



Local Church NMI Training Workbook

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NAZARENE MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL

Welcome to Nazarene Missions International! On behalf of our District NMI team, we want to say thank you for answering the call of God to serve in this wonderful ministry of the Church of the Nazarene. This handbook is designed to give you direct access to every area of NMI so that you can assist your local church in jumpstarting this wonderful ministry. NMI will invigorate and inspire your local church on many levels. So, where does a local NMI president begin? Follow the steps below to get started.

- Contact Jen Williams, your NMI District president in order to get connected to your NMI family! So, email or text Jen Williams right now at jwprez.socalnaz@gmail.com or text 951-440-1017.
- Check out p. 5 to meet your District NMI team. The district council is here for you! Get connected!
- Examine the Calendar Months of emphasis on p. 53. Each month, NMI asks the local NMI presidents to educate their local church about a different area of ministry. For example, June is Radio Broadcast ministry month. You will find resources and information on how to emphasize this incredible ministry in your local church during the month of June.
- Form a local NMI council of elected brothers and sisters who will join with you to vote on how to spend resources for missions and who will help you to promote the ministry of NMI in your local church. For more details on how to form a local council, check out the NMI constitution, located on p. 10 of this handbook.
- Once you have your NMI council set-up, feel free to start small, emphasizing only the 5 points of NMI, Prayer, Alabaster, Care and Connection, WEF and Engaging children and Youth. All 5 points are different chapters in this handbook provided for you to learn and resources for you to use in your local church to launch these aspects of NMI easily.
- Always remember that, “Little is much when God is in it.” No matter what, do not worry about how much you’re doing or how perfectly you’re doing it, because you are making a difference and God is going to help you grow NMI step by step in His timing.

Blessings to you as you approach this important work. We are here to help, and we appreciate you!

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What are Missions? What does NMI stand for? Why do we need to promote it?

NMI is the global mission advocate in every local church nurturing a spirit of missions and mobilizing into action.



What is our mission?

- Encouraging the local church to pray for all efforts of world evangelism.
- Informing the local church of the world's need in crisis and how the church can meet that need through special giving to 10% Nazarene approved projects.
- Challenging children and youth to learn about and participate in the mission of the church and encouraging God's call to mission.
- Raising funds for global outreach through Faith Promise Giving and participation in offerings to the World Evangelism Fund at Thanksgiving and Easter.
- Promoting volunteering through active Nazarene outreach projects in the district.

What scriptures guide our mission?

Acts 1:8, NIV:

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.
- Jesus

Mathew: 24:18-20, NIV:

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Romans 10:14-15, NIV:

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ¹⁵ And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Mathew 24:14, NIV:

And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. - Jesus

You are part of a local church NMI ministry. The NMI constitution gives you the procedures and guidelines for your local NMI council and practice:

The purpose of NMI shall be to mobilize the Church of the Nazarene in missions through 5 points of impact:

- 1) **Praying:** We encourage our people to pray for our missionaries and all efforts of world evangelism in all 6 regions of our Global church.
- 2) **WEF Giving:** We raise funds for global outreach through the World Evangelism Fund, primarily funded through the local church offerings of Faith Promise.
- 3) **Care and Connection:** We connect people of the local church with our global missionaries through what we used to call, LINKS. Now, we call this connection, “Care and Connection” which means praying for our assigned missionaries and giving gifts of love and money to their ministry and or to their outreach projects.
- 4) **Engaging Children and Youth:** We challenge children and youth to learn about and participate in the mission of the church. We also expose children, youth and adults to the call of God to go serve in mission through volunteering and or through becoming a global missionary.
- 5.) **Alabaster:** We participate and promote the Alabaster offering to assist in building churches, hospitals, schools and more around the world

What does our constitution say?

Nazarene Missions International uses a constitution to help guide both the local NMI council and the District NMI council to create a council, to vote on budgets and to show due process in elections and polity. Below is the NMI constitution as it appears in the Nazarene Manual.

Nazarene Missions International Constitution

Article I. Name

The name of this organization shall be Nazarene Missions International (NMI) of the Church of the Nazarene.

Article II. Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to mobilize the Church of the Nazarene in missions through 1) praying, 2) giving, 3) educating, and 4) engaging children and youth.

Article III. Structure

Section 1. Local

The local Nazarene Missions International (NMI) shall be an organization of the local church and shall work cooperatively with the pastor and church board through the local NMI council.

Section 2. District

The leaders constituting the district NMI council shall work cooperatively with the district superintendent, district advisory board, and other district-related leaders.

All local NMI organizations within the boundaries of a district shall constitute the district NMI.

Section 3. Global

The leaders constituting the Global NMI Council shall work cooperatively with the Global Mission Office, the Global Mission Committee of the General Board, and the general superintendent in jurisdiction. All district and local NMI organizations shall constitute the Global NMI

Article IV. Membership

Section 1. Members Any person who is a member of the Church of the Nazarene and supports the Nazarene Missions International (NMI) purpose may be a member of NMI in that local church. Voting and holding office shall be limited to members who are 15 years of age or older, except in children's and youth groups. Unless otherwise stated in this constitution, reference to "members" means NMI members who are members of the church.

Section 2. Associate Members Any person who is not a member of the Church of the Nazarene and supports the NMI purpose may be an associate member of NMI.

Article V. Councils and Officers

Section 1. Local Council

A. Purpose The local council shall promote the purpose of NMI to mobilize the Church of the Nazarene in missions through 1) praying, 2) giving, 3) educating, and 4) engaging children and youth.

B. Composition

1. The NMI council shall be composed of a president and the number of officers and/or council members as agreed upon by the president and the lead pastor, according to the needs and size of the church.

2. A local council may have an executive committee composed of the president, lead pastor (ex officio), and two or more additional members as determined by the local NMI council.

3. Additional council members may be responsible for specific areas of NMI including but not limited to praying, giving, educating, and engaging children and youth.

4. A council member may hold more than one position but shall have only one vote.

5. Any district NMI council member shall be an ex officio member of the local council with the approval of the local council.

C. Nominations, Elections, Appointments, and Vacancies The local council may determine the need for the use of a nominating committee, other than the church nominating committee, as part of the process of identification of suitable candidates for election to the local council. If a nominating committee is to be used, then the nominating committee shall be appointed by the president in agreement with the local council.

1. President

a. The local council in position at the end of the church year may recommend names to a nominating committee that may submit one or more names for the election of the office of president, subject to the approval of the church board. 3 Rev518e

b. The president shall be elected or reelected by a majority vote by ballot of the members present and voting for a term of service of one or two church years. The NMI council and the pastor shall recommend the length of the term of service.

c. An incumbent may be reelected by a yes/no ballot when such election is recommended by the local council and approved by the pastor and church board.

d. Alternatively, in a church that has not yet been organized, has been organized for less than 5 years, or with a membership of less than 35 members, the president may be appointed by the pastor in discussion with, and approval of, the church board.

2. Council

a. On recommendation of the current president and upon agreement with the lead pastor, a local council other than the president may be elected by a plurality vote of the NMI membership or by the annual meeting of the church, or appointed by the president and pastor with the approval of the church board.

b. The length of service shall be one or two years, or until their successors are elected or appointed, by recommendation of the NMI council or, in its absence, the church board and the pastor.

c. These leaders shall begin serving on the first day of the new church year after the election.

d. If the church has a unified treasurer who accounts for church funds including NMI monies, that person shall be the NMI treasurer and an ex officio member of the local NMI council with all rights and privileges, unless otherwise specified by the local council.

3. Delegates to the District Convention

a. Delegates and alternates shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting by a plurality vote.

b. If an election is not possible or feasible, the election may be by the local council, or in its absence, the church board, by a plurality vote. Refer to Article VI, Section 3.A.3. for determining the number of delegates.

4. Vacancies

a. President: The local council may recommend names to the church board who shall nominate one or more names. Election shall be by ballot with a majority vote of the NMI members at a meeting called according to the provisions of the Manual. Alternatively, where there is no NMI council, the church board shall fill any vacancy by election by a majority vote.

b. Other council members: The NMI council, or in its absence the church board, shall fill any vacancy by appointment

D. Duties of Council Members

1. President a. Directs and facilitates the work of NMI in the local church.

b. Presides at all regular and special meetings of the NMI.

c. Assigns duties to council members as may be required from time to time.

d. Serves as an ex officio member of the church board, Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries Board, district NMI convention, and district assembly.

e. Other duties as listed in the job description.

f. In the case where the spouse of the local president is a member of the church board, or the spouse is the pastor of the church, if the local president chooses not to serve on the church board, an NMI representative determined by the NMI council is authorized to serve on the church board in the president's place with all rights and privileges.

2. Executive Committee

a. Transacts business between council meetings.

Section 2. District Council

A. Purpose The district council shall promote the purpose of NMI to mobilize the Church of the Nazarene in missions through 1) praying, 2) giving, 3) educating, and 4) engaging children and youth within the district.

B. Composition 1. In phase 3 districts, the council shall have four officers: a president, a vice president, a secretary, and a treasurer (the NMI officers), plus three or more members according to the needs and size of the district. 2. A council member may hold more than one position but shall have only one vote. 3. The executive committee shall be the president and other NMI officers. If desired, at least three other council members may be elected or appointed by the district council to serve on the executive committee for a term of service of one convention year or until their successors are elected. The district superintendent shall be an ex officio member of the executive committee. 4. For pioneer, phase 1, and phase 2 districts, refer to Section 2.C.3. below

C. Nominations, Elections, Appointments, and Vacancies

1. Nominations: The council shall be nominated by a committee of not less than five (5) members of the NMI. All nominees shall be NMI members of a local Church of the Nazarene in the district where they will serve.

a. The district executive committee shall appoint the nominating committee and determine the number of council members to be elected.

b. The district superintendent shall serve as the committee chairperson for the nomination of the district president. Upon approval of the district superintendent, the district NMI president may serve as chairperson of the nominating committee for other nominations.

2. Elections: The president and at least three additional members shall be elected by ballot at the annual district convention. The three additional members will be vice president, secretary, and treasurer. The term of service shall be one or two convention years as determined by the district NMI council with the approval of the district superintendent or until their successors are elected. In the event of the election of a new president, the new president shall take office within 30 days of the conclusion of the district convention. A convention year is from the adjournment of the district convention to the adjournment of the next district convention. These four council members will form the executive committee of the council. Three or more other council members may be elected or appointed to serve on the executive committee by the district council.

a. President

1) The nominating committee shall submit one or more names for the office of president except when the district council recommends a yes or no ballot for an incumbent standing for another term.

2) Incumbent nominees may be reelected by a yes/no ballot when such election is recommended by the district council and approved by the district superintendent. An incumbent being reelected by a yes/no ballot must receive a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting.

3) The president shall be elected by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting in the event of one name being presented for the position of president or by majority vote when there are at least two candidates nominated for president. The term of service shall be one or two convention years or until the successor has been elected. The district NMI council and the district superintendent shall recommend the length of the term of service.

4) On merger of two districts, the two incumbent district presidents may serve as co-presidents.

a. Co-presidents may continue to be elected by the district convention until the district executive committee in conjunction with the district advisory board determines it is preferable to elect a single district president. The co-presidents will lead by consensus. In the event of disagreement that cannot be resolved, the matter will be determined by vote of the district executive committee. Only one co-president will represent the district NMI at the district assembly, district committees, and the Global NMI Convention and will be determined by the district executive committee. 6 Rev518e

b. Vice president shall be elected by ballot in one of the following ways:

1) The nominating committee shall submit one or more names for the office of vice president except when the district council with the approval of the district superintendent recommends a yes or no vote for an incumbent standing for another term; or

2) To the council as a whole with specific council positions to be determined by the council.

