

# WELCOME TO CELEBRATE LIFE

This packet includes all the information you will need for  
Celebrate Life Tryouts on Saturday, January 29, 2022  
at Lansing South Church of the Nazarene!  
Celebrate Life packets will be passed out at that time.

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**Please Read This Packet In Its Entirety!**

## THE PURPOSE OF CELEBRATE LIFE

We believe that God has bestowed certain gifts upon each human being. These gifts are not given for self-glorification or self-advancement but to glorify God and edify the Church. In offering Celebrate Life we seek to help students discover their God-given gifts and to provide an opportunity where those gifts might be further developed for the sake of the kingdom of God. It is also our hope that through Celebrate Life (and other district NYI events) our students will form lasting relationships with others that will encourage their walk with God in the years to come.

It is worth noting that Celebrate Life is not specifically designed for outreach. Our target students are those who are already involved in your youth ministry. While we do hope your students perform well in their respective competitions, the goal remains to help students discover and develop their gifts, foster healthy relationships, and glorify God.

## HOW CELEBRATE LIFE WORKS

The Church of the Nazarene is divided into various fields. In the United States, each of these fields is centered around a Nazarene College or University. Fields are further broken down into districts. The Michigan District is in the Olivet Field, along with ten other districts from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Wisconsin. Every May, Olivet holds a field competition for students in 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades. To qualify, students from local churches are invited by the district to participate in competition tryouts involving sports, talents, communications, Bible quizzing, science trivia, and arts and crafts. For talent, communications, arts, and some sports the district event operates like a solo and ensemble contest. Participants receive comments and scores to help them improve for ministry. Team sports, Bible quizzing, and science trivia will have tournaments and tryouts to determine a single district team.

To participate in the district and field Celebrate Life events students must be at least 12 years old by the date of the regional event in May and in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## Celebrate Life Tryouts

Date: Saturday, January 29, 2022

Location: Lansing South Church of the Nazarene

Cost: \$20 per student and \$10 per adult sponsor

## Celebrate Life

Date: May 2022

Location: Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais, Illinois.

Cost: Approximately \$100

# CONTACTS

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This packet should contain answers to any questions you might have concerning Celebrate Life. If you have a question that is not answered in this packet, please feel free to contact Jimmy or Joy Guffey.

## ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

1. All participating students must be in 7<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grades at the time of Celebrate Life in May. There are no exceptions.
2. Deadline: All forms must be postmarked by **Thursday, December 13, 2021**. There is a \$10 late fee per registration. Please be honest and send the late fee if you post mark after due date.
3. Students can only participate in one team sport at the Celebrate Life. If students try out for more than one team sport at the district event, they will be forced to choose the team sport in which they wish to participate. Team sports include basketball, volleyball, soccer, bowling, and mixed-doubles tablet tennis.
4. Students are responsible to know for what time their events are scheduled, especially in the event they arrive late or leave early. This is particularly important for Celebrate Life in May. Music performances can be rescheduled if necessary.
5. The Yes/No check for attending Celebrate Life in May is very important, as it is no longer assumed that students attending district tryouts can go to Celebrate Life at ONU.
6. Big team sports are in a tournament format at district tryouts, including basketball, volleyball, soccer, and dodgeball.
7. Students must have original music for their vocal entries and instrumentals. Vocal entries must be memorized (or points will be deducted) while instrumentalists can use music.

# HELPFUL INFORMATION

## General Issues

1. Early Youth is considered 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades. Senior Youth is 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades.
2. Students may now attend both district tryouts and the field event as a spectator. They are welcome to attend even if they do not want to participate. They must pay the \$20 registration fee.
3. Encourage your students to perform their talent in your church services. This helps to accomplish much of the purpose of this event, as well as help them to get ready for Celebrate Life.
4. Registration forms should be postmarked by Monday, December 13, 2021. Late forms will not be accepted if postmarked after Monday, December 31, 2021.
5. Two meals will be provided for all paid students and adult sponsors.

## Event Questions

1. If there are no students playing doubles table tennis, we will take the runners-up from the singles tournaments and put them onto the doubles teams.
2. Stick ministry is considered a mime.
3. Any vocal ensemble/band combining instruments and vocals is considered a Praise Band. They will play a set of 10-15 minutes. Please make a note of the focal points on the scoring sheet.
4. If your students have a band with an original song, we recommend that they enter it as a vocal ensemble or solo with live music.
5. Have sample judges' score sheets available for your teens so they know what to expect when they compete.

# **HOW TO REGISTER**

## **Each Individual Student:**

1. Must pay the \$20 event registration fee. Please have them submit payment to your church and then send one church check for your group's registration. This cost covers t-shirt, facility rental, worship services, and two meals. There is a late fee of \$10 for every registration not postmarked by Dec. 13, 2021.
2. Forms should be postmarked to the Celebrate Life leaders by **Thursday, December 13, 2021**. Late forms will not be accepted if not postmarked by December 31, 2021.

## **Group Leader Directions:**

1. Keep a copy of all forms for yourself. Send in one envelope each individual and adult sponsor registration form (make copies for your files), along with one check for the total (\$20 per student and \$10 per adult sponsor), made out to Michigan District NYI. Mail to Joy Guffey at 9422 Cutler Road, Portland, MI 48875.
2. Registrations must be postmarked by **Thursday, December 13, 2021**. All entries postmarked after that will be charged an extra \$10, which must be paid with your registration. Late forms will not be accepted if not postmarked by December 31, 2021.

