



NAZARENE MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL

ILLINOIS DISTRICT
LOCAL PRESIDENTS RESOURCE
2023-2024

NAZARENE MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL



Nazarene Missions International (NMI) is the organization for mobilizing the local church in missions in the Church of the Nazarene and the denomination's representative for missions on the district and in the local church.

Nazarene Missions International focuses on five strategic areas where the local church can have maximum impact on missions in the Church of the Nazarene.

NMI

ENGAGING CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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 Nazarene Discipleship International 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.

CARE AND CONNECTION

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.

PRAYER

Remember our missionaries throughout the year in prayer. Many are often facing troubled times in the places in which they serve. They seek to be peacemakers and agents of transformation. They need your support through intercession.

NAZARENE.ORG/NMI-PRAYER

ALABASTER

The Alabaster Offering provides funds for property and buildings around the world. While we understand the church consists of the people of God and not a building, buildings erected for the purpose of ministry help provide a sense of permanence, functionally enhance ministry efforts, and convey an attitude that the Church of the Nazarene intends to "put down roots."

NAZARENE.ORG/ALABASTER

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.

NAZARENE.ORG/STEWARDSHIP

NAZARENE.ORG/CARE&COMPASSION

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“As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you.” John 20:21

NAZARENE MISSIONS CENTERS AROUND COMPASSION, EVANGELISM, AND EDUCATION.

Nazarene missionaries partner with local ministers and lay leaders to bring restoration, share the Gospel, and build sustainability within the community.

COMPASSION:

Nazarene Missions provides a full range of compassionate ministries that address systemic problems. From natural disaster relief to child development, Nazarene Missions has reach, impact, and longevity.

EVANGELISM:

The power of Christ's gospel through the witness of the holy spirit draws people near, prompting transformation of heart and life. Nazarene Missions prayerfully sends missionaries into new territories where they participate in the movement of the Holy Spirit to bring salvation and restoration.

EDUCATION:

Our purpose is fully realized when our churches have the knowledge to thrive. Nazarene Missions helps facilitate training, teaching, and resourcing to support our local Nazarene churches around the globe.



ILLINOIS DISTRICT NMI LOCAL PRESIDENTS RESOURCE

This booklet is designed to equip the local president to understand the important role of leading the local church in Nazarene Missions International (NMI). You can do this!

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LOCAL NMI PRESIDENT

The role of the local NMI President is to promote NMI in the local church in cooperation with the pastor as a voting member of the church board and lead the local NMI council.

- There are five key areas of impact in which every church should participate regardless of their size, location, or language. The local church can have maximum impact on missions in the Church of the Nazarene with your leadership!

- These are the NMI Top Five Areas of Impact:

Prayer

World Evangelism Fund

Alabaster

Engaging Children and Youth

Links



- Focusing on these five areas of impact does not diminish other areas of NMI influence. These items are stepping stones to deeper involvement in missions support through the Church of the Nazarene. They are a way to begin to become involved; they are easily understood and we are striving for them to be adaptable in every culture. We aim for each church to participate in these five areas, and then adding additional areas of connection, to match the interests and needs of each local congregation or district.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Go to nazarene.org/nmi, click on the **FAQS** at the top of the page. Explore each of the dropdown topics. This will help you get a better understanding of your role as the local NMI president and more.

Here are a few samples of questions/topics:

What resources are available to help me promote Alabaster?

Why is prayer important to NMI?

What is Nazarene World Week of Prayer?

How should I run our local NMI council?

What is the Distinguished Service Award, and do we qualify for it?

How much should we give to a missionary speaking at our church?

WORLD EVANGELISM FUND

The World Evangelism Fund fuels the Church of the Nazarene's mission by combining each person's and church's gift together to fund ministries everywhere. Every church is asked to give a portion (5.5%) of their yearly funds for the purpose of making Christlike disciples in the nations.

PRAY

- for the effectiveness of missionaries and ministries
- for Nazarene ministries to reach more people for Christ
- for God to lead you and others toward a life of generosity

ACT

- by being a voice for the World Evangelism Fund at your church
- by giving to your church or at nazarene.org/give
- by participating in the mission: sharing God's love and the gospel with others



The global church suggests that you raise the 5.5% support through Faith Promise or the Easter and Thanksgiving offering. These are helpful in raising awareness and support for our global church through education.