3) On a district where there are co-presidents, there is no requirement for a vice president.

c. Secretary and treasurer shall be elected by ballot by:

1) The nominating committee shall submit one or more names for the offices of secretary and treasurer except when the district council with the approval of the district superintendent recommends a yes or no vote for an incumbent standing for another term; or

2) If the district has a unified treasurer who accounts for district funds including NMI monies, that person shall be the NMI treasurer as an ex officio member of the district NMI council with all rights and privileges, unless otherwise specified by the district council.

d. Additional council members: Other council members, in addition to the president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer, may be elected by ballot for one or two convention years with responsibilities to be determined by the council. The nominating committee and district superintendent shall recommend the length of the terms of service of one or two convention years. Alternatively, other council members may be appointed by the executive committee or district council with all rights and privileges.

e. Nominations for a youth representative may be requested from the district Nazarene Youth International (NYI).

3. Pioneer, Phase 1, and Phase 2 Districts: In pioneer, phase 1, and phase 2 districts, a district president may be elected by the District NMI Convention or, where there is no such convention, the district superintendent shall appoint a district NMI president who shall promote the purpose of NMI on the district. The president may serve alone or may consult with the district superintendent to appoint other church members of the district to assist the president by serving as the NMI council.

4. Vacancies

a. President: The executive committee shall nominate one or more names. Election shall be by ballot with a majority vote of the district council present and voting. The person elected shall serve until the adjournment of the next district convention or until a successor has been elected.

b. Other council members: The executive committee or district council shall fill any vacancy by appointment. The newly appointed council members shall serve until the adjournment of the next district convention or until their successors have been elected. 7 Rev518e

c. Unified treasurer: If a district has a unified treasurer serving as the district NMI treasurer, that vacancy shall be filled by the district advisory board.

D. Duties of Council Members

1. President

a. Directs and facilitates the district council to ensure achievement of the purpose of NMI in the district.

b. Presides at all meetings of the district council, executive committee, and the district convention.

c. Prepares an annual budget for approval by the District Finance Committee.

d. Submits annually a written report to the district NMI convention and to the Global NMI Council regional representative; and where applicable, the regional NMI coordinator for Global Mission regions.

e. Assigns duties to other council members as may be required from time to time.

f. Serves as ex officio member of the district committee referenced in the Manual paragraph 207. g. Performs other duties as described in the job description.

2. Vice President

a. Performs all duties of the president when the president is absent.

b. Serves in other areas as assigned by the district NMI council.

c. Performs other duties described in the job description or which may be assigned by the district president as required from time to time.

3. Secretary

- a. Records the minutes of all business meetings.
- b. Provides support and assistance when requested by the president to:
 - 1) Send report forms annually to local NMI presidents.
 - 2) Compiles statistical records and submits an annual report to the district president, global NMI director, Global Council representative, and where applicable the regional NMI coordinator for Global Mission regions.
- c. Performs other duties as described in the job description or which may be assigned by the district president as required from time to time. 8 Rev518e

4. Treasurer

- a. Keeps an accurate account of all funds collected and expended.
- b. Remits funds to designated treasurers in a timely manner.
- c. Furnishes regular itemized reports to the district council and prepares an annual report for the district convention.
- d. Arranges with appropriate district personnel the annual audit of the district NMI treasurer's books.
- e. Performs other duties as described in the job description or which may be assigned by the district president as required from time to time.

5. Executive Committee

- a. Appoints additional district council members and, as needed, fills vacancies on the council.
- b. Transacts business between council meetings.
- c. Nominates one or more names for president if a vacancy occurs between annual conventions.

6. Other Council Members

- a. Perform duties as requested by the district president and district council.

Section 3. Global Council

A. Purpose The Global NMI Council shall promote the purpose of NMI to mobilize the Church of the Nazarene in missions through 1) praying, 2) giving, 3) educating, and 4) engaging children and youth throughout the denomination utilizing the network of regions, fields, districts, and local churches within the denomination.

B. Composition

1. The Global NMI Council shall be composed of the global NMI president, the global NMI director, one representative from each region in the Church of the Nazarene, and the director of Global Mission.

2. The Global NMI executive committee shall be composed of the global NMI president, the global NMI director, the global NMI vice president, the global NMI secretary, one other council member, and the director of Global Mission. 9 Rev518e

C. Nominations, Elections, and Vacancies

1. Nominations and Election of Global NMI Director

a. The Global NMI executive committee and the jurisdictional general superintendent will form the search committee to identify potential candidates for the position of global NMI director. Up to two names of potential candidates will be submitted to the Global Mission Committee of the General Board.

b. The Global Mission Committee of the General Board with the jurisdictional general superintendent will consider the names submitted to it and ratify up to two names for election by the Board of General Superintendents.

c. The Board of General Superintendents will elect the global NMI director by ballot from the names submitted to it by the Global Mission Committee of the General Board.

2. Nomination and Election of Global NMI President

a. The nominating committee shall be composed of 6, 7, or 8 people and chaired by the global NMI director. The committee shall be composed of both council members and non-council members representative of Global NMI and will be appointed by the executive committee.

b. The committee shall submit one or more names for election as global president. The nominee(s) shall be approved by the Board of General Superintendents. Nominees shall not be employees of the General Board.

c. From these nominee(s) the Global NMI Convention shall elect a global NMI president by a majority vote by ballot when there are two or more nominees for president and by a two-thirds vote when there is only one nominee.

d. The global president shall serve for a four-year term from the close of the General Assembly until the close of the following General Assembly or until the successor is elected.

e. The global president shall be limited to serving for three full terms of service. A term of service shall be one quadrennium. If a person is elected to fill a vacancy in the office of global president, that person is also eligible to serve three full terms.

3. Nomination and Election of Global Council Members

a. Each district NMI council may submit one or two names to the Global NMI Office from its region as the regional representative for a nominating ballot.

1) These persons shall be residents of and members of a Church of the Nazarene in the region they will represent. 10 Rev518e

2) The provision does not apply to anyone whose home residence is just across a regional boundary from the place of church membership.

3) Employees of the General Board are not eligible for nomination.

b. From these names on the nominating ballot, each region in the caucus at the Global NMI Convention shall choose by ballot two nominees. The two with the highest number of votes shall be declared the nominees; however, the two nominees shall not be from the same district. If this happens, the person with the second highest number of votes is replaced by the person with the next highest number of votes from a different district.

c. The region in caucus shall then elect one person by a majority vote to represent the region on the Global Council.

d. Council members shall serve for a four-year term from the close of the General Assembly until the close of the following General Assembly or until their successors are elected.

e. The term of service shall be limited to three consecutive terms. A term shall be one quadrennium (four years). If a person is elected to fill a vacancy of a Global Council member, that person is also eligible to serve three consecutive full terms. A person may be elected to serve again after not serving for at least one full term.

4. Nomination and Election of Global NMI Executive Committee

a. The Global NMI Council shall in its first meeting, which may be before the adjournment of the General Assembly, nominate and elect a vice president, a secretary, and one additional member for the Global NMI executive committee.

b. Election shall be by ballot by a majority vote of those present and voting.

5. Nomination and Election of NMI Representative to General Board

a. The Global NMI Council shall nominate one member of the council to represent NMI on the General Board of the Church of the Nazarene.

b. The General Assembly shall elect the NMI representative by ballot by a majority vote.

6. Vacancies

a. If a vacancy occurs in the office of global NMI president between Global NMI Conventions, a new global president shall be elected by a two-thirds vote of the Global Council from nominees selected by the executive committee in consultation with the general superintendent in jurisdiction. The person will perform the duties of the global president until the adjournment of the next General Assembly. The question of calling for an election to fill the vacancy shall be decided by the Global Council in consultation with the general superintendent in jurisdiction. 11 Rev518e

b. If a vacancy occurs in the Global NMI executive committee between Global NMI Conventions, the Global Council shall nominate one or more people. The vacancy shall be filled by a majority vote by ballot of the Global NMI Council.

c. If a vacancy occurs on the Global NMI Council between Global Conventions, each district executive committee on the region concerned shall be requested to submit one nominee from the region to the Global NMI executive committee. From these names, the executive committee shall present two names as nominees. The vacancy shall then be filled by a majority vote by the district NMI presidents on the region. The question of calling for an election to fill the vacancy shall be decided by the Global NMI executive committee in consultation with the general superintendent in jurisdiction.

d. If a vacancy occurs in the office of global NMI director, the same process shall be followed for the nomination and election of the global director (see Article V, Section 3.C.1.).

e. If a vacancy occurs in the NMI representative to the General Board, the Global NMI executive committee shall submit one nominee after consultation with the general superintendent in jurisdiction and the approval of the Board of General Superintendents. The Global NMI Council shall elect the General Board representative by a majority vote.

D. Duties

1. Global President

- a. Presides at the meetings of the Global Council, executive committee, and the Global NMI Convention.
- b. Serves as an ex officio member of the General Assembly.
- c. Assigns duties to other council members as may be required from time to time.
- d. Performs other duties as described in the job description.

2. Vice President

- a. Performs the duties of the president when the president is absent.
- b. Performs other duties as described in the job description or which may be assigned by the global president as required from time to time.

3. Executive Committee: Transacts business between council meetings. 12 Rev518e

4. Global Council Member

- a. Cooperates with the global NMI president and global NMI director in promoting the purpose of NMI.
- b. Promotes NMI in the region he or she represents.
- c. Submits a report of the NMI work in the region to each Global NMI Council meeting.
- d. Acts on any legislation passed by the General Assembly relevant to regional representation.
- e. Performs other duties as described in the job description or as may be assigned by the global president from time to time.

5. Global Director

- a. Serves as the executive officer of NMI.
- b. Advances the mission interests of NMI throughout the districts around the world in cooperation with the Global Council.
- c. Interprets the NMI Handbook and Constitution.

- d. Directs the personnel and business of the Global NMI Office.
- e. Serves as editor-in-chief of all NMI publications.
- f. Makes an annual financial and statistical report to the Global Council, the Global Missions Committee, and the General Board.
- g. With the global president, directs the organization and program of the Global Convention in collaboration with the Global Council.
- h. Prepares the Global Convention report, both financial and statistical, with a condensed version through the Global Mission Office for the General Assembly.
- i. Serves as an ex officio member of the General Assembly.
- j. Performs other duties as described in the job description. 13 Rev518e

Article VI. Meetings

Section 1. Electronic Meetings and Communications

- A. Meetings All NMI conventions, councils, committees, subcommittees, and task forces shall be authorized to meet by telephone conference or through other electronic communications media if all the members can simultaneously hear each other and participate in the meeting.
- B. Communications Unless members indicate otherwise, all communications required of this Constitution may be sent electronically.

Section 2. Local Activities and Meetings

- A. Ongoing Activities 1. There shall be regular, ongoing missions activities for missions information, inspiration, and prayer held each month. 2. Activities may take the form of meetings, missions services, missions speakers, missions lessons, missions activities and events, missions moments, NMI emphases, etc. 3. The pastor, NMI president, and the council shall work cooperatively in planning both missions education and involvement for the local church. 4. In church plants and church-type missions, the district-appointed leader of the congregation is encouraged to ensure missions education and involvement for the local congregation.
- B. Annual Meeting 1. The annual meeting shall be held no later than 30 days prior to the district convention. 2. Voting and election to the local council shall be limited to NMI members who are 15 years of age and older.

C. Council Meetings The local council shall meet a minimum of four times a year to plan, report, evaluate, inform, inspire, and carry out the work of the local organization. In addition, special meetings may be called by the president. A majority of council members shall constitute a quorum. 14 Rev518e

Section 3. District Meetings

A. Convention

1. There shall be an annual district convention to report, pray, inform, inspire, present plans, and conduct business pertaining to the organization.