# Celebrate Life Individual Registration Form

January 29, 2021 | Lansing South Church of the Nazarene | Cost: \$20

Please print and complete all information!

Check here if this information has changed from last year

Name \_\_\_\_\_ M / F DOB \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ or Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Local Church \_\_\_\_\_ Adult Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_  
T-Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_ (Size LARGE will be ordered if none is specified)

## Parental Permission and Waiver of Liability

I hereby give authority to the NYI President of the Michigan District, to obtain minor medical attention or to authorize treatment at any hospital in the event of a medical emergency.

I also recognize the authority of all Michigan District Celebrate Life staff, district sponsors, and any Lansing South Church of the Nazarene staff as those who will supervise this event and uphold proper conduct. I understand that my son/daughter could be sent home and that I would be responsible for their transportation home and any destruction of property.

I will not hold the Michigan District NYI or Lansing South Church of the Nazarene responsible for accident, injury, or theft. My son/daughter has my permission to attend District Celebrate Life. I also understand that no refunds will be given for this event.

**I give permission for Michigan District NYI to use pictures of my child for media. Circle Yes / No**

\_\_\_\_\_, 2021  
(Parent or Guardian Signature) (Month) (Day)

Home Phone # (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone # (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Em. Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Phone # (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance company \_\_\_\_\_ Policy Number \_\_\_\_\_

Known Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

## Registration Costs

Registration: \$20 per student

Number of Students: \_\_\_\_\_

Late Fee: \$10 (If Postmarked After December 13, 2021)

Total: \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT: If I am selected to compete for our district at the Celebrate Life, I will be available to go to Olivet Nazarene University on May 2022. YES / NO**

I accept my responsibility to make Celebrate Life a safe, uplifting, and fun event for everyone there. I will follow the guidelines set by the Michigan District NYI and Kuyper College, and I am aware that failure to do so will result in disciplinary action. I also understand that I will NOT be eligible for Regional Celebrate Life if I do not participate in the District Celebrate Life event.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Event Registration

Please check the appropriate box(es) and provide the necessary information

## VOCAL MUSIC

SOLO ~ Accompaniment: CD / Tape / Live  
Name of Song \_\_\_\_\_

DUET ~ Accompaniment: CD / Tape / Live  
Name of Partner \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Song \_\_\_\_\_

TRIO ~ Accompaniment: CD / Tape / Live  
Name of Partner \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Partner \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Song \_\_\_\_\_

ENSEMBLE (4-11 members)  
Accompaniment: CD / Tape / Live  
Name of Group \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Song(s) \_\_\_\_\_

CHOIR (more than 12 members)  
Accompaniment: CD / Tape / Live  
Name of Group \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Song(s) \_\_\_\_\_

RAP: Solo Duet Trio Ensemble  
Name of Song \_\_\_\_\_

PRAISE BAND  
Name of Band \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Members (Please list separately the instrument of persons playing)

## INSTRUMENTAL

KEYBOARD SOLO: Piano Organ  
Name of Piece \_\_\_\_\_

INSTRUMENTAL Solo Duet Trio  
Instrument Played \_\_\_\_\_  
Accompaniment: CD / Tape / Live  
Name of Partner 2: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Partner 3: \_\_\_\_\_

INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE (4-11 Members)  
Accompaniment: CD / Tape / Live  
Instrument Played \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Piece \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please list separately the instruments and persons playing)

BAND (12 or more members)  
Accompaniment: CD / Tape / Live  
Instrument Played \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please list separately the instruments and persons playing)

## MIND COMPETITIONS

SCIENCE QUIZZING  CHESS

## ARTS

PAINTING  SCULPTURE & CRAFTS  
 DRAWING  STILL PHOTOGRAPHY

## COMMUNICATIONS

DRAMA  
Group Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Piece \_\_\_\_\_

MIME  
Group Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Piece \_\_\_\_\_

PUPPETRY  
Group Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Piece \_\_\_\_\_

SPEECH/READING  CREATIVE WRITING

BIBLE EXPOSITION  VIDEO EDITING

DANCE  
Group Name (If applicable) \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Piece \_\_\_\_\_  
Style of Dance \_\_\_\_\_

**SPORTS** (If you are playing more than one team sport, please indicate your priority with a number on the blank.)

5K RUN  
  BASKETBALL (TEAM SPORT, PRIORITY \_\_\_\_)

Volleyball (TEAM SPORT, PRIORITY \_\_\_\_)

Dodgeball

CO-ED SOCCER (TEAM SPORT, PRIORITY \_\_\_\_)

BOWLING (TEAM SPORT, PRIORITY \_\_\_\_)

FREE THROW

HOT SHOTS

TABLE TENNIS SINGLES / MIXED DOUBLES  
(TEAM SPORT, PRIORITY \_\_\_\_)

**Note:** if no one is registered for mixed doubles, the runners-up for singles will become our doubles team.

TENNIS (register here, tryout at Celebrate Life)

HOME RUN DERBY (register here, tryout at Celebrate Life)



# Celebrate Life Adult Sponsor Registration Form

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## Sponsors Attending:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_
9. \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_
10. \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of students attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of adult sponsors attending: \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**This form and money must be included with registration forms and check.**

**Please ensure that all student forms are filled out completely. This includes a parent signature, student signature, and t-shirt size!**