Some people will not give to Faith Promise, but will give to a single offering such as the Easter or Thanksgiving offering. Give the opportunity for the Lord to work in your church families hearts by educating them about the great work the Church of the Nazarene is doing globally.

NOTES:

EASTER AND THANKSGIVING OFFERINGS

Both of these offerings are designated for World Evangelism Fund.

Videos are available to highlight how the support raised helps further the work of Christ.

nazarene.org/generosity

nazarene.org/stewardship

nazarene.org/wef

FAITH PROMISE

Faith Promise is a plan based on missions giving at systematic intervals rather than just twice a year. Through Faith Promise, people pray about the amount they should give for missions (over and above their tithe). The amount is often given weekly, biweekly, or monthly.

How to prepare and plan Faith Promise with your pastor and council:

- a. Set the date and plan a Faith Promise emphasis.
- b. Discuss your specific responsibilities for the Faith Promise emphasis.
- c. Who will be the speaker? Who will book the speaker?
- d. Length of Faith Promise emphasis: Saturday? Sunday morning only? Sunday morning & evening? Saturday night and Sunday morning?
- e. Plan for special gatherings? Friday evening rally, Saturday men's breakfast, women's lunch, teen pizza party Saturday night?



Ask your pastor about a missions bulletin board, the church calendar, and how and when the deadlines are for submitting mission information for the Sunday morning church worship folder, church newsletter, or website.

Discuss with your council the amount that needs to be raised for missions for the coming year, starting with the World Evangelism Fund (5.5% of current income), special offerings, local NMI Council expenses, missionary speakers - both care and offerings.

Faith Promise service: After your speaker gives the presentation, the local president or pastor should instruct the congregation on how to fill out a commitment card or give online.

An example is given below. Edit and adjust for your congregation.

MY FAITH PROMISE COMMITMENT

\$1000 Weekly
 \$500 Monthly
 \$100 One time gift
 \$50
 \$20
 \$10
 Other \$ _____

Total amount for the year \$ _____

For your file: Tear off at perforation

PLEASE NOTE:

You will not be asked for this amount by the Pastor nor by the Treasurer. This is a promise between you and the Lord.

(Please indicate your gift)

\$1000 Weekly
 \$500 Monthly
 \$100 One time gift
 \$50
 \$20
 \$10
 Other \$ _____

Total amount for the year \$ _____

Name _____

I am trusting God to help me pray and give.

MISSIONARY CARE

nazarene.org/nmi (click on the tab 'Honors')

Funds received for Memorial Roll and Distinguished Service Award are used to help offset medical insurance for missionaries, freeing World Evangelism Fund donations for other uses globally.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD: \$125

The Distinguished Service Award may only be given by a church or a group within the church. Individuals may not give this award.

MEMORIAL ROLL: \$75

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 following is a *suggested* letter to be sent to family members receiving a **Memorial Roll Certificate** in honor of their deceased loved one.

Dear _____,

Please accept our sincere condolences at the passing of your loved one, _____.

The Church of the Nazarene has a program called the Memorial Roll, a record of people who have been memorialized by gifts to the Missionary Health Care Plan.

It is a significant way to honor the deceased; being a member of the local church is not a requirement.

First Church of the Nazarene has a Memorial Roll plaque with engraved plates showing the names of those from our congregation who have been honored in this way. The plaque hangs in the Foyer.

Our local NMI council has recently honored _____, as a previous member of First Church, by ordering and purchasing a Memorial Roll certificate in _____ name at no cost to you.

Enclosed is a Memorial Roll certificate from the global Church of the Nazarene. Please know that by honoring _____ with the Memorial Roll, health care assistance has been provided to our Nazarene missionaries globally.

May God's richest blessings be yours,



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DEPUTATION

Missionaries travel to their home country every few years to raise money to support the ministry expenses including housing, equipment, training, ministry travel, ministry tools, and small projects. Funds support other expenses, including education of the missionary's children, further education for the missionary, retirement, allowances, and benefits.

When you have a missionary come to your church for a deputation or Faith Promise service, here are a few things to remember while hosting:

Pray for your scheduled missionaries prior to their arrival, asking for specific prayer requests, then share with your congregation.

Connect missionaries with small groups, children, youth and anyone discerning a call to serve as a missionary.

Communicate with the missionary: date, start time, location, type of event, cell phone number of contact person, do they need transportation, how many times and how long they will speak, appropriate dress, and anticipated audience age and number attending.

