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# INTRODUCTION

This manual is an update of previous manuals and a compilation of the resources of Nazarene Missions International – NMI – that will serve to train local churches and thus provide all the information about the ministry, the NMI Top Six Areas of Impact, the monthly emphases, the collection of the WEF, the use given to this offering and the latest NMI Constitution approved in 2023.

It is my wish that each local and district leader can take advantage of these resources for the good development of the ministry.

God bless you!

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## Chapter 1

### WHAT IS NMI?

*NMI is the global missions advocate in every local church, nurturing a spirit of missions, and mobilizing into action, impacting people around the world.*

### HOW DO WE ADVOCATE THE MISSIONS?



Each local NMI president is a member of their local church board who actively participates in the efforts of their local church to ensure that our neighbors know that Jesus loves them.

The local NMI president also serves as the advocate to encourage their church to participate in ensuring that everyone, living in every place and speaking every language, also knows that Jesus loves them.

- The Church of the Nazarene ministers in 165 world areas with Belgium on the Eurasia Region recognized in 2024.
- The number of Nazarene churches increased to 30,747 churches, with over 2.72 million members, an increase of 2.69% from last year.
- In 2023, there were 472 districts and 30 pioneer areas around the world, with 31,354 credentialed clergy\*

### HOW DO WE NURTURE THE MISSIONS?



NMI nurtures a spirit of missions in the local church, working hand in hand with pastors to ensure that every person in each local church has a deep passion to share Jesus with others in our communities and around the world.

This spirit of missions is so alive it fuels all that we do. We will not stop until everyone, everywhere, has heard the Good News

## HOW DO WE MOBILIZE IN MISSIONS?



NMI mobilizes into action by focusing on five key areas of impact in the Mesoamerica Region:



### Prayer for the Lost

- We encourage people to pray for all mission's efforts of the Church of the Nazarene.
- Each week, NMI Central shares prayer requests and praises for a country where the Lord is working through the Church of the Nazarene. [NAZARENE.ORG/NMI-CENTRAL](http://NAZARENE.ORG/NMI-CENTRAL)
- Since 1996, during the week that includes the first Friday in March, NMI has called the church to prayer through the Global Week of Prayer, with resources for adults and children in multiple languages. [NAZARENE.ORG/NMIGWP](http://NAZARENE.ORG/NMIGWP). By 2025, GWO will take place from March 2 to 8.
- As the Mesoamerica Region we also have the 40 Days of Prayer for Cities, beginning on January 1, 2025, the 40 Days of Prayer Before

Pentecost Sunday, from April 30 to June 8, 2025, and other times of prayer that are requested by the Region or the global church.



### Engaging children and youth

- We engage children and youth in learning about and participating in the mission of God. We collaborate with NDI and NYI to ensure that all children and youth have a spirit of missions within them.
- NMI provides Kids Kaleidoscope as part of NMI Central to help nurture a spirit of missions in children. Kids Kaleidoscope connects to the focus story in NMI Central on the first Wednesday of each month. [NAZARENE.ORG/NMI-CENTRAL](http://NAZARENE.ORG/NMI-CENTRAL)
- International Student Scholarship Fund (NMI 80th Anniversary project) provided 85 scholarships for students outside the USA/Canada to attend Nazarene theological institutions.



### Providing Care and Connection to Nazarene Missionaries

- NMI provides care and connection between missionaries and local Churches of the Nazarene.
- All six regions participate in providing Care and Connection between districts and Nazarene missionaries through Links.
- In 2023, there were 482 missionaries originating from 59 world areas, serving in 83 countries. Of these missionaries, 319 served as global deployed and 163 were sponsored deployed. Last year, there were 41 new missionary deployments. Within these missionary families, there are 257 missionary kids.
- Nazarenes gave US \$4.7 million in deputation and missionary support offerings for missionaries\*\*
- Missionary Health Care provided US \$353,677 in medical assistance for Nazarene missionaries, through offerings, Memorial Roll gifts, and Distinguished Service Award gifts\*\*
- 372 retired missionaries received benefits through the Global Missions Pension Plan for the 2022-2023 fiscal year\*.
- We inform our churches of the world's need and how the Church of the Nazarene is responding through the World Evangelism Fund. We encourage every church to faithfully participate in giving to the World Evangelism Fund.
- 50 educational institutions, including 7 graduate seminaries/theological colleges, 14 liberal arts colleges/universities (13 with graduate programs), 18 undergraduate seminaries/theological colleges, eight certificate and diploma Bible colleges, two nurses training colleges, one teacher training college, and 1,059 education centers (approved extension centers) had a 2023 combined enrollment of 43,339 students globally\*
- Persons in need were treated at community-based clinics and health care centers all over the world with concentrated efforts in India, Papua New Guinea, and Eswatini (formerly known as Swaziland) \*
- JESUS Film Harvest Partners (JFHP), raising \$3.7 million, reports that World Evangelism Fund (WEF) helped provide infrastructure for 1,109 JFHP teams to share God's love through the story of Jesus. In 2023, teams reported over 2.3 million evangelistic contacts. Of these contacts, 699,029 indicated



### **Giving to World Evangelism Fund**

decisions for Christ with 404,511 new believers receiving initial discipleship follow-up. Teams started 11,675 Preaching Points in 2023.

