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Introduction

Together, the Handbook (Part 1) and the Constitution (Part 2) outline policy and guidance for leaders of Nazarene Missions International (NMI). These important documents summarize NMI mission and objectives and help to mobilize leaders from local practice to global passion.

- The Handbook (Part 1) includes five chapters as follows: Chapter 1 provides basic information about NMI as an organization and vital mission strategy team at all levels of the church—local, district, field, regional, and global.
- Chapters 2 through 5 provide structure, formation, recommendations, and ideas for implementing the four objectives of NMI.

The NMI Constitution (Part 2) provides the legislative foundation for the global ministry of NMI.

The Glossary helps to explain many terms and acronyms for NMI and Global Mission in the Handbook. The list of Web sites offers another listing of online resources related to NMI and Global Mission. The Index is an aid to find a particular topic or item.

The entire *Handbook and Constitution* is designed to help churches worldwide to work in harmony toward a common mission that will produce Kingdom harvest.

Historical Statement

Before the official organization of the Church of the Nazarene in 1908, missionaries were already in several parts of the world, pioneering the global outreach for what would become a new denomination. On October 8, 1915, the WMS (Woman's Missionary Society) was founded as the official missions promotional arm of the church, becoming the "face" of missions in the local church and giving an opportunity for all to be involved in fulfilling the Great Commission. Several changes, including the name, have occurred over the ensuing decades.

In 1952, a significant change allowed men to become members, making NMI an inclusive, global organization. While program and methods have been adapted and simplified across many decades, the purpose and objectives have remained the same.

The first Constitution was officially adopted at the General Assembly in 1923 and placed in the Church of the Nazarene *Manual*. Over the next eight decades, NMI amended the Constitution and added bylaws, creating six documents: constitutions and bylaws for the local church, district, and general levels. At the General (now Global) NMI Convention in 2005, a total revision of the Constitution was adopted that combined the three constitutions into one and incorporated the applicable bylaws into the Constitution.

The first Handbook is believed to be the 1937 edition, which was the result of the ninth General Assembly in 1936. Since then, a new Handbook has been issued following each subsequent General Assembly and dated for the year of that assembly.

Together, the Constitution and Handbook have been the governing and guiding documents for Nazarene Missions International for many decades, helping to retain the significance of NMI.

Part 1: Handbook

Chapter 1

Nazarene Missions International

Nazarene Missions International (NMI) is the church-relations heart of Global Mission in every local church worldwide. NMI promotes, informs, involves, and raises funds for Global Mission. NMI represents, organizes, and legislates for Global Mission at all levels of the church—local, district, field, regional, and global. NMI collaborates closely and in harmony with Global Mission, which administrates Nazarene mission globally. When capitalized in this *Handbook*, Global Mission refers to the office at the Global Ministry Center formerly known as World Mission.

Purpose

To mobilize the church in mission through praying, discipling, giving, and educating.

Objectives

1. Praying—Interceding for leaders and churches and for the Holy Spirit to draw all people to Christ.
2. Discipling—Mentoring and involving future mission leaders, especially youth and children, to make Christlike disciples in the nations.
3. Giving—Devoting ourselves and our resources, especially the World Evangelism Fund, to extend Christ's kingdom.
4. Educating—Informing people of the world's needs and enabling our church to meet those needs in Christ.

Local Church NMI

How to Organize

1. If a church does not have an organized NMI, the pastor, after review of the *NMI Handbook and Constitution*, should call for a meeting of the church where the purpose of NMI is presented and officers and council members are elected according to the Constitution (see Article V, Section 1). Note: one person may serve in two or more council ministries.
2. The NMI president should review information in this *Handbook and Constitution* and on the NMI Web site (www.nazarenemissions.org) for resources as soon after election as possible. While not necessary, it may be beneficial for all NMI leaders to have a copy of the document.
3. The president should send the names and contact information of the local council members, including e-mail addresses, to the district NMI secretary. (The pastor can provide the name and address of the district NMI secretary, which can be found in the district journal.)
4. The president should hold a council meeting to implement the objectives. Consult with the pastor for opportunities and times regarding mission initiatives and how best to implement them.
5. The local NMI council becomes involved in fulfilling NMI purpose and objectives and implements the church's mission strategy and practices throughout the year. The president submits a report at the end of the church year regarding the church's participation in the core objectives of NMI.

Membership

An organization is strengthened when its membership is definable. For a legislative organization, such as NMI, membership is essential (see Constitution, Article IV).

1. Encourage any adult, youth, or child who is a member of the Church of the Nazarene to become a member of NMI (see Constitution, Article IV). Local churches may consider every church member an NMI member. All attendees of local churches who are not church members may become associate members of NMI.
2. NMI members accept the commitment to obey Christ's command to be His witnesses to the whole world. They show that commitment by embracing the NMI purpose—praying, discipling, giving, and educating.
3. It is understood that once a person joins NMI, membership continues, just as membership in the church continues.
4. The NMI president and pastor should collaborate on the total NMI membership for the pastor's report

to the district assembly. **The pastor's written assembly report provides official membership statistics for the local NMI.**

Annual Meeting

The Constitution (Article VI, Section 1.B.1.) states that the annual NMI meeting will be held no later than 30 days prior to the district NMI convention. The annual NMI meeting may be and is usually conducted in conjunction with the church's annual meeting.

The pastor presides at the annual church meeting. If NMI convenes a separate meeting, either the president or pastor presides. Business to be conducted includes the election of the NMI president, other NMI officers and council members, and delegates to the district NMI convention. (See Constitution, Article V, Section 1.C.)

Church Mission Experiences

Here are a few suggestions to engender a mission-minded, mission-focused church:

- Pray earnestly that the Holy Spirit will direct the thinking, planning, and implementation of NMI objectives.
- Conduct brainstorming sessions with the council to determine the strategic action that will best accomplish the mission statement and objectives.
- Create a mission atmosphere. Help people to sense that the church has a global outlook and responsibility.
- Communicate, publicize, and promote, utilizing every available media.
- Include all age groups. Make certain that children and youth are involved and immersed in local and global missions.
- Capitalize on every opportunity to educate the congregation about missions. (See Constitution VI, Section 1.A.) Use every means possible, such as missionary speakers, letters from missionaries, district NMI news, Prayer Mobilization Line, *Engage* Magazine, PowerPoint presentations, CD/DVD presentations (available from the Nazarene Media Library at www.nazarenemedialibrary), etc.
- Consider a monthly mission emphasis as a major part of a Sunday School class or a Sunday evening or Wednesday evening.
- Create small groups/chapters for specific mission focus or features.
- Evaluate regularly what is working well and how to improve involvement in praying, discipling, giving, and educating.

Relation to Other Church Entities

NMI is the face of missions in the local church and functions as outlined in the Constitution. The NMI president is an ex officio member of the church board and the Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries International board. Nazarene Youth International is also a close partner in local and global missions. Collaboration and engagement with all ministry teams are essential and strategic to fulfill local and global missions. The mission facilitators of children and youth are members of the NMI and their respective age-group councils. They cooperate and coordinate mission education and activities in the best interest of the church.

Mission Priority One A Strategy to Fulfill NMI Objectives

NMI has always suggested achievement standards for local churches and districts to help provide accountability. Mission Priority One (MPO), the NMI achievement strategy, reflects a church's priority on missions. The achievement goals are based on the four NMI objectives.

The local council keeps a record of participation in the four NMI objectives throughout the year. Near the end of the year, the local NMI president submits a report to the church and the district, including MPO fulfillment.

Guidelines

Praying

Objective: Interceding for leaders and churches and for the Holy Spirit to draw all people to Christ.

Strategy: The church prays for global missions.

Helpful Ideas:

- Provide regular prayer requests to the church. Possible sources are Prayer Mobilization Line via e-mail subscriptions or the NMI Web site, missionaries' newsletters, personal contact with missionaries, etc. Disseminate through worship folders, handouts, pastoral prayer, announcements, church newsletters, church Web sites, etc.
- Emphasize praying with fasting. Fasting can include food, time, places, favorites, etc.
- Establish specific times for prayer and/or form a prayer chain/network.
- Plan total church participation in World Day of Prayer, Nazarene World Week of Prayer, prayer for the Persecuted Church, 10/40 Window, JESUS Film Harvest Partners, and other designated calls to prayer.

Discipling

Objective: Mentoring and involving future mission leaders, especially youth and children, to make Christ-like disciples in the nations.

Strategy: The church provides opportunities, especially for children and youth, to become involved in the mission of the church and to respond to God's call.

Helpful Ideas:

- Disciple and mentor intentionally the next generation to become fully devoted followers of Christ.
- Plan a celebration of mission commitment for children and youth.
- Encourage children and youth who sense God's call to missionary service to contact the local church and district mission call coordinators.
- Provide global awareness with Children's Ministries, NYI, SDMI, etc., utilizing children's and youth missions resources.
- Use resources from *Mission Connection*.
- Plan for visiting missionaries to interact with children and youth.
- Encourage children and youth to give sacrificially to missions, especially to the World Evangelism Fund, Alabaster, and Nazarene Compassionate Ministries.
- Involve everyone in Faith Promise mission events (for more information, see chapter 4).
- Participate in Crisis Care Kits and School Pal-Paks projects.
- Cooperate with zone/mission area and district mission projects and activities.
- Enlist youth for summer ministries—local church, district, and global levels.
- Participate in special missions emphases at camps, retreats, etc.

Giving

Objective: Devoting ourselves and our resources, especially the World Evangelism Fund, to extend Christ's kingdom.

Strategy: The church gives at least 5.5 percent of current income for the World Evangelism Fund (WEF).

Helpful Ideas:

- Plan an effective Faith Promise mission event (for more information, see chapter 4).
- Promote Easter and Thanksgiving offerings.
- For churches in the USA/Canada Region, send WEF giving weekly or monthly to the locations listed on pages 27-28. For all other regions, send WEF weekly or monthly to the regional office.
- Explore NMI and Stewardship Web sites for creative ideas, resources, and videos to motivate giving.

Educating

Objective: Informing people of the world's needs and enabling our church to meet those needs in Christ.

Strategy: The church utilizes mission resources and participates in ministries to develop global awareness.

- Make **NMI missions books/CDs** available to the congregation. Report the number of books read or heard on CD.
- Participate in **mission service projects** (such as Work & Witness and other mission trips, NCM centers, community projects, etc.) and/or **hands-on missions activities** (Crisis Care Kits, School Pal-Paks, relief shipments, missionary care packages, etc.). (For more information, go to the NMI Web site: www.nazarenemissions.org.)
- Schedule one or more services with a **mission speaker** (local, zone/area, district, and/or regional events;

Faith Promise) and/or provide interaction with a missions speaker (district teen/children's camps, missions events, district NMI convention, missions workshops, etc.).

- Use **multimedia mission resources** (such as *Nazarene Stories DVD*, Nazarene Media Library, missions Web sites, videos, *Nazarene Communications Network News*, etc.), and/or utilize **missions publications and communications** (such as, adult mission education, youth mission education, children's mission education, and/or *International Mission Education Journal*, *Mission Connection*, *Engage* magazine, *Nazarene Compassionate Ministries* magazine, *Holiness Today*, missionaries' newsletters, regional newsletters, etc.).

Local Church MPO Requirements

1. The church prayed for missions.
2. The church disciplined and involved children and youth in local and global missions.
3. The church gave at least 5.5 percent of current income for the WEF.
4. The church participated* in *each* of the four education categories that follow:
 - a. NMI missions books/CDs
 - b. Missions service projects and/or hands-on missions activities
 - c. Missions speakers
 - d. Multimedia missions resources and/or missions publications/communications

*"Participate" is defined as involvement in one or more activities in *each* category.

Where to Get Forms

The MPO forms (in multiple languages) may be accessed on the NMI Web site by typing "Forms" in the Search window.

Local Church NMI Council

The local church NMI council serves with the pastor, the church board, and the congregation as a local and global mission strategy team and has the responsibility for NMI under the leadership of the local NMI president. The council should meet regularly (at least quarterly) for planning, exchange of ideas, reports of progress, and items of business. (See Constitution, Article V, Section 1.A., and Article VI, Section 1.C.)

Executive Committee

The size of the executive committee depends on the number of active NMI members. For churches of 100 active members or more, the executive committee is composed of the president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and two other council members elected by the council. For churches with fewer than 50 active members, the executive committee may be merely the president and vice president. The pastor is an ex officio member of the executive committee of any size. The executive committee may transact business between meetings of the council. (See Constitution, Article V, Section 1.B.3.; C.2; and D.5.)

Council Officers and Members

The NMI council is composed of all elected officers and council members, appointed council members, directors of children's and youth mission groups, and the pastor (ex officio). Any district NMI council member will be an ex officio member of the local NMI council of the church of which he or she is a member, with the approval of the local council.

The local council may be as small as two members or as large as the size and needs of the church warrant. If there are only two members, they also serve as the executive committee. (See Constitution, Article V, Section 1, C.2.)

Council members, under the leadership of the president, assume the responsibility to promote and fulfill the NMI purpose and objectives—praying, discipling, giving, and educating. (See Constitution, Article V, Section 1, B.2.)

Council members, elected and/or appointed, may be assigned to specific initiatives, such as prayer and fasting, Alabaster, Missionary Care, Work & Witness, World Mission Broadcast, Compassionate Ministries, JESUS Film Harvest Partners, etc. Council members may work together to promote various strategies. (See Constitution, Article V, Section 1.D. for duties of council members. Visit the NMI Web site [nazarenemissions.org] for possible roles and responsibilities of council members.)

District NMI Council

The District NMI serves with the district superintendent, district advisory board, and local churches as a district and global mission strategy team and cooperates to promote the purpose of NMI under the leadership of the district president. The council should meet at least twice during the year for planning, exchange of ideas, reports of progress, and items of business. (See Constitution, Article VI, Section 2, B.)

Executive Committee

The executive committee is composed of the district superintendent (ex officio), president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and three other council members elected by the council. The executive committee may transact business between meetings of the council. (See Constitution, Article V, Section 2, B.3. and D.5.)

Council Officers and Members

The District NMI Council is composed of all elected officers, elected and appointed council members, including zone or area coordinators, and youth representatives. (See Constitution, Article V, Section 2.)

The council includes a minimum of seven members. The maximum number depends on the needs of the district. Involve as many as possible to maximize the global impact on the district.

