



### **Thirteen New SDMI District Chairs Meet for Orientation Online**

Each year, we welcome new district SDMI chairs to our regional and global team of SDMI leaders who are helping others fulfill the call to make Christlike disciples in the nations. Although we are experiencing some challenging days in ministry because of COVID-19 restrictions, we were able to provide this year's orientation via video conferencing. Our 13 new chairs built new relationships and obtained resources to successfully fulfill their assignments.

The new SDMI district chairs are:

Canada Atlanta - Andrew Barker  
 Central California – Chelsea Peugh  
 Florida – Ashok Dhabarajab  
 Illinois – B. J. Thelander  
 Maine – Venessa Betancourt  
 New England – Heather Ardery  
 New England – Kazimiera Fraley  
 North Arkansas – Tim Britton  
 North Carolina – Jeff Spangler  
 North Central Ohio – Curtis Ceil  
 Northwest Indiana – Gordon Smith  
 Oregon-Pacific – Timothy English  
 South Central Ohio – Jeffery Gilkerson  
 Southwest Indiana – Douglas Lane

This special new district chair orientation took place in three interactive online segments, two hours each, held one week apart. Orientation included the mission, structure, and resources provided by SDMI and our partners. The first session was held on August 18. Our global SDMI director, Dr. Scott Rainey, led the session, presenting the mission of SDMI and providing a preview of the launch of A Journey of Grace. The second session was led by our USA/Canada regional SDMI leaders, who shared insights in how to be an effective SDMI leader within the context of their districts. The third session took place on September 1. In this final session, our new chairs gained knowledge of important discipleship resources for local churches.

More information about your SDMI district chair and available resources are available on [SDMI home page](#) on the Church of the Nazarene website.