- NMI and others partnered with local churches to help raise US \$37.2 million through the World Evangelism Fund during the 2022-2023 fiscal year\*\*
- Churches globally gave US \$24.6 million for Nazarene Approved Missions Projects\*\*
- In 2023, 92 districts gave 5.5 percent or above of their income to the World Evangelism Fund (56 of which were from regions other than the USA/Canada Region). WEF giving beyond 5.5 percent helps open new work, sustains works opened in recent years, and helps send new missionaries that God calls.
- Nazarenes gave US \$210,290 to World Mission Broadcast (WMB), providing radio, television, and Internet programs to share the gospel globally\*\*
- NMI partnered with Nazarene Compassionate Ministries to give more than US \$5 million for disaster response and compassion projects around the world and to support 10,559 children through Child Development Centers and Pastor's Kids programs\*\*



## Giving to Alabaster

- Churches lay the foundation through Alabaster offerings for places where people worship, heal, and learn by encouraging global participation each year. Every Alabaster project is a joint effort of local contribution and labor, combined with global love and support in bringing tangible presence and a sense of long-term commitment to a community. No Alabaster funds are used for administrative costs.
- Nazarenes gave US \$2.9 million for Alabaster to fund projects in 2023. The Alabaster Offering is used in all six global regions\*\*
- Over US \$30,000 was raised during the Global NMI Convention in June 2023 at the launch of the 75th anniversary year of Alabaster.
- Often, Alabaster giving goes hand in hand with Nazarene Missions Teams who help build structures funded by Alabaster and the contributions of Nazarene Missions Teams. NMI assisted 374 Nazarene Missions Teams in raising US \$1.3 million for projects.

*Statistic 2023 - 2024*

- Alabaster videos are available in English, French, Korean, Portuguese, and Spanish.

<https://bit.ly/AlabasterVideo>



## Genesis Initiative

It consists of starting ministries and churches in 28 places in the Mesoamerica Region, 24 of them with the presence of the church, but which must be strengthened because they are urban areas and where the Church of the Nazarene has no participation.

### General Objectives

To develop new, living, united, holy, growing churches (congregations) and, therefore, new ministries during the coming years.

### Specific Objectives

- Improve the performance of existing churches so that they become mother churches.
- Strengthen the missionary call in participants
- Mobilize the Church throughout the Region so that it is a missionary, sent and sending church.

- Organize the Church of the Nazarene in countries that do not have one
- Unify the vision of the Church of the Nazarene in the Region through teamwork, both of the participants and the leaders.
- Genesis seeks to unify the ministerial work through the expected objective. However, all the ministries of the Church of the Nazarene are involved, as well as other responsible positions.

### NMI's responsibility to the Genesis Initiative:

- Support the promotion of the project by making it available to each local church.
- Promote the project in the sites where the work will begin.
- Get involved as much as possible with the missionary who arrives or who is sent by each district.
- Promote and channel fundraising in the local churches where volunteer missionaries are being sent.
- Promote the GENESIS Special Offering during the month of February. The goal is to raise 1 DOLLAR per member in each local church to support training and other necessary resources for the missionaries who are sent to the sites.

- Take care of the participants during their stay, whether they are sent or received.
- Together with the Site Coordinator, find a host family that will receive one, two or four volunteers in the community for a set period of time. It is not a requirement, but it is a possibility to reduce costs and accelerate acculturation, as well as identification with the community and care for the missionary.



### HOW WE IMPACT?

NMI supports those called to go and serve as Nazarene missionaries, and NMI provides a place of service for those called to stay and support missions through their local church.

Since 1915, Nazarene Missions International has served Christ and his mission through the Church of the Nazarene in making Christlike disciples in the nations.

- NMI Central is a weekly publication that focuses on a different country each week by telling stories of impact, calling the church to pray for specific requests from the focus country, and offering praise for God's activities through the Church of the Nazarene. NMI Central is free to subscribers and is distributed

by email every Wednesday in multiple languages. [NAZARENE.ORG/NMI-CENTRAL](http://NAZARENE.ORG/NMI-CENTRAL)

- NMI membership is now equal to local church membership. In 2023, there were more than 2.5 million NMI members organized in 28,077 churches around the world.

The entire church can participate in NMI and in all areas of impact regardless of size, location and in many ways:

- ✓ Encouraging people to pray for all evangelistic efforts
- ✓ Communicating to people the needs of the world and what the church is doing to meet those needs
- ✓ Challenging children and youth to learn about and be involved in the mission of the church
- ✓ Raising funds for the expansion of missions

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## Chapter 2

# DEVELOPMENT OF THE 6 AREAS OF IMPACT

## MONTHLY EMPHASIS

NAZARENE MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL				NMI EMPHASIS MONTHLY CALENDAR			
<b>JANUARY</b> Genesis Special Offering	<b>FEBRUARY</b> ALABASTER Offering	<b>MARCH</b> WEF Easter Offering	<b>APRIL</b> Mobilization: "The Call"	<b>MAY</b> Mobilization: "Opportunities to Serve"	<b>JUNE</b> Telling The Story	<b>JULY</b> Youth and Children	<b>AUGUST</b> Mobilization: "The Church Sending"
<b>SEPTEMBER</b> ALABASTER Offering	<b>OCTOBER</b> Care & Connection	<b>NOVEMBER</b> The Persecuted Church	<b>DECEMBER</b> WEF Thanksgiving Offering				
EVERY MONTH: PRAYER AND FASTING							

### Why are there Monthly emphases?

1. To make it easier for us to fulfill the purposes of the MNI.
2. To be active each month and each year in the plans of the MNI.
3. It also serves to establish our plan for each year.

