



**North/East Texas
Local NMI Presidents Handbook
2026-2027**

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Welcome!! You are valued & needed!

If you heard my report at Convention, you know that I think we, as NMI, have THE BEST JOB in the local church!!

If you are a new president, it might seem a little overwhelming as you begin to figure out all that this role entails. As a seasoned leader, you may find yourself in need of refreshment and easily accessible information. We are here to help!!

This resource is designed for use by the brand new local Nazarene Missions International (NMI) President, as well as the seasoned veteran.

We have not had a Handbook for several years, though we have had & continue to have LOTS of information and links to that information on the district website.

<https://www.netxnaz.net/district-ministries/nazarene-missions-international/>

We also have a District NMI Facebook page, which we update regularly with news and information. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/dallasdistrictnmi/>

In addition, we have an NMI Instagram account. <https://www.instagram.com/northeasttxnmi>

The purpose of this new, updated Handbook is to give you a tool that is an easy resource to use as you fulfill your role ***to mobilize your local church in mission through praying, discipling, giving, and educating.***

God is building His church all around the world, and YOU have the wonderful privilege of disseminating this exciting information to your local congregation!

Your District NMI Council is here to help you in any way we can & our names/contact information are listed later in this Handbook.

If you have questions or need additional resources, please let me know.

Thank you for your willingness to serve God in this capacity! Hang on for a GREAT ADVENTURE!!

Remember you're loved,

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North/East Texas District Resources

How to Get Current Information

NMI page on the District Website

It includes our mission priorities and other important information for you. If it is missing a resource that you'd find helpful, please let us know. <https://www.netxnaz.net/district-ministries/nazarene-missions-international/>

NMI email blast updates

This is a periodic email that contains timely information for you to know and share with your church. The first one for this year will come out soon. If you do not receive it, we do not have your email. To get added to the distribution list, email Cheryl Adams nmi_president@yahoo.com

Facebook

As one of our most timely communication sources, our Facebook page includes updates from our Links missionaries, provides things you can be doing in your church on a weekly basis, shares what other churches are doing to generate ideas for your own church, and much more. The information contained on this page is easy to share from your own Facebook page. Join our NMI Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/dallasdistrictnmi/>

Instagram

We also have an NMI Instagram account: <https://www.instagram.com/northeasttxnmi>

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DEFINITION OF MISSION AREAS (MA) FOR NMI:

- **MA #1:** Bonham, Commerce Bread of Life, Cornerstone Community, Denison, Heritage, Lone Star Cowboy of Grayson & Cooke, Mount Pleasant Journey, New Life of Paris, *Pottsboro NewStart (CTM)*, Sulphur Springs;
- **MA #2:** Faith Community, Gilmer, Gladewater, Henderson, Kilgore, Longview First, Marshall Community, Pittsburg, Texarkana First
- **MA #3:** Hilltop, Jacksonville, Mineola, Mount Enterprise, Palestine, Whispering Pines
- **MA #4:** Bruton Terrace, Building the Kingdom Community, Dallas First, Duncanville Trinity, Irving First, Journey Community, Living Hope, Deep Spring/Ovilla Road, The Haven, The Shepherd's House
- **MA #5:** Casa de Oración, Dallas Primera, *Fuente de Agua Viva (CTM)*, Lake June, Maranata, Monte Ararat (Mount Pleasant), Renovación Iglesia del Nazareno, Restauración, Vida a las Naciones
- **MA #6:** Carrollton, Grace Pointe Community, McKinney New Life, NewStart-Frisco, North Dallas, *North Dallas Connections (CTM)*, Richardson
- **MA #7:** Athens, Faith Fellowship, Grand Saline, Gun Barrel City, LSCC-Collin County, LSCC-Hunt County, LSCC-Navarro County, Martin's Chapel, Round Up Cowboy

USA/Canada Regional Resources

NMI Online

SO much information about NMI is available online on the official Nazarene website, at www.nazarene.org/nmi. Please explore this site.

Under "Resources" are helpful tools for you, including promotional videos, stories, PowerPoint presentations, bookmarks, posters, flyers, logos and more.

Resources are available in the top 5 languages of the Church of the Nazarene, including English, Spanish, Portuguese, French and Korean.

The site also includes information about our missions work, history of NMI, areas of impact, world areas, missionaries and projects, and answers to frequently asked questions.

NMI Central

We invite you (and anyone who is interested!) to sign up for this weekly email publication focusing on the work of the Church of the Nazarene around the world (available in English, Spanish, Portuguese and French). Every week, it contains stories, prayer needs and praise reports for the global ministries of the Church of the Nazarene and our missionaries, as well as ways you can get involved

NMI Central also contains a monthly kids resource: Kids Kaleidoscope; that comes out in NMI Central the first Wednesday of each month with great ideas to incorporate for kids.