Council members, under the leadership of the president, assume the responsibility to promote and fulfill the NMI purpose and objectives—praying, discipling, giving, and educating. (See Constitution, Article V, Section 2, B.2.)

Council members, elected and/or appointed, may be assigned to specific initiatives, such as prayer and fasting, Alabaster, Missionary Care, Work & Witness, World Mission Broadcast, Compassionate Ministries, JESUS Film Harvest Partners, etc., or council members may work together to advance the various strategies. (See Constitution, Article V, Section 2, D for duties of council members. Visit the NMI Web site [nazarenemissions.org] for possible roles and responsibilities of council members.)

District NMI Secretary

The district secretary is responsible to compile statistics for the district NMI. Each local church should send statistical reports promptly to assure timely and accurate statistical records for the entire district. If a church does not report after several requests to report, the district may need to use the church's statistics from the previous year.

The NMI office will update local and district statistical report forms prior to the district convention and will provide these forms through the NMI Web site. The district secretary, or whomever the president designates, should send the forms to the local presidents/churches as early as possible in order to conduct appropriate follow-up and to receive reports by the due date. If the district offers unique recognitions, the district should include forms to report such participation in a mailing to local presidents and churches.

District NMI Treasurer

Remittance forms with the printed numbers of the district are sent to the district NMI treasurer by Global Treasury Services. These are used in sending money from the district to Global Treasury Services at the Global Ministry Center. The district president and district treasurer may access the district financial report online (nazarene.org/finance), clicking on "Global Treasury Services," and using the personalized password (obtained from the district office).

Zone/Mission Area Organization

While the NMI Constitution makes no specific provision for zone/mission area organization, the districts can define this. In some cases, the district assembly has established zone/mission area boundaries. The district NMI council may appoint NMI zone/mission area coordinators, or the council may determine another method of their appointment or election. (See Constitution, Article V, Section 2.C.2.e. See NMI Web site ["Many Faces of an NMI Council" in the Local Presidents section] for suggested duties for the NMI zone/mission area coordinators.)

District Convention

The district convention should be a time of spiritual renewal, mission inspiration and information, and transaction of business. It is important to report what has been done in the past year and to focus on vision and goals for the next year.

The council, in consultation with the district superintendent and other district leaders, should determine the schedule for the convention. The length and time should provide for maximum attendance and participation from all district churches. NMI recommends that an evening service and an entire day (at least half a day) be set aside for the convention.

Many districts include a theme presentation during the convention. For the 2013-17 quadrennium, the theme for the Church of the Nazarene and NMI is again "To Make Christlike Disciples in the Nations." NMI has suggested subthemes for each year, providing three options, as outlined below. For this quadrennium, NMI encourages each district to select or to create subthemes that resonate most closely with its culture, context, language, needs, and preferences. For more information, go to the "Quadrennial Theme" section in the NMI Resources page on the NMI Web site: nazarenemissions.org.

Option A

Year One: Looking Up (Communicating with God)
Year Two: Looking Out (Communicating with God's Love)
Year Three: Looking Ahead (Communicating Knowledge)
Year Four: Looking In (Communicating Obedience and Its Rewards)

Option B

Year One: Evangelizing Lost People
Year Two: Discipling New Christians
Year Three: Equipping Leaders
Year Four: Developing Churches/Enabling Disciples

Option C

Year One: Accepting God's Call
Year Two: Reaching Lost People
Year Three: Equipping Disciples
Year Four: Changing Our World

Any of these can be utilized. Additionally, district councils are encouraged to be creative in designing and implementing other themes.

Make a concerted effort to involve children and youth in the convention as a way of mentoring and discipling them. Some districts collaborate with NYI and SDMI in planning for the convention.

The district may provide convention packets or folders, if preferred. The global NMI office will provide a DVD that includes multiple resources and videos.

In planning the convention, keep it upbeat, use technology, and involve any multiple cultures present on the district. Also consider including strategic and practical workshops, a prayer room, a resources center, a hands-on work project, etc.

District Mission Priority One Requirements

1. 90 percent of churches prayed for missions; 100 percent is achievable.
2. 90 percent of churches involved children and youth in mission; 100 percent is achievable.
3. 90 percent of the WEF goal of 5.5 percent of current income was received; 100 percent is achievable and essential to fund the mission globally.
4. 90 percent of churches utilized mission resources and participated in all four education categories; 100 percent is achievable.

Note: In the event that a district needs to request an adjustment to MPO requirements, a district NMI president in the USA/Canada Region or an NMI regional coordinator in other regions should send this request to the global NMI director.

Global NMI Council

The Global NMI Council serves in collaboration with the General Board, Global Mission director, and regional directors as a global mission strategy team and cooperates to promote the purpose of NMI under

the leadership of the global NMI director and global NMI president. The council should meet at least three times during the quadrennium for planning, exchange of ideas, reports of progress, and transaction of business. (See Constitution, Article VI, Section 3, B.)

Executive Committee

The executive committee is composed of the director of Global Mission, the global NMI director, global NMI president, the global NMI vice president, the global NMI secretary, and one other council member. The executive committee transacts business between council meetings.

Council Officers and Members

The Global Council is composed of the director of Global Mission, the global NMI director, global NMI president, and one representative from each region in the Church of the Nazarene. Under the leadership of the global NMI director and the global NMI president, each Global Council member is responsible to promote the purpose and objectives of NMI. (See Constitution, Article V, Section 3, D.1.)

Resources

Unless otherwise noted, items listed for ordering are available from NPH. Call toll-free (1-800-877-0700) or order online (nph.com).

- ***NMI Handbook and Constitution.*** The *NMI Handbook and Constitution* is updated each quadrennium and includes information about the purpose and objectives of NMI. Each pastor, local NMI president, and council member should have a copy of the *NMI Handbook and Constitution*.
- ***NMI Local Resource Notebook.*** The notebook, a must for the local NMI president and council, provides essential information to lead an effective NMI. It contains creative ideas to accomplish the objectives, to become a Mission Priority One church, and to promote various initiatives and strategies.
- ***NMI Web Site:*** nazarenemissions.org. The online resource provides a wealth of information about NMI objectives, initiatives, strategies, etc. Take time to explore the Web site and learn how this site can make your ministry more effective and efficient.
- ***Mission Connection.*** This monthly magazine is sent electronically and without charge to subscribers. It is not copyrighted, so users may copy and distribute all or part of *Mission Connection* widely, especially to those with related responsibilities (see chapter 5). For information and to subscribe, go to the *Mission Connection* page in the “Educating” section of the NMI Web site.
- ***HeartLine.*** This monthly newsletter is sent electronically and without charge to district presidents and others who request it. It is not copyrighted; users may copy and distribute *HeartLine* widely (see chapter 5).
- ***Engage Magazine:*** An online mission magazine with compelling stories, intimate testimonies, book reviews, personal essays, photos, video stories, etc., regarding current happenings in global mission (see chapter 5). For more information and to subscribe, go to the *Engage Magazine* Web site (engagemagazine.com).

Chapter 2

Praying

“The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective” (James 5:16b, NRSV).

From Genesis to Revelation, the Bible teaches us to pray: why, how, when, and where. The first objective of NMI is:

Praying: Interceding for leaders and churches and for the Holy Spirit to draw all people to Christ.

Prayer is essential and strategic for the work of global evangelization. The Great Commission can be fulfilled as God’s people intercede and as churches become houses of prayer for all nations. NMI is at the forefront of encouraging Nazarenes to pray and fast for global mission.

Recommendations for Implementing Prayer

- Model praying as a daily personal practice and priority.
- Encourage every local and district council member to pray passionately.
- Encourage every local church to become a house of prayer for all nations.
- Urge members to pray—individually, in small groups, and in corporate worship—for definite mission needs.
- Actively encourage members to (1) read books on the subject of prayer, (2) ask God to give them a spirit of prayer, (3) obey the promptings of the Spirit immediately, (4) keep a prayer list or notebook/journal.
- Provide specific prayer requests to members weekly through worship folders, newsletters, e-bulletins, church Web sites, PowerPoint presentations, announcements, etc.
- Request that the pastor regularly include global missions prayer needs in pastoral prayers.

Incorporate any or all of the following into the life of the congregation to engender a spirit of prayer.

Prayer and Fasting

Encourage members to pray with fasting, denying self regularly, as the Holy Spirit directs. Fasting impassions praying and clarifies thinking. Some individuals fast in total abstinence from food for a period of time, while others reduce eating or abstain from specific foods. Other persons choose to fast preferences, favorites, places, etc.

Fasting also motivates giving. In some congregations, Prayer and Fasting offerings are a vital preparation for giving to the World Evangelism Fund.

“When God’s people sincerely fast, it enables God to do what otherwise He cannot do...it places something in His hands that enables Him to release power that otherwise He cannot release” (*The Ministry of Fasting*, J. G. Morrison).

Prayer Mobilization Line

The Prayer Mobilization Line (PML) serves as a current and valuable resource for Nazarene global missions prayer needs and praises. The PML, operating 24 hours a day, is updated each Wednesday. PML is available on the NMI Web site and Facebook, and is sent via e-mail in English and Spanish each Wednesday. Since PML is only updated and sent weekly, the more urgent requests are communicated by Facebook at www.facebook.com/NMIPrayer. To receive PML by e-mail, subscribe on the home page of the NMI Web site. For more information, contact the NMI Office at 1-913-577-2970 or e-mail at nmi@nazarene.org.

JESUS Film Harvest Partners

JESUS Film Harvest Partners (JFHP) relies on the continuous prayers of Nazarenes to keep reaching the lost through the JESUS Film. The *Prayer and Praise* is a weekly e-mail that is sent on Wednesday, providing brief stories of answers to prayer and current needs. Subscribe online at JFHP.org. For more information, contact the JFHP Office at 1-913-451-5943 or e-mail at info@JFHP.org.

Nazarene World Week of Prayer

The Nazarene World Week of Prayer (NWWP) is an annual event occurring during the week that in-

cludes the World Day of Prayer, which is the first Friday in March. During this week, Nazarenes dedicate themselves to interceding for our global church. Special requests are provided for a regional prayer plan. Specific prayer requests for each region are featured on the Prayer Mobilization Line during NWWP. NMI provides special requests for each day by region and features these on the NMI Web site (nazarenemissions.org). Click on “Praying.”

International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church

The International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (IDOP) is always the second Sunday of November, determined by World Evangelical Fellowship, who started IDOP; however, churches may use any Sunday in November to promote IDOP. NMI promotes this day, encouraging Nazarenes to join Christians around the world to focus on those suffering for their Christian faith. Two excellent Web sites are idop.org and persecution.com. Other Web sites and ideas for promoting prayer for the persecuted church are located on the NMI Web site (nazarenemissions.org). Click on “Praying.”

10/40 Window

The 10/40 Window refers to the area of the world between latitudes 10 degrees and 40 degrees north of the equator, covering North Africa, the Middle East, and southern Asia. Many of the world’s least-reached people live in this area. The Church of the Nazarene ministers in more than 30 of the 65 nations in the 10/40 Window. Nazarenes are urged to intercede specifically for this part of the world that is also the home for gospel-resistant countries. More information and promotional ideas are on the NMI Web site (nazarenemissions.org). Click on “Praying.”

Global Day of Prayer—Pentecost Sunday

The Global Day of Prayer is a call to Christians from all nations to unite in repentance and prayer and to work together as God’s servants for the blessing and healing of the nations. The prayer focus includes 10 days of day-and-night prayer leading up to Pentecost. For more information go to the NMI Web site (nazarenemissions.org), and click on “Praying.” Also, go to the Global Day of Prayer Web site: globaldayofprayer.com.

National Days of Prayer

Many countries have national days of prayer. Find out when this day is scheduled, and use this day as a time to focus on the evangelization of that nation.

Concerts of Prayer

A concert of prayer is a structured time of corporate prayer. This can be practiced in any worship gathering and with groups of any size. Sample formats for concerts of prayer are on the NMI Web site (nazarenemissions.org). Click on “Praying,” then on “Prayer and Fasting.”

Prayer Walking

A group of intercessors, small or large, can walk through a neighborhood or community by pairs, praying on-site with insight. The prayer focus is for God to work in the lives of the people who reside, educate, or work in that area. Leaders may also choose “prayer riding” in a mode of transportation, such as a car, van, bus, train, boat, etc. Work & Witness teams or short-term missionaries can discover prayer walking to be especially strategic and meaningful. More information can be found on this Web site: hannahscupboard.com/prayer.html. You can google “prayer walking” to locate several other Web sites that offer helpful resources.

Resources

- NMI Web site: nazarenemissions.org
- NMI Facebook Page for Prayer: facebook.com/NMIPrayer
- JESUS Film Harvest Partners Web site: www.JFHP.org
- JESUS Film Ministry Trips: jfhp.org/ministrytrips/index.cfm
- International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church Web sites: idop.org and persecution.com
- Global Day of Prayer Web site: globaldayofprayer.com
- Prayer Walking Web site: hannahscupboard.com/prayer.html
- Window International Network: win1040.com. Transforming 10/40 Window nations through the power of prayer.

Chapter 3

Discipling

“Therefore go and **make disciples** of all nations...
teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you”
(Matthew 28:19a-20a, NIV, emphasis added).

“Go and make disciples” were Jesus’ parting words as He sent His friends to join His mission in drawing all people to Him. Therefore, the second NMI objective is

**Discipling: Mentoring and involving future mission leaders,
especially youth and children, to make Christlike disciples in the nations.**

NMI leaders understand that Christ’s command is a mandate for each believer to form deep friendships through which we help each other grow in Christlikeness. NMI purposes to disciple people in God’s mission. In the spiritual practice of discipling, we walk side by side on the faith journey, teaching, encouraging, and loving one another. As NMI leaders disciple persons in God’s mission, Christ’s presence multiplies—a relational transformation in love, learning, growth, and challenge to transform the world.

NMI is committed to discipling all generations—focusing on children and youth—to become mission front liners. Discipling includes teaching developing young leaders about Christ’s global mission and nurturing their mission passion. NMI does this through one-on-one mentoring, providing opportunities for leadership, and inviting developing leaders to participate in mission here and now, no matter their age. NMI purposely engages all people in global mission through personal involvement.