### Every first Sunday of the month



### Prayer and Fasting

*Prayer is one of the most vital activities for christian life. Every born-again person must perform*

*this spiritual exercise, since it allows them to participate in divine fellowship and the presence of the Holy Spirit.*

Prayer is talking and listening to God. It is about sharing our thoughts, questions, fears, desires, opening our lives to God, holding nothing back.

It is about telling God our admiration for who He is and contemplating His qualities.

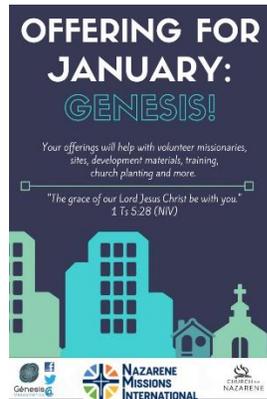
We listen as He speaks to us, providing comfort, peace, guidance and direction that our obedience and worship requires.

Among the practices that increase the focus and power of prayer, fasting is the most powerful.

People, who follow prayer with fasting as a lifestyle, confirm the biblical importance and benefits for spiritual development of this practice.

Congregations are encouraged to join in prayer and fasting for our region and the world, for our leaders and churches, and for the Holy Spirit to month.

## January



### Genesis Initiative Special Offering

The Genesis Initiative is a project that seeks to develop the Church of the Nazarene in urban cities and islands where there are no churches in the Mesoamerica Region, through church planting, strengthening leaders and sending volunteer missionaries for a period of 2 years.

It seeks to find, train and send 112 volunteer missionaries to 28 designated sites.

Currently 40 missionaries have been sent from different countries, 67% are currently serving at the local, district, area or regional level.

12 sites reached: Santo Domingo, Veracruz, Turks & Caicos, Curacao, Santiago in the Dominican Republic, Guadalajara Mexico, Granada Island,

Querétaro Mexico, Panama, Monterrey Mexico, Santo Domingo Dominican Republic, Chihuahua Mexico and other sites.

Each January, MNI promotes a special offering to help with training and other expenses for those who are being sent to serve in this initiative.

## February



### Alabaster Offering

Alabaster funds are used to purchase land, build schools, hospitals/clinics, missionary/national leader homes, mission/district centers, and other buildings needed to make Christlike disciples in the nations.

Buildings built with Alabaster Offerings are more than just church buildings; many are also used as child development centers and other places of worship. When we give to Alabaster, lives change!

## March



### Mobilization – The Call

God is calling children, adolescents and young people to be witnesses wherever they are

Our challenge as a church is to guide the new generations of children and young people as they grow, so that they become adults committed to the Great Commission, developing their spiritual life, teaching them to walk with God and preparing them from an early age to fulfill the ministry according to their calling.

April



### WEF and the Easter Offering

WEF is a minimum of 5.5% of the regular tithe and offering income of each local church.

The WEF is the strategic foundation for funding the mission of the denomination.

The World Evangelism Fund supports the mission of the Church of the Nazarene by combining the giving of every person and church to fund ministries everywhere. Each church is asked to donate a portion of its annual funds to support the goal of **MAKING CHRIST-LIKE DISCIPLES IN ALL NATIONS.**

The World Evangelism Fund goes directly to the mission of the Church of the Nazarene.

This is the funding that supports the Church of the Nazarene and all of its missionary efforts, from the operation of the Global Ministry Center to districts and churches around the world

May



### Mobilization – Opportunities to Serve

The Church of the Nazarene has provided opportunities for those who are called to be part of God's mission.

There are ministries such as Missionary Mobilization, NMI, NYI, and Evangelism, among

others, that provide these opportunities for those who are called to experience missions firsthand.

The goal is to engage people in various mission opportunities, particularly urban evangelism.

These opportunities help to challenge those who are called and to experience missions firsthand. Many of those who participate in these events or mission trips commit to God to serve as volunteers and over the years, God calls them to serve as full-time missionaries in the different levels of missionary ministry.

**June**  **Tell the Story**

Nazarenes everywhere share the stories of the church's mission. Telling the story instills passion for mission. When followers of Christ know what is at stake and hear how others are obeying God's call to mission, they are challenged to participate as well.

NMI is committed to helping local churches tell the story of mission.

We provide resources and support for the local church like NMI Central which is published every Wednesday and which we can all subscribe to at

this link [www.nazarene.org/nmi-central](http://www.nazarene.org/nmi-central) as it informs and educates its members, not only about what other Nazarenes are doing in mission, but how they can participate as well.

Explore the downloads, links and resources on the websites [www.nazarenemissions.org](http://www.nazarenemissions.org) and [www.mesoamericaregion.org](http://www.mesoamericaregion.org) [www.nazarene.org/nmi](http://www.nazarene.org/nmi) among others and keep telling the story.

**July**



**Youth and Children**

Contrary to what some believe, children and teens have a heart for missions and a passion to serve.

They long to partner with God and participate in God's mission in the world.

Engaging children and youth is one of six areas of impact at NMI. NMI continues to encourage churches to involve children and youth in all

missionary efforts and to nurture them as they seek to answer God's call.

