

Name	Consulting Specialties / Location	Phone
Mark S. Copley	On-Site Consultant -- Illinois District	(217) 932-3676

Mark Copley joined NCS as an On-Site Consultant in January of 2008. He came to Illinois in 2002 as Senior Pastor of the Casey First Church of the Nazarene. In his first two years there, he led the church through a ReFocusing process, which has opened new avenues of ministry and outreach in their community. He has served on the Illinois District Mission Strategy Team since 2003, and now leads that team as District Missionary.

He has written articles published in *Holiness Today*, *The Preacher's Magazine*, *The Standard*, local newspapers, and promotional materials for the Appalachian Ministries Educational Resource Center in Berea, KY.

He served on the Church of the Nazarene's Appalachian Strategy Committee from 1994 to 1997, and assisted in designing an Orientation Program for new ministers serving in the Appalachian Region.

In 1996, while serving in Abingdon, Virginia, he partnered with Rev. William Austin, a fellow pastor, in "Studies in Reconciliation," a project seeking to promote the biblical and theological foundations for racial reconciliation and denominational harmony.

Mark serves as a catalyst for change and has led each of his congregations through significant transitions in order to remain relevant and missional. Most recently, he has led the church in Casey to embrace recovery ministries. He relishes creative thinking and is addicted to seeing lives transformed by the love of Christ.

Family: Mark has been married for 24 years to Candy. Daughter, Bethany, is 19 and a student at Olivet Nazarene University.

Education: Trevecca Nazarene University, 1979-1982 (Religion)
 Nazarene Bible College, 1985-1987 (A.B.S. – Biblical Studies)
 Nazarene Theological Seminary, 1987-1991 (Theology)
 Emmanuel School of Religion, 1994-1998 (M.Div.)
Thesis: "A Voice Crying in the Marketplace: The Problems and Possibilities of Preaching in the Postmodern Era"

Ordained: August 12, 1993 – Virginia District Church of the Nazarene

Assignments: 2002-Present Casey First Church of the Nazarene, Casey, IL
 1991-2002 Abingdon Church of the Nazarene, Abingdon, VA

Strengths: Intellection, Ideation, Strategic, Connectedness, Input

Spiritual Gifts: Teaching, Pastor/Shepherd, Evangelism, Mercy

Honors: 1997 "Pastor of the Year Award" -- Eastern Nazarene College (Virginia District)