Mentoring and Developing Leaders

NMI will sustain mission-passionate leaders for the future only with a concerted, ongoing effort to equip, disciple, and mentor them in God’s mission. NMI needs leaders in every generation to prepare mission leaders in the next generation. For example:

- NMI encourages leaders in their 70’s to equip, disciple, and mentor leaders with global passion who are about 50.
- NMI encourages leaders in their 60’s to equip, disciple, and mentor leaders with global passion who are about 40.
- NMI encourages leaders in their 50’s to equip, disciple, and mentor leaders with global passion who are about 30.
- NMI encourages leaders in their 40’s to equip, disciple, and mentor leaders with global passion who are about 20.

NMI leaders in every local church and every district worldwide should develop a plan toward this goal. Consider these ideas:

- Identify people of all age groups who indicate an interest in global missions.
- Elect and/or appoint developing leaders of all age groups to the NMI council.
- Encourage and involve new people in mission events and strategies, such as mission education opportunities, giving opportunities and Faith Promise, mission projects, Work & Witness trips, etc.
- Engage children and youth in all missions initiatives of the local church.

Children and Youth

Recognizing that a person’s worldview and interests are profoundly shaped in early years, NMI has always engaged children and youth in mission and has provided mission information for them. One of the first established objectives in NMI was to provide interactive experiences and to involve the children and youth of the church in mission. NMI engages next generations in mission age-appropriately *now* as we look to the *future*.

Since children and youth desire to be involved in service and to be committed to a cause, NMI challenges them to:

- Commit themselves to God—to know God through the person of Jesus Christ.
- Commit themselves to God’s mission front liners—to know missionaries personally, especially the youth in missionary families.
- Commit themselves to God’s service—to know about peoples and cultures in the world and how they can serve them.

Connecting a New Generation—GenNEXT

Statistics indicate that 50 percent of the world’s population is under the age of 24 and 30 percent is under the age of 15. Therefore, the next generation (GenNEXT) are children, teens, and young adults who are under age 24. NMI engages this age group with mission passion to accomplish what Christ commanded in the Great Commission.

GenNEXT can be summed up in one word: *passion*. In spite of the problems that youth today encounter in their cultures, they tend to commit totally to everything they do. Therefore, the question the church needs to ask is *not* “How can we make youth passionate?” but “How can we provide a Christlike foundation for the passion that youth already practice?” For more information, go to the “Discipling” section of the NMI Web site (nazarenemissions.org).

Consider these important steps to ignite passion:

1. Be there. “Being there” is essential to any relationship with youth. They need people whom they can count on, people who care about them genuinely and who demonstrate an interest in them.
2. Be passionate. Youth demand authenticity. They want leaders who will be as transparently passionate about missions as you want them to be.
3. Be community. Youth long for community, for belonging to a cause bigger than themselves. Being with other Christians engenders a sense of belonging.

Developing Tomorrow’s Missionaries (Mission Call)

The majority of missionaries testify that they first felt God’s tug on their hearts for global service as a child or youth. Therefore, it is imperative that the church helps each child or teen who senses God’s call to be encouraged, counseled, and mentored in that call.

Global Mission and NMI created an initiative to help churches and districts develop tomorrow’s missionaries. The plan includes five core areas to help develop the mission call, as follows:

1. Relationship with God (examples: personal Bible study, discipleship, prayer, and worship)
2. Churchmanship (examples: local and district church involvement, understanding of church leader roles and structures)
3. Global Awareness (examples: expansion of world vision; awareness of world events)
4. Learning about Missions (examples: increased understanding of the cross-cultural work that Nazarenes and other groups are doing around the world)
5. Personal Skills (examples: developing the God-given gifts and abilities that can be useful in mission work)

Activities for Mentoring Children and Youth

For each of the core areas above, the NMI Web site (nazarenemissions.org) under “Discipling” and “Developing Tomorrow’s Missionaries,” offers specific activities for mentors to use in working with children and youth.

Mission Call Coordinator

NMI recommends that local churches appoint a dedicated leader to serve as the mission call coordinator (MCC), who is responsible for mentoring children and youth in their mission calls. The MCC should work with the facilitators of children’s and youth ministries to identify individuals with mission calls. This person may serve as a member of the local NMI council. The MCC may not complete all of the mentoring, but assures all the mentoring will be accomplished by involving others with needed resources and passion.

Organization

While coordination of GenNEXT groups will vary among local churches, we recommend caring facilitators for both children and youth. They, or someone else, should accept responsibility for circulating the NMI missions books and to present the age-appropriate mission education curriculum/resources. If separate groups for children and youth are not feasible, they should always be included in all of the church's mission education and activities. (See Constitution, Article III, Section 1.)

Membership

Children and youth (teens and college students) are vital in building the present and future missions pool, whether they are called to be missionaries or part of the ongoing support system of global missions. Those who are members of the Church of the Nazarene should become NMI members. Those who are not yet members of the church can become associate members. Membership should be included in the local NMI president's report. (See Constitution, Article IV.) Above all else, their participation should be affirmed regularly.

Time of Meetings

Mission gatherings should be offered for GenNEXT at least monthly, if possible, to maintain continuity and provide opportunities for ongoing participation.

- Children's meetings may be conducted once a month concurrent with youth or adult meetings, during children's church, during Sunday School, or other settings.
- Youth may prefer to devote one NYI meeting or Sunday School class each month to global mission or meet at another time.

(See Constitution, Article VI, Section 1, A.)

Leadership

Missions facilitators are selected according to the Constitution (Article V, Section 1.C.2). NMI recommends that these persons be members of both the NMI council and the Children's Ministries and NYI councils respectively.

Missions facilitators for children and youth should:

- Be individuals who love children and youth and enjoy interactive experiences;
- Maintain a vital interest in Nazarene global mission;
- Help coordinate mission education and missions activities in cooperation with the NMI council and the Children's Ministries/NYI councils;
- Collaborate with and encourage the mission call coordinator to provide guidance for those who sense God's call to missionary service.

Mission Education

Age-appropriate curriculum/resources are integral to mission education. Resource packets for both children and youth are available from Nazarene Publishing House. Leaders' guides, suggestions for interactive participation, and other resource items are included in the packets. Well-prepared, enthusiastic, and creative presentations are essential. Go to the NMI Web site (nazarenemissions.org) and click on "Educating."

Each year new missions books are available to enhance global awareness. Six books are written for children: three for all readers and three for advanced readers. Six books are written for youth and adults; three are designated for youth. Youth may prefer to listen to the CDs of the books. Children with advanced reading skills may also read the youth-adult books. Reading or listening to these books/CDs is one of the Mission Priority One goals. Go to the NMI Web site (nazarenemissions.org) and click on "Educating."

Consider these ideas for promoting global awareness with GenNEXT:

- Offer a quarterly mission update during youth gatherings. Call it "Maximum Mission" or give it another creative title. Use this time to connect to them personally and emotionally with what God is doing globally.
- Include GenNEXT in all gatherings when missionaries are speaking.
- Schedule missionary speakers who have a passion for children and youth and who can speak directly to their interests and needs. Arrange a time for the missionary to share specifically with these age groups.

- Ask the youth pastor or leader if a person from the NMI council can help by serving as a Work & Witness coordinator for the youth group. Offer to help plan missions trips for youth. Be an enthusiastic and passionate resource for them.
- Involve the youth in other community and outreach ministries of your church. Help them realize that they are vital and essential in the total ministry of the church.
- Suggest that children and/or youth sponsor a child through Nazarene Compassionate Ministries (NCM). Go to the NCM Web site (ncm.org/cs).
- After reading missions books, have the children share the stories in creative ways through role-playing, puppet sketches, book reports, artwork, etc.
- Record children's activities with photographs or video.
- Have competent readers take turns reading aloud. It may be helpful for older children to read to younger children.
- Ask teens to read missions books to children.
- Equip teens to dramatize missions for children.
- Engage youth in hands-on missions projects, activities, and trips.
- Use the *Nazarene Stories DVD*, a video resource available three times a year that shares how Nazarenes around the world impact communities for Christ
- Check the NMI Web site for additional information and ideas. Go to nazarenemissions.org and click on "Discipling."

Praying

Involve GenNEXT in prayer. Try these ideas:

- Provide personal connections, such as, missionaries from the church or nearby churches, missionaries in the news, individuals or families waiting for assignment, etc. Personal relationships with missionaries enhance and motivate praying.
- Help GenNEXT to identify needs in world areas reported in the news.
- Share appropriate requests from Prayer Mobilization Line, JESUS Film Harvest Partners newsletters, and other mission sources.
- Include children and youth in all of the prayer emphases in the church.

Giving

Encourage GenNEXT to participate in giving to:

- World Evangelism Fund through Easter and Thanksgiving Offerings and/or in Faith Promise.
- Alabaster Offering, making certain that each has an Alabaster box or container.
- Child sponsorship through Nazarene Compassionate Ministries.
- Other Mission Special offerings and projects.

Hands-on Mission Experiences for Youth

The Church of the Nazarene has long recognized that youth and young adults need to be involved in global mission. There are several ways to achieve this goal. Churches and districts, along with our colleges/universities, should encourage and engage this age group in mission opportunities, supporting them with prayer and finances. This partnership is an important way to grow the mission passion.

Mission Immersion

Mission Immersion is a hands-on, cross-cultural experience for students who have a definite call to serve as missionaries cross-culturally. It brings young people together to train, serve, and listen to God in one- or two-week ministry opportunities. For more information, go to nazarenemissions.org and click on "Discipling."

Consider these ideas for youth involvement:

- Encourage youth to attend summer camps, retreats, etc., where missionaries interact with youth.
- Sponsor youth who lack funds to participate in summer camps/retreats.
- Plan a zone or multi-church activity (e.g., sports event, campfire, hayride, etc.) with a missionary as the guest speaker.

- Engage youth in community projects with a cross-cultural emphasis (e.g., a rescue mission, Vacation Bible School for an ethnic church, inner-city food bank, etc.).
- Conduct a fund-raiser for a missions project.
- Include youth in acquiring items for Crisis Care Kits and/or School Pal-Paks and in assembling them.

Volunteer Missions

Mission Corps

Mission Corps is designed for people who desire to serve cross-culturally in missions for three months or longer. While providing their own financial support, Mission Corps volunteers fulfill specific assignments that match their skills and gifts in Nazarene mission locations in all six regions of Global Mission.

Other Mission Corps opportunities allow people to serve as tentmakers, people whose secular vocations lead them to a different culture. Their jobs support them while they share Jesus with others around them. They coordinate their efforts with Nazarene leaders to help the church and missionaries make disciples in the nations.

Go to the Mission Corps Web site (missioncorps.org) to explore details about the steps to serve and for possible global opportunities.

Work & Witness

In the Church of the Nazarene, Work & Witness means short-term missions experiences of three weeks or less for a variety of church groups and people of all ages. Since 1974, Work & Witness (W&W) teams have served on every continent where the Church of the Nazarene is present. Because of the short-term nature of W&W projects, more Nazarenes are able to participate firsthand in global mission.

W&W is about “building”: building buildings, building Christ’s kingdom, building relationships, building spiritual growth, building Christian stewardship, and building a Christian worldview. Effective W&W is about impacting the receivers, the givers, and all those who will follow with the eternal love and hope of Jesus.

W&W connects teams with needs. Teams of two or more people offer construction, medical, technical, and evangelistic assistance. The team’s willingness to be available from 7 to 21 days and to pay all of their expenses is a key dynamic of the W&W ministry. Visit the Work & Witness Web site (workandwitness.org) for more details, or contact the Work & Witness office by e-mail (nazww@nazarene.org).

Project Types

W&W projects can take place anywhere there is a need: in a local community, on a district, in the same country, or in distant lands. Local W&W projects may help a nearby church severely damaged by a tornado or a hurricane or offer a medical clinic in an inner-city neighborhood. Global W&W projects provide a wide variety of ministries in other world areas.

The global Work & Witness office in Lenexa, Kansas, maintains a list of projects requested by W&W coordinators around the world. These approved projects are available for Nazarene groups to consider based on the team’s expertise, available time, and financial resources. Go to the W&W Web site (workandwitness.org) and click on “Projects”; or call the office at 1-913-577-2950.

Local projects are planned by a church, which provides the project funds as well as the team’s expenses. Two or more churches may partner on a particular project.

District projects are planned by a district, which provides the project funds and recruits team members from the churches on the district.

Other opportunities for mission trips include:

- **JESUS Film Ministry Trips:** Team members are active participants by purchasing and delivering equipment to a priority location. Go to the JFHP Web site (jfhp.org) and click on “Ministry Trips.”
- **Extreme Nazarene Missions:** This group’s purpose is to find unmet, complex, global needs and match the needs with talents and resources available throughout the worldwide church. For information, go to their Web site (extremenazarene.org).

Guidelines

- A church is eligible to sponsor a W&W project after that church gives at least 5.5 percent of current income for the WEF.

- A district is eligible to sponsor a W&W project after the churches on that district give collectively at least 90 percent of the district's total World Evangelism Fund goal.
- All W&W projects are approved at the district, field (not in USA/Canada), and regional levels before being added to the approved global project list.
- All W&W projects that cross district lines or take place in another country should be approved first and then registered with the W&W Office at the Global Ministry Center in Lenexa, Kansas.
- Insurance obtained through the W&W Office at the Global Ministry Center is required for all approved W&W projects.
- The Church of the Nazarene will not be responsible for W&W teams or individuals that have not coordinated with the W&W Office and paid the required insurance.
- Official W&W project funds should be sent to Global Treasury Services three months before departure. This is necessary to process funds and allows sufficient time to purchase materials before the team's arrival.

Finances

There are two major costs associated with most W&W projects. (1) A church or district usually raises funds and pays for the cost of construction materials, medical supplies, school supplies, JESUS Film equipment, or whatever is needed at the W&W project site. (2) The team's expenses for travel (air, train, bus, etc.), food, housing, ground transportation, insurance, and other miscellaneous expenses.

Note: NMI encourages each local church globally to contribute first to the World Evangelism Fund, then to mission specials. Many churches give 10 percent or more for global mission. Contributions to W&W projects, including team expenses, qualify as mission specials and are eligible for Ten Percent recognition.

W&W Resource

The major resource for W&W projects is the Church of the Nazarene Work & Witness Web site (workandwitness.org). This site has a wealth of information, including online forms. There is also a downloadable resource guide. For additional questions, call the office at 1-913-577-2950.