Ask what kind of technology support will they need and what you are able to accommodate. Will they need interpretation while presenting? Need a table to display items? Do they have time commitments following the event? Can you use their name, picture, and field of service when promoting? Can you post or stream the service?

Accommodations will need to have Wi-Fi access, may be a hotel, Airbnb, or home setting; please ask the missionary's preference. Let them know you will be covering their lodging and food while with you.

Support the missionary speaker with a deputation offering. Always receive an offering at the end of the service after the missionary shares.

To give financial support:

Make check payable to 'Global Treasury Services' with '[Missionary Name(s)], Deputation' in the memo line. Mail it to P.O. Box 843116, Kansas City, MO 64184-3116. Or give through

Funding the Mission:

fundingthemission.org

Keep in Touch

Continue to pray for your missionary and his or her work on the field. Follow up after your time together to learn how God is continuing to work because of your investment in prayer and support of his or her ministry. If a missionary is serving in a secure area, verify what details might be shared with your church or district.

TIPS:

- * *Alternative menu choices include ethnic foods, or any combination of soup, salad, sandwiches or chips and water to drink.*
- * *Ask your visitor if they would like access to a kitchen for private meals.*
- * *Offer breakfast rather than a late night snack. Even non-breakfast eaters are usually willing to chat over juice, coffee, or tea if they have gotten a good night's sleep.*
- * *Hotels can be a good way to give the speaker a break. If both options are available, ask which is preferred. Travelers can get lonely. A mix of hotel and homestays is best.*
- * *Ask your visitor what they would like to do.*
- * *Each town has its own charm. Find yours and share it with those who are interested.*
- * *For a healthy dessert, offer fresh fruit or skip it all together (especially if you intend to take the guest out after the service).*

EDUCATION

[NAZARENE.ORG/NMI/EDUCATIONAL-RESOURCES](http://nazarene.org/nmi/educational-resources)

Nazarenes everywhere are sharing the missions stories of the church. Telling the story instills passion for missions. When Christ's followers know what is at stake and hear how others are obeying God's call to missions, they are challenged to participate as well. NMI provides resources and support for the local church as it informs and educates its members, not only in what other Nazarenes are doing in missions, but how they can get involved, too.

NMI CENTRAL

NMI Central is a weekly email publication focusing on the work of the Church of the Nazarene. Every week prayer needs and praise reports for the global ministries of the Church of the Nazarene and our missionaries will be listed as well as ways you can get involved. It is available in English, Spanish, Portuguese, and French. nazarene.org/nmi-central

CHILDREN'S CURRICULUM

The 2022 Kidz Passport to Missions curriculum features the Asia-Pacific region. Lessons focus on how missionaries are called to share the Gospel in diverse cultures and how it impacts the people who live there. Also, six missions books plus a reading chart to keep a record of the books each child has read. tinyurl.com/nazkids



END OF YEAR REPORTS

The local NMI president is required to complete a Local NMI President's Report at the end of each church year. A majority of the questions are asked from Global NMI and a few are from the District NMI, including a list of recipients of the Memorial Roll and Distinguished Service Award.

Throughout the year, keep a list of outreach participation that your church does as a whole or a few that represented your church during the church year. This will make reporting much easier for you in May. *Example: donated to local food bank, sponsored a child through NCM, Work & Witness trip to (list country or area), etc.*

NMI Delegates for Illinois District NMI Convention

-Delegates shall be church members (15 years of age or older). The number of elected delegates shall be based on the following formula: two delegates (excluding associate members) from each local church of 25 members or fewer, and one additional delegate for each additional 25 members.

Automatic delegates for the NMI Convention:

(The following are considered ex-officio and should not be on your ballot as delegates.)

- Incoming and outgoing local NMI presidents
- Pastors: senior and associates
- District superintendent
- Lay members of the District advisory board
- Retired pastors and missionaries
- Missionaries on home assignment
- District NMI Council members

NAZARENE COMPASSIONATE MINISTRIES

NCM.ORG

NAZARENE COMPASSIONATE MINISTRIES (NCM) WALKS ALONGSIDE LOCAL CHURCHES IN THEIR EFFORTS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN, FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITIES. THROUGH YOUR PARTNERSHIP, LOCAL CONGREGATIONS ARE CHANGING THE WORLD.

OUR MISSION

Compassion as a lifestyle. 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.