NMI encourages every church, every district to be intentional in encouraging and engaging every child, every young person in God's mission in their community and around the world. NMI continues to encourage churches to involve children and youth in all missionary efforts and to nurture them as they seek to answer God's call.

We encourage collaboration with Nazarene Youth International and Nazarene Discipleship International to better engage all ages of the church.

We believe that nurturing and leadership development is best done in the local church and on an individualized basis to the needs of each person.

If we want younger generations to participate in the life of the church, we must experience a cross-cultural transformation in our own lives.

Our minds, hearts, and actions must adapt to minister to youth within the reality in which they live.

**August**



### **Mobilization: The Church Sending**

The mission statement of Nazarene Missions International is that NMI is the global missions advocate in every local church, nurturing a spirit of missions, and mobilizing into action, impacting people around the world.

NMI is also the 11th part of the 12-step Nazarene Missionary Sending model, beginning with local NMI leaders who help foster a call in those who feel God's guidance to serve in missions.

The purpose of this emphasis is for the local Church and district to know and put into practice their commitment to sending missionaries.

As a missional church, we say that we are a sent people who respond to the call of Christ and are empowered by the Holy Spirit to go into the world, to testify of Christ's lordship and to participate with God in building up the church and extending his kingdom (2 Cor. 6:1) (Leadership School – Transcultural Missions – The local church, support of global mission).

The mission of the church is to reach the world for Christ and to accomplish this, the development and sending of missionaries is necessary. (*El Sendero de la Verdad* 2017)

## September



### Alabaster Offering

September is one of two months of the year when, as a denomination, we raise funds through the Alabaster Offering.

The funds are only used for the purpose we all know: building churches, chapels, homes for missionaries and national leaders, hospitals, schools, and other church-related buildings around the world.

For those who have worshipped in churches, been educated in schools, or lived in homes built through Alabaster offerings, it is sometimes easy to forget how those buildings were built.

Throughout Alabaster's history, the encouragement from Alabaster gifts fosters in recipients a spirit of gratitude for the funds given, but also a spirit of participation in giving for the benefit of others in need of buildings. Alabaster truly lays the foundation where people worship, heal, and learn.

## October



### Care and Connection

Participating missionaries are assigned to districts to help foster a personal connection between the missionaries and the local church.

A relationship of CARE AND CONNECTION fosters a sense of involvement in the overall mission's enterprise of the church through correspondence from missionaries, updates from their service area, and even through deputation services or mission tours while missionaries are on assignment in their home place.

Missionaries and churches experience close relationships built over time that are joined together through a common bond.

Each district is assigned Links missionaries. Contact the district NMI president for details about the missionary family. Then...

- Contact the missionary personally at the email address provided.
- Learn as much as you can about the missionary and the field he or she serves in.

- Introduce the missionary to your church.
- Share information about your church with the missionary.
- Pray for one another regularly.
- Work with the district NMI president to schedule a time when you can speak at your church when you are on assignment at home.

This also involves writing letters, providing offerings for ministry needs, and remembering missionaries and their children on birthdays, Christmas, and anniversaries.

All assignments are one year in length and will run from January 1 to December 31 of each year, regardless of the fiscal/church year. Districts whose missionary assignments end their Global Missions contract before September 1 will receive another assignment for the remainder of that year.

### November

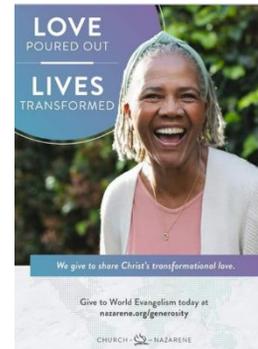


### The Persecuted Church

On the second Sunday of every November, MNI unites thousands around the world in intercession for the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (IDOP). MNI seeks to call the

attention of Nazarenes to the increasing persecution of Christians.

The main focus of the event is the work of intercessory prayer and civic action on behalf of persecuted Christians, their oppressors, and those nations that promote or ignore persecution.



### December

### WEF and the Thanksgiving Offering

Remember that the WEF is a minimum of 5.5% of the regular tithe and offering income of each local church.

The World Evangelism Fund was created to enable missionaries to work more effectively and to encourage all churches to support missions.

The World Evangelism Fund goes directly toward fulfilling the mission of the Church of the Nazarene to make Christ-like disciples in the nations.

The World Evangelism Fund is the funding that operates the Church of the Nazarene and all of its missionary efforts, from the operation of the Global



- **Prayer Concerts with Youth:**

Together with NYI leadership, plan a Prayer Concert where young people can participate in worship and invite someone to preach on the call of young people to serve God in missions. This activity can be done during the months we emphasize Mobilization – The Call, Mobilization – Service Opportunities, or Mobilization – The Sending Church.

- **Prayer Walks:**

At the conclusion of the 40 Days of Prayer on Pentecost Sunday, plan a Prayer Walk in the area near your church or in your community, thanking God for the prayer requests answered during this time. If possible, share the plan of salvation in color, using the bracelets, the Evangelistic Cube, and other ways to evangelize the people you meet along the way.



## World Evangelism Fund

### IDEAS – “WEF – ZERO ZEROS”



A strategy to encourage churches that don't give to the WEF to donate and become ZERO ZEROS WEF CHURCHES.

#### WEF ZERO “ZEROS”



Each church that hasn't contributed to the WEF will be challenged to collect at least one offering from those that support the WEF.

Did you know that there are 482 missionaries distributed across the 165 world areas whose ministries are supported by the WEF?

Did you know that two-thirds of churches don't give to the WEF?

In the Mesoamerica Region, we are 439,752 Nazarenes in 79 districts, and our goal is for all 3,341 churches to be ZERO ZEROS WEF CHURCHES.

Encourage your churches to give to the WEF. Plan each church's goal in advance and share it with the churches in your district.

While there are strategic dates that can help, a properly decorated box can be kept year-round so those who want to give can do so.

Take advantage of every opportunity so that all churches can be WEF ZERO "ZEROS."

## ALABASTER OFFERING



Plan a contest among the church ministries to build a building for the church using recycled materials, such

as small juice boxes, cardboard for the roof, doors and windows, plastic bottles to simulate lamps that light up the front of the church, and other materials. On the day of the offering collection, have each group present their constructed building and award the best. This will get everyone involved and, of course, should bring the offering collected by each ministry.



Past year, the Alabaster Offering celebrated its 75th anniversary, and it is always a good time to celebrate. Plan an Alabaster party on the day of the offering collection and ask everyone to come wearing hats resembling a building. You can have alabaster boxes with candy to share in exchange for an Alabaster Box with the offering each person will bring. You can also have a piñata for the children to participate in and share a celebratory cake.



## ENGAGING CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Young people have many opportunities to learn and be part of missions in the Church of the Nazarene, but we have almost none for children.

### CHILDREN'S MISSIONARY ORIENTATION CAMP



#### Why hold a CMOC?

*"Little has been done to integrate young people, and even less so children, into this ministry. Experience teaches us that the outreach we have had with children has not been comprehensive... they have been instructed in the message of the Word, but it has rarely been put into practice..."*

This was the beginning of a project that over the years became a reality thanks to young people interested in putting this dream into practice.

The CMOC provides both young people and children with the opportunity to develop in God's mission: MAKING CHRISTLIKE DISCIPLES.

Today, we are presenting a way to do this virtually, taking advantage of the fact that in some countries in the region children will soon be on school vacation, and it is necessary to take advantage of this time to disciple them in the INTEGRAL MISSION.

#### What can you do?

##### Duration of the CMOC:

1. It is recommended that it last at least one week, taking one hour each day, as children are very restless and cannot stay online for long.

##### Human Resources:

1. NMI leaders should work on the organization, convening, and registration, and should also participate in the camp as needed.

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2. Missionary call coordinators and Global Missions coordinators.
  3. Young people who have participated in a CCO or CMOC, with extensive knowledge of using virtual platforms.
  4. They should have two networking experts to manage the platform.
  5. People, especially young people, with skills and abilities to assist in the preliminary process of preparing all the necessary virtual activities.

**Virtual Resources:**

1. They must have a platform, preferably Zoom, that is not the free one because it only takes 40 minutes and the parents of the participating children often do not have the ability to reconnect. In addition, a topic that is capturing the children's attention is interrupted or their interest is lost while they reconnect.

**Teaching resources:**

1. Each leader should have the CMOC Manual to prepare the presentation materials and slides in advance, as well as to familiarize themselves with their respective topic.
2. The organization should consider the follow-up materials to be used so that children can continue to

be mentored, either by their parents or by the congregation's leadership responsible for NMI or the children's ministry.

**Meetings:**

1. Once the team supporting the CMOC is in place, meet as often as necessary to plan each task and conduct pre-tests a week in advance to avoid setbacks during the event.
2. It is also recommended that before each daily segment, the leaders who will be leading the CMOC connect in advance, for at least 45 or 30 minutes, conduct sound checks, slide shows, etc., for each of the leaders who will be leading the different topics and dynamics.
3. At the end of the virtual camp, meet again with the team of leaders who participated to follow up with the participating children.

**MISSIONARY HEROES**

**Missionary Education with Children**

This idea was shared by one of our missionaries on her missionary tour, where she spoke at the Assembly in one of the districts in the United States.

The person in charge created a "living museum" and wrote a script (outline) for each participating child about the life of a Nazarene missionary.

The children dressed as ancient missionaries, and the adults came to the "museum."

When someone approached a "statue (child)," he came to life and began to tell his story. Both the adults and the children learned about the missions in a very fun way. There was also a snack, and it became a church event.

You might be wondering, how can we get information about the lives of missionaries who have served for years? You can see the missionary books that were previously published or the Missionary Education Guides that have been used in previous years.

You can also request information by emailing [adiaz@mesoamericaregion.org](mailto:adiaz@mesoamericaregion.org) since the stories are quite extensive, making this manual too large.

## CARE AND CONNECTION

Connecting our churches with missionaries

Links



As you may recall, each year a missionary unit will be assigned to the districts, beginning on January 1st and ending on December 31st.

And you may also be wondering, how can we make the connection if they aren't close to the district and our churches? Now, with technology, connecting with them is easier—through Zoom, a recorded video, a WhatsApp connection with a video call—there are countless ways to achieve this connection. What we want is for all districts to connect with the missionaries.

## MISIONARY TOURS (DEPUTATION)



The missionary tour is also a good opportunity to connect with missionaries, whether assigned to their district or unassigned.



We recommend the following for serving missionaries on their tour:

The missionary tour (deputation) is an opportunity to establish and strengthen contact between the missionary and the local churches in their home country or region. It allows the missionary to inform the churches about the international work of the Church of the Nazarene, and particularly about their own ministry in their assigned location.

In addition, it gives the local churches a special opportunity to demonstrate their support for the missionary as their representative, doing God's work, backed by the prayers and financial support of the churches that have sent them.

The missionary tour is also a wonderful opportunity for God to call young people and adults, men and women, married and single, professionals, technicians, and students, to missionary service through the testimonies of those who have responded to God's call.

Increasingly, the international regions of the Church of the Nazarene are not only receiving

missionaries but also sending missionaries to other countries around the world.

Currently, there are 482 missionaries from 59 world areas, serving in 83 countries. Of these missionaries, 319 served as global missionaries and 163 as sponsored missionaries. Last year, there were 41 new missionary senders. Within these missionary families, there are 257 missionary children.

Your local church is an important part of this exciting mission's effort. Only through a corporate vision can we fulfill the commission to "go and make disciples of all nations." (Matthew 28:19).

The missionary tour offering is an excellent opportunity for your church to be involved in God's work around the world.

The offering is used by the missionary for ministry projects and equipment needed in their area of service or to equip their home, for example, a vehicle or computer, a stove, furniture, beds, etc.

The money your church gives for the missionary tour is not part of the missionary's



salary or for personal use. It is deposited into an account and requires the approval of the area coordinators and regional director for its use.

The equipment purchased with mission tour funds remains in the area when the missionary concludes his ministry there.

If the generosity of the church wishes to bless the missionary with an offering for travel expenses, fuel, food, and lodging, you can also collect a special offering to give to the missionary on the day of their visit, knowing that God will bless them in a special way.

It is important for the local NMI president to be involved in preparing for the tour so that she can work with the pastor and the board to provide a warm welcome and prepare the church for such a wonderful missionary service.

This service will not necessarily coincide with the regular worship dates or days of the local church; it can be any agreed-upon day and time. As part of the celebration, you can select songs with an emphasis on missions, as well as Bible readings. You can decorate the church with national flags and hold a

beautiful service with the missionary preaching. The missionary then calls the church to participate in missions around the world. This will allow them to share time with the missionary family by offering them food and lodging.

Sometimes, the local church or district arranges for families to share food, lodging, or other facilities with the missionary on tour.

### **How to Prepare for the Missionary Tour?**

- Provide Opportunity - Plan for everyone (children, youth, and adults) to be present during the missionary service. A worship service or special activity with the missionary is an excellent opportunity to challenge the youth and children to commit to God's will for their lives.
- Also, plan time with the missionary for the children and youth in your Sunday School classes, youth worship, or a special talk. Be creative!
- After the service, have a church-wide meal to provide an opportunity to get to know the missionaries better.

### The Missionary Tour Offering:

- Work with the church board and local NMI council to give the missionary a generous offering. Set a high goal for the congregation. Missionary offerings are given with sacrifice, not from surplus.
- If the congregation exceeds its goal, the entire offering collected will still go to the missionary. Remember that these offerings are not from the congregation.
- The gifts collected during the missionary tour will be used to fulfill their ministry.
- It is recommended that you collect offerings as soon as you learn of the missionary's arrival and after the presentation, because people are more likely to give in response to what they have heard.
- Give the check or offering to the missionary after the service, if possible. If not, send it to the Area Office treasurer as soon as possible.
- In addition to the missionary tour offering, your church can provide a love offering for the missionary family's personal expenses. This will be given directly to the missionaries.
- If the missionary visiting your congregation is someone your church is supporting through the LINKS or CARE & CONNECTION program, take advantage of the opportunity to give this LOVE OFFERING so they can perhaps take home a

souvenir from their country or something they feel is necessary.

- It's very common in our context for missionaries to often spend more on their missionary tour than they receive financially. We must strive to give a good offering so as not to cause financial problems for the missionary and suddenly lose the means to continue their tour. Occasionally, missionaries will bring along some materials or items to sell as a souvenir of their tour.
- Please support them with their expenses by purchasing them.

### How to prepare for the Missionary Tour?

- **Pray** – Encourage the congregation (children, youth, and adults) to begin praying for the missionary, their family, their ministry, and the country where they live.
- **Plan** – The dates the missionary should visit each church in their district on their tour. This is a synergy or team effort with the pastor, the local board, the local NMI president, the district NMI council president, and the District Superintendent.
  - Make specific plans for the events and the order of worship so that the missionary has enough time to share their calling, time to give, and time to pray at the altar, if the missionary so desires. Any other activities not related to

the missionary service should be left for another time.

- Ask the missionary if they need any equipment for the service (table for their equipment, screen, extension cord, video, etc.)
- **Learn** – Learn everything you can about the country where the missionary lives: location, languages, culture, geography, climate, other religions, the history of the Church of the Nazarene in that country, etc.
- **Publicize** – Post the missionary's photograph and biography on the board or blackboard for the congregation to see. Promote the service or activity in various ways, such as the bulletin, dramas, newspaper ads, and local Christian radio or television.
- **Promote** – Generate interest in the missionary's visit a few weeks before the visit. Teach the congregation the purpose of the missionary tour and encourage people to arrive at the special service with their offering already prepared.
- **Provide** – Lodging, meals, and transportation for the missionaries.
  - The missionaries are your special guests, so select a suitable place to host them.
  - Provide a private room and bathroom, if possible, or put them up in a hotel. Offer a place where they can rest before the service.