Resources

- NMI Web site: nazarenemissions.org
- Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Child Sponsorship Web site: ncm.org/cs
- Mission Corps Web site: missioncorps.org
- Work & Witness Web site: workandwitness.org
- Extreme Nazarene Missions Web site: extremenazarene.org
- Kids Reaching Kids Web site: krknaz.com
- JESUS Film Harvest Partners Web site: JFHP.org
- NYI Web site: NYIToday.org
- *Engage* magazine: www.engagemagazine.com
- *Nazarene Stories* DVD Web site: nazarene.org/stories
- Children's and youth mission education curriculum/resources (see chapter 5; available from Nazarene Publishing House [NPH] at 1-800-877-0700 or nph.com)
- Children's and youth missions books (see chapter 5; available from NPH)

Chapter 4

Giving

“For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means,
and even beyond their means” (2 Corinthians 8:3, NRSV).

“Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly
or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Corinthians 9:7, NRSV).

God’s Word is clear about the responsibility of Christ’s followers to support Kingdom ministries through financial resources. Therefore, the third objective of NMI is

**Giving: Devoting ourselves and our resources,
especially World Evangelism Fund,
to extend Christ’s kingdom.**

Giving—especially sacrificial giving—is necessary for the global mission of the Church of the Nazarene to be accomplished. Nazarenes for more than a century have demonstrated this biblical principle through their support of evangelism in “Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8b, NRSV).

NMI is charged with the responsibility of helping to raise funds for the global mission of the church. In view of this important task, NMI recommends the following:

- Money raised for global mission should never be used for any purpose other than that for which it was given.
- District and local NMI presidents should serve on their respective finance committees due to their significant leadership roles.
- Prompt remittance of all funds to the designated treasurer is important, since funds are remitted to the respective ministries and global mission personnel throughout the year, not just at the year’s end.

While it is not possible to give every detail regarding funds, this chapter provides pertinent information about funds raised and disbursed by NMI.

Local Church Ministries

Local Expenses

Money is needed for resources to operate the local church NMI, such as costs for NMI supplies, promotion, books, Faith Promise, delegate expense to the district NMI convention, etc.

Local expense money is usually obtained by receiving expense offerings, as a part of Faith Promise giving, or as a line item in the church budget. These include offerings for special speakers (other than missionaries), a local charity, community projects, gifts, etc.

District Ministries

District Expenses

To operate the district NMI, each local church should contribute an amount, as determined by the district. NMI recommends that the allocation of the district expense fund for each local church be based on a financial formula rather than on NMI membership.

The District Expense Fund usually covers the cost of the district NMI ministry, promotional resources, district council meetings, a Web site, workshops, district convention, regional conferences, Global NMI Convention delegate expenses, etc. Districts may set up special funds to assist missional outreach on the district, to establish a missionary-in-residence home, and other ministries.

Global Ministries

World Evangelism Fund

The World Evangelism Fund (WEF) is vital to the global mission of the Church of the Nazarene. The WEF is the collaborative and essential lifeline for the total outreach of the church around the world.

The WEF enables each person to celebrate the following priorities: Jesus first, others next, and yourself last. With the WEF, we do more together than we ever do alone; this is connectional commitment.

Most leaders know the strategic priority of WEF giving. Each church motivated to provide financial and human resources beyond the WEF should complete WEF giving as a prerequisite.

Without WEF giving, we lose or weaken the core infrastructure on which ministries provided by Mission Specials rely so deeply. In other words, we depend on mission presence provided through WEF giving globally in order to offer other ministries: Alabaster, World Mission Broadcast, Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, Work & Witness, etc.

Missional pastors equip their congregations to embrace WEF giving to help accomplish global mission strategy. They also educate their congregations in the necessity of giving to other missions needs after meeting WEF goals. These pastors intend to invest *more* in global missions, not less. They know that WEF works.

No other church supports global missions more effectively than the Church of the Nazarene. No other funding plan invests more productively in life transformation than WEF giving. The WEF is the most helpful way to invest in the Great Commission and Book-of-Acts holiness mission movements. The WEF is a key in global strategy to evangelize and disciple needy people with the love of Christ and the gospel.

Only *with* WEF can we evangelize and disciple millions of people each year, equip thousands of leaders each year, and organize hundreds of churches each year. We cannot accomplish these purposes *without* WEF. Giving for the WEF multiplies through collective sacrifice, international generosity, and accountable distribution.

The giving goal for the World Evangelism Fund, effective with the 2010 district assemblies, is at least 5.5 percent of a local church's current income. This goal is the same for all churches in all world regions. All giving to WEF and Mission Specials will be deducted from current income prior to calculating the WEF goal. (See the "Giving" section on the NMI Web site [nazarenemissions.org] for more information.)

Offerings that apply to the WEF of the local church are the Easter and Thanksgiving offerings, Prayer and Fasting offering, and/or Faith Promise giving. A local church may also give 5.5 percent of current income from regular tithes and offerings.

The distribution of WEF is determined each year by the General Board. The largest share of WEF is invested in global evangelization. Many global ministries—the Board of General Superintendents, Global Mission (including NMI, NYI, SDMI, and other ministries), Global Finance and Administration, and Global Education and Clergy Development—receive support from the WEF.

Field-Related Operation and Missionary Benefits

The following is a partial list of what the Global Mission amount of WEF is used for:

- Missionaries' salaries
- Travel expenses for missionaries
- Social security and life insurance for missionaries
- Passports and visas
- Cost-of-living adjustments
- Education allowance
- Language study
- Missionary pension plan
- Support and operation of churches, schools, hospitals, clinics, etc.
- Church planting
- Building and property maintenance
- Rent on the mission field
- Equipment grants
- Workshops and training

Recognition

NMI recognizes local churches and districts that reach giving goals for the WEF:

- **World Evangelism Church:** Churches that give at least 5.5 percent of their income to the WEF have met the minimum goal in their support of the global mission. These churches are the lifeblood of the Church of the Nazarene's mission to the nations.

- **World Evangelism Church of Excellence:** Churches that give at least 5.7 percent, or \$1,500 or more beyond 5.5 percent, whichever is less, to WEF. (This giving parallels the former “Award of Excellence.”) WEF giving beyond 5.5 percent invests in new world areas and new works in the USA and Canada.
- **World Evangelism District of Excellence:** Districts that give at least 90 percent of their WEF goal (5.5 percent) have met the minimum goal in their support of the global mission as a district.

Additionally, the Stewardship office recognizes local churches that reach giving goals beyond the WEF:

- **Mission 10 Percent Church:** The Stewardship office will recognize churches that give 10 percent or more of local church income to WEF and Approved Mission Specials and that reach other giving goals (such as pensions, educational institutions, and district support where appropriate). Additionally, Stewardship will track the number of years consecutively churches reach this goal (formerly recognized as Honor Roll churches).
- **Mission 15, 20, 25, 30....:** Some generous churches give far more to the global mission, even over 50 percent of their annual income. Historically, there is evidence of one Nazarene church giving away 95 percent of its income. The Stewardship office will recognize churches that achieve these generous levels of giving for every increment of five percent beyond Mission 10 percent status.

Approved Mission Specials Offerings

NMI promotes special offerings for the mission. Offerings given to Approved Mission Specials are over and beyond the WEF and provide valuable support for missionaries, nationals, and other frontline personnel globally. When a local church gives these offerings through Global Treasury Services, that church will receive credit toward Ten Percent recognition.

While all Approved Mission Specials are important and have value to the global mission of the church, NMI places a priority on and promotes the following:

- **Alabaster**—Invested exclusively in buildings and property. Eighty percent is given to churches in the regions of Africa, Asia-Pacific, Eurasia, Mesoamerica, and South America. Twenty percent is given to multicultural churches in the USA/Canada Region.
- **World Mission Broadcast**—Provides electronic media broadcasts of the gospel throughout the world.
- **Missionary Care**—Supports the health care and personal needs of missionaries through special offerings and giving. This combines LINKS and Missionary Christmas Fund and includes Distinguished Service Award, Memorial Roll, and Gifts from the Heart.

NMI will promote Alabaster, World Mission Broadcast, and Missionary Care without specifying a particular month for receiving these offerings. NMI encourages each local church to determine the most effective times to receive each of these vital offerings.

- Alabaster Offerings, typically received in February and September, may be received once or twice a year according to local church preference.
- Churches may receive an annual offering for Missionary Care that will include Missionary Health Care, LINKS, and Missionary Christmas Fund. When given this way, NMI will designate 60 percent for Missionary Health Care, 30 percent for LINKS, and 10 percent for Missionary Christmas Fund.
- Churches may receive separate offerings for Missionary Health Care, LINKS, and Missionary Christmas Fund and designate them as in the past.
- Churches are encouraged to promote Distinguished Service Award, Memorial Roll, and Gifts from the Heart as desired to support Missionary Health Care. These are usually budgeted separately from other mission specials.
- Churches may include any of these (i.e., Missionary Health Care, LINKS, Missionary Christmas Fund, Distinguished Service Award, Memorial Roll, and Gifts from the Heart) in the local budget or in Faith Promise without receiving an offering.
- **Calendar of Emphases:** See Chapter 5 for a suggested monthly calendar of mission emphases.

Other Approved Mission Specials

Global Mission partners will continue to promote offerings for Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, JESUS Film Harvest Partners, Work & Witness, International Student Scholarship Fund, Books for Pastors, and NMI 100th Anniversary initiatives. Churches may support these offerings through Faith Promise or by other strategies.

Sometimes people or churches desire to send offerings for a special use on the mission field. These contributions may be considered Approved Mission Specials and qualify for Mission Special credit. Contact Global Mission at the Global Ministry Center in Lenexa, Kansas, for verification of Approved Mission Specials. (See Church of the Nazarene Web site at nazarene.org and click on “Stewardship.”)

Home Assignment (Deputation) Offerings

Missionaries may receive home assignment (deputation) offerings when they speak on home assignment. Missionaries use home assignment money for two purposes: (1) to pay for travel expenses while on home assignment and speaking in churches, and (2) to purchase more expensive items on the mission field (e.g., automobile, home appliances, equipment, ministry projects, etc.). Without these funds, such items would not be available for global ministry. When a missionary leaves the field, items purchased with home assignment money remain on the field for use in ministry by other mission personnel. This validates home assignment offerings for specific missionaries as Approved Mission Specials and as tax deductible.

NMI recommends that a church receive a home assignment offering following the message by a missionary. The pastor or NMI president should inform the congregation of the needs for which the offering will be used. Churches that use the Faith Promise plan for mission giving and have a budgeted honorarium for missionaries should give the congregation an opportunity to respond and participate in a home assignment offering. People need opportunity to be led by the Spirit in inspirational giving.

Each church should be as generous as possible in giving home assignment (deputation) offerings for missionaries. Each church should encourage and allow the congregation to give in response to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. While each church should guarantee minimum amounts for deputation offerings, if possible, NMI recommends giving generously and spontaneously beyond these suggested minimums:

- Sunday morning service \$400–500
- Sunday evening service \$250–350
- Weekday service \$225–325
- Faith Promise weekend \$700–no limit
- District NMI conventions \$1,000–no limit

The local church will receive Mission Specials credit for deputation offerings given for missionaries on active contract. Offerings given to retired missionaries, missionaries on leave of absence, or other mission speakers are considered “love offerings” and are not credited as Mission Specials giving.

Make the home assignment (deputation) offering check payable to “General Treasurer, Church of the Nazarene,” and give to the missionary. Offerings may also be remitted to:

Global Treasury Services
P.O. Box 843116
Kansas City, MO 64184-3116 USA

With current and improved technology, these funds are available to the missionary in a timely manner.

See more information about missionary home assignment in Handbook Chapter 5.

Other Global Giving—Non-Ten Percent Giving

The following mission-related giving and donations are not eligible for Mission Special giving:

- Duty money on packages sent to missionaries
- Postage on LINKS communications and packages
- Items for LINKS (instead of cash)
- Personal gifts to missionaries

At times a district, church, or individual may desire to send money to a non-LINKS missionary for personal use. While this is commendable, such personal gifts do not qualify for Ten Percent Credit. Money sent as a personal gift should be sent to Global Treasury Services, where it will be forwarded to the missionary in addition to regular salary, benefits, etc. Proper notification of the donor is sent to the missionary.

Faith Promise

Some local churches utilize the Faith Promise plan for the financial support of global missions. Faith Promise should be used exclusively for mission giving and not for non-mission-related budgets and expenses (e.g., district budget, college budget, Pensions and Benefits budget, building fund, staff salaries, utilities, etc.).

The local church challenges people to make an annual Faith Promise commitment for Nazarene missions globally. Faith is essential: the church encourages all to seek God's will for the amount they will promise and give *by faith*. The total commitment is given according to individual preference—weekly, monthly, or as a one-time gift for the year.

Faith Promise Guidelines

- Faith Promise is a promise to God as an act of faith to give a specific amount to global missions through a methodical plan to fulfill that promise. Faith Promise is not a pledge in the usual sense. Donors are not solicited for payment.
- Faith Promise should be mission-directed, primarily for global evangelism.
- Faith Promise need not replace Thanksgiving and Easter Offerings for WEF. Those who have not made a Faith Promise commitment should be given an opportunity to participate in these special offerings.
- Faith Promise may include a basic amount for a home assignment (deputation) offering, but NMI recommends that a church receive a special offering for a mission speaker.
- Faith Promise may include allocated amounts for Approved Mission Specials; however, NMI recommends that each church give the congregation an opportunity to participate in these offerings.
- Faith Promise may include local and district NMI expenses/allocations.
- Faith Promise *excludes* other local church expenses, including building payments, church utilities, district budget, education budget (USA/Canada), and Pensions and Benefits budget (USA/Canada).

Faith Promise Policies

- The World Evangelism Fund should be given in full and before considering Approved Mission Specials.
- Specified or designated offerings (such as Faith Promise for missions) should not be diverted to another fund or for another use.
- The confidence of the people should not be broken.
- All Faith Promise offerings should be accounted for through the local NMI or unified church treasurer.

Local Church NMI Treasurer

The next few paragraphs provide specific information and instruction for the one who carries the NMI financial responsibility in the local church. The NMI Constitution provides that the NMI treasurer may be elected or may be the unified church treasurer. (See Constitution, Article V, Section 1.C.2 and D.4.)

Record Keeping

No matter how small the church or amount of money involved, accurate and detailed records of each financial transaction (receipts and disbursements) should be kept. The local church NMI treasurer needs to give an accurate financial report to the pastor for his or her report to the District Assembly. Where a unified treasurer system is used, that person is responsible for keeping accurate records of all funds received and disbursed by NMI. If there is an NMI treasurer and a unified treasurer, the two persons should collaborate on NMI records.