2. The time and place of the convention shall be decided by the district council in consultation with the district superintendent.

3. Membership

a. Only members of the respective district shall be eligible to serve as ex officio or elected delegates.

b. Ex officio members of the convention shall be the district NMI council, district superintendent, all assigned ministers and full-time salaried associate ministers of local churches; lay members of the district advisory board; the local NMI presidents of the assembly year just ending and newly elected NMI presidents or newly elected vice presidents if the newly elected president cannot attend; Global NMI Council member; retired assigned ministers; retired missionaries; missionaries on home assignment; and missionary appointees; and any former district presidents who retain their membership on the district.

c. Elected delegates from each local church or church-type missions shall be NMI members (15 years of age or older). The number of maximum elected delegates shall be based on the following formula: two delegates from each local NMI of 25 members or fewer, and one additional delegate for each additional 25 members or major portion thereof. Membership shall be based on the NMI membership reported at the local NMI annual meeting when elections take place.

4. The delegates present shall constitute a quorum.

B. Council

The district council shall meet a least biannually to transact business in the interim between the annual district conventions. In addition, special meetings may be called by the president. A majority of council members shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4. Global Meetings

A. Convention

1. There shall be a Global Convention of Nazarene Missions International immediately preceding the General Assembly to report, pray, inform, inspire, present plans, and conduct business pertaining to the organization. A majority of delegates as registered in attendance shall constitute a quorum.

2. The time and place of the Convention shall be decided by the Global Council in consultation with the general superintendent in jurisdiction. The Global Council shall approve all official locations. 15 Rev518e

3. Membership

a. Ex officio members of the Global Convention shall be members of the Global Council; district NMI presidents regardless of organizational status of the district, or in the event a district president cannot attend, the district vice president may be allowed to represent that district with all rights and privileges.

b. Delegates and alternates to the Global Convention shall be elected by ballot at a district convention. Alternates may be elected on a separate ballot or at the recommendation of the district council on the same ballot as the delegates. Delegates and alternates may be elected by a plurality vote by ballot on approval by a two-thirds vote of the district convention upon recommendation of the district council. (Refer to 3.c. for determining the number of delegates and time of election).

c. Elected delegates to the Global NMI Convention shall be based on the following formula: two delegates from each phase 3 and phase 2 district of 1,000 or fewer NMI members excluding associates, and one additional delegate for each additional 700 members or major portion thereof. Membership shall be based on the NMI membership reported at the district convention when elections take place. The district NMI nominating committee shall nominate delegates. (See Manual paragraph 200.2 for definition of district phases.) The district NMI council shall determine the number of alternates the district convention shall elect.

d. One global commissioned missionary delegate for every Global Mission region of 50 or fewer global commissioned missionaries, or two global commissioned missionary delegates for each region with 51 or more global commissioned missionaries shall be nominated and elected from and by the assigned global commissioned missionaries serving in that region by ballot issued from the global NMI director's office. The first ballot will be a nominating ballot to determine at least two names for the election by majority ballot.

e. Delegates are to be elected by ballot by the district convention within 16 months of the Global Convention or within 24 months in areas where travel visas or other unusual preparations are necessary.

f. Any elected delegate shall be residing at the time of the Global Convention on the district where he or she held membership at the time of the election. If any elected delegate moves off the district, the privilege of representing the former district is forfeited. This provision does not apply to anyone whose home residence is just across a district boundary from the place of church membership.

g. In the event that the district president, district vice president, elected delegate, duly elected alternate delegate, or designated alternate delegates are unable to attend the Global Convention and this fact is identified after the last district convention before the Global Convention, then replacement alternate delegates may be appointed by the district NMI council, or in the event of no district council, the district NMI president with the approval of the district superintendent. 16 Rev518e B. Council Meetings The Global NMI Council shall meet annually during the quadrennium to transact business pertaining to the organization. A majority of council members in office shall constitute a quorum.

Article VII. Funds

Section 1. Raised by Local Churches

A. World Evangelism Fund 1. All funds raised for the World Evangelism Fund (WEF) shall be sent to the general treasurer. 2. World Evangelism Fund is based on the following formula: every church shall contribute 5.5 percent of their income. 3. Churches may solicit WEF funds through various means, such as Faith Promise, Easter and Thanksgiving Offerings, regular WEF offerings, Prayer and Fasting offerings.

B. Approved Mission Specials 1. Opportunity shall be given to contribute to Approved Mission Specials over and above WEF giving. 2. Additional Approved Mission Specials may be approved and authorized by appropriate personnel at Nazarene Global Ministry Center. 3. The Global NMI Council shall authorize all Approved Mission Specials that are promoted and raised through NMI from the global level.

C. Funds Exclusive No part of the World Evangelism Fund and Approved Mission Specials raised by the local or district church shall be used for any local or district purpose or causes other than Nazarene missions.

D. Local Expenses The local church board shall ensure a suitable budget for the operation of NMI in the local church, including consideration of reimbursement of expenses for the local leadership.

Section 2. Raised by Districts The District Finance Committee shall ensure that a suitable budget exists for the operation of NMI in the district, including consideration of reimbursement of expenses for the district leadership. 17 Rev518e

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Section 3. Remuneration. The ministry of NMI shall be a love service to the church. No salaries shall be paid to leaders elected at any level—local, district, global, with the exception of the global director, who is employed by the Church of the Nazarene, Inc. Adequate remuneration shall be provided for the expenses of council members at all levels—local, district, and global.

Article VIII. Policies and Procedures The Global NMI Council shall establish additional policies and procedures for NMI to be contained in the NMI Handbook along with the NMI Constitution.

Article IX. Parliamentary Authority The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, when not in conflict with applicable law, the Articles of Incorporation of the Church of the Nazarene, the NMI Constitution, and any other rules of order that NMI may adopt, shall govern the organization.

Article X. Amendments The NMI Constitution may be amended by two-thirds vote of members present and voting at a Global Convention of Nazarene Missions International.

Prayer is a critical piece that holds NMI together!

1. Pray for Persecuted Christians around the world. Pray for our Nazarene missionaries, serving in Creative Access areas where the gospel is not allowed to go!
2. Pray for our Globally deployed missionaries and our Globally sponsored missionaries in our 164 world areas of the Global Church of the Nazarene in the regions of Africa, Asia Pacific, USA/Canada, Meso-America, South America, & Eurasia!
3. Pray for our NCM coordinators and NCM projects around the globe.
4. Pray for the call of missions to reach the children and the youth.
5. Pray for the World Evangelism Fund offering that we can continue to fund World mission.
6. Pray for our NMI leaders and directors who need guidance to inspire and to further the work of NMI around each region.
7. Pray for our partners, such as the Jesus Film, Nazarene Mission Teams, Convoy of Hope, NCM and other partners that work with the church to help people in need in order to bring Jesus the Hope to the world.

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Please pray for each region around our globe with your NMI council and with your local church. Below you will find a list of each region with a link to a prayer journal that coincides with each region. In blue you will be able to click on the region's name if you are viewing the handbook digitally! The Blue link will take you to the prayer journal. If however, you are viewing the handbook on paper, then use the red LINK to plug into your search window and it will take you to the prayer journal as well.

[Africa](#)

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1F9ox9TWU_e4Z5obrwm0FSvZFyQha8XHVDHthg-fKHkU/edit

[Meso-America](#)

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1j7PsvXX9kLSdRJdwNE3zzy0TdoV8uE8BgvoXOL-XegA/edit>

[Asia Pacific](#)

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1wSe2-a7vXAC04IijxANJs0TnXSGk5D66hHC2Baoa2k/edit>

[Eurasia](#)

https://docs.google.com/document/d/10EDh8_m_VLtCQLzBmmGB6zFV5BhG4eff8xOpHSemPtE/edit

[USA/Canada](#)

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1EPfsR81keQiDk2iGPAIXdHPLcK8G50hi_pBuID2DAtk/edit

[SAM-South America](#)

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1V71Rwn40prxvELyXcQWJrRQe3vxthpMcLTyNI04EMhc/edit>

Creative Access- In certain areas, the gospel is not allowed to be preached. Pray for your missionaries serving in these regions.

[NMI Central](#) is an incredible source for your local church to use! Subscribe as many members of your church as possible to NMI Central for free. Either click on the blue link if viewing the handbook digitally, or input the red link into your search window to subscribe to NMI central right now.

<https://nazarene.org/who-we-are/organization/ministries/nazarene-missions-international/nmi-resources/nmi-central>

When you subscribe to NMI central you will be sent emails connecting you to everything in the global church that is going on for missions. Please pray as you receive information about the needs around the globe. As well, you will be given a link to Kid's kaleidoscope, an incredible resource for the kids of your church for missions education. Kid's Kaleidoscope is completely free and available in many different languages as a PDF for no cost.

NMI Global week of Prayer: Please visit the NMI website in order to access information about the NMI global week of [prayer](#) at:

<https://nazarene.org/who-we-are/organization/ministries/nazarene-missions-international/nmi-prayer>

Click on the blue prayer link to access this digitally and input the red link into your search window to access it if you are working off a paper copy! Thank you!

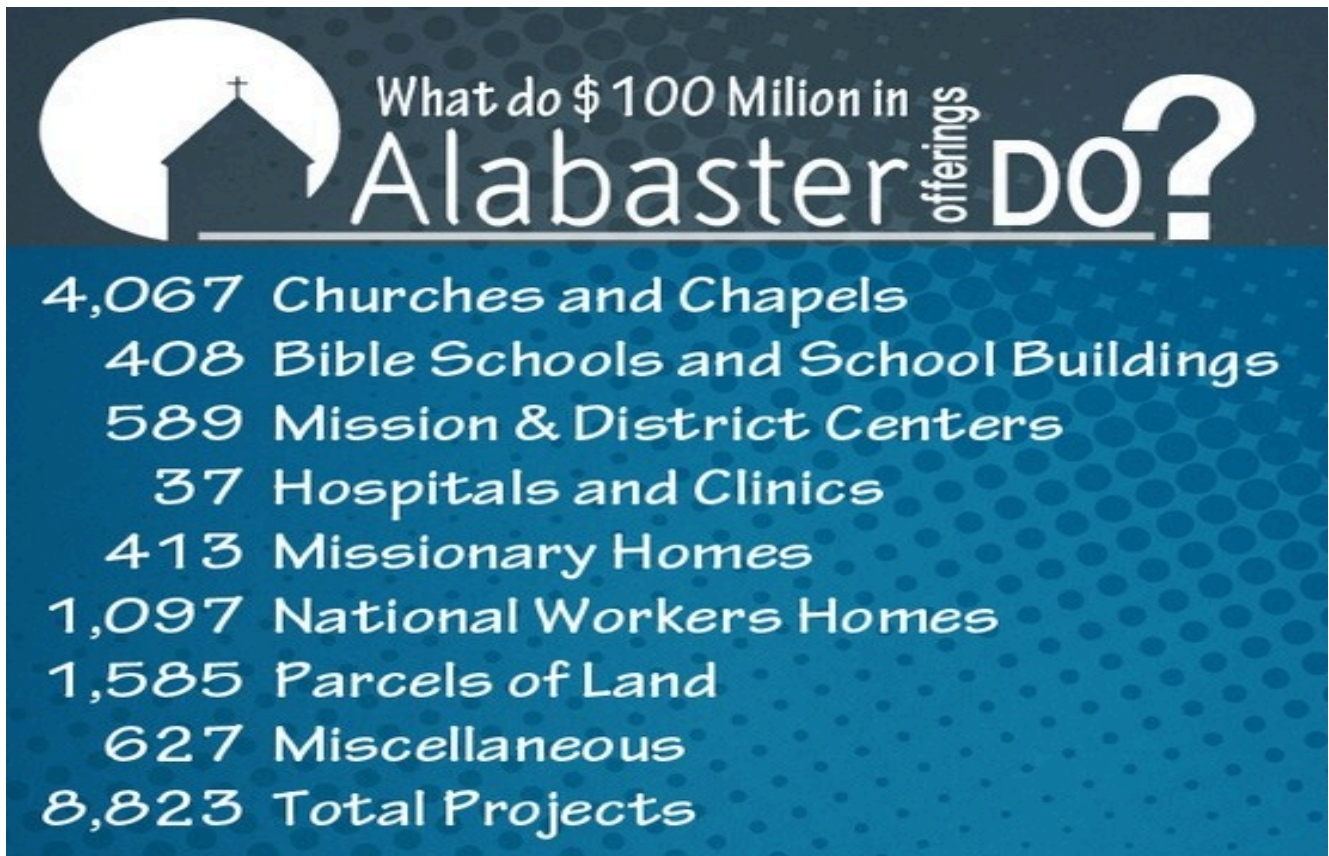
Please contact Joan Read as well, former missionary to Africa, Canada and Haiti in order to get connected to other prayer needs across our church district. Contact Joan today for creative ways to engage your local church in prayer.

terryandjoan@reachone.com

Alabaster

Your change changes lives!