- Provide food prepared with high hygiene standards and bottled water. Ask if there are any foods you cannot eat due to allergies or health reasons.
- The church is responsible for providing transportation for the missionary's journey.

#### Other tips.

- To the extent possible, if the superintendent or a delegate can accompany the missionary to some services, this is wonderful. This privilege can also be delegated to the person in charge of this ministry who serves within the district missionary council.
- If the missionary is a clergy member or coordinator or participant in a ministry at the area, regional, or theological institution level, the visit can be used to conduct pastoral updates, conferences, workshops, baptisms, etc.

#### CHALLENGE

- Contact the missionary in advance, if possible, personally or contact them with the information that has been sent to your church.
- As the host, your church should plan for transportation, lodging, and meals.

- Please be attentive to all matters related to transportation and lodging.
- Consider that some people may have allergies to certain pets and foods.
- During the missionary's visit, provide for specific needs such as telephone, computer or internet access, vehicle, and time for privacy, among others.
- Please note that your field or regional NMI leader will not make travel and lodging arrangements for the missionary. These details are coordinated directly between the host church and the missionary.
- Although no travel reimbursement is required, each church is responsible for covering the cost of the missionary's travel.

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## CHAPTER 4

### NMI Theme 2022 – 2025

#### BEING AND MAKING DICIPLES



#### NMI Sub Theme 2025



## BEING AND MAKING DISCIPLES WITH OUR RESOURCES

*“Later Jesus appeared to the eleven as they were eating; He rebuked them for their lack of faith and their stubborn refusal to believe those who had seen Him after he had risen. He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.” Mark 16:14 – 16 (NIV)*

To understand the Great Commission from the Gospel of Mark, it is necessary to grasp the meaning of Mark’s emphasis on Jesus as a servant.

Being a servant of Christ means serving without expecting reward, in a selfless manner and in obedience to exalt him and make him known to the world. A servant to BE and MAKE disciples defines one’s personality and ministry through one’s devotion and obedience to Jesus, to extend the love of God and dedicate one’s life to serving the lost, the sick and those who are slaves to sin.

A servant also conducts himself through his total dedication to the work of the Lord and through prayers of intercession.

Did you know that 70% of people in the world do not give financial support to any institution (not even their own) related to missions?

A servant is a good steward of his finances. In addition to giving the tenth part that corresponds to God, he gives financial support so that missions can advance.

One of the resources to financially support the work of God in the Church of the Nazarene are the offerings to the World Evangelism Fund – WEF.

The WEF is the cornerstone that supports the Nazarene Missions. With the offerings, a Nazarene servant shares the life-changing love of Jesus Christ in 165 areas around the world where we have a presence.

As followers of Christ, we are all called to be ambassadors of the Kingdom around the world.

And through the global Church of the Nazarene, we are doing exactly that. We are not only showing the love of Christ to our neighbors locally, but we are also showing it thousands of miles away.

When your church supports this fund, you are supporting the actions of Nazarenes who love others in the name of Christ, truly making Christ-like disciples in all nations with all the tools and strategies

available like the JESUS Film infrastructure, which is a widely used tool in church planting projects.

*“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.”* Matthew 28:19 – 20.

**LET US BE AND MAKE CHRISTLIKE DISCIPLES  
BY GIVING OURSELVES AND OUR  
RESOURCES!**

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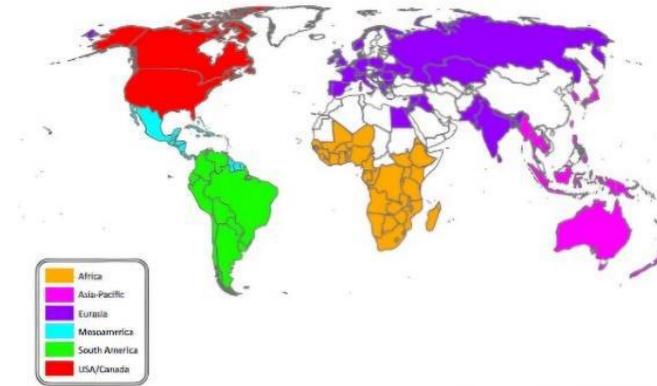
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## CHAPTER 5

# WORLD AREAS OF THE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Church of the Nazarene World Areas

Areas Mundiales de la Iglesia del Nazareno



The Church of the Nazarene is organized into six regions in 165 areas around the world. Each week, Nazarenes worship in more than 212 languages or tribal tongues.

Belgium is the last country where the Church of the Nazarene has a presence.



ÁREA MUNDIAL #165  
BÉLGICA  
GLOBAL AREA #165  
BELGIUM  
CHURCH OF NAZARENE  
MESOAMERICA

It is a priority for Global Mission and the Church of the Nazarene to proceed with caution when establishing a ministry's identity in some world areas, for the protection of the mission and local staff. For this reason, some world areas are not listed below.