If a church has small group or chapter treasurers for NMI, these treasurers should remit all monies (except local expense to be used by the small group or chapter) to the local NMI treasurer, who is responsible for sending the money to the proper office/location.

Disbursing Funds

Sending funds to the right office/location can save time and will avoid duplication of effort. Although there is variation among regions and districts, the following list of where to send funds should be helpful.

USA/Canada Region

United States: Send the following to district NMI treasurer. Make checks payable to the district NMI or according to instruction from the district.

- District NMI allocations/expenses
- District-sponsored Work & Witness project money
- District-sponsored youth or children's projects

The district NMI treasurer will then send appropriate funds to Global Treasury Services (make checks payable to “General Treasurer, Church of the Nazarene”).

United States: Send the following to Global Treasury Services, P.O. Box 843116, Kansas City, MO 64184-3116.

Make checks payable to “General Treasurer, Church of the Nazarene.”

- World Evangelism Fund offerings
- Easter Offering
- Thanksgiving Offering
- Prayer and Fasting offerings
- WEF amount of Faith Promise giving
- Alabaster Offering
- World Mission Broadcast Offering
- Missionary Care monies (LINKS, Missionary Christmas Fund, and Missionary Health Care)
- All other Approved Mission Specials (e.g., NCM, Work & Witness, etc.)

Canada: Send to Church of the Nazarene Canada, 20 Regan Road, Unit 9, Brampton, ON L74 1C3, CANADA.

Make all checks payable to “Church of the Nazarene Canada.”

Africa, Asia-Pacific, Eurasia, Mesoamerica, South America Regions

Send all money to the regional office, where funds will be forwarded to Global Treasury Services at the Global Ministry Center.

Resources

- NMI Web site: nazarenemissions.org
- Church of the Nazarene Web site: nazarene.org
- JESUS Film Harvest Partners Web site: JFHP.org
- Stewardship Web site: nazarene.org; click on “Stewardship”
- Nazarene Media Library Web site: nazarenemedialibrary.org
- Gifts from the Heart supplies: “In Honor” cards (U-4001H) and “In Memory” cards (U-4001M). Source: Nazarene Publishing House: 1-800-877-0700 or nph.com.

Chapter 5

Educating

“Those who accepted his message were baptized,
and about three thousand were added to their number that day.
They devoted themselves to the apostles’ **teaching** and to fellowship,
to the breaking of bread and to prayer” (Act 2:41-42, NIV, emphasis added).

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations...
teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you”
(Matthew 28:19a-20a, NIV, emphasis added).

Jesus, the greatest Teacher, provided many examples of educating His followers—from the Sermon on the Mount to the masses to His one-on-one conversation with a Samaritan woman at a well. His words from the Great Commission challenge His followers to think and act globally. The fourth objective is

**Educating: informing people of the world’s needs
and enabling our church to meet those needs in Christ.**

Education is the foundational objective, providing a firm base for the other three objectives. Nazarenes can only *pray* with specificity, *disciple* with passion, and *give* with understanding when they “know.” Dr. Nina G. Gunter, general superintendent emerita and former global NMI director, often said, “The heart cannot care if the mind does not know.” NMI leaders must diligently endeavor to educate the people about global needs and then how they can meet those needs in Christ Jesus.

Nazarenes worldwide are sharing the mission stories of the church. Telling the story instills passion for global missions. When Jesus’ followers 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 mission stories. This is accomplished through a variety of resources and support for local churches.

Mission Education Print and Media Resources

NMI Missions Books

Check the NMI Web site (nazarenemissions.org) and click on “Educating” for more information and synopses of current books.

Adult Books: Six books are written each year that tell the story of global missions. The books are also available in audio format on CDs. The books and CDs are sold in sets of six from Nazarene Publishing House (NPH). Call 1-800-877-0700 or go the NPH Web site (nph.com) and search for “NMI Missions Books.” The books are also available in MP3 format and as eBooks. They must be purchased individually on the Nazarene Publishing House Web site. To view the MP3 formatted books, search for “MP3.” For eBook formats, go to the NPH home page and click on “eBooks” in the left column, then “Nazarene Missions International (NMI).”

Youth Books: Three of the adult books are designated for youth, packaged separately. Youth should be encouraged to read the other adult books as well. The CDs are not available in sets of three. The books are available from NPH. Call 1-800-877-0700 or go the NPH Web site (nph.com) and search for “NMI Missions Books.”

Children’s Books: Six books are written each year, three for all readers and three for advanced readers. Children with advanced reading skills may also read the youth/adult books. The books are available from NPH. Call 1-800-877-0700 or go the NPH Web site (nph.com) and search for “NMI Missions Books.”

NMI Curricula

Adult Resource: *Living Mission* informs, inspires, and involves the local church in God's global mission. Each year, *Living Mission* provides 12 lessons (complete with handouts and take-away sheets), videos, 1-2 CAUSES (hands-on, practical mission experiences), and a *Living Mission* Web site (livingmission.com) that has additional materials. This resource is designed to educate and engage adults of all ages in understanding and responding to the opportunities found in the manifold ministries of the Church of the Nazarene around the world. *Living Mission* is available for purchase from NPH at 1-800-877-0700 or go to the NPH Web site (nph.com) and search for "*Living Mission*."

Youth Resource: This resource helps youth to develop a lifestyle of mission awareness and service. Mission CAUSES encourage youth in local churches to connect with specific hands-on projects around the world. This resource is available from NPH. Call 1-800-877-0700 or go the NPH Web site (nph.com) and search for "Youth Mission Education."

Children's Resource: Children learn about global missions through 12 lessons each year in *Kidz Passport to Missions*. This is a five-year regional curriculum designed for grades 1-6, providing a snapshot view of missionaries and nationals in countries where the Church of the Nazarene has ministry. This resource includes a CD with 24 activity sheets and PowerPoint slides of the artwork from each of the six children's missions books. This resource is available from NPH. Call 1-800-877-0700 or go the NPH Web site (nph.com) and search for "Children's Mission Education."

International Mission Education Journal (IMEJ): This resource, based on adult and children's resources, is available in Spanish, Portuguese, French, Thai, and English. It is designed for congregations outside the USA/Canada Region and for non-English-speaking congregations in the USA/Canada Region. The IMEJ in languages other than English can be accessed free on the NMI Web site (nazarenemissions.org), and all translations are available through district and regional leaders.

Nazarene Stories DVD: A video resource available three times a year by e-mail or a DVD mailing. The *Stories* series shares how Nazarenes around the world impact communities for Christ. For a complimentary subscription, go to nazarene.org/stories.

Nazarene Media Library is a Web site that contains an extensive catalogue of video and audio segments and PDF files for the Church of the Nazarene. Within the library are resources for NMI, Global Mission, and many Nazarene mission ministries and stories. Go to the Web site: nazarenemedialibrary.org.

Non-English Resources: Several mission resources are available in Spanish, Portuguese, French, and Thai. Go to the NMI Web site (nazarenemissions.org) and click on "Language Resources."

Calendar of Emphases

Fulfilling the NMI purpose and objectives has many facets. The suggested calendar of emphases can serve as a framework around which a local NMI can build plans for a year's activities. The calendar is designed to be flexible so that adjustments may be made to fit a church's and/or district schedule.

Emphasis Each Month (Ongoing)—Prayer and Fasting

January—Volunteer Ministries

February—Alabaster Offering

March—Easter Offering (World Evangelism Fund, Faith Promise)

Special Prayer Emphasis—Nazarene World Week of Prayer

April—Mission Education

May—Missionary Care, Missionary Health Care

Special Prayer Emphasis—Global Day of Prayer

June—World Mission Broadcast Offering

July—International Ministry, Bible Schools and Seminaries

August—LINKS

September—Alabaster Offering

October—Mission Priority One

Special Prayer Emphasis—10/40 Window

November—Thanksgiving Offering (World Evangelism Fund, Faith Promise)

Special Prayer Emphasis—International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (IDOP)

December—Nazarene Compassionate Ministries

For more information on each of these emphases, go to the “A to Z Directory” in the NMI Web site (nazarenemissions.org) and look for “Calendar of Emphases.”

Online Resources

The **NMI Web site** is the primary resource for NMI leaders. Information is organized around the four objectives: praying, discipling, giving, and educating. Two helpful resources are the missionary profiles and the A–Z directory. There are also sections for local and district NMI presidents. Go to nazarenemissions.org.

Engage is a Web site containing magazine-style, mission content—stories about people, articles about our church’s mission strategies, Q&A interviews with mission leaders, missional theology reflections, profiles of missionaries, photo features, and personal essays. Its target audience is every Nazarene globally, especially laypeople. For more information or to subscribe free, go to the *Engage* Magazine Web site: engagemagazine.com.

Mission Connection is a free monthly electronic publication that serves as a resource exchange for NMI leaders within the local church. It is packed with ideas and strategies from our global church to help in implementing NMI objectives. For more information and/or to subscribe, go to the NMI Web site (nazarenemissions.org) and click on “Educating.”

HeartLine is a free monthly newsletter designed for NMI leaders that is sent electronically to district NMI presidents and Global Council members. *HeartLine* contains a wide range of useful information and challenges for NMI leaders and council members at all levels. It can be accessed on the NMI Web site (nazarenemissions.org) under the “A to Z Directory.”

JESUS Film Harvest Partners has an extensive Web site with stories of changed lives, reports, strategies, handouts, posters, prepared presentations, and contacts to use in local outreach. Go to JFHP.org.

The **Nazarene Compassionate Ministries** Web site includes news, stories, information, projects, child sponsorship, and giving opportunities. Go to ncm.org.

The **Global Mission** Web site features lots of information about Nazarenes around the world, including easy links to the various ministries of Global Mission (i.e., NMI, NCM, Work & Witness, Candidate Opportunities, Mission Corps, World Mission Broadcast, etc.). Go to nazareneglobalmission.org.

Missionary Home Assignment (Deputation)

Purpose: One of the most effective ways of telling the mission story is to have missionaries speak to and interact with congregations. This will help bring the world to the church and is one of the important strategies for fulfilling the “Educating” objective. See more information about giving for missionary home assignment in Chapter 4.

Scheduling: NMI recommends that every church schedule a missionary speaker each year. Districts should schedule one or more missionary tours each year, according to the size and needs of the district.

Scheduling should take place 12-18 months in advance through the Deputation Ministries Office (deputation@nazarene.org; phone: 1-913-577-2956) or through personal contact with a missionary. When scheduling personally with a missionary, please inform the Deputation Ministries Office of all confirmed engagements. NMI encourages churches to contact their district NMI home assignment/deputation coordinator or district NMI president about scheduling missionaries who may come to the district for a tour.

Event Preparation: Arrange as many opportunities as possible for the visiting missionary to interact with a variety of age and interest groups. Children and youth are a vital part of global missions and should always be included in planned services and/or events.

Home Assignment (Deputation) Offering: Since missionaries use home assignment (deputation) offerings for travel expenses and to purchase more expensive items for the field, each church should be as generous as possible. NMI recommends that the offering be received after the missionary has concluded the message. (See Chapter 4 for more information.)

Missionary Accommodations: A church hosting a missionary is responsible for the travel expenses and housing. Lodging missionaries in the home of the pastor or a member of the congregation is acceptable; however, the missionary should have reasonable privacy. For missionaries on a district tour, the host district should coordinate arrangements for travel and housing, but local churches are normally responsible for housing and meals.

In addition to the deputation offering, many churches/districts may wish to provide assistance to the visiting missionary for laundry, phone contact, entertainment, etc. These considerations are more important when missionaries travel with children.

Home Assignment (Deputation) Resources:

- NMI Web site (nazarenemissions.org) and click on “Deputation.” Also, click on “Missionary Profiles” for information about specific missionaries.
- Deputation Ministries: Contact the deputation coordinator at deputation@nazarene.org to schedule a missionary and/or to receive a list of available missionary speakers.
- District Deputation Coordinator: Contact the district deputation coordinator or district NMI president to assist in scheduling a missionary or missions speaker.
- *Faith Promise Planner*. Order from Nazarene Publishing House (NPH). Call 1-800-877-0700 or go the NPH Web site (nph.com). Product number: S-3.

Bible Schools and Seminaries

Nazarene educational institutions around the world are training preachers, teachers, evangelists, nurses, and lay leaders. This education is essential to the success of evangelistic efforts. God uses these choice preachers, teachers, and laypeople to build His kingdom in their own areas. Therefore, our education work is vital for the preparation of our international leaders and pastoral team. Please remember the students, faculty, and staff in prayer.

For a list of Nazarene global institutions, go to the NMI Web site (nazarenemissions.org), click on “Educating.”

Other Resources

- World Mission Broadcast Web site: worldmissionbroadcast.org
- Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Web site: ncm.org
- Global Mission Mobilization Web site: wmmobilization.org

Part 2:

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 in mission through praying, discipling, giving, and educating.

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.

A local NMI may choose to have one or more groups to further the purpose of NMI (e.g., Sunday school classes/Bible studies/small groups, children's church, youth groups, chapters, special missions emphasis focus, etc.). Such groups and the appointment/election of officers shall be authorized by the Local NMI Council with approval by the pastor and the respective related leaders.

Section 2. District

The district Nazarene Missions International (NMI) shall be an organization of the _____ District and work cooperatively with the district superintendent, District Advisory Board, and other district-related leaders through the District NMI Council.

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

Section 3. Global

The global Nazarene Missions International (NMI) shall be an organization of the Church of the Nazarene and work cooperatively with the Global NMI Council, the Global Mission Office, the Global Mission Committee of the General Board, and the general superintendent in jurisdiction.

All district and local NMI organizations shall constitute the global NMI.

Article IV. Membership

- A. Members: Any person who is a member of the Church of the Nazarene and supports the Nazarene Missions International (NMI) purpose may be a member of NMI in that local church.
 - 1. Voting and holding office shall be limited to members who are 15 years of age or older, except in children's and youth groups.
 - 2. Unless otherwise stated in this constitution, reference to "members" means NMI members who are members of the church.
- B. Associate Members: Any person who is not a member of the Church of the Nazarene and supports the NMI purpose may be an associate member of NMI.