What is Alabaster? Alabaster is a method of fundraising for buildings used to facilitate missions around the world. Through Alabaster, the Nazarene church builds new churches, hospitals, schools, universities, seminaries and safe houses.



Take an offering for [Alabaster](#)! Click the blue Alabaster link to be connected to all kinds of resources, including the history and scriptural meaning behind the Alabaster offering. Input the red link into your search window if working off of the paper handbook.

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The Alabaster box idea began during Elizabeth Vennum's dozen years of service on the NMI Global Council. In the late 1940s, the Church of the Nazarene experienced a crunch in mission funding. At the 1949 meeting of what is now the General NMI Council, Elizabeth was asked to come up with a promotional idea that could raise funding for land purchases and building construction needs in Nazarene mission areas. As she rode the train home to Florida from that council meeting in Kansas City, Vennum said the Lord gave her the details for the Alabaster offering. *"And the rest is now history,"* said the former General NMI director Nina Gunter.



The offering promotion was based on the story of the woman pouring perfume on Jesus from a container carved from soft alabaster stone. Building on that Biblical story, Mrs. Vennum decided to ask Nazarene women to put off buying that new perfume for themselves or postpone getting a new dress and to give that money to world missions instead (in sort of the same way that the woman gave her bottle of perfume to Jesus).

Mrs. Vennum promoted her offering idea with the slogan: *"Give up a want to meet a need."* Since its inception, that semi-annual Alabaster offering (in February and September) has generated more than \$100 million for land purchase and construction at thousands of sites worldwide.

Promoting Alabaster

Prepared by Pastor Scott Folkens – aka – Alabaster Man

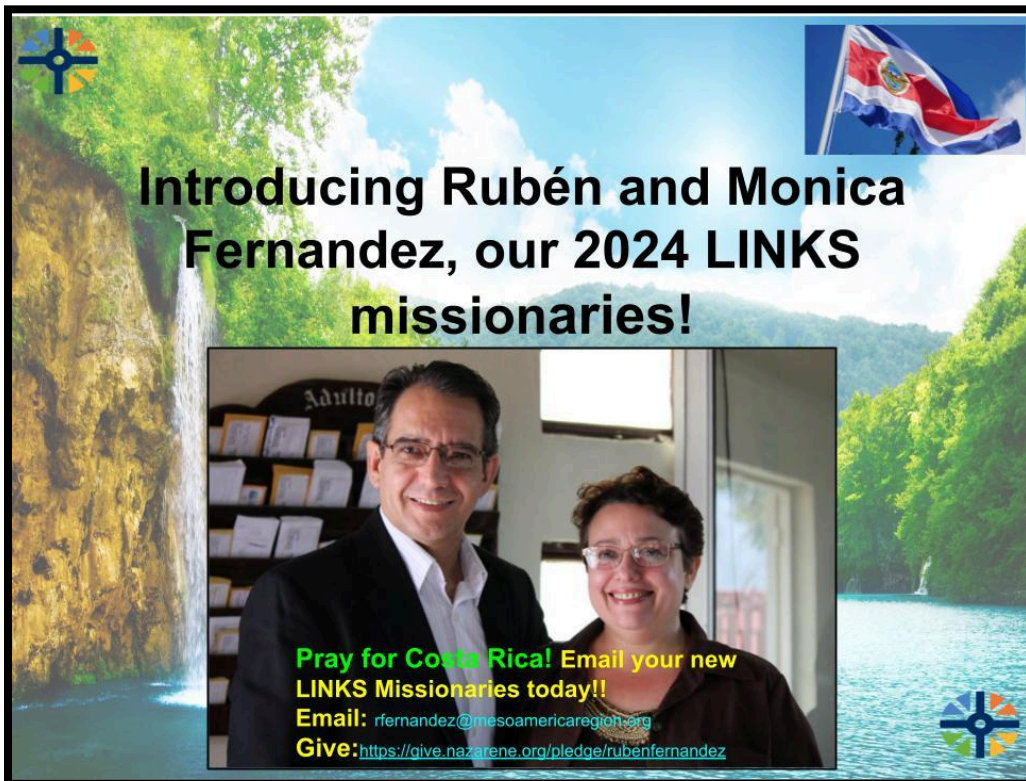
1. Promote and take Alabaster Offerings twice a year. Even if your totals are small, every offering helps, and God blesses the church that gives!
2. Share with your church how much Alabaster has raised over the years and encourage them that they are part of that total!
3. Ensure that your church understands that all funds raised for Alabaster are given to help build churches, clinics, schools, parsonages and other buildings around the world. The money is not used for local expenses or overhead costs.
4. Create an “Alabaster Giving” calendar. This can be a daily or weekly calendar. Challenge members to give in response to all the blessings God has bestowed on them. For example: \$1 for every indoor toilet they have, since many Nazarenes have none. \$0.25 for every light bulb in the house since many Nazarenes don’t have electricity. You get the idea – now be creative!!
5. Create a visual representation of your Alabaster giving. Since the new Alabaster boxes are designed like Legos, some churches have given a dollar amount to each Lego and then they built a “church” building corresponding to how much money was raised. Every dollar (or even quarter) buys another brick to build the church. I have done it by drawing a church on poster board and then coloring in the bricks of the church as money is raised.
6. Stay connected to Nazarene Missions International through the church website – Nazarene.org. Ask questions at – info@nazarene.org.
7. Contact Alabaster Man with any questions and to receive updates!
socalalabsterman@gmail.com

LINKS - Care and Connect

Links is a network of personal connections between missionaries and Nazarene districts around the world.

Participating missionaries are assigned to districts to help foster a personal connection between missionaries and the local church. A Links relationship fosters a sense of involvement with Nazarene Missions through regular correspondence from missionaries, updates from their field of service, and presentations by their Links missionary when they are on home assignment.

2023-24 Southern California Links Missionaries



Introducing Rubén and Monica Fernandez, our 2024 LINKS missionaries!

Pray for Costa Rica! Email your new LINKS Missionaries today!!
Email: rfernandez@mesoamericaregion.org
Give: <https://give.nazarene.org/pledge/rubenfernandez>

LINKS Missionary – Now until December 31, 2024

Active Missionaries from other California Districts

John and Vicky Moore – Asia-Pacific Region/ Global



Retired Missionaries from Your District:

Joan and Terry Read – Africa Region/ MesoAmerica Region/ USA/Canada Region.



Al and Kitty Jones- Africa Region



How do I give a gift to Links missionaries?

Generosity is one of the greatest expressions of love. If an individual, church, or district would like to show love to a Links-assigned missionary through giving, please follow these guidelines.

- Sending physical letters or packages are discouraged unless the missionary has a specific need and requests the items be shipped. Districts and churches are encouraged to coordinate with missionaries when they are on home assignment rather than shipping items to their country of service. Physical packages can have very expensive duties that the missionary has to pay when receiving your package. Please always ask the missionary before you mail anything.
- When giving a financial gift, there are multiple ways to send it in.

Write a check – When sending a Links gift as a local church, for faster processing we are recommending to first send it to the District NMI Treasurer. They are then able to send one check of all your Districts donations rather than spending money on multiple processing fees for smaller checks.

If you choose to send in the check from your local church do not make checks payable to your missionary. Such gifts run contrary to IRS guidelines. Instead, make it payable to Global Treasury Services with “[Missionary Name(s)] Links” in the memo line. Mail it to P.O. Box 843116 Kansas City, MO 64184-3116.

Give online using Funding the Mission – Use the Funding the Mission page at <https://fundingthemission.org/>. Note “[Missionary Name]’s Links” in the memo for the gift.

Give through the online missionary profile – Give your deputation offering by visiting the missionary’s profile. There is a place to note “[Missionary name]’s Links.” You can find your missionary’s profile at nazarene.org/missionary-profiles

Please do not give a missionary a cash or personal check offering. That is still taxable income for a missionary, and you would need to provide a 1099 tax form to assist the missionary in their end-of-year taxes.

Questions About LINKS

How does our church make a Links connection?

Each district is assigned Links missionaries. Reach out to your District NMI President for details regarding the missionary family. Then:

- Make personal contact with the missionary at the email address provided.
- Learn as much as possible about the missionary and the field where they serve.
- Introduce the missionary to your church.
- Share about your church with the missionary.
- Pray for each other regularly.
- Work with your District NMI President to schedule a time when they can speak at your church when on home assignment.

How can we best encourage Links missionaries?

By getting to learn and know more about each other, your local church and Links family will feel more connected. Share life together, pray for each other, communicate as often as possible, give as you feel moved by the Holy Spirit, and schedule a time to connect over video when they are on home assignment.

Why can't I find our missionaries' addresses on the web?

To ensure the safety and privacy of missionaries, missionary address and phone information will not be shared by NMI or Global Missions. If you need this information for a missionary, please contact either your district NMI president or your district Links coordinator who will work directly with each Links missionary.

What is Missionary Care?

Missionary care is an important strategy of Nazarene Missions International (NMI) to help provide for personal needs of missionaries. These expressions of care include:

Links: a strategy for "linking" churches with missionaries through prayer and personal contact.

Missionary Christmas Fund: provides a monetary Christmas gift for missionaries.

Missionary Health Care: monies collected through the Memorial Roll and Distinguished Service Award used to subsidize missionary health care costs.

The Memorial Roll: a way to honor deceased friends and loved ones. A certificate is issued in the name of the person memorialized and is often presented to a family member or displayed in the church. The presenter contributes \$75 to Missionary Health Care.

Distinguished Service Award: a certificate presented to an individual to recognize outstanding service to God and the church. The presenter (usually a church or district) contributes \$125 to Missionary Health Care

World Evangelism Fund

World Evangelism giving fuels the Church of the Nazarene's mission by combining each person's and church's gifts to fund ministries everywhere. Every church is asked to share a portion of its total income for the purpose of making Christlike disciples in the nations.

How does the World Evangelism Fund work?

When you give, the money comes to the General Treasurer's Office where the funds are distributed to six world regions, missionaries, and ministries around the globe. The World Evangelism Fund not only provides ministries on the ground with the monies they need, but the money is used to ensure that legal, federal, and support needs are met so that ministries are as safe as possible and can be sustained for years to come.