American Samoa - 1958  
Angola - 1992  
Antigua - 1973  
Argentina - 1919  
Armenia - 2002  
Aruba - 2000  
Australia - 1946  
Azores - 1984  
Bahamas - 1971  
Barbados - 1926  
Belize - 1934

Belgium - 2024  
Benin - 1998  
Bermuda - 1970  
Bolivia - 1945  
Botswana - 1984  
Brazil - 1958  
Bulgaria - 1994  
Burkina Faso - 1997  
Burundi - 1999  
Cape Verde - 1901  
Cameroon - 1999  
Canada - 1902  
Chile - 1962  
Chuuk - 2000  
Colombia - 1975  
Republic of the Congo - 1997  
Costa Rica - 1964  
Côte d'Ivoire - 1987  
Croatia - 1999  
Cuba - 1902  
Curaçao - 2017  
Cyprus - 1985  
Democratic Republic of the Congo - 1990  
Denmark - 1960  
Dominica - 1974  
Dominican Republic - 1974  
Ecuador - 1972  
El Salvador - 1964  
Equatorial Guinea - 2002

Eswatini - 1910  
Fiji - 1995  
France - 1977  
French Guiana - 1988  
Gabon - 1999  
Germany - 1958  
Ghana - 1990  
Greece - 2002  
Grenada - 1977  
Guadeloupe - 1986  
Guam - 1971  
Guatemala - 1904  
Guinea Conakry - 2009  
Guinea-Bissau - 2004  
Guyana - 1946  
Haiti - 1950  
Honduras - 1970  
Hong Kong (SAR) - 1974  
Hungary - 1996  
India - 1898  
Ireland - 1987  
Italy - 1948  
Jamaica - 1966  
Japan - 1905  
Kenya - 1984  
South Korea - 1948  
Lesotho - 1993  
Liberia - 1990  
Madagascar - 1993

Madeira Islands - 2002  
Malawi - 1957  
Martinique - 1976  
Mexico - 1903  
Moldova - 2009  
Mongolia - 2017  
Mozambique - 1922  
Myanmar - 1984  
Namibia - 1973  
Netherlands - 1967  
New Zealand - 1952  
Nicaragua - 1937  
Niger - 2009  
Nigeria - 1977  
Norway - 2009  
Palau - 1995  
Panama - 1953  
Papua New Guinea – 1955

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CHAPTER 6  
NMI CONSTITUTION  
2023 – 2017

**Nazarene Missions International  
Constitution**

**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 Missions Office, the Local Church Ministries 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 will 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 will 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. 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.
  - 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 or until a successor is elected or appointed. 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. 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. 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. c. These leaders shall begin serving on the first day of the new church year after the election.
- d. 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, Nazarene Discipleship International 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 on 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. 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 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.

- 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.

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 on 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 Advisory Board.

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 Missions 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 238.

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 Missions 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.

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.

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.

5. Executive Committee

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 Missions.

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 Missions.

#### **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 Local Church Ministries Committee of the General Board.

b. The Local Church Ministries 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 Local Church Ministries 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.

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 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.

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.

5. Nomination and Election of NMI Representative to General Board

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.

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. If the Global NMI President and Global NMI Director, in consultation with the General Superintendent in jurisdiction, regional director, and regional NMI coordinator, determine it is more appropriate to proceed with an appointment, this appointment may be made by the Global NMI Executive Committee. The Global NMI President and Global NMI Director will consult with the regional director, and the regional NMI coordinator to identify the candidate(s) for consideration by the Global NMI Executive Committee

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.

4. Global Council Member a. Cooperates with the global NMI President, global NMI Director, and regional NMI coordinator in promoting the purpose of NMI.

b. Submits a report of the NMI work in the region to each Global NMI Council meeting.

c. Acts on any legislation passed by the General Assembly relevant to regional representation.

d. 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 Local Church Ministries 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 General Secretary's 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.

## **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.

### **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 A. Convention**

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**

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.

3. Membership

a. Ex officio members of the Global Convention shall be members of the Global Council; regional NMI coordinators, 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 Missions 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.

## **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 Advisory Board shall ensure that a suitable budget exists for the operation of NMI on the district, including consideration of reimbursement of expenses for the district leadership.

**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.

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## CHAPTER 7

### WEB PAGES and FACEBOOK

**Global Church of the Nazarene Website:** <https://nazarene.org/>

**Global Missions Church of the Nazarene:**

<https://nazarene.org/es/quienes-somos/organizaci%C3%B3n/ministerios/misi%C3%B3n-global>

**Nazarene Missions:** <http://nazarenemissions.org>

**NMI Global Website:** <https://nazarene.org/who-we-are/organization/ministries/nazarene-missions-international>

**NMI Leaders Resources:** <https://nazarene.org/who-we-are/organization/ministries/nazarene-missions-international/nmi-resources/nmi-leader-resources>

**Global Week of Prayer:** <https://nazarene.org/nmigwp>

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

**Nazarene Missions Resources:** <https://nazarene.org/who-we-are/organization/ministries/nazarene-missions-international/nmi-resources/nazarene-missions-resources>

**Mesoamerica Region Web Page:** <http://www.mesoamericaregion.org/>

**Mission Mobilization:** <https://www.mesonaz.org/ministerios/movilizacion-misionera/>

**Genesis Initiative:** <https://www.mesonaz.org/ministerios/movilizacion-misionera/genesis/>



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**Nazarene Missions International**

**Missions Mobilization Mesoamerica**

**Mesoamerica Genesis**

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