WHAT WE DO

- HELPING TO END HUMAN TRAFFICKING
- EMPOWERING LIVES THROUGH ECONOMIC STABILITY
- EMERGENCY RELIEF- BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER DISASTERS
- ENDING HUNGER AND PROMOTING NUTRITION THROUGH AGRICULTURE PROJECTS
- HEALTH CARE
- HOLISTIC CHILD DEVELOPMENT
- REFUGEE AND IMMIGRANT SUPPORT FOR THOSE SEEKING SAFETY
- CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION
- SUPPORT FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS



NAZARENE
COMPASSIONATE
MINISTRIES

CHILD SPONSORSHIP

CS.NCM.ORG



For too many children, poverty keeps them from health, education, and hope. Through Nazarene Compassionate Ministries' child sponsorship program, children can create a bright future built on the hope of Christ and supported by educational, nutritional, and social growth.

You can be a part of a child's hope for a better future. When you sponsor a child, your \$30 a month will:

- Provide education, life skills, health care, and spiritual nurturing • Say to a child, "You matter, and Jesus loves you."
- Build a relationship through letters and updates
- Help a child gain opportunities for a brighter future

Children around the world are waiting for an opportunity to create a future bright with possibility. Will you help children experience the holistic care and support of sponsorship?

JESUS FILM

JFHP.ORG

OUR MISSION

To forge strategic partnerships that increase evangelistic exposures and bring new believers into discipleship.

OUR VISION

To give every person an opportunity to hear about Jesus Christ.

For over 20 years, across 139 countries...JESUS Film Harvest Partners (JFHP) has been partnering with Kingdom-building ministries and indigenous missionaries to reach the lost in every urban, rural, and remote village on the planet. JFHP is devoted to world evangelism through the JESUS film and other tools. JFHP equips and supports JESUS Film teams of local people to do evangelism, discipleship, and church planting.

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. -Matthew 28:19-20



The JESUS film can be viewed in any of the 1,800+ available languages through the Jesus Film Project app. This app is available for iOS and Android. The film can be viewed and downloaded on the Jesus Film Project's jesusfilm.org/watch. DVD copies of the Watch film can be purchased at the Jesus Film Project store at crustore.org or by calling 1-800-432-1997.

MINISTRY RESULTS

- SINCE JANUARY 1998 -

914 JESUS Film Teams Working in **59** Countries

Using **290** Translations of the JESUS Film

89,322,851 Evangelistic Contacts

17,973,831 Decisions for Christ

8,685,781 Discipleship Follow-ups

113,700 Preaching Points

WORLD MISSION BROADCAST

NAZARENE.ORG/WMB

Now more than ever, we hold on to the connections all around us, strengthening our sense of community. Thanks to today's technology we are able to connect with others worldwide and broadcast for the better. Now more than ever, it is time to refocus and share the message of hope in Jesus. Nazarene radio, television, and Internet programs reach millions of people the world over with the gospel every day because of the generous support of Nazarene churches.



CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

nazarene.org

NAZARENE MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL

nazarene.org/nmi

GLOBAL MISSION

nazarene.org/global-mission

NAZARENE MISSIONS

nazarenemissions.org

FAITH PROMISE AND WEF RESOURCES

nazarene.org/stewardship

FUNDING THE MISSION

fundingthemission.org

NAZARENE COMPASSIONATE MINISTRIES

ncm.org

JESUS FILM HARVEST PARTNERS

jfhp.org

WORLD MISSION BROADCAST

nazarene.org/wmb

NAZARENE NEWS

nazarene.org/news

BORDER INITIATIVE

nazareneborderinitiative.org

IL DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

illinoisnaz.org

WORLD REGIONS

AFRICA:

africanazarene.org

ASIA PACIFIC:

asiapacificnazarene.org

EURASIA:

eurasiaregion.org

MESOAMERICA:

mesoamerica.org

SOUTH AMERICA:

samnaz.org

USA/CANADA:

usacanadaregion.org

Jesus said,
"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." Acts 1:8



 **NAZARENE MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL**

- ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO PRAY FOR ALL EFFORTS OF WORLD EVANGELISM
- RAISING FUNDS FOR MISSIONS OUTREACH
- INFORMING PEOPLE OF THE WORLD'S NEED AND WHAT THE CHURCH IS DOING TO MEET THOSE NEEDS
- CHALLENGING CHILDREN AND YOUTH TO LEARN ABOUT AND PARTICIPATE IN THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH