00 (per couple)  
Single Room \$309.00 (only one person attending)  
*\* Price includes a Buffet Dinner on Friday and a Breakfast Buffet on Saturday and Sunday morning. The Hospitality Suite will also be available.*

By recent action of our District Advisory Board a grant was approved to provide a discount to the upcoming Ministry Team Retreat, March 9-11, 2018, held at the Charlottesville Doubletree.

Here are the details of the **Ministry Team Retreat Discount**:

- A discount of \$150 per room will be given for the Ministry Team Retreat to those who apply and are approved.
- This discount is available to the Lead Pastor and one (1) full-time/Associate Pastor per church (see district journal).
- The discount is limited to the first 100 applications.

A separate letter is being sent to your Church Board secretary to encourage your church family to provide for your full participation in this official district event.

Cheryl and I look forward to welcoming you to the Charlottesville Doubletree.

In Jesus' Strong Hands,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'J. Phillip Fuller'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Dr. J. Phillip Fuller, District Superintendent

C Church Board Secretary  
Enclosures

# MTR 2018 CHECK LIST

- Please ensure that you have placed Friday, March 9 through Sunday, March 11, clearly on your personal and church calendars.
- Print and Complete the registration form today. Request a check from your treasurer to cover the expenses. Mail the check and registration form to the DRC at 5906 Harbour Park Drive, Midlothian, VA 23112. Payments can also be made by electronic check by going to: <https://www.egsnetwork.com/gift2/?giftid=6DB1E5071260430> You will still need to complete the registration form and email it to [Rachel@vanaz.org](mailto:Rachel@vanaz.org), or mail it to the DRC.
- Mail your payment/registration in time for it to be received in the DRC by Monday, January 22, 2018.
- Make arrangements for childcare (as necessary). Let us know if we can help in any way on this matter.
- If financial issues are a consideration, please contact George or Glorice Stevenson, myself, or any district staff member. We want to help make it possible for everyone to attend, and we do not want financial considerations to limit your participation.
- Increase the fellowship by car-pooling to the retreat.
- Review the website <https://www.visitcharlottesville.org/visitors/things-to-do/> for places you may wish to visit during your free time.
- If you have questions, feel free to contact the DRC 804.739.4884. We will be glad to help you any way we can.
- A personal note from DS Phil Fuller: "Please let me know if there is anything specific I can do to help you attend this important event."



# Ministry Team



## Retreat 2018

# FAQs

### **Where are we meeting?**

We are meeting at the Charlottesville Doubletree Hotel  
990 Hilton Heights Road, Charlottesville, VA 22901, 434.973.2121.  
The retreat will last from Friday through Sunday, March 9-11, 2018.  
The retreat will begin with dinner at 6:00pm on Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **Who can attend?**

All pastors (senior and staff) and spouses, retired ministers and spouses, district advisory board members and spouses, district staff and spouses, and all licensed ministers and spouses are invited to attend this encouraging, equipping, and vision expanding event. Phil and Cheryl Fuller along with George and Glorice Stevenson will serve as your hosts.

### **How do I register?**

Use the enclosed registration form. Register as early as possible, but no later than Monday, January 22, 2018.

### **How much does the retreat cost?**

Double Room \$409.00 (per couple)  
Single Room \$309.00 (only one person attending)  
*Plus* the cost of transportation and two meals on-your-own  
(Saturday lunch and dinner)

### **What meals are included in the cost?**

The prices above include a buffet dinner on Friday and a breakfast buffet on Saturday and Sunday morning. The Hospitality Suite will also be available. The only meals not covered are Saturday's lunch and dinner, for which you will need to make arrangements.

### **Where do I send money?**

Please send a check made out to Virginia District Church of the Nazarene marked "Ministry Team Retreat" with your reservation. Send the check and registration form to the District Resource Center, 5906 Harbour Park Drive, Midlothian, VA 23112.

Payments can also be made by electronic check by going to:

<https://www.egsnetwork.com/gift2/?giftid=6DB1E5071260430>

You will still need to complete the registration form and email it to [rachel@vanaz.org](mailto:rachel@vanaz.org), or mail it to the District Resource Center.

## **Ministry Team Retreat FAQs Continued...**

### **Who is the speaker?**

Dr. Dan Boone

### **Who is leading worship?**

Oziel Arcia, Pastor for Hispanic Worship Ministries at Harrisonburg First COTN

### **What time should I arrive?**

Plan to arrive Friday afternoon, March 9.

The hotel has indicated that check-in is at 3pm.

The retreat will begin with dinner at 6:00pm on Friday, March 9.

### **Does the retreat have a dress code?**

The retreat is entirely casual.

### **How many CEU Credits/Lifelong Learning Hours can I earn?**

You may earn up to 5 Lifelong Learning Hours for your participation and attendance at the Ministry Team Retreat.

### **Will there be any free time?**

The retreat has been designed to include free time on Saturday afternoon. No lunch or dinner will be provided on Saturday.

### **Will there be a Hospitality Suite?**

A complimentary Hospitality Suite will be available again this year. George and Glorice Stevenson have agreed to return as our hosts. The conference center has a large, beautiful room that we can use for a hospitality suite. It will be stocked with beverages and snacks, and there will be plenty of room for fellowship. You are encouraged to take advantage of the Hospitality Suite.

### **Will there be Spanish translation provided?**

Translation of the four sessions into Spanish will be provided by our Hispanic Ministries Administrator, Rev. Felicidad Martinez and her team of translators. Equipment for translation services has been provided. Praise the Lord.

### **What is the benefit of this event?**

This retreat is designed to bring about personal spiritual renewal, specific time for recreation, encourage ministers and their spouses, stretch our vision for ministry, and strengthen the Virginia District ministry team.

# Ministry Team Retreat 2018 Registration Form



Please return this form by mail, email, or fax to the District Resource Center

Mail: District Resource Center  
5906 Harbour Park Drive  
Midlothian, VA 23112

Email: [rachel@vanaz.org](mailto:rachel@vanaz.org)

Fax: 804.739.6868

Please include the names of everyone attending from your church.  
Pastors, this information has not been mailed to your staff.

We ask that you share it with them.

**Please do not contact the Charlottesville Doubletree Hotel.**

**Registration is due by Monday, January 22, 2018.**

Name/Couple: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please include the name of spouse if married, and please use a separate line for each additional name or couple.*

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Church Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

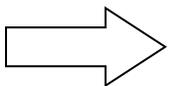
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**Application for 2018 Ministry Team Retreat Discount**

**Virginia District Church of the Nazarene**

***Due by Postmark January 22, 2018***

With a grateful heart I hereby apply for the following discount(s) for the Ministry Team Retreat:

- Lead Pastor Discount  
 \$150 Discount  
Total Cost with discount is - \$259 (per couple)  
\$159 (only one person attending)

Pastor's Name : \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

- Full-Time Associate Pastor (as listed in the district journal)  
(one per local church)  
 \$150 Discount  
Total Cost with discount is - \$259 (per couple)  
\$159 (only one person attending)

Pastor's Name : \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

- Pastor of a NewStart Congregation  
 Free (This is covered by the VA District: New Start Ministry)

Pastor's Name : \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide the following information to help us update our district office records?

**Senior/Lead Pastor Contact Information:**

Home Mailing Address:

Cell Phone Number:

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*The discount is available to the first 100 applicants. The retreat is open to any of our district ministry team who would like to attend at full registration cost.*

Please sign this application:

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