Article V. Councils and Officers

Section 1. Local Council

- A. Purpose: The Local Council shall promote the purpose of Nazarene Missions International (NMI) in the local church.
- B. Composition
 - 1. The Council shall have four officers: a president, a vice president, a secretary, and a treasurer. Churches with fewer than 50 active members shall elect two officers: a president and vice president.
 - 2. Council members shall be responsible to mobilize the church in mission through praying, discipling, educating and giving. A council member may hold more than one position but only have one vote.

3. The Executive Committee shall be the pastor (ex officio), NMI officers, and two other council members. Churches with fewer than 50 active members shall elect two officers: a president and vice president. Any District NMI Council member shall be an ex officio member of the Local NMI Council with the approval of the Local NMI Council.
- C. Nominations, Elections, Appointments, and Vacancies
1. Nominations: The Council shall be nominated by a committee of not less than three and no more than seven members of the NMI. The pastor shall appoint the nominating committee and serve as the committee chairman. All nominees shall be NMI members of the local Church of the Nazarene.
 2. Elections: In churches with more than 100 active members, the local annual meeting shall elect a minimum of 6 council members; president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and two other members. In churches with fewer than 100 active church members, the local annual meeting shall elect a minimum of 4 officers. These elected leaders shall begin serving on the first day of the new church year after the election. Churches with fewer than 50 active members shall elect two officers: a president and vice president. If a local church has a unified treasurer who accounts for church funds, including NMI monies, and who has been elected by the Church Board, that person shall be the NMI treasurer as an ex officio member of the Local NMI Council with all rights and duties, unless otherwise specified by the Local Council.
 - a. President
 - (1) The nominating committee shall submit one or more names for the office of president, subject to the approval of the Church Board.
 - (2) Incumbent nominees may be reelected by a yes/no ballot when such election is recommended by the nominating committee and approved by the pastor.
 - (3) The president shall be elected by a majority vote by ballot of the members present and voting for a term of service of one or two church years. The NMI Council and the pastor shall recommend the length of the term of service.
 - b. Each of the remaining officers shall be elected by ballot for a term of service of one or two church years, the length of the term to be recommended by the NMI Council and the pastor, by
 - (1) A plurality vote; or
 - (2) A yes/no vote, when such a vote is recommended by the nominating committee and approved by the pastor.
 - c. Additional council members, whose length of service shall be one church year, may be:
 - (1) Elected to specific responsibilities, or
 - (2) Elected to the Council as a whole with responsibilities to be determined later, or
 - (3) Appointed by the Executive Committee.
 - d. Delegates and alternates to the District Convention shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting by a plurality vote. Alternates may be elected on a separate ballot, or at the recommendation of the Local Council on the same ballot as the delegates. (See Article VI, Section 2, A.3. for determining the number of delegates.)
 3. Appointments: In consultation with the pastor, additional council members may be appointed by the Executive Committee to a term of service of one church year and shall begin serving on the first day of the new church year or at any time after the appointment is made.
 4. Vacancies
 - a. President: The Executive Committee shall nominate one or more names with the approval of the Church Board. Election shall be by ballot with a majority vote of the NMI members at any regular or called meeting.
 - b. Other Executive Committee members: The Executive Committee shall nominate one or more names. Election shall be by ballot by a plurality vote of the local NMI members at any regular or called meeting. If a local church has a unified treasurer, that vacancy shall be filled by the Church Board.
 - c. Other council members: The Executive Committee shall fill any vacancy by appointment.
- D. Duties of Council Members
1. President
 - a. Directs the work of NMI in the local church.

- b. Presides at all regular and special meetings of NMI.
- c. Promotes, or delegates responsibility for, all emphases not assigned by election or council action.
- d. Prepares an annual budget for approval by the Local NMI Council and Church Board.
- e. Submits annually written reports to the local NMI, the annual church meeting, the pastor of the local church, and the district NMI secretary.
- f. Serves as an ex officio member of the Church Board, Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries International Board, District NMI Convention, and District Assembly. In the case where the pastor's spouse serves as the local president, if he or she so desires not to serve on the Church Board, the vice president is authorized to serve on the Church Board in the president's place. 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, the vice president is authorized to serve on the Church Board in the president's place.
- 2. Vice President
 - a. Performs all duties of the president when the president is absent.
 - b. Serves in other areas as assigned by the Local NMI Council.
- 3. Secretary
 - a. Conducts the correspondence of the NMI, keeps statistical records, and records the minutes of all business meetings.
 - b. Keeps a complete list of all NMI members.
- 4. Treasurer
 - a. Keeps an accurate account of all funds collected and expended.
 - b. Ensures all offerings are sent to the designated treasurers in a timely manner.
 - c. Furnishes the Council and, where applicable, the local church treasurer with all reports.
- 5. Executive Committee
 - a. Appoints additional council members or 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 meetings.
- 6. Other Council Members
 - a. Promote the emphases and/or responsibilities to which they are assigned (see *NMI Handbook*).

Section 2: District Council

- A. Purpose: The District Council shall promote the purpose of Nazarene Missions International within the district.
- B. Composition
 - 1. The Council shall have four officers: a president, a vice president, a secretary, and a treasurer.
 - 2. Council members shall be responsible to mobilize the church in mission through praying, discipling, giving, and educating. A council member may hold more than one position but have only one vote.
 - 3. Executive Committee shall be the district superintendent, NMI officers, and three other council members.
- 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. The District Executive Committee shall appoint the nominating committee. The district superintendent shall serve as the committee chairman for the nomination of the district president. Upon approval of the district superintendent, the district NMI president may serve as chairman of the nominating committee for other nominations. All nominees shall be NMI members of a local Church of the Nazarene on the district where they will serve.
 - 2. Elections: The president and at least four additional council members, one of which will be designated as vice president, shall be elected by ballot at the annual District Convention. (These four council positions do not include the secretary and treasurer. See Article V, Section 2, C.2.c.) The term of service shall be one or two convention years. A convention year is from the adjournment of the District Convention to the adjournment of the next District Convention.
 - 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.
 - (3) The president shall be elected by a two-thirds favorable vote of the members present and voting for a term of service of 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) In the case of a president serving 10 or more consecutive years on one district stepping aside, the District NMI Council and the district superintendent can recommend the election, by a yes/no ballot on a single name, of an "interim president" to serve one year. The interim is eligible to be recommended for election immediately after the interim presidency year has concluded.
- b. Vice president shall be elected by ballot in one of the following ways:
- (1) To the specific responsibility with two names submitted for the office; or
 - (2) To the Council as a whole with specific council positions to be determined by the Council; or
 - (3) A yes/no vote upon the recommendation of the nominating committee and approval of the district superintendent.
- c. Secretary and treasurer shall be elected by ballot by
- (1) The District Convention. With the recommendation of the nominating committee and approval of the district superintendent, election may be by a yes/no ballot for one or two convention years; or
 - (2) The newly elected District Council upon the recommendation of the nominating committee and approval of the district superintendent. With the recommendation of the nominating committee and approval of the district superintendent, election may be by a yes/no ballot for one or two convention years.
 - (3) If a 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 duties, unless otherwise specified by the District Council.
- d. Three council members, in addition to the officers, shall be elected by ballot for one or two convention years with responsibilities to be determined by the Council. The nominating committee and the district superintendent shall recommend the length of the term of service.
- e. Additional council members, including NMI zone or area coordinators, may be
- (1) Elected to specific responsibilities; or
 - (2) Elected to the Council as a whole with responsibilities to be determined later by the Council; or
 - (3) Appointed by the Executive Committee or District Council as determined by the Executive Committee.
- The term of service shall be one or two convention years. The nominating committee and district superintendent shall recommend the length of the term of service.
- f. Youth representatives
- (1) The District Convention may elect by ballot one and not more than two youth members to the District Council; or
 - (2) The newly elected District Council may elect one and not more than two youth members to the District Council.
 - (3) Nominations may be requested from the District Nazarene Youth International Executive Committee.
 - (4) Term of service shall be for one convention year.
- g. The three Executive Committee members other than the officers shall be elected by ballot by the District Council for a term of service of one convention year or until their successors are elected.
3. Appointments: In consultation with the district superintendent, additional council members may be appointed by the Executive Committee or District Council as determined by the Executive Committee.

4. Vacancies
 - a. President: The Executive Committee shall nominate two 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.
 - 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.
 - c. Unified treasurer: If a district has a unified treasurer, that vacancy shall be filled by the District Advisory Board.
- D. Duties of Council Members
 1. President
 - a. Directs the work of NMI on the district.
 - b. Presides at all meetings of the District Council, Executive Committee, and the District Convention.
 - c. Promotes, or delegates responsibility for, all emphases not assigned by election or council action.
 - d. Prepares an annual budget for approval by the district finance committee.
 - e. Submits annually a written report to the District NMI Convention and to the Global NMI Council regional representative.
 - f. Serves as an ex officio member of the district committee referenced in *Manual* paragraph 207.
 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.
 3. Secretary
 - a. Conducts the correspondence of the NMI and records the minutes of all business meetings.
 - b. Sends report forms annually to local NMI presidents.
 - c. Compiles statistical records and submits an annual report to the district president, global NMI director, Global Council representative, and where applicable the regional NMI coordinator for Global Mission regions.
 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.
 5. Executive Committee
 - a. Appoints additional District Council members or fills vacancies on the Council.
 - b. Transacts business between council meetings.
 - c. Nominates two names for president if a vacancy occurs between annual conventions.
 6. Other Council Members
 - a. Promote the emphases and/or responsibilities to which they are assigned (see NMI Handbook).

Section 3: Global Council

- A. Purpose: The Global NMI Council shall promote the purpose of Nazarene Missions International.
- B. Composition
 1. The Global NMI Council shall be composed of the director of Global Mission, the global NMI director, global NMI president, and one representative from each region in the Church of the Nazarene.
 2. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the director of Global Mission, the global NMI director, the global NMI president, the global NMI vice president, the global NMI secretary, and one other council member.
- C. Nominations, Elections, and Vacancies
 1. Nomination and Election of Global Director
 - a. The global director shall be nominated by the director of the Global Mission Office in consultation with the general superintendent in jurisdiction for the Global Mission Office.

- b. The Global Council shall approve the nominated global director by a majority vote by ballot.
 - c. The Global Mission Committee of the General Board shall approve the nomination by a majority vote by ballot and recommend the nominee to the Board of General Superintendents.
 - d. The Board of General Superintendents shall elect the global director.
2. Nomination and Election of Global President
- a. A nominating committee composed of the global director, three regional representatives from the Global Council, and five non-Global Council members shall be appointed by the Executive Committee. No two members of the nominating committee may be from the same region.
 - b. The global director shall serve as chairman of the nominating committee.
 - c. The committee shall submit the names of two and not more than three persons for global president. The nominees shall be approved by the Board of General Superintendents.
 - d. From these nominees the Global Convention shall elect a global president by a two-thirds vote by ballot.
 - e. 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.
 - f. The global president shall be limited to two 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 two 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 members and residents of the region they will represent, except in the case where the council member moves from that region within six months prior to the Global Convention.
 - (2) This provision does not apply to anyone whose home residence is just across a regional boundary from the place of church membership.
 - 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.
 - e. The term of service shall be limited to two consecutive full terms. A term shall be one quadrennium. If a person is elected to fill a vacancy of a Global Council member, that person is also eligible to serve two 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 Executive Committee
- a. The Global Council shall in its first meeting nominate and elect a vice president, a secretary, and one additional member for the Executive Committee.
 - b. Election shall be by ballot by a majority vote of those present and voting.
5. Nomination and Election of NMI Representative to General Board
- a. The Global 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.
6. Vacancies
- a. If a vacancy occurs in the office of global president between Global Conventions, a new global president shall be elected from nominees selected by the Executive Committee in consultation with the general superintendent in jurisdiction by a two-thirds vote of the Global Council. The person will perform the duties of the global president until 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 on the 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 Executive Committee. From these names, the Global 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 Council Executive Committee in consultation with the general superintendent in jurisdiction.
- c. If a vacancy occurs in the office of global director, the same process will be followed for the nomination and election of the global director (see Article V. Section 3.C.1).
- d. If a vacancy occurs in the Executive Committee between Global Conventions, the Global Council shall nominate two people. The vacancy shall be filled by a majority vote by ballot of the Global NMI Council.
- e. If a vacancy occurs in the NMI representative to the General Board, the Global Executive Committee shall submit two nominees 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 Council Members

- a. Cooperate with the global NMI director in developing NMI policy and program.
- b. Promote the total program of the NMI in the geographic region they represent.
- c. Submit a report of the NMI work in the region to each Global Council meeting.
- d. Nominate one member of the Council for election by the General Assembly as the NMI representative on the General Board.
- e. Act on any legislation passed by the General Assembly relevant to regional representation.
- f. Elect a vice president, a secretary, and another member from the Council to the Executive Committee.

2. 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 Office.
- e. Serves as editor-in-chief of all NMI publications.
- f. Directs the compilation and maintenance of records and reports.
- g. Makes an annual financial and statistical report to the Global Council, the Global Mission Committee, and the General Board.
- h. Prepares a condensed report of business transacted in each meeting of the Council for approval by the Global Mission Committee of the General Board.
- i. Directs the organization and program of the Global Convention in collaboration with the Global Council.
- j. Prepares the Global Convention report, both financial and statistical, with a condensed version through the Global Mission Office for the General Assembly.
- k. Serves as an ex officio member of the General Assembly.
- l. Initiates and maintains a current Internet Web site with broad capabilities on behalf of and in cooperation with the Global NMI Council.

3. Global President

- a. Presides at the meetings of the Global Council, Executive Committee, and the Global Convention.
- b. Promotes the purpose and programs of NMI.

4. Vice President

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

5. Executive Committee

- a. Transacts business between council meetings.

- b. Nominates two names for global president if a vacancy occurs between Global Conventions.
- c. Nominates two names for a vacancy on the Executive Committee.
- d. Appoints the nominating committee for global president.

Article VI. Meetings

Section 1. Local Meetings

A. Monthly

There shall be one or more meetings for mission information, inspiration, and prayer held each calendar month.

- 1. Meetings may take the form of mission services, mission speakers, mission lessons, mission activities and events, mission moments, NMI emphases, etc.
- 2. The NMI president and the Council shall work in cooperation with the pastor in planning mission education and involvement for the local church.

B. Annual

- 1. The annual meeting shall be held no later than 30 days prior to the District Convention to elect the Executive Committee/Council for the next church year and the delegates to the District Convention.
- 2. Voting and election to the Local Council shall be limited to NMI members who are 15 years of age or older.

C. Council Meetings

The Local Council shall meet at least quarterly to plan, report, evaluate, inform, inspire, and carry out the work of the local organization. A majority of council members shall constitute a quorum.

D. Electronic Meetings and Communications

- 1. 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.
- 2. Unless members indicate otherwise, all communications required of this Constitution may be sent electronically.

Section 2. 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 and shall be held within 30 days of the District Assembly.

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 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 reside on the district that they served.
- c. Elected delegates from each local church shall be NMI 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 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. The local NMI nominating committee shall nominate delegates. Delegates may be elected at the local annual meeting or appointed by the Executive Committee of the Local NMI Council when approved by the local annual meeting.
- d. Each church eligible for four or more delegates to the Convention according to the formula Article VI, Section 2.A.3.c shall consider designating at least one of its delegates who is at least 15 years

of age and no older than 30 years of age. The church may have a special election for such youth candidates when delegate voting takes place.

4. The delegates present shall constitute a quorum.

B. Council

The District Council shall meet at least biannually to transact business in the interim between the annual District Conventions. A majority of council members shall constitute a quorum.

C. Electronic Meetings and Communications

1. 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.
2. Unless members indicate otherwise, all communications required of this Constitution may be sent electronically.

Section 3. Global Meetings

A. Convention

1. There shall be a Global Convention of Nazarene Missions International immediately preceding the General Assembly to report, pray, inform, inspire, present plans, and conduct business pertaining to the organization. A majority of registered delegates shall constitute a quorum. When gathering the Global Convention in multiple sites, once a quorum is established, it is considered present until adjournment of the Convention, even in the event a connection with one or more sites is lost.
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 NMI Council shall approve official locations and shall ensure implementation of practical arrangements.
3. Membership
 - a. Ex officio members of the Global Convention shall be members of the Global Council; regional NMI coordinators of Global Mission regions; district NMI presidents, or in the event a district president cannot attend, the district vice president may be allowed to represent that district.
 - 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. (See Article VI, Section 3.A.3.c. for determining the number of delegates and time of election).
 - c. Elected delegates to the Global 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. Phase 3 and Phase 2 districts eligible for four or more delegates to the Global Convention according to the formula in Article VI, Section 3.A.3.c shall consider designating at least one of their delegates who is at least 15 years of age and no older than 30 years of age. The district may have a special election for such youth candidates at its District Convention.
 - e. One global missionary delegate for every Global Mission region of 50 or fewer missionaries, or two global missionary delegates for each region with 51 or more missionaries shall be nominated and elected from and by the assigned global missionaries serving in that region, by a method approved by the global NMI director's office.
 - f. 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.
 - g. 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 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.

- h. 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 NMI Council, the district NMI president with the approval of the district superintendent.

B. Council Meetings

- 1. The Global Council newly elected at the Global Convention may meet before the adjournment of the General Assembly for the purpose of organization and planning.
- 2. The Global Council shall meet a minimum of three times during the quadrennium to transact business pertaining to the organization. A majority of council members shall constitute a quorum.

C. Electronic Meetings and Communications

- 1. 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.
- 2. Unless members indicate otherwise, all communications required of this Constitution may be sent electronically.

Article VII. Funds

Section 1. Raised by Local Churches

A. World Evangelism Fund

- 1. All funds raised for the World Evangelism Fund shall be sent to the general treasurer.
- 2. World Evangelism Fund (WEF) shall be raised in the following manner:
 - a. Regular WEF offerings
 - b. Easter and Thanksgiving offerings
 - c. The WEF portion of Faith Promise giving
 - d. Prayer and Fasting offerings

B. Approved Mission Specials

- 1. Opportunity shall be given to contribute to Approved Missions 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

- 1. No part of the World Evangelism Fund and Approved Mission Specials shall be used for local or district expense or charitable purposes.

D. Local Expense

- 1. A local expense fund shall be provided for NMI as determined by the Local NMI Council and approved by the Church Board.
- 2. A portion of the local expense shall be designated for the expenses of the District Convention delegates.

Section 2. Raised by the Districts

A. District Expense

- 1. A district expense fund shall be provided for NMI as determined by the District NMI Council and approved by the District Finance Committee.
- 2. A portion of the district expense fund shall be designated to pay for district delegate expenses to the Global Convention.
- 3. World Evangelism Fund and Approved Mission Specials shall not be used for district expense.

Section 3. Remuneration

- A. 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, and global, with the exception of the global director, who is employed by the Church of the Nazarene, Inc.

- B. 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, procedures, and job descriptions for NMI to be contained in the NMI Handbook along with the NMI Constitution.

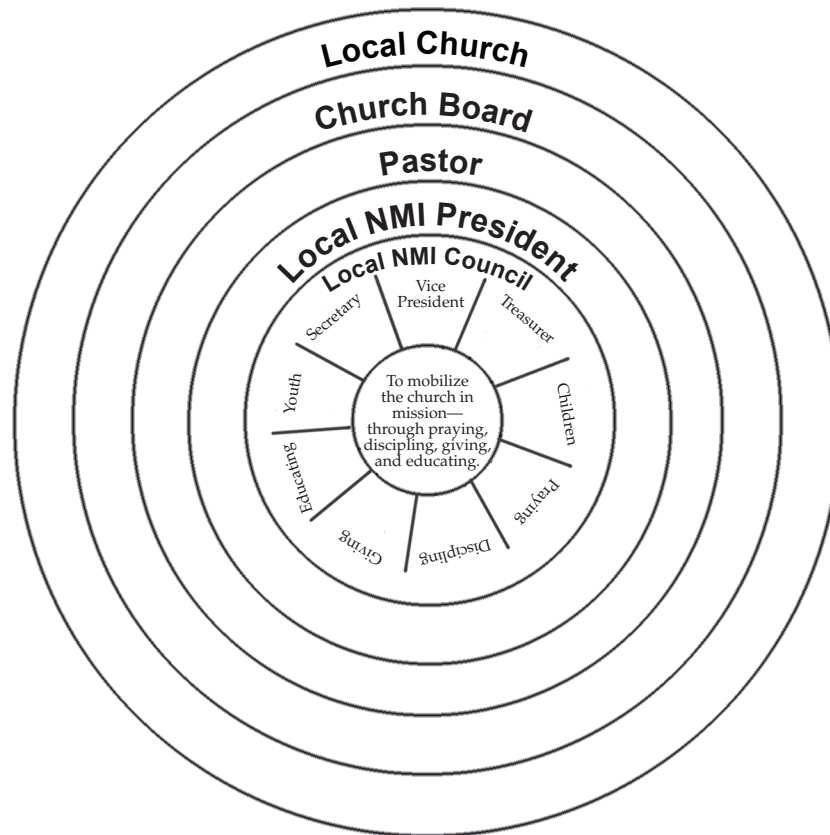
Article IX. Parliamentary Authority

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

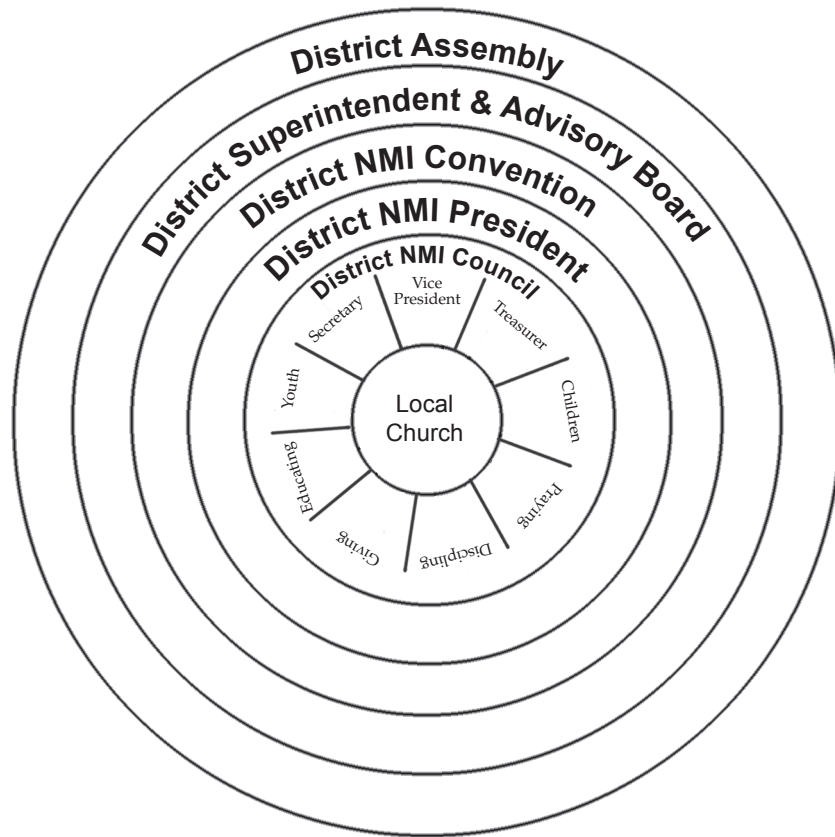
The NMI Constitution may be amended by two-thirds favorable vote of members present and voting at a Global Convention of Nazarene Missions International and by the approval of the Global Mission Committee of the General Board.

Approved by the Global NMI Convention, 21 June 2013



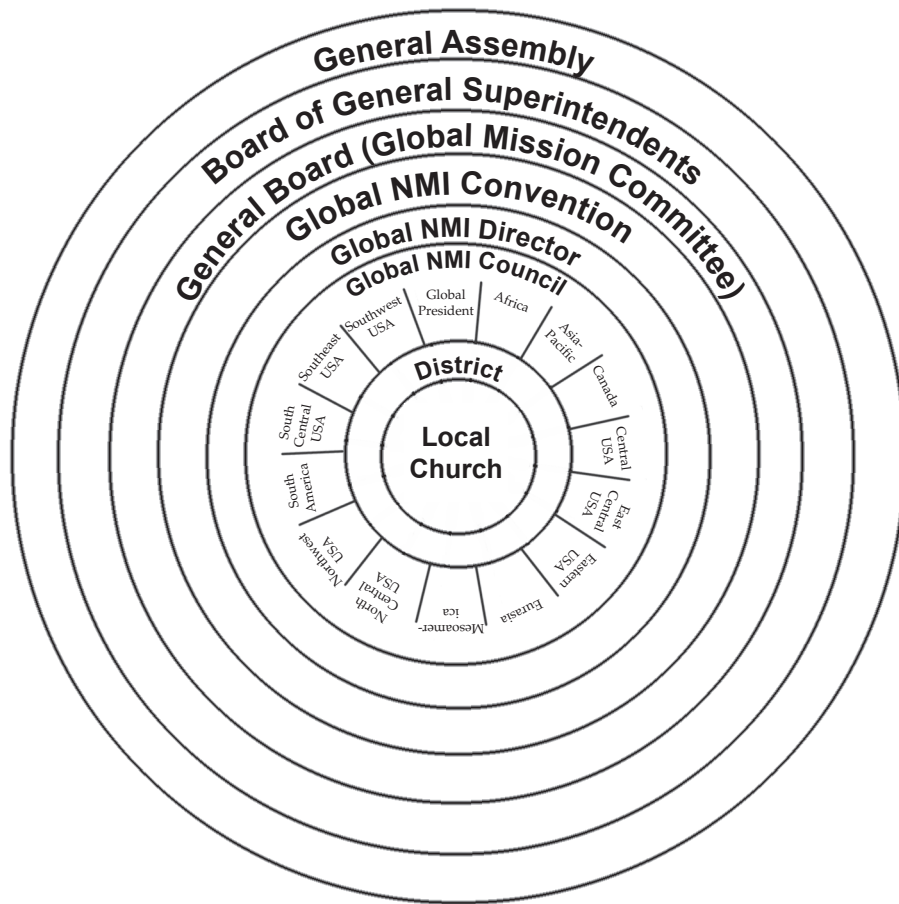
Local NMI

1. Simplify local NMI council structure, as possible.
2. Focus council positions/members around NMI objectives, as possible.
3. Include within the simplified and focused council each of the following NMI emphases and others your church prefers: World Evangelism Fund, Prayer & Fasting, Alabaster, Missionary Care, Work & Witness, Mission Call Coordinator, Deputation, World Mission Broadcast, Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, JESUS Film Harvest Partners, etc.



District NMI

1. Simplify district NMI council structure, as possible.
2. Focus council positions/members around NMI objectives, as possible.
3. Include within the simplified and focused council each of the following NMI emphases and others your district prefers: World Evangelism Fund, Prayer & Fasting, Alabaster, Missionary Care, Work & Witness, Mission Call Coordinator, Deputation, World Mission Broadcast, Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, JESUS Film Harvest Partners, etc.



Global NMI

Glossary

(Explanation of Terms
Related to NMI and Global Mission)

Alabaster Offering: typically received in February and September; may be received once or twice each year according to local church preference; used 100 percent for mission buildings and property (see page 25).

Approved Mission Specials: special mission offerings for projects that have been approved by leaders in the Church of the Nazarene Global Ministry Center and for which a church may receive credit toward Ten Percent recognition (see Ten Percent Credit and page 25).

Calendar of Emphases: a suggested calendar to help local NMI leaders plan a year's activities to promote various facets of missions (see pages 30-31).

CD: compact disc

Crisis Care Kits: packages of specific items that are sent globally to disaster areas. This is a cooperative ministry of Nazarene Compassionate Ministries and NMI (go to NMI Web site [nazarenemissions.org] and click on "A-Z Directory" and then "Crisis Care Kits").

District Superintendent: the elected or appointed leader of the churches on a district in the Church of the Nazarene.

Deputation: the time a missionary is on home assignment and speaking in churches to inform and inspire congregations about global missions. The term also refers to the offering received for missionaries who are on home assignment.

Distinguished Service Award: a certificate presented to an individual to recognize outstanding service to God and the church. The presenter (usually a church or district) contributes \$100 to Missionary Health Care.

DSA: Distinguished Service Award

DVD: digital video disc or digital versatile disc

Easter Offering: an offering received at Easter time each year for the World Evangelism Fund that supports the global mission of the Church of the Nazarene.

Engage: an online magazine containing stories, articles, reviews, essays, photos, etc.; is offered in English and Spanish (see page 31).

Ex officio: means "by virtue of office"; therefore, a person serves in a particular position because of his or her office. For example, the local NMI president is an ex officio member of the local church board.

Faith Promise: a systematic plan, based on prayerful faith in God, for raising mission offerings in churches (see pages 26-27).

Fasting: a spiritual discipline in which a person denies self of food, favorites, preferences, places, etc., as the Spirit directs. Often, people combine fasting with prayer (see page 15).

General Assembly: a global meeting of Nazarenes that occurs once a quadrennium (every four years) for the purpose of conducting official business and for worship, mission strategy, renewal, education, inspiration, and fellowship.

General Board: elected representatives of each region and ministry of the Church of the Nazarene who gather annually for accountability and advancement.

General Treasurer: the administrative officer of global finance at the Global Ministry Center who accounts for funds received and disbursed for the Church of the Nazarene.

GenNEXT: the next generation of persons who are under the age of 24 (see page 18).

General Superintendent: the highest elected official in the Church of the Nazarene who has responsibilities for the global church. Currently, there are six general superintendents.

Gifts from the Heart: donations of any amount given to honor and/or memorialize friends and loved ones; the money is designated for Missionary Health Care.

Global Ministry Center: the headquarters in Lenexa, Kansas, for the worldwide Church of the Nazarene.

Global Mission: the entity of the Church of the Nazarene that is responsible for administering the worldwide mission of the church. Global mission also refers to the task Jesus Christ gave His followers in carrying out His command to reach the world with His gospel message (see Great Commission).

Global Mission Committee: a committee of the General Board to which all Global Mission entities (NMI, NYI, SDMI, NCM, JFHP, mission personnel, mission finance, global mission director, and the six regional directors) report, along with the entities of Nazarene Publishing House (Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City and WordAction). The former committee (Global Ministries and Services Committee) was combined with the Global Mission Committee.

Global Mission DVD: See *Nazarene Stories DVD*.

Global Nazarene Publications: a ministry of Global Mission that is the non-English publishing arm of the Church of the Nazarene, facilitating the translation, production, and distribution of holiness literature and resources.

Global (General) NMI Convention: a global mission conference of Nazarene Missions International that occurs once a quadrennium (every four years) for the purpose of conducting official business and for worship, mission strategy, renewal, education, inspiration, and fellowship. This conference immediately precedes General Assembly.

Global NMI Council: elected leaders from regions who serve with the global NMI director in developing NMI policy, program, initiatives, and strategies (see pages 13-14).

Global NMI Director: the executive officer who directs the purpose and objectives of NMI around the world, collaborating with Global Mission, the Global Mission Committee of the General Board, Global NMI Council, regional NMI coordinators, district NMI presidents, and other leaders at the Global Ministry Center.

Global NMI President: the elected leader of NMI who is the presiding officer of the Global NMI Council and the Global NMI Convention.

Global Treasury Services: the office at the Global Ministry Center for the Church of the Nazarene that manages finance, including mission receipts and disbursements.

GMC: Global Ministry Center

Great Commission: the command of Jesus Christ to His followers to go and make disciples of all nations (see Matthew 28:18-20).

HeartLine: a monthly electronic newsletter designed for NMI leaders, especially district NMI presidents (see page 31).

Home Assignment: the time a missionary is not on the mission field but is “home” speaking in local churches, district meetings, and deputation services (see pages 31-32).

International Student Scholarship Fund: an Approved Mission Special that provides much-needed scholarship assistance to students preparing for full-time Christian ministry outside the USA/Canada Region.

IMEJ: *International Mission Education Journal*

International Mission Education Journal (IMEJ): a resource, based on adult and children’s mission materials, that is designed for congregations outside the USA/Canada Region and for non-English-speaking congregations in the USA/Canada Region (see page 30).

JESUS Film Harvest Partners (JFHP): a ministry of Global Mission that leads the worldwide work of the JESUS Film, which is a resource to reach people with the gospel message, to disciple believers, and to develop new churches.

JFHP: JESUS Film Harvest Partners

Kidz Passport to Missions: an annual children's mission resource that includes monthly lessons and additional materials (see page 30).

LINKS: a strategy for "linking" churches with missionaries through prayer, personal contact, and giving. It is part of the Missionary Care ministry.

Living Mission: NMI's adult mission education resource for local churches that includes 12 lessons, 8-12 videos, 2 CAUSES (hands-on, practical mission projects), and additional materials each year (see page 30).

Manual: the official document for the Church of the Nazarene that provides governance (constitutions and policies), statements of doctrine, standards of Christian conduct, rituals, and pertinent information.

MCC: Mission Call Coordinator

Memorial Roll: a method to memorialize a loved one or friend. The person's family receives a certificate, and the presenter (a church or individual) contributes \$50 to Missionary Health Care.

Mission Call: the prompting of the Holy Spirit for a person to serve God in global missions, either for a lifetime or for a specific period of time (see page 18).

Mission Call Coordinator: a leader in a church or on a district who has the responsibility of mentoring people, especially children and youth, who testify to a mission call (see page 18).

Mission Connection: a monthly resource exchange for local and district NMI leaders that is sent electronically (see page 31).

Mission Corps: volunteers who are serving God and the church in a defined Global Mission assignment (see page 21).

Missionary Care: an important strategy of NMI to help provide for personal needs of missionaries (includes LINKS, Missionary Health Care, Missionary Christmas Fund, Memorial Roll, Distinguished Service Award, and Gifts from the Heart) (see page 25).

Missionary Christmas Fund: provides a monetary Christmas gift for missionaries as well as *Reflecting God*, *Holiness Today*, and "Day by Day" books. This money is part of Missionary Care and is an Approved Mission Special.

Missionary Home Assignment: see Home Assignment.

Missionary-in-Residence: a missionary who spends a specified amount of time at a church, camp, college/university, etc., while on home assignment, speaking and interacting with people.

Mission Priority One (MPO): a recognition for qualifying churches and districts that place top priority on global missions in the objectives of praying, discipling, giving, and educating (see pages 9-11, 13).

MPO: Mission Priority One

Nazarene Compassionate Ministries (NCM): the ministry in Global Mission that partners with local Nazarene congregations worldwide to clothe, shelter, feed, heal, and educate persons who suffer from disasters, oppression, injustice, violence, poverty, hunger, and disease.

Nazarene Communications Network (NCN) News: the primary means of distributing global news, including mission news, within the Church of the Nazarene on a weekly basis electronically.

Nazarene Media Library: a Web site that contains an extensive catalogue of video and audio segments and PDF files for the Church of the Nazarene, including mission resources.

Nazarene Stories DVD: a video resource available three times a year that shares how Nazarene around the world impact communities for Christ (see page 30).

Nazarene Youth International (NYI): the global youth ministry of the Church of the Nazarene that focuses on evangelism, discipleship, and leadership development of young people.

NCM: Nazarene Compassionate Ministries

NCN: Nazarene Communications Network

NMI: Nazarene Missions International

NMI Missions Books: annual books about global missions, designated for adults, youth, and children; available in print and audio formats (see page 29).

NYI: Nazarene Youth International

Pentecost: many Christians celebrate this Sunday, seven weeks after Easter Sunday, as the time the Holy Spirit descended upon the Early Christian Church as reported in the Book of Acts, chapter 2.

PML: Prayer Mobilization Line

Prayer Mobilization Line (PML): a phone and electronic resource listing global prayer needs for missionaries and mission leaders, which is updated weekly on Wednesday (see page 15).

Quadrennium: a period of four years. The General Assembly, NMI, NYI, and SDMI lead global gatherings every four years.

Regional Director: the administrative officer for one of several regions in the Church of the Nazarene (see Regions).

Regions: geographic areas in the Church of the Nazarene globally: Africa, Asia-Pacific, Eurasia, Mesoamerica, South America, and USA/Canada.

School Pal-Paks: kits that provide essentials for a student starting a new school year are sent around the world to areas where they are needed; a feature of Nazarene Compassionate Ministries (go to NMI Web site at [nazarenemissions.org] and click on “A-Z Directory” and then “School Pal-Paks”).

SDMI: Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries International

Stewardship: the act of fulfilling the duties of a steward; a way of caring for what God has entrusted to Christians; this includes all parts of life: giving money and possessions to care for the global mission of the church, investing time, and offering talents. The Stewardship office is also a ministry within global finance at the Global Ministry Center.

Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries International (SDMI): the ministry of the Church of the Nazarene that provides resources and training for church leaders in Sunday School and discipleship.

10/40 Window: the area of the world between latitudes 10 degrees and 40 degrees north of the equator, covering North Africa, the Middle East, and southern Asia, which is the home for many of the world’s least-reached people (see page 16).

Ten Percent Giving: World Evangelism Fund and contributions approved as Ten Percent Mission Specials that help a church to contribute ten percent or more of annual income to Approved Mission Specials (see pages 25-26).

Tentmakers: people whose secular vocations lead them to a different culture. Their jobs support them while they share Jesus with others around them. They coordinate their efforts with Nazarene leaders to help the church and missionaries make disciples in the nations (see page 21).

Thanksgiving Offering: an offering received each year for the World Evangelism Fund that supports the global mission of the Church of the Nazarene. While this offering often coordinates with the Thanksgiving holiday in the United States and Canada, other countries may schedule this offering at other times during the year.

W&W: Work & Witness

Work & Witness (W&W): the ministry in Global Mission that promotes and administers approved projects worldwide. This term also refers to church or district projects that offer construction, medical, technical, or evangelistic assistance (see pages 21-22).

World Evangelism Fund (WEF): the essential financial lifeline for the mission of the church around the world; members of local churches systematically contribute WEF offerings that provide for global evangelism, church development, and support for ministries through missionaries, regions, and the Global Ministry Center (see pages 21-22).

World Mission Broadcast: the ministry in Global Mission that provides radio, television, and Internet programming to broadcast the gospel globally.

Web Sites

(Related to NMI and Global Mission)

Calendar of Emphases: Check the “A to Z Directory” on the NMI Web site (nazarenemissions.org) for a suggested calendar to help local NMI leaders plan a year’s activities.

Child Sponsorship in NCM (ncm.org/cs): a site featuring Child Sponsorship opportunities, which is a ministry of Nazarene Compassionate Ministries.

Engage magazine (engagemagazine.com): an online Web-format magazine that reports on and relates stories of global missions for the Church of the Nazarene.

Extreme Nazarene Missions (extremenazarene.org): a Work & Witness opportunity to engage people in complex, global needs and to match talents and resources within the church.

Global Day of Prayer (globaldayofprayer.com): a call to prayer for all nations for the 10 days leading to Pentecost and including Pentecost Sunday.

Global Mission (nazareneglobalmission.org): the official Web site for the Global Mission entity in the Church of the Nazarene, providing information, links to the regional Web sites, the various mission ministries, and missionary profiles.

Global Mission Mobilization (wmmobilization.org): the department within Global Mission for mobilizing people in mission, including intern and career missionaries and mission volunteers (i.e., Mission Corps, Tentmakers, Work & Witness).

International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (idop.org) and (persecution.com): two Web sites that promote prayer for the Persecuted Church and specifically the annual International Day of Prayer.

JESUS Film Harvest Partners (JFHP.org): provides extensive information about the JESUS Film ministry, including reports, prayer needs and praises, resources, and opportunities to become involved and to contribute to this global ministry.

General Treasurer’s Office, Church of the Nazarene (Check the “Stewardship” section on nazarene.org): the Church of the Nazarene Global Ministry Center office that is responsible for financial accountability for receipts and disbursements.

Kids Reaching Kids (krknaz.com): the Web site for the Kids Reaching Kids Mission Offering Project, the annual children’s mission offering emphasis.

Living Mission (livingmission.com): NMI’s adult mission education resource for local churches that includes 12 lessons, videos, 1-2 CAUSES (hands-on, practical mission projects), and additional materials each year.

Mission Corps (missioncorps.org): provides information for people who are interested in volunteering for missions.

Mission Information (<http://home.snu.edu/~hculbert/nwms.htm>): maintained by Dr. Howard Culbertson, former missionary and professor of missions at Southern Nazarene University, with mission articles, resources, information, and items for fun.

Mission Research Websites (gmi.org/research/websites.htm): a Web site that provides links to a wide range of mission Web sites.

Nazarene Compassionate Ministries (ncm.org): provides a wealth of information, such as news, stories, information, projects, and child sponsorship and giving opportunities.

Nazarene Media Library (nazarenemedialibrary.org): contains an extensive catalogue of video and audio segments and PDF files for the Church of the Nazarene, including missions resources.

Nazarene Missions International (NMI) (nazarenemissions.org): the official Web site for NMI with numerous resources for fulfilling the four objectives: praying, discipling, giving, educating, and best practices for local and district presidents.

Nazarene Stories DVD (nazarene.org/stories): provides stories of how Nazarenes around the world are impacting communities for Christ.

Nazarene Publishing House (nph.com): the publishing company for the Church of the Nazarene, including mission resources.

Nazarene Youth International (NYI) (NYIToday.org): the official Web site for NYI, the strategic and legislative ministry for youth in the Church of the Nazarene.

Prayer Mobilization Line (nazarenemissions.org) and click on “Praying” or (facebook.com/NMIprayer) for PML Facebook page.

Prayer Walking (hannahscupboard.com/prayer.html): a resource that provides information and suggestions for engaging in Prayer Walking.

USA/Canada Regional Office (usamission.org): provides information about Nazarene work within the USA/Canada Region.

Work & Witness (workandwitness.org): a major resource for individuals, churches, and districts that desire to be engaged in short-term mission projects—construction, medical, and evangelism.

World Mission Broadcast (worldmissionbroadcast.org): contains information, field reports, and resources for the electronic broadcast mission ministry of the Church of the Nazarene.

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Abbreviations:

Art. = Article
Dist. = District
Const. = Constitution
Conv. = Convention
Repres. = Representative
Sec. = Section

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Purpose

To mobilize the church in mission through praying, discipling, giving, and educating.

Objectives

Praying

Interceding for leaders and churches and for the Holy Spirit to draw all people to Christ.

Giving

Devoting ourselves and our resources, especially the World Evangelism Fund, to extend Christ's kingdom.

Discipling

Involving and mentoring future missions leaders, especially youth and children, to make Christlike disciples for God's mission in the nations.

Educating

Informing people of the world's needs and enabling our church to meet those needs in Christ.

2013–2017 Quadrennial Theme

To Make Christlike Disciples in the Nations

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