Here are a few examples of ministries that your World Evangelism giving makes possible through direct funding of ministry network support:

- New churches and ministry outposts
- Missionaries
- Regional ministries
- Christian literature and resources
- Holiness education
- Partner ministries such as JESUS Film Harvest Partners, Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, and many more.

The World Evangelism Fund goal (WEF) for every church is 5.5% of its total income annually, not including their **WEF** and approved **Mission Specials** giving.

Some congregations choose to raise funds through the Easter Offering and Offering of Thanks. These two offerings have been received each year for more than 100 years. The Stewardship Development team provides promotional and informational resources to help churches communicate the offerings to their congregations. Churches also use Faith Promise pledges to raise funds throughout the year. We encourage pastors and Local NMI presidents to actively engage their people in understanding and giving toward mission work through the [World Evangelism Fund](#). Many churches choose to invest more than the 5.5% goal toward ministry, establishing their church as a mission giving Church of Excellence; these contributions make a huge difference. Click the link to download a brochure about WEF for your local church.

*Promoting the World Evangelism Fund &
Planning a Faith Promise convention*

1. Does your church know what WEF is and what it does? Educate as many as you can so that your whole church is on board to Fund the mission.
2. The main way to fund WEF is through **paying your local church's WEF budget** assigned through the General church.
3. How does the local church raise money for this budget? Through the ministry of **Faith Promise** giving. Every local church should hold a Faith Promise banquet with a trained missionary speaker to promote WEF giving by pledge for each member of your church.
4. How do I promote WEF in my church? Use promotional materials provided for you by your district and through the Global **NMI** office. Check out these links!
5. Hold an offering for **WEF** at Thanksgiving. As your church is giving thanks, allow them to give to those in need through the Thanksgiving offering.
6. Hold an offering for **WEF** at Easter. As your church is celebrating the Risen Lord, give them an opportunity to spread God's good news, the hope of salvation through WEF giving. Remind the church that this offering pays to keep missionaries on their post, bringing the gospel to those with no hope.
7. Check out **Funding the Mission** to see if your local church is up to date on your **WEF** giving. Check in with your church treasurer to see where your local church is in meeting the your assigned budget.

[Faith Promise Q/A](#)

<https://home.snu.edu/~hculbert/fpromise.pdf>

[Faith Promise Conventions](#)

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1wL3hBCrolqDuUkMZk-9MmCbaCuQZsoXWsRlvWK_TaP0/edit#slide=id.p

1. Faith Promise is the method Nazarenes use to engage the church in fundraising for the World Evangelism Fund and for other Nazarene ministries in the Local church.
2. Faith Promise giving works as a partnership between the believer and God, who provides. Faith Promise dollars are not tithe dollars and are given by faith in God's promise to provide whatever amount God has put in the heart of the believer.
3. How do I promote Faith Promise giving in my church? Use promotional materials provided for you by your district and through the Global **NMI** office. Check out the link at the top of this page to see promotions.
4. How do I hold a Faith Promise convention? Click on this link to be giving a slide show instructing the NMI team how to launch a successful Faith Promise convention.
5. How do I keep track of what is given or how much money might come in each year? The Use of pledge cards helps so much with this process!

Engaging Children & Youth

Engaging Children and Youth, one of the 5 points of Impact for NMI!

Engaging children and youth is one of the five areas of impact in NMI. NMI continues to encourage churches to involve children and youth in all missions' endeavors and to nurture them as they seek to respond to God's call. NMI encourages every church, every district to be intentional and encourage and engage every child, every youth in the mission of God in your community and around the world. NMI continues to encourage churches to involve children and youth in all missions' endeavors and to nurture them as they seek to respond to God's call. We encourage collaboration with Nazarene Youth International and Sunday School Discipleship Ministries to best engage all ages of the church. We believe nurturing and leadership development is best done in the local church and individualized to the needs of each person. Using a mission curriculum to teach the kids is so important. Check out [kids kaleidoscope](https://kids.kaleidoscope.org/) to use with the kids in your church. <https://nmi.whdl.org/en/browse/collections/18210>

NMI Leaders should work with their children's leaders and youth leaders to develop ideas and plans to engage children and youth in global evangelism.



Welcome to [Kid's Kaleidoscope](https://nmi.whdl.org/en/browse/collections/18210)! Don't miss your opportunity to teach your kids all about God's call to missions. <https://nmi.whdl.org/en/browse/collections/18210>



Kid's Kaleidoscope

Country of the Month
Mozambique
Africa



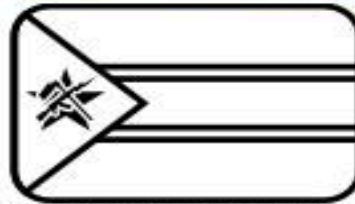
CONVERSATION CENTRAL

There was a lot of destruction during the time when Cyclone Freddy was over the African coastline.

Who did God use to help those most affected by the Cyclone? What did they do? When you help others what lessons do you learn?

When these types of natural disasters happen, the church begins to pray. Now we can look back and see how God answered those prayers. What are some ways those prayers were answered in Mozambique? How can you keep praying for our Nazarene family there?

COLOR THE FLAG



The Mozambique flag has three large stripes: green represents the riches of the land, black the African continent, and yellow the country's minerals. Two smaller white stripes represent peace and the red triangle stands for the struggle for independence. It also has symbols that represent vigilance, agriculture, and the importance of education.

ON MISSION

It has been a while since Cyclone Freddy hit Mozambique. Imagine that you have been invited to go to the area most affected by the cyclone. Think about what it means to lose everything. Your job is to encourage the people and to help with the rebuilding of their community. What are some things you can pack in your backpack and suitcase that could help you in this important mission?

Make a list or draw what you need in your travel bags for your mission.



Impacting Children & Youth for Missions

Prepared by Emily Holland

1. Have a family worship service inviting them to come to your church.
2. Have your NMI President or Representative pick a country and teach students facts and share a missionary story about the country once a month in children's church.
3. Pray for a specific missionary or region of the Global church with the kids. Keep the missionary's picture visible.
4. Do a service project and or activity in another community nearby that promotes learning about a specific missionary, or about the country where they serve. Example: Go clean up at a church, and teach over pizza that the missionaries help clean up the communities they serve in the same way. Explain about a country like India and the conditions of churches in that country. Serve a snack that reflects the country where a missionary serves.
5. Plan service projects within your own community or in your own church building. Foster with the kids the idea that they can serve exactly where they are planted.
6. Engage with your families that they can go together on a mission trip. Make NMI trip information available to families with children and youth.
7. Write letters and or emails to missionaries to promote Care and connections.

Nazarene Compassionate Ministries

Prepared by Steve Gilbert, our NCM coordinator!

Our NCM mission:

OUR MISSION

Following the example of Jesus, Nazarene Compassionate Ministries (NCM) partners with local Nazarene congregations around the world to clothe, shelter, feed, heal, educate, and live in solidarity with those who suffer under oppression, injustice, violence, poverty, hunger, and disease. NCM exists in and through the Church of the Nazarene to proclaim the Gospel to all people in word and deed.

In line with the mission of our Nazarene Compassionate Ministry partner, we encourage the local churches to help out the world through the compassion of Christ during crisis. Therefore, consider engaging your local church in volunteering for Nazarene Disaster response or in making Crisis Care kits and School Pal Paks in order to tangibly help others. On the next two pages, you will see detailed instructions to help your church make these kits!!

Crisis Care Kits

1. Gather NEW items in quantities listed below. Assemble Crisis Care Kits (CCKs) and seal the Ziploc bags. Include only those items listed below. Deviating from this list can cause an entire shipment to be rejected in customs. Set the CCKs in groups of six (6) to determine the number of banana boxes needed.
2. Pack contents below into a clear 2-gallon OR 2.5-gallon plastic Ziploc bag and seal: • 1 medium-size bottle of shampoo (12-18 oz.), please tape flip-tops closed • 2 bars of soap (bath-size or larger) • 1 medium toothpaste (4.0-6.4 oz.) • 3 toothbrushes (in original packaging) • 1 box of Band-Aids (30 or more) • 1 fingernail clipper • 1 sturdy hair comb • 2 hand towels • 4 pocket-size packages of facial tissue • 1 Beanie Baby-size stuffed toy
3. Obtain the banana boxes from your local grocery store. Please ship CCKs solely in banana boxes, as they provide uniformity, eliminating wasted space in shipping.
4. Cut the heavy brown paper (usually found in the banana box) in half and place inside the bottom of the box. Tape the other half over the hole in the lid. (Plain cardboard may be used in the same way if your banana boxes are missing the paper.)
5. Fill each box with six (6) CCKs—no more, no less.
6. Do not insert money or literature (including anything with the church's name on it, notes, etc.) in the CCKs or banana boxes.
7. Using strong packing tape, cover all holes in the top and the bottom of the box. Then tape the box securely shut. Please leave box handles open; this makes it easier to load and unload.
8. When addressing the box, please put the name and address of the church (or individual donor) on the box in the "From" section and the address of the warehouse in the "To" section.
9. Do not wrap banana boxes in brown paper or contact paper or put filled banana boxes inside another box.
- 10.** Send the boxes to the following (depending on method of shipping or originating location):
11. Send a check—made payable to Global Treasury Services, Church of the Nazarene—in the amount of \$12.00 per banana box (for storage and shipping costs during the distribution process). Include the name and address of your church with the check. Ten Percent Credit will be allowed for the \$12.00 shipping donation only. Do not put the money in the CCKs or banana boxes. Mark the check, "Crisis Care Kit Shipments 140002," and mail to: Church of the Nazarene 17001 Prairie Star Pkwy, Lenexa, KS 66220-7900 Attn: Donor Services

School Pal-Paks

1. Gather NEW items in quantities listed below. Assemble School Pal-Paks (SPPs) and seal the Ziploc bags. Include only those items listed below. Deviating from this list can cause an entire shipment to be rejected in customs. Set the SPPs in groups of ten (10) to determine the number of boxes needed.
2. Pack contents below in a clear 1-gallon Ziploc bag and seal:
 - 2 composition notebooks (such as Mead brand), no larger than 9 ¾" x 7 ½". (No spiral bound notebooks will be accepted.)
 - 1 package of #2 pencils (quantity—10-12 pencils)
 - 1 package of black pens (quantity—10-12 pens)
 - 2 pink erasers, 2-3" long
 - 2 rulers (6" or 12", with metric measurements)
 - 1 package of colored pencils (quantity—12-15)
 - 1 pair of blunt-nosed scissors
 - 1 hand-held pencil sharpenerThese contents will give each student a notebook, 5-6 pencils, 5-6 pens, an eraser, and a ruler. Two students will share the colored pencils, scissors, and sharpener.
3. Obtain 12"x12"x12" boxes from any office supply store such as Office Depot, Office Max, Staples, or a UPS store.
4. Fill each box with 10 Pal-Paks—no more, no less.
5. Do not insert money or literature (including anything with the church's name on it, notes, etc.) in the Pal-Paks or boxes.
6. Using strong packing tape, tape the box securely shut.
7. When addressing the box, please put the name and address of the church (or the individual donor) on the box in the "From" section and the address of the warehouse in the "To" section.
8. Do not wrap boxes in brown paper or contact paper or put filled boxes inside another box.
9. Send the boxes to the following (depending on method of shipping) 10. Send a check—made payable to Global Treasury Services, Church of the Nazarene—in the amount of \$10.00 per box (for storage and shipping costs during the distribution process). Include the name and address of your church with the check. Ten Percent Credit will be allowed for the \$10.00 shipping donation only. Do not put the money in the SPPs or boxes. Mark the check, "School Pal-Paks Shipments 140003" and mail to: Church of the Nazarene 17001 Prairie Star Pkwy, Lenexa, KS 66220-7900 Attn: Donor Services

Our NCM Approach

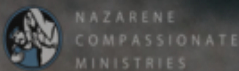
Prepared by Steve Gilbert

Our NCM Approach is Church Led

Nazarene Compassionate Ministries exists in and through the church. NCM partners with local congregations supporting them in their efforts to serve others, create change in their communities, and point people toward the love of God through Christ.

Because local churches are engaged in their communities, they understand the needs of their neighbors, and because local churches are not leaving after a specific program or project is started, the work they do through the support of NCM becomes sustainable.

NCM exists to help you Bless every block!!



Our NCM History

A compassionate conscience has been part of the identity of the Church of the Nazarene since long before its official beginning in 1908. The international roots of compassionate ministry within the Church of the Nazarene lie in early support for famine relief and serving orphaned children in India. Early on, the church also invested in education of children through Hope School for Girls, which was founded in Calcutta by Mrs. Sukhoda Banarji in 1905 and was later adopted by the Church of the Nazarene. This impulse was strengthened by the Nazarene Medical Missionary Union, organized in the early 1920s to build the Bresee Memorial Hospital in Tamingfu, China.

In 1983, the church created the Pastors' Children Education Program, which has evolved into the NCM Child Sponsorship Program. The Hunger and Disaster Fund was also created, and the second Sunday in December became Compassion Sunday to raise awareness of needs within the international church. In 1984, the church created the Office of Compassionate Ministries, which is now called Nazarene Compassionate Ministries.

We believe the compassionate nature of the church is rooted in Matthew 25:36, which instructs us to give food to the hungry, to give water to the thirsty, to give clothing to the naked, to welcome the stranger, and to visit those who are sick or in prison. We believe the work of compassion in the church also takes on new forms to address the systemic issues of poverty and hunger in communities, to provide education for children, and to set up long-term rebuilding efforts following disasters. In these cases, NCM seeks to come alongside local congregations to provide training and education in community development, managing resources, equipping leaders, and developing sustainable projects.



NCM Questions?

I would like to promote the work of the church through NCM in my congregation and community. What can I do?

There are several ways to share what God is doing through compassionate ministries around the world:

- Share about NCM Child Sponsorship with a friend, your family, or your congregation, and become an advocate for children living in poverty around the world
- Learn about NCM projects and share what you learn with your Sunday School class or congregation. Be sure to include your pastor in the planning. If you are interested in receiving FREE materials to help you share about NCM, do not hesitate to call us toll free at [800-310-6362](tel:800-310-6362).
- Sign up for the FREE NCM Magazine, and share the stories of compassion in the church and with others.
- Get involved in a compassionate ministry through your local congregation or in your neighborhood and invite others to join you.

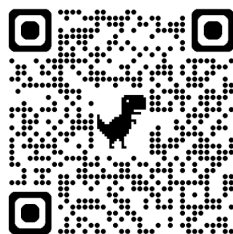
If you live in the United States or Canada you can find Compassionate Ministries Centers in your area online.

For more ways to get involved check out the Get Involved section of this site

For an [NCM](#) brochure click here:

<https://nubo.nazarene.org/index.php/s/JELri6eaC5ZHBJp>

For more questions visit our FAQ at <https://ncm.org/who-we-are#our-mission> or scan the QR code below:



Current NCM Projects:

[Clean Water](#)

<https://ncm.org/wash>

[Disaster Response](#)

<https://www.usacanadaregion.org/compassionate-ministries/nazarene-disaster-response>

Click here for an [emergency relief brochure](#)

<https://nubo.nazarene.org/index.php/s/cY8D9KxAERNo32C>

[Human Trafficking](#)

<https://ncm.org/antitrafficking>

How to Host [Freedom Sunday](#), click here:

<https://ncm.org/freedom-sunday>

How To Host a [Child Sponsorship Sunday](#)

<https://ncm.org/cs-sunday-prepare>

For a [Child Sponsorship brochure](#), Click here:

<https://nubo.nazarene.org/index.php/s/c5jGpWKtDLDJrQA>

For directions on [School Pal Packs](#) click here:

https://ncm.org/sites/default/files/2023-06/SPP_Instructions_2023.pdf

[Crisis Care Kits](#)

https://ncm.org/sites/default/files/2023-09/CCK_Instructions_Sept2023.pdf

For information on the [NCM Christmas project](#), click here:

<https://ncm.org/christmas>



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FOR MORE WAYS TO BE INVOLVED, PLEASE CHECK OUT THE GET INVOLVED SECTION OF THIS SITE Ncm.org

ALSO GO TO NAZARENE SACRAMENTO WAREHOUSE-
Saccmc.org FOR CRISIS CARE KITS OR SCHOOL PAL-PAKS
MAILING INSTRUCTIONS, PACKING LISTS AND BOX
SHIPPING GUIDELINES

NMI Calendar of Emphases

There are many facets to our mission as we fulfill the purpose of NMI. The NMI Calendar of Emphases serves as a framework around which to build the plans for the year's activities. Of course, the calendar is flexible so you may adjust it to suit your church's needs. Consider how you can incorporate an ongoing emphasis on Prayer and Fasting each month.

January:	Volunteer Ministries / NMT-Work and Witness
February:	Alabaster
March:	Easter Offering (World Evangelism Fund , Faith Promise) Special Prayer Emphasis: Nazarene World Week of Prayer
April:	Mission Education - Deputation speakers/ Missions lessons...kids kaleidoscope
May:	Missionary Health Care We need to participate in Roll Call and the Distinguished Service Awards in our local churches!! Click on these links and promote Missionary Health Care in May!
June:	Promoting World Mission Broadcast and what WMB is all about.
July:	International Ministry, Bible Schools & Seminaries
August:	LINKS -Care and Connection
September:	Alabaster
October:	Mission Priority One
November:	Thank Offering (World Evangelism Fund , Faith Promise) Special Prayer Emphasis: International Day of Prayer
December:	Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Many sponsor children or promote NCM.org in general as the emphasis in December!

Technology in Missions

prepared by Pastor J.J. Murillo

Technology can help churches improve communication, outreach, and efficiency, and provide new resources for spiritual growth and community building.

Churches can use technology to:

- Establish relationships
- Enhance the worship experience
- Increase the impact of their mission
- Accessibility



However, some churches may face objections from long-time members and leaders who fear that technology makes the church less personal. But if we decide not to do anything, we can be part of the church-emptying phenomenon, where they are predicting that in the next twenty years, 100,000 churches in America will close their doors. How many of that 100,000 will be Nazarene churches? (You can read about the church emptying phenomenon [here](#)).

Now, not all churches will close. There will still be a lot of churches in twenty years. But, here are some questions the churches of the Nazarene should ask themselves now:

- What will the USA Church of the Nazarene look like if 25% of the churches close?
- What will happen to the global church which relies on the USA churches' investment in the World Evangelism Fund (95% of WEF comes from USA/Canada)?
- Will your church be one of those that closes its doors forever?

Benefits of Technology in Missions

Establish Relationships



Churches can use websites, blogs, social media, and email newsletters to help community members learn about the church before attending a service.

Here are some resources:

www.wix.com,

www.facebook.com,

www.instagram.com,

<https://sites.google.com/>

Enhance the worship experience



Churches can use smartphones and social media platforms to livestream services, and invest in specialized equipment to improve the quality of their broadcasts.

Here are some resources:

<https://obsproject.com/>, <https://studio.youtube.com/>, <https://restream.io/>

Increase the impact of their mission



Churches can use new online platforms and tools to reach a larger audience and communicate better with their members.

Here are some resources: <https://www.canva.com/>,

<https://www.whatsapp.com/>

Accessibility

Technology can give those who are hearing impaired, have sight problems, or are confined to a wheelchair the ability to connect with the world



Deputation Ministry

What is it?

Deputation begins when our missionaries go on Furlow, or a break from the field to which they are assigned by the Global church. While missionaries are away from their field they still need prayer for their ministries and to raise funds for their ministry projects, travel expenses, transportation and equipment they may need in the field. The World Evangelism Fund doesn't cover everything! So, our missionaries go on a Deputation tour and this is how your local church will hear firsthand accounts from the frontlines of mission service.

Why participate?

Your missionaries' reports will inform and lift mission awareness. You will learn of specific needs on the field, strategies for developing a growing church worldwide, stories of transformation and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Truthfully, the way the missionaries shed light on what God is doing jump starts giving in your local church!!

How do I participate?

If you would like a missionary speaker, or know of a missionary coming to your area, please contact your district deputation secretary. (Lisa Adkins at adkinlisa@aol.com or (951) 660-1454. Together, we can schedule a missionary for your local church.

What are the expectations?

When a missionary has been scheduled at your church:

1. Make personal contact with the missionary in advance of the service. You will receive contact information from your Deputation secretary.
2. As a host, your church will want to make the necessary arrangements for travel, food and lodging. Sometimes this is not possible!! Reach out to ask your Deputation secretary for guidance. Not all missionaries need housing!
Reach out and ask the deputation secretary for any details that you do not have. Sometimes a hotel is the best way to house your missionary, but if that's too expensive, host them within the membership of your church.
3. When placing a missionary with a member of your congregation for the night, please give attention to gender issues when planning. For example, if a single, female missionary needs housing, make sure it's not a single male's house where the missionary is placed.
4. Please consider that some may have allergies to pets and certain foods. The missionary should make those needs known prior to arrival when you call them to make personal contact.

5. During the missionary's visit, provide for specific needs: Missionaries need time to work and rest. Our Nazarene missionaries love to fellowship with you, but need rest and time to work too. Just ask them, and they will tell you what they need so that your time together is wonderful and a true blessing!

6. Global Mission does not make travel/lodging arrangements for the missionary. These details are coordinated directly between the host church and the missionary.

- Although travel reimbursement is not required, each church is encouraged to assist in covering travel expenses. Can your church give 50.00 for gas money? Ask your local council if some funds can be set aside to assist you in the Deputation ministry.

As you communicate with the missionary, find out what types of ministry abilities the missionary has to offer. Some missionaries sing, play instruments, and have PowerPoint or video presentations. Discovering all the details from your missionary makes for a fruitful partnership. Maybe your church likes stories! Tell your missionary. Maybe your church appreciates reports...numbers and statistics of what the church is doing in Africa, Asia or Malaysia. Tell your missionary! As well, some have programs for children and teens. Use your missionary at their fullest potential.

Tell the missionary the technology available at your church (including details such as the type of computer and version of PowerPoint). Plan to give the missionary access to the sound and video technicians at least 30 minutes before the service.

Add to the missionary's program with participation from your local church with the choice specials, music, drama sketches, etc. Keep preliminary activities brief, allowing for "maximum missionary time." If the missionary finishes early, allow for questions and answers.

When do I announce my missionary?

For best results, announce the mission event several weeks in advance. Promote through posters, drama, bulletin inserts, pictures, newsletters, newspaper, radio, GM DVD video clip, internet, E-mail Sunday announcements, Etc. Global Missions provides the missionary's photo and news release. This may be found at the link "Missionary Profiles" on the Global Missions website" <http://app.nazarene.org/MissionaryProfiles>
Want a fancier poster to advertise..send the missionary photo to Sasha Ramirez and she will create a wonderful poster for you!! sramirezmarketing@gmail.com

For Faith Promise conventions, communicate the theme for the big weekend, your World Evangelism Fund commitment, your reason for this emphasis and any special instructions for the conclusion of the service.

To maximize the opportunity, arrange for all age groups to be present during the missionary's main presentation. Create specific times for the missionary to meet with children and youth. Opportunities exist for everyone to experience missions.

Deputation Offerings:

Recommended Minimum Amounts:

<i>Sunday Morning Worship</i>	<i>\$350 - 450</i>
<i>Sunday Evening Worship</i>	<i>\$200 – 300</i>
<i>Weeknight gatherings</i>	<i>\$175 – 275</i>
<i>Weekend Convention</i>	<i>\$700 – no limit</i>
<i>District NMI Convention</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>

The actual amount will vary according to the size of the church and the distance the missionary travels. Cannot afford this? Invite the missionary anyway to a midweek event! Let us know your needs! We want to partner with you so that every church has the joy of our missionaries in the local church.

Recommendations:

- Receive the offering after the missionary speaks. Give the congregation an opportunity to respond to the missionary's ministry.
- Make checks payable to: General Treasurer, Church of the Nazarene with the missionary's name and the word "deputation" on the memo line.
- Give Deputation checks directly to the missionary, if possible.
- Include travel costs in the deputation offering. Otherwise, provide a gas card or restaurant gift card to make traveling easy for your missionary.

Scheduling:

Contact: Lisa Adkins

SoCal Deputation Secretary

Phone: 951-660-1454

Email: adkinslisa@aol.com

Types of Bookings

- ***Sunday Morning Service:*** Missionaries will speak in place of the Senior pastor and speak in all morning services and sometimes in a Sunday School class as well.
- ***Sunday Night Service:*** Oftentimes, the missionary will come to a zone rally or mini zone event on a Sunday night. The Host church will invite all churches in the zone to come worship and hear all about “World Mission” through the guest missionary speaker.
- ***Wednesday Night service:*** Every church is different. However, many churches have programs for children on Wednesday night and can easily invite a missionary to attend and to teach or play, sing and tell stories with the kids. Additionally, many churches have adult Bible study groups that meet on Wednesdays. Consider having a missionary come speak to the adults on any topic. Maybe put out cookies, muffins, coffee and other beverages to brighten the time. Have a check ready to hand to the missionary!
- ***Saturday morning groups:*** Many churches have a men’s breakfast on Saturday morning or a bible study group! Be sure to invite missionary speakers to come enrich the time and tell about stretching your faith.
- ***Coffee with a missionary:*** Any weekday, set up a period of 4 hours at a Starbucks or local coffee shop and have the missionary available to chat about the call to missions, about God’s faithfulness or about whatever God designs for members of your church and this special one on one time with a missionary. Have sign-ups at a table on Sunday mornings weeks before the missionary coffee time and sign-ups online on your website! Have the local NMI president or pastor have a check ready to give the missionary for deputation. Consider \$100.00 to 200.00 for their time and possibly \$50.00 for their gas money.
- ***Invite the missionary over for dinner:*** Consider meeting a missionary at a Pizza parlor and invite another family to join you. Ask questions about the work of God in whatever region the missionary is stationed. Connect in a fun, yet deep and meaningful way. Have a deputation check for around \$100.00 to \$200.00 ready to hand the missionary at the close of your dinner time together. Include a Gas card and or Restaurant gift card.
- ***Don’t forget the Teens:*** Every Youth group has a special meeting time. Don’t hesitate to invite a missionary to spend time just with the teens. Order pizza and let the missionary tell a gripping story to the youth!! Have a check ready to give the missionary \$100.00-\$200.00 at the end of the service.
- ***The Zoom Service:*** Sometimes you want a certain missionary and just cannot book them because their schedule is full. Consider having them from the field via Zoom! Project the call live during the service and allow your congregation to see the missionary right on the field. correct technical devices must be in place. If you’re curious about how to set this up, contact Pastor JJ Murillo, your Missions and Tech representative and he will show you what you will need and how to set it up properly. jomurill@gmail.com

Mission Participation

Page created by Tom Ritchie
NMT and Mission Projects

2024-2025 Southern California District Work & Witness Opportunities

District W&W Trip to Kenya, Africa

Work: Construction of a 2nd story school in Kalifi
Witness: Refugee center in Kenya
When: June 17th- July 2nd 2024
Ages: 18 up
Cost: \$2,300.00
Registration: closed

Please pray for our team while they are serving in Kenya this summer!



NAZARENE MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL

Has your church ever wanted to do a Nazarene Missions Trip? **NMT** is the new name for “Work & Witness.” NMT stands for Nazarene Missions Teams. In our district there are several ways your church can participate in Nazarene Mission teams. The district offers several kinds of trips. Throughout the year there are one day trips within the district. You can always find these one-day mission trips on the District website under the ministry of NMI/NMT opportunities.

Here's a list of trips we typically do as a district:

Local mission trips - These trips are normally a week or longer, and do not go outside the borders of the USA. Pastor J.J. Murillo is your coordinator for these Local, NMT trips. Costs vary but normally include a flight and 25.00 per day to cover expenses on the field site. Email pastor J.J today in order to sign up for

Regional mission trips to Baja (Mexico) - These trips normally take place over the weekend and have a minimal cost of around 25.00 per person. Individuals participating, do not need to stay for the whole weekend and may participate for just the Saturday portion of the trip. Your coordinator for Baja ministries is Pastor Sergio Hernandez. Email him today at wheelmaster07@yahoo.com

Global mission trips - These trips are normally a week and half to two weeks long. Our global trips take us to areas around the world where there is a need connected to a specific project. These trips can also be found on the District website and the District SoCal District Facebook page. Your coordinator for Global mission trips is Pastor Tom ritchie. Email him today at tomrritchie102@gmail.com

Church sponsored mission trip - Several District churches do annual mission trips and would love it to have more people to join their mission trip team. To find out if there are any churches planning a mission trip you can contact our district NMI President Jennifer Williams @ jwprez.socalnaz@gmail.com.

Go on your own mission trip - The way to do this is located at the [Global NMT](#) website. There you will find different NMT projects. Find the one that fits your church. Contact the field coordinator. All projects will tell you what is needed. The coordinator will contact the Global Mission Center giving their approval for your trip. Once you are approved you will receive your team number and the link to begin the process. Then visit the [Global NMT resource page](#) to guide you in how to put together a team. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at tomrritchie102@gmail.com.

What are the steps to plan a mission trip?

- Go to the Global Mission Center Website and choose a project.
- Contact the field coordinator.
- Once your project has been approved, select the dates that best fits your project. Ask for a letter of invitation.
- Advertising your trip.
- Register Participants: Information you will need. If you're traveling outside the US, you will need their name as it appears on their passport, their home address, their contact information, their emergency contact information. Their medical information. Ask about skills or ministries that your team members are involved in.
- Estimate the cost. Airfare, Lodging, Food, Insurance, Transportation. Most of these things will be arranged by your field coordinator, but the travel to your destination will be your responsibility. Set the cost for the trip.
- Be knowledgeable about where your going. Ask questions
- Project money. Most projects will let you know how much you will need to send in for your project. Project money is always to be sent three months in advance. These funds are sent to the Global Mission Center from there they are sent to the regional field office, from there they go to the district office, and then to the project coordinator. This is why funds need to be sent three months in advance.
- Team insurance is done through the global mission center. The cost is \$3.25 day for each team member
- Team T-Shirts – Hobby Lobby has t-shirts for about \$5.00. Create a logo for your team and any printing company can print you logo on your shirts.
- Make sure you know if the country you are visiting requires visas. If they do, get a copy of each team member passport. Both the picture page and their signature page. If the country your visiting only requires an entry visa, you might need two physical passport pictures. This a link for visas <http://www.cibtvisas.com/highpointtravel>
- Set a date for an orientation meeting to go over all the details with your team members. This is a good time to give your team members their assignments. The Foundry has a great devotional book call "Light for the Path." There is a leader guide and a participant book. This book is a devotional book that has devotions leading up to your trip, during your trip, and after your trip.
- The Sunday before you leave have your pastor and church leaders pray over you and your team
- After your trip, share with the congregation the highlights of your trip.
- Again, I am available to help you in any way I can, plus the global mission center is there for you as well. Tomrritchie102@gmail.com.

Joining Regional NMT- How to join Baja Mission

Prepared by Sergio Hernandez

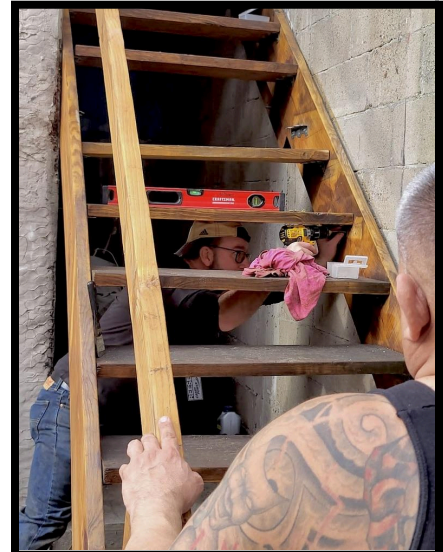
1. Register online at socialnaz.org/events
2. Contact Pastor Sergio, Pastor Aleida, or your District NMI president to ask for all the details about the trip.
3. Plan to exchange your dollars into pesos for shopping and dining in Mexico. Pack sleeping bags, pillows, blankets and hand sanitizer. Make sure to have work clothes and gloves!
4. Need a ride? Make sure to let Pastor Sergio know so we can find a place for you in one of our cars heading over the border.
5. Check your passport information to make sure that everything is up to date.
6. Pray! Pray over the trip as each time our teams our used to witness to the community we serve. Pray for God's hand over the team.
7. Involve your local church in praying and donating to your trip! The churches we visit have many needs, and your church may want to participate in meeting these needs.
8. Download Whatsapp as this is the way the Baja teams communicate throughout the trip to connect the team.

Baja Missions



Join Baja missions today!!

We can use all ages to help us bring God's love to Baja!!



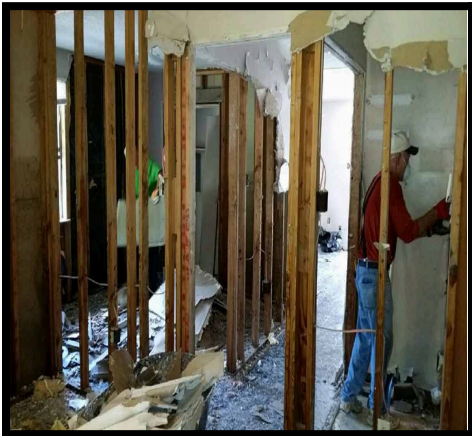
Great food, fellowship, evangelism & compassionate ministry await you in Baja!!



NMT Local trips/USA Canada region

Prepared by pastor J.J. Murillo

Louisiana- Flooding damage to local churches



Arizona Native American Academy- Volunteer at the Nazarene school



New Mexico Native American projects - Help Native churches with evangelism and repair projects. Youth teams are welcome!

District pledges

Your local church has the option to partner with your Church district at the NMI convention. Every year, the Social district takes a team made up of members from any of our District churches. Therefore, we sponsor a project that needs to be done for Work & Witness, now called NMT, or Nazarene Mission teams. We pay for the project using pledges that each church makes. Together, we can do so much more than alone as individual churches. Would you consider pledging some money from your Faith Promise budget to help make the District trips possible?

Brazil Boat ministry “[Projeto Povos](#)”-reaching tribes in the Amazon



[Kenya Kalifi School Project](#)-building Nazarene schools and supporting refugee camps in Kenya.



Baja ministries- reaching Baja with Nazarene compassion, evangelism and repairs to Nazarene churches.



District Pledges

Can you help our District continue to serve **locally, regionally** and **globally** so that more of our members can participate through the ministry of NMT, otherwise known as Nazarene Mission Teams? No amount is too small! Senior pastors, Local NMI presidents and Local NMI Council members, pray and consider partnering with us to mobilize more Nazarenes from SoCal to go on mission trips. May God bless you for your pledges and partnership!

This Year our goal is \$35,000 dollars.

We would like to bless those who are called to go and cannot afford it with scholarships. We want to be able to bring project money with us wherever God leads our district.

What exactly is the money for?

5,000.00	Baja ministries
3,000.00	scholarships
14,000.00	a global project like that of the Kalifi Nazarene school, or the Projeto Povos Boat ministry in Brazil.
10,000.00	local USA mission trips like helping Southern California churches, Native American schools and Nazarene native churches in Arizona and damaged churches in Louisiana!

Use this [LINK](#) to download a pledge card today...

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ovum81YlqwwTZSPem4DUq4RluUf0hRG7/edit>

Fill it out and send it to your NMI District president!

jwprez.socalnaz@gmail.com

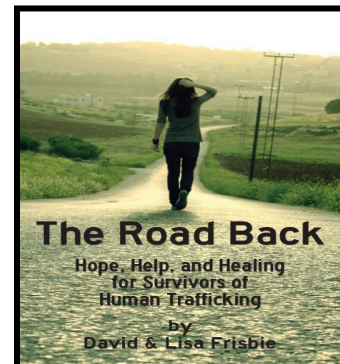
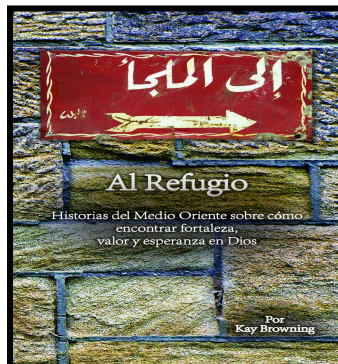
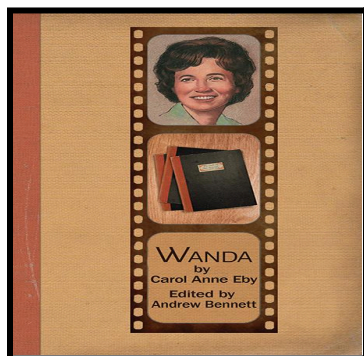
Adult Mission Education

The church of the Nazarene has now stopped printing the Adult mission books. However, most of these books are available to you on PDF at <https://www.whdl.org/en/browse/resources/11634>

Also, there are certain books located at the Foundry publishing that pertain to mission strategy and current initiatives in the Nazarene mission. Check out the foundry at, <https://www.thefoundrypublishing.com/>

There are other ebooks available to print at: <https://nazarene.org/who-we-are/organization/ministries/nazarene-missions-international/nmi-missions-books>

Having trouble locating some of these books? Contact Diana Rodriguez, your Adult Mission Education coordinator! Diana's email is darodriguez80@gmail.com



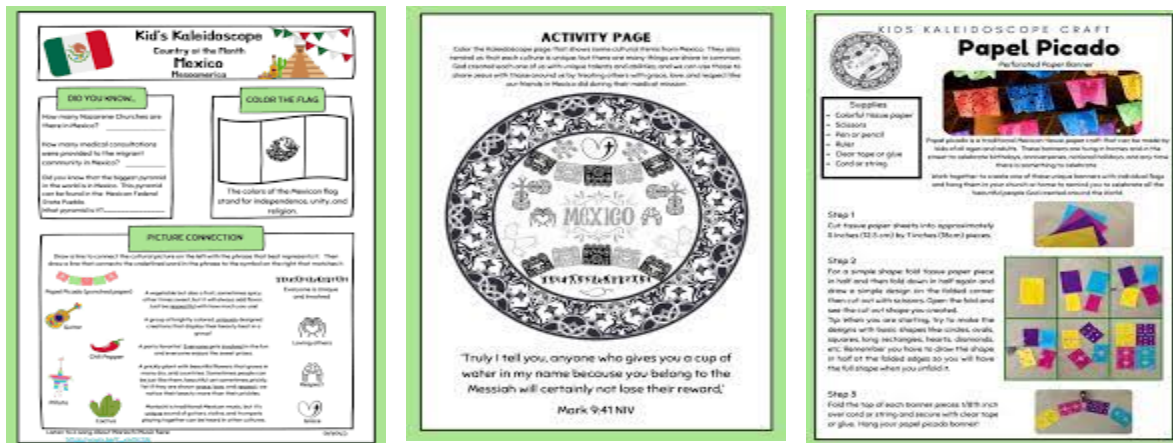
Missions call

Send Me resources are available in both English and in Spanish! Send me resources to help guide the NMI Local president to cultivate the Call to missions in your local church. Many don't know how to become a missionary or how to discover what a call to missions means. Introduce your local church to **Send Me**!

Visit the **Send me** link in English on Nazarene.org at <https://www.nazarene.org/resources/send-me-resources-english>

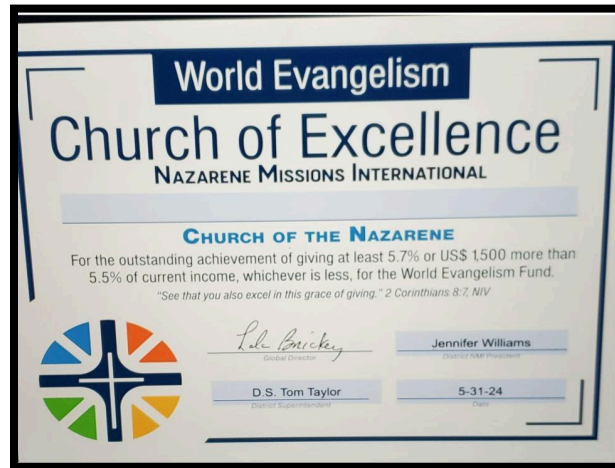
Visit the **Send me** Link in Spanish on Nazarene.org at <https://www.nazarene.org/node/3975>

Also, don't forget the children....Make sure your children's director has access to Kid's Kaleidoscope at: <https://nmi.whdl.org/en/browse/collections/18210>



Awards

1. World Evangelism Church of Excellence



2. Mission Priority One



3. Alabaster Award



Awards continued

4. C.I.A(compassion in action) award



5. Engaging children and Youth award





There's a new award your church can earn. We're calling it the "Compassion In Action Award". The Church of the Nazarene is divided into six regions: USA/Canada, Mesoamerica, South America, Eurasia, Africa and Asia-Pacific.

To earn this award, you will need to involve your church in Nazarene compassion in 1 of those regions. For example, you could send a Work & Witness team to one region, sponsor a child in one region, support a project (like drilling a well) in one region, and send a care package to a missionary in one region. USA-Canada counts as a region. There are all kinds of projects and activities you could do to earn this award. If you have questions or need ideas call Steve Gilbert at 209-985-6064.

esurfsup411@gmail.com Let Steve know what your church did for NCM today!!

Your church will be honored in a very special way at the District Mission Convention.

CIA Award

prepared by Steve Gilbert

1. Give to a specific project at Nazarene Compassionate Ministries.
2. Make and send Crisis Care Kits, include the youth and the children.
3. Sponsor a child at Nazarene Child Sponsorship at Nazarene Compassionate Ministries.
4. Make and send School Pal paks
5. Advertise how to give during crisis during an actual crisis.
6. Take a special offering for the World in Crisis during a crisis through NCM.
7. Make how to volunteer with NCM Disaster Response available to your church. Create a brochure or have a link available on your church website.
8. Pray for Nazarene Compassionate Ministries.

What is the Distinguished Service Award?

The Distinguished Service Award (DSA) is a tribute to church people who are living and for their service to the church. Although the DSA is given through NMI, it need not be given in the area of missions. A church may wish to honor anyone in the church for their efforts. The DSA may only be given by a church or a group within the church. Individuals may not give this award. A DSA may be awarded to a couple as long as only one tribute message is submitted.

The cost of the DSA is USD\$125. Duplicates of the award are \$25 each. Churches are encouraged to frame the DSA. The certificate fits into a standard 8"x10" frame.

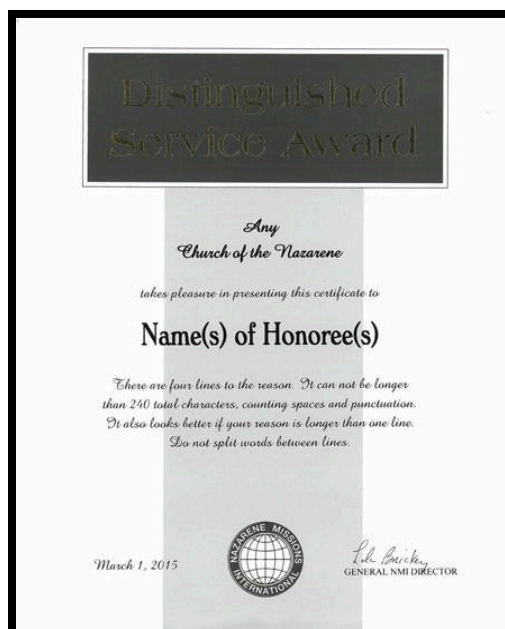
To order a DSA:

1. Order online with Visa, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express. Please allow 5-10 business days for delivery.
2. Order by Mail
Print the DSA order form. Fill out the order form.

Note: When designating the "tribute," please stay within the space allotted--4 lines, 60 characters per line (including punctuation and spaces).

Fill out a church [remittance form](#). Send the order form, remittance form, and a check for \$125 to your regional office. Please allow 3-5 weeks for delivery.

Need assistance? Contact us at nmi@nazarene.org.



What is the Memorial Roll?

The Memorial Roll, established in 1919, is a way to honor deceased friends and loved ones. A certificate is issued in the name of the person memorialized and is often presented to a family member or displayed in the church. Churches or individuals may place as many names on the Memorial Roll as they desire, and those memorialized need not be members of the church.

The cost of placing someone on the Memorial Roll is USD\$75. You will receive a certificate that fits into a standard 8"x10" frame. Duplicates of the certificate are \$25 each.

[A Children's version is available, too.](#)

To order a Memorial Roll:

1. **Order Online**

- Use Visa, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express.
- Please allow 5-10 business days for delivery.

2. **Order by Mail**

- Print the [Memorial Roll order form](#)
- Fill out the order form.
- Fill out a church [remittance form](#)
- Send the order form, remittance form, and a check for \$75 to your regional office.
- Please allow 3-5 weeks for delivery.

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District President's Job Description

Pastors, Local NMI Presidents, NMI Council Members,

This is my commitment to you as your District NMI President.

I will:

1. Set goals and expectations for the Southern California District NMI.
2. Communicate regularly with both district and local leaders.
3. Resource local churches—NMI presidents, pastors, and NMI councils.
4. Lead the District NMI council in promoting and fulfilling the NMI objectives in the Southern California district.
5. Be a cheerleader and affirm what churches are doing to promote missions, globally and locally.
6. Follow-through with questions and requests from local churches and leaders.
7. Recognize and reward accomplishments.
8. Connect the Socal District with opportunities to serve in mission
9. Connect the Socal District with our missionaries serving around the globe.

**Free indeed together,
Jen Williams
Southern California District NMI President**

District President's 2024-2025 Goals

- 100% Payment of the **World Evangelism Fund**
- 40 Churches Participating in

Prayer for Missions

100% Payment of WEF

Alabaster Offering -35 churches participating

Children/Youth Mission Activities

Care and Connection

- NMI training for all local NMI presidents
- Youth project to Native American Bible Academy
- 15 Churches receive the **C.I.A award.**