Sign up today: <https://tinyurl.com/Get-NMICentral>

The Foundry

The Church of the Nazarene's publishing company is The Foundry. Numerous NMI resources are available on this site, including Alabaster boxes, missions offering collection cards for children, Faith Promise commitment cards, group study curriculum, brochures, ebooks, audio books, posters and more. Visit <https://www.thefoundrypublishing.com/catalogsearch/result/?q=NMI>

What is Nazarene Missions International?

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

Since 1915, NMI has served Christ and His mission through the Church of the Nazarene in making Christlike disciples in the nations. NMI supports those called to go and serve as Nazarene missionaries, and NMI provides a place of service for those called to stay and support missions through their local church.

If you want to learn in depth about the organizational aspect of NMI, this is the link to our Constitution, which gives all the details – local, district & global:

English, <https://nazarene.org/resources/nmi-constitution-english/>

Spanish, <https://nazarene.org/resources/nmi-constitution-spanish/>

NMI Purpose

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

NMI is focused on the multicultural and multigenerational strategic objectives of being united in vision and moving forward in action, for the purpose of making an impact on the world for Jesus.

NMI.....

Helps produce missionaries.

Assists in sending missionaries to the field.

Supports missionaries on the field.

Educates individuals and congregations as to the missionaries' work on the field.

Welcomes and hosts missionaries when they return for home assignment.

Helps equip missionaries to return to the field.

Prays for missionaries at home and abroad.

Helps provide for retirement needs.

We are all needed to further the missions work of the Church of the Nazarene in the world!

NMI Logo

Prayer, WEF, Alabaster, and Engaging Children and Youth are represented in our logo by the four different-colored sections meeting together in a circle. Connecting churches and missionaries through Links is represented by the lines coming together, unifying our focus as we are united in our vision.

The full circle reminds us we are a global (international) organization with actions and impact affecting the entire world. The intersecting lines form a cross at the center because the message of the Cross is the main focus of NMI as we tell the story.

Please note that our logo colors were updated recently. If you are not using this version, you can access it at <https://nazarene.org/resources/nazarene-missions-international-logo/>.

NMI Five Areas of Impact

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

1. NMI gathers believers together for **Prayer** in the local church, linking us to our brothers and sisters in Christ around the globe.
2. The **World Evangelism Fund** fuels the Church of the Nazarene's mission by combining gifts from each person and church to fund ministries everywhere.
3. Through the **Alabaster Offering**, ministries around the world receive funds to purchase property and buildings.
4. We want to **Engage Children and Youth** through education and fostering calls to missions.
5. **Care & Connection** strategically connects Nazarene missionaries and Nazarene churches through prayer, personal contact, and generous giving.

The Five Areas of Impact were created for local presidents to better focus each year on the five priorities of NMI. Once a church has participated in these five areas and reported it on their end of year report, the local church will be acknowledged as a **Missions Priority One** church! This award demonstrates a more comprehensive commitment to missions than just the World Evangelism Fund.

Focusing on these five areas is the first step your church can take toward deeper involvement in missions. Every church is encouraged to participate in these five areas, and then supplement them with your own congregation's additional areas of interest for missions. By making missions a priority, we demonstrate God's passion for all people.

North/East Texas NMI Goals for 2026-2027

Below are the goals for the North/East Texas District for 2026-2027. All of these goals are achievable! Many of you are leading the way as a champion for missions, but there are, sadly, several of our local, organized churches that do not emphasize missions. It is our fervent desire and prayer that the Holy Spirit bring about a change in that regard!

Goals Related to the NMI Five Areas of Impact

1. **Every church on the North/East Texas District will join in praying for missions!** We are to pray for those who have not yet heard about Jesus. We are to pray for people to share the good news. We are to pray for people who are working for the Lord—for their ministry, their needs, their families and more. We are to pray for the strengthening of believers. All of us can *and should* do this. Please join us this year in praying for missions. Remember to set the alarm on your phone for a reminder to pray at 10:40 for the 10/40 window!
2. **Every church on the North/East Texas District will give to the World Evangelism Fund!** Join us this year in upholding our commitment to support the World Evangelism Fund, which funds so much of the heartbeat of the Church of the Nazarene. We know economic times are not easy, but please give at least *something* to support the work of the church around the world – your church will be blessed for it!
3. **90% of our churches on the North/East Texas District receive an Alabaster Offering!** Through the Alabaster offering, ministries around the world receive funds to purchase property and buildings. Receiving an offering to support Alabaster gives people an opportunity to contribute to these physical property needs. Alabaster funds are even used in the United States. Be sure to teach your people that these are above and beyond their regular tithes.
4. **Every church on the North/East Texas District will engage children and youth in missions!** We do this to educate and nurture our young people as they seek to respond to God's call. Not everyone is called to local missions, just as not everyone is called to global missions. In Mark 16, Jesus commands that we "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation." There are so many ways to tell the story of what God is doing, to have them join in prayer, to be involved in helping with Alabaster, to go on a mission trip with you (locally, domestically or globally!), to help pack crisis care kits, etc. Let's bring along the next generation! (NOTE: we realize that not all local churches have children in the congregation, which is why the question on your local report asks if you *would* engage them in missions, if you had them.....surely all can answer "yes" to this!)
5. **Have participation from 94% of our churches on the North/East Texas District in caring for and connecting with our missionaries!** Connect with our Links missionaries via email or What'sApp or even Facebook - or invite missionaries who are on home assignment to come speak at your church! Bring people together in support of God's work in the world, learn what's happening, and help us support and encourage our missionaries.

2026-2027 North/East Texas NMI Calendar

Suggested planning for your church year! North/East Texas church year is May 1 – April 30

May 19, 2026

Links: Ella Hall (daughter) birthday

May 20, 2026

Links: Hall Anniversary

Summer 2026

Kidz Camp & Teen Camp – Troutmans here for Kidz Camp

June 2026

Receive a World Mission Broadcast offering

June 6, 2026

Links: Rachel R (daughter) birthday

June 20, 2026

Links: Amy Hall birthday

June 28, 2026

Links: Joe Hall birthday

July 12-14, 2026

District Assembly & Conventions

September 18-27, 2026

Deputation Opportunity: **Mark & Jasmine Eugenio**, missionaries serving in Thailand

September 2026

Consider receiving an Alabaster offering

September 22, 2026

Links: Luke R (son) birthday

October 17, 2026

Links: Sam Hall (son) birthday

November 1-13, 2026

Deputation Opportunity: **Anthony & Barbara Manswell**, missionaries serving in Trinidad and Tobago

November 8, 2026

Links: Katy & Phil anniversary

November 19, 2026

Links: Phil R birthday

November 22, 2026

Receive a Thanksgiving offering for World Evangelism Fund

December 2026

Christmas Projects

January 2027

Start planning your Faith Promise event

January 3-6, 2027

Ignite the Cause in Oklahoma City, OK

February 2027

Consider receiving an Alabaster offering

February 14, 2027

Links: Katy R birthday

February 28 – March 6, 2027

Global Week of Prayer

March 28, 2027

Receive an Easter offering for WEF

May 1, 2027

New church fiscal year begins

May 10, 2027

Local NMI Presidents Report Due

June 7-22, 2027

Nazarene Youth Missions Academy in Fallon, NV

June 14-18, 2027

Teen Camp @ Scottsville Camp & Conference Center

June 20-27, 2027

Love Your Neighbor

June 25- July 2, 2027

General Assembly & Conventions in Kansas City, MO

June 25 – 28, 2027 – Global NMI Convention (delegates arrive on June 24)

July 12, 2027

District NMI Convention

What is My Role as Local NMI President?

Engaging Your Church in Missions

As the NMI President in your local church, **you are a member of your local church board** who actively participates in the efforts of your local church to ensure the mission of God to "*Go and make disciples of all nations*" is lived out. Your role is to direct and facilitate the work of NMI in your church in cooperation with the pastor, church board and local NMI council (if you have one) to ensure that every person in your church has a deep passion to share Jesus with others in our communities and around the world. Read more about your role in the NMI Constitution at <https://tinyurl.com/NMI-Constitution> (pages 342-364 of the *Manual*, and with specific responsibilities on page 359).

You are to be focused on supporting our NMI five areas of emphasis (Prayer, Alabaster, World Evangelism Fund, Engaging Children & Youth, Care & Connection). These are areas in which every church can participate, regardless of size, location or language.

You serve an important role, including:

- Encouraging people to pray for all efforts of world evangelism
- Informing people of the world's needs and what we are doing to meet those needs
- Challenging children and youth to actively learn about the mission of the Church
- Raising funds for the mission's outreach
- Nurturing a spirit of missions and mobilizing people into action

Form an NMI Council in Your Church

The local church should have an NMI Council. Why would this be? A couple of reasons. First, no one should carry all the work themselves; we help others become engaged in the work of missions by taking an active role. Second, this provides opportunity for people of all ages to participate by brainstorming, planning, and bringing to fruition the work of NMI. When one person carries the load, people often don't engage because everything is "handled."

My church is small; what do I do? First, remember that all members of the Church of the Nazarene are members of Nazarene Missions International. The NMI Council is outlined more in the NMI Constitution (<https://tinyurl.com/NMI-Constitution>, starting on page 343). It could include a president and the number of officers and/or council members as agreed upon by the NMI president and the lead pastor, according to the needs and size of the church. If you have three people in your church, and you are the president, one of the others could take on an area of leading missions prayer, for example, or connecting with our Links missionaries.

What can you do this month? With the new church year already underway, consider the NMI priorities for the year ahead – focus on at least 2 or 3 of the 5 areas of impact for NMI (prayer, World Evangelism Fund, Alabaster, Care & Connection with missionaries, and engaging children and youth). Bring people together as you lead this work in your church. Delegate some tasks (or, if you're not quite ready to let go of all the duties, let people shadow and learn from you). Encourage those serving alongside you.

Attend the District NMI Convention in July

As NMI President in your local church, **you are automatically a delegate from your church** for the NMI Convention and District Assembly, with the important role of voting on district business, including voting for people to serve in roles on our district and beyond.

Facilitating a Call to Missions

Are you or someone you know feeling a call to missions? Talk to your pastor about it. Check out opportunities to respond to such a calling: <https://opportunities.nazarene.org>

Complete NMI Reports for Your Church

Please complete the **Local NMI President Report** that will be sent via email blast to you from the District Office a few weeks before convention and assembly. **It is a Google document.** This report should be submitted by mid-May so that all reports can be finalized before District Assembly.

You will need to consult with your Pastor so that the information you enter will coincide with what he/she has shown on the Annual Report of the Pastor for your church, but **the information you will need to report on includes:**

Number of NMI Members (**all** Church of the Nazarene members in your church!)

Number of NMI associate members (those who engage with NMI or missions, but aren't church members)

Questions related to NMI's Areas of Impact:

1. Did your church PRAY for needs around the world as well as missionaries?
2. Did your church give to Alabaster?
3. Did your church pray for and connect with Nazarene missionaries this year?
4. Did your church engage children and youth in missions? (If your congregation is without children or youth, would you have engaged them?)
5. Did your church meet or exceed its World Evangelism Fund allocation?

Only if you answered "yes" to all 5 of the preceding questions, you may answer in the affirmative that you are a Mission Priority One Church (all goals met!).

Is there an adult, youth, or child from your church considering a call to missions service?

Did your church give at least 5.7 percent of its income to World Evangelism Fund? *If so, you are considered a "World Evangelism Church of Excellence."*

WEF goal: _____

WEF amount contributed: _____

Alabaster amount given: _____

Area of Impact: Prayer

Our NMI first area of emphasis is Prayer. NMI gathers believers together for prayer in the local church, linking us to our brothers and sisters in the Christ across the globe. Many times people feel that they have nothing to offer missions. The reality is that every believer can contribute to missions in a significant way through prayer. James 5:16 tells us that "The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective." God is listening!

We are to pray for those who have not yet heard about Jesus. "First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone... This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth." (1 Timothy 2:1,3-4)

We are to pray for people to share the good news. "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:37-38).

We are to pray for people who are working for the Lord, asking for their protection. "No weapon that is fashioned against you shall prosper, and you shall confute every tongue that rises against you in judgment. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord and their vindication from me, says the Lord" (Isaiah 54:17). You can view our missionary profiles with prayer requests here:
<https://give.nazarene.org/category/missionaries>

We are to pray for the strengthening of believers. "To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Thessalonians 1:11-12).

Specific Prayers for Missionaries

Pray for

boldness in sharing the Gospel, new ministries, and times when fear may come.

the people they are ministering to that their hearts would be open.

their education, as many are learning new languages, customs of the place they are serving, and building sustainability.

their families, both immediate family and those they are far away from.

their personal needs, physical and mental strength, strong relationships, time with family, effective use of time, and opportunities to relax.

the virtues of perseverance, strength, wisdom, and peace.

their protection.

intimacy with Jesus.

How Can Your Church Participate In Prayer?

Remember our missionaries (Links and otherwise) throughout the year in prayer. Many are often facing troubled times in the places in which they serve. They seek to be peacemakers and agents of transformation. They need your support through intercession. View all of our missionary profile pages and their prayer requests here:

<https://nazarene.org/missionary-profiles>

Another idea is to use the weekly NMI resource that is emailed out on Wednesdays. Each week, NMI Central features a different country, region or theme. This resource also includes prayer requests. It is a great touch point for your church and another way to bring the church together in prayer.

Set your phone alarm for 10:40 each day to pray for the 10/40 window where God's truth is so desperately needed.

MORE ideas for Praying for Missions:

Pray with a Sunday School class or small group for specific mission requests.

Ask your pastor to include a weekly missions-focused prayer request in the bulletin.

One Sunday a month, take a few minutes during the worship service to pray for your Links families. This will help the full church learn their names and be aware of their prayer needs.

Global Week of Prayer

February 28 – March 6, 2027

From the beginning, Nazarene Missions International (NMI) has been praying for the work of the global church. As a global denomination that ministers in 165 world areas, we strive to be connected and lift each other up in prayer.

This desire is not unique to the Church of the Nazarene. A heart for missions and the work of God's kingdom here on earth has always been the heartbeat of the church. Beginning in 1887, there was a call to prayer for missions that blossomed into the World Day of Prayer. This movement is global and stretches across denominations. The World Day of Prayer falls on the first Friday of March every year.

In 1996, Nazarene Missions International joined this movement by observing a week of prayer focused on joining together as Nazarenes all around the world to lift up our brothers and sisters in prayer. We are also joining with our brothers and sisters outside of the Church of the Nazarene by observing our week of prayer the same week as the World Day of Prayer. In 2027, the Global Week of Prayer is February 28 – March 6.

On the NMI Global Week of Prayer website, you can find both adult and children's booklets to help people of all ages come together in prayer. Download the free resources at <https://nazarene.org/nmigwp>. New resources for the 2027 Global Week of Prayer are typically provided in January. May this week be a sacred time as we serve as the global missions advocate in every local church, nurturing a spirit of missions and mobilizing into action, impacting people around the world.

Area of Impact: World Evangelism Fund

The World Evangelism Fund (WEF) fuels the Church of the Nazarene's mission by combining gifts from each person and church to fund ministries everywhere. Every church is asked to give a portion of their yearly tithes/offerings for the purpose of making Christlike disciples in the nations.

Giving our 'tithe' means giving the first 10% of our income. When we give 10%, we aren't just giving *to* God, we are acknowledging that everything we have is God's to begin with: it's *from* Him. Churches also demonstrate this by "tithing" on their tithe. In the Church of the Nazarene, we use this to support world evangelism.

This model of tithing is embraced by the local church in supporting missions, including a church WEF allotment and Ten Percent Giving. Learn more and access resources at <https://nazarene.org/wef>.

What Your Giving Through WEF Accomplishes

WEF is how we fuel our global mission in the Church of the Nazarene. First and foremost, it funds our missionaries around the world. Many missionaries also receive medical insurance, a pension plan and other valuable benefits. But that is the tip of the iceberg!

Your giving through WEF provides resources and literature in over 90 languages to churches all over the world, including resources for pastors and Bible-based teaching materials for children, youth and adults. Your giving funds clergy development and ordination, making holiness education available worldwide through Nazarene institutions of higher education.

Through your giving, new congregations worldwide are able to positively impact their communities. Pastors and leaders are trained and equipped to serve in these churches. Further, the Church of the Nazarene develops and sustains worldwide communication, technology support and mission endeavors so that the unreached may hear the gospel. In addition, Nazarene Missions International (NMI), Nazarene Youth International (NYI), Nazarene Missions Teams and similar ministries are supported by WEF.

Sometimes it can be hard to trust God when we give. But God is faithful, and we trust He will steward these funds better than we will. Join us this year in upholding our commitments to support the World Evangelism Fund, which funds so much of the heartbeat of the Church of the Nazarene.

My Church's WEF Allotment

All Nazarene churches are expected to contribute 5.5% of total tithes received to the World Evangelism Fund, which is more than halfway to that 10% for world missions goal.

Example:

A church receives \$100,000 in tithes each year. It's WEF allotment is \$5,500.

When your church gives, the money goes to the [General Treasurer's Office](#) where the funds are distributed to various regions, missionaries, and ministries around the globe. The World Evangelism Fund not only provides ministries on the ground with the monies they need, but the money is used to ensure that legal, federal, and support needs are met so that ministries are as safe as possible and can be sustained for years to come.

WEF funds are utilized to:

1. support more than 600 missionaries and key national workers as they work in more than 160 world areas / countries.
2. provide financial help to more than 300 district organizations supporting more than 30,000 churches.
3. finance Gospel literature production in almost 100 languages.
4. be a lifeline for 43 Bible colleges and seminaries with almost 10,000 students, and for 3 vocational and training colleges with more than 200 students.
5. make possible elementary and secondary schools serving almost 60,000 children.
6. support more than 60 medical clinics and 2 Nazarene hospitals.
7. support pensions for nearly 300 retired missionaries.

The easiest way for your church to pay its WEF allotment in full is to contribute monthly or quarterly based on the tithes and offerings your own church brings in through Funding the Mission, a tool provided by the Church of the Nazarene.

Ten Percent Approved Specials

If we are following the model of tithing, each church would give 10% of its received tithes as a world missions goal. WEF giving is 5.5% of that goal. Churches can give to other world mission approved specials throughout the year to reach that 10% total.

Ten Percent giving is an endorsement of particular ministries and projects in our global church. These ministries and projects called Approved Nazarene Mission Projects provide an opportunity for churches and individuals to support specific ministries while providing a form of recognition for their ministry support. Recognition is recorded when the funds are reconciled in Global Treasury Services.

For example, all missionaries, whether sent on a global or sponsored deployment, benefit from World Evangelism giving. However, they are also responsible for raising a portion of their own support, which we call **deputation**. When you give to a missionary's deputation fund, they use it for things like travel expenses, purchasing a vehicle, ministry expenses, and educational needs for their children, among other specifically defined uses. This deputation giving is not a part of a church's WEF giving, but does count as an approved special.

Other approved specials include Alabaster offerings, Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, and Jesus Film Harvest Partners, registered Nazarene Missions Team projects, registered Compassionate Ministry Centers, and World Mission Broadcast, among others. You can search for projects to determine if they are approved specials here:

<https://give.nazarene.org/category/global-missions-projects>

If you are unsure about the status of a ministry, please call 800-544-8413 to find out more.

World Evangelism Church of Excellence

If your church gives over 5.7% of its tithe (or an additional \$1500, whichever is less) to the World Evangelism Fund, your church is designated as a World Evangelism Church of Excellence. WEF giving beyond 5.5% is invested in new world areas and new works in the USA and Canada.

Faith Promise

The Church of the Nazarene acknowledges that Faith Promise giving is a biblical method used by many local churches for raising financial support for world evangelism. The main priority is reaching the world for Christ through the payment of a church's allotment for the World Evangelism Fund.

A Faith Promise is a FAITH commitment between a person and God to give above and beyond their tithe to the local church to support missions. Through Faith Promise, people are promising to give to God's mission around the world whatever he lays on their heart to give.

If Faith Promise funds are to be used for other missions projects (e.g., local projects, Alabaster, Nazarene Missions Team, Jesus Film, etc.) in addition to WEF, it must be clearly stated for your congregation how much will go to WEF and where the other funds go. Transparency is important!

Faith Promise is NOT to be confused with:

Tithe: A Faith Promise offering is a love gift to God, given beyond one's tithe.

A Substitute for Missions Offerings: In addition to Faith Promise, opportunities should be given for people to give to missions. Such offerings allow those not participating in Faith Promise to give to missions. For those who are giving to Faith Promise, it provides additional opportunity to give as the Holy Spirit leads. Additional missions offerings include (but are not limited to) Alabaster, Jesus Film Harvest Partners, World Mission Broadcast, Nazarene Compassionate Missions, deputation and so forth.

Planning a Faith Promise Event

To help people think through their own Faith Promise beyond their regular tithes and offerings, it is strongly encouraged that you hold an event (generally right before the start of your church's fiscal year).

Bring in an inspirational missions speaker (it doesn't have to be for the Sunday morning service!). Share the need to support Nazarene world missions efforts, and identify that supporting missions is an offering of thanks to God and a commitment to participate in His kingdom work in the world. Encourage people to complete Faith Promise response/pledge cards (they keep the portion with their name!)

Special Offerings

Both the **Easter Offering** and **Thanksgiving Offering** for the World Evangelism Fund have been a part of the Church of the Nazarene's history for nearly 100 years. The offerings provide the financial support the global church needs to fulfill its mission worldwide.

Encourage your church to take part in these annual offerings. Access helpful promotional tools for the Offering of Thanks at www.nazarene.org/offering-of-thanks including PowerPoint slides, other graphics, videos, and stories about lives changed because of such giving.

Area of Impact: Alabaster

Churches lay the foundation through Alabaster offerings for places where people worship, heal, and learn by encouraging global participation each year. Every Alabaster project is a joint effort of local contribution and labor, combined with global love and support in bringing tangible presence and a sense of long-term commitment to a community. ***No Alabaster funds are used for administrative costs.***

Many Nazarene churches designate September and February as Alabaster offering months (although your church can receive such an offering when it is most convenient for the church calendar). It is a good time to focus on giving to missions worldwide as we share the love we have through generous giving to create new places of worship and service throughout the world.

Through the Alabaster offering, ministries around the world receive funds to purchase property and buildings around the world (including in the United States).

- Purchase a property or convert property into a church gathering space
- Purchase or build a church building or parsonage
- Meet initial costs for renting a church meeting space for a limited period of time
- Purchase or build regional or field missions facilities (e.g., hospitals or schools)
- Build or repurpose buildings on Bible college campuses

Churches are encouraged to plan to receive an Alabaster offering when it is most convenient for the church calendar. These offerings are above and beyond WEF, not a part of it. When a local church gives these offerings through the appropriate channels, the church will receive credit for 10% giving.

The most important thing with Alabaster is to provide an opportunity for people to give an offering to God—even if you have other missions giving opportunities in your church.

In much the same way that the woman gave her bottle of perfume to Jesus, we have been called to pour out a lavish offering for others. Alabaster was first promoted using this phrase: ***"Give up a want to meet a need."*** Alabaster, an offering that for more than 75 years has been a hallmark of Nazarene generosity and sacrifice, is still achieving great things, laying foundations where people worship, heal, and learn.

Alabaster Resources

Learn about Alabaster <https://nazarene.org/alabaster/>

Order Alabaster boxes <https://nazarene.org/resources/alabaster-2026-english/>
<https://nazarene.org/resources/alabastro-2026-espanol/>

Area of Impact: Children & Youth

We intentionally work to engage children and youth in missions through education and fostering calls to missions. NMI encourages every church, every district to encourage and engage every child and every youth in the mission of God in your community and around the world.

We do this to educate and nurture our young people as they seek to respond to God's call. Not everyone is called to local missions, just as not everyone is called to global missions. In Mark 16, Jesus commands that we "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation." Let us continue sharing this with generations to come, so that all may hear and respond as God places a call on their lives.

It's easy to think that the generations coming after us see our work and are inspired by it. While that is true, we also need to talk about missions, share why we engage in missions, and encourage our younger people to consider how God is uniquely equipping them for and calling them to His work in the world. This reflects what we see in Deuteronomy 6:6-8 about diligently teaching our children and speaking to them as we walk through life together.

Five ways you can involve youth and children in missions in your church:

1. Involve them in acts of service: community meals, VBS programs, compassionate ministries projects. The mission of God has always been based on loving God and loving people; any act that shows love to people and God should be one we engage our young people in.
2. Engage them in a local work-and-witness or cross-cultural mission trip. As they express additional calls to missions, help them explore what that means.
3. Guide them on the importance of global evangelism prayer. Find specific ways to involve them in praying for different countries and needs around the world.
4. Teach the importance of giving generously and supporting world evangelism. Provide opportunities for them to earn funds, such as through a car wash, bake sale, or other service project.
5. Open God's word. Show what He says in scripture about our mission to "Go!" Share about the missionary journeys recorded in the Bible. Being missions-minded has always been part of God's plan for us.

NMI continues to encourage churches to involve children and youth in all missions endeavors and to nurture them as they seek to respond to God's call.

Children's Missions eBooks

A variety of children's missions ebooks are available at The Foundry Publishing. Churches are encouraged to provide a selection of missions books that can be read to children during Sunday School or other educational opportunities.

<https://www.thefoundrypublishing.com/catalogsearch/result/?q=NMI>

Kids Kaleidoscope Curriculum

One way to engage with kids about missions is to use the monthly resource, called Kids Kaleidoscope. It is designed by Nazarene Missions International, especially for children. It is distributed through NMI Central the first Wednesday of each month.

This resource is created for kids ages 7-12. It includes a teacher's resource and kids activity page. The materials either reference a story included in NMI Central, or link to something on the web. It has information, activities, recipes, crafts, games and more to help you provide missions learning based on your needs and context. Use what you want from the resources provided.

Each lesson opens a window into a different country, helping kids discover how God is at work around the world while nurturing a heart for prayer and compassion. The lessons are perfect for mission events, Sunday school, or family devotion time. They are available in several languages and come out once a month.

NMI has 5 very brief videos on how to use Kids Kaleidoscope. You can access them here: <https://nazarene.org/resources/nmi-training-video/>.

NOTE: Children's leaders must have the associated NMI Central and Kids Kaleidoscope to effectively use these materials! NMI Central is available in English, French, Portuguese, and Spanish. Sign up for NMI Central today: <https://tinyurl.com/Get-NMICentral>

Look for the next Kids Kaleidoscope issue in NMI Central!

Not working with kids directly? You are encouraged to share this information and resource with your church's children leadership. They also can subscribe to NMI Central!

Nazarene Youth Missions Academy

Do you have high school aged young people in your church who feel a call to missions? Check out NYMA! <https://nazarene.org/news/nyma-prepares-young-students-for-missions>

The Nazarene Youth Missions Academy (NYMA) is a structured, outcomes-driven youth leadership and missions formation program operated in Fallon, Nevada as both a community asset and a leadership development pipeline. NYMA is modeled after the Escola de Missões para Adolescentes (EMA) in São Paulo, Brazil – a program with over fifteen years of proven results in forming disciplined, service-minded young leaders. NYMA is not an experiment or a summer camp. It is a deliberate adaptation of a mature international model, contextualized for the United States and Canada.

Each student enrolled in NYMA joins in a 3-year leadership program designed to shape high school-aged students into "spiritually grounded, mission-ready leaders for life." Students must have sponsorship from their local pastoral staff.

The focus is on varied missions opportunities, including urban missions (like thrift stores and the food pantries) but they also have a farm ministry as a lab which focuses on taking care of the environment, learning how to be sustainable, etc. Other programs include basic tech and audio-visual training, theological and pastoral training, with specializations based on students' interests like leading worship, preaching, etc.

The next session is **June 7-22, 2027 and applications are being accepted now. The program is held at Fallon Church of the Nazarene – located** in the high desert, an hour drive east of Reno, NV. Cost for the program is \$450.

Contact Pastor Caleb Hughes if you have questions calebmattthewhughes99@gmail.com

The program is intentionally designed to function under pastoral and district authority as the youth pipeline into Global Missions' young adult initiative, The Cause (see below).

The Cause

The Cause is an initiative of the Church of the Nazarene and Global Missions, seeking to inspire the next generation Nazarenes to be missional people.

Through short-term missions opportunities, internships, and developmental experiences, young people across all six regions of the Church of the Nazarene have the opportunity to experience cross-cultural missions and live into the denomination's missional legacy.

Currently, all six regions are offering at least three short-term or developmental opportunities through The Cause. Those opportunities span from youth ministry internships, church planting initiatives, refugee relief, and more.

In the United States, a four-day conference called "Ignite the Cause" will be held **January 3-6, 2027 | in Oklahoma City, OK.**

Ignite the Cause is a transformative experience for young adults (ages 18-28) who want to become global Christians and participate in God's mission in the world. Whether they are exploring missions for the first time or seeking clarity on their next steps, this event is designed to help them

Over four days, they will engage in inspiring worship, hear from dynamic speakers, choose from practical workshops, and connect with other young adults who share their passion for God's Kingdom. They will explore missions in the Church of the Nazarene, hear compelling stories from around the globe, and discover how God has uniquely equipped them for His purposes.

Through mentorship, discernment opportunities, and hands-on service in partnership with the local church, they will leave with greater clarity about their calling and tangible next steps—whether that's local ministry, cross-cultural service, or global mission.

Registration: April - September 30: \$239 or October 1 - October 15: \$259

All young adults who desire to follow Jesus into the world are encouraged to attend.

Contact Pastor Caleb Hughes if you have questions calebmattthewhughes99@gmail.com

To learn more about The Cause and how you can get involved, visit nazarene.org/the-cause

Love Your Neighbor 2027

Nazarenes around the globe are invited to join Love Your Neighbor, a service project taking place in Kansas City, 20-27 June 2027, in conjunction with the 31st General Assembly and Conventions.

Love Your Neighbor is working with the Kansas City District to help participants engage in 25 different projects around the city. The projects range from working with local churches to distribute food, church construction projects, and working with ShelterKC — a Nazarene Compassionate Ministry Center that serves those experiencing homelessness.

Love Your Neighbor is also partnering with the district to plant two new churches in the urban core of Kansas City.

Begins Sunday, June 20, 2027 upon arrival and concludes with the final General Assembly worship service

Cost is \$595/person, which includes housing

We already have a team registered. Contact Pastor Chance Henson for details and to add your name to our team. pastorchancehenson@gmail.com

More about Love Your Neighbor: <https://nazarene.org/news/love-your-neighbor-brings-service-projects-to-31st-general-assembly>

Area of Impact: Care & Connection – Supporting Our Missionaries

As one area of emphasis for NMI, we seek to strategically connect Nazarene missionaries and Nazarene churches through prayer, personal contact, and generous giving.

Deputation (Missionary Speakers)

We are continually connecting with missionaries and working on their deputation visits to the North/East Texas District. This is a great opportunity to connect with God's work beyond our community.

What is deputation? The Church of the Nazarene funds its mission's enterprise, and supports missionary families, through the World Evangelism Fund (WEF), which is given by local churches around the world throughout the year. Missionaries supplement the WEF by traveling to their home country every few years (deputation) to raise money for specific ministry needs and projects, as well as to share with churches what God is doing around the world and inspire greater involvement with God through missions. The money they raise through deputation offerings is used for a variety of personal needs including medical expenses, vehicles and equipment for field ministry, educational benefits for the missionaries and their children, home furnishing, special mission projects, and more.

Why should your church host a missionary? For many people, this may seem straightforward--you've hosted missionaries for years. But what about those who come behind us? One of our primary duties as seasoned believers is to train up the younger ones in the way they should go, to pass the baton of passion for missions. The key is to engage them in missions--setting the example of how we are called on mission.

Remember that it is not essential to host missionaries on a Sunday or to be a large church to make their visit worthwhile! Many churches have successfully held lunchtime events, evening neighborhood barbecues and joint events with nearby churches. Missionaries appreciate opportunities to connect with small groups of interested people who want to learn more about what is happening through their field assignment.

Guidance for Hosting a Missionary

Pray! Ask God to prepare you and your group for sharing in your missionary's ministry—through prayer, giving and creating relationships with them and their families. Look for opportunities to become involved in their lives and offer support.

Advertise to your group. If not provided, ask the Deputation Coordinator for biographical information and/or a picture for promoting the missionary's visit. **Be sure that if the missionary is serving in a secure area that you check with them on how to promote their visit to your church.** You may want to do some research about the country where the missionary family is serving for more information to share with your people. Your missionary may be able to provide information and photo. It's also helpful to check their Facebook account!

Housing. You may need to provide housing the night (or night before) that the missionary speaks to your group. This can be in family's home, if available.

Meals. Please provide necessary meals. Check with your missionary for food restrictions for all family members so they can be accommodated. Also be mindful that extended deputation visits can be hard on people trying to be healthy in their eating habits. Find healthy ways to support your missionaries.

Coordinate with your missionary. Share about the technology available at your church (including type of computer and software like PowerPoint). Plan to give the missionary access to the sound/video technicians at least 30 minutes before the service.

Take an offering. The offering should be either deposited directly to the missionary's deputation account, accessed through Missionary Profiles page, or sent to the Global Ministry Center in care of the missionary's deputation account. Mail to: Attn. Donor Services, Church of the Nazarene, 17001 Prairie Star Parkway, Lenexa, KS 66220. Funds should be clearly marked with the missionary's full first and last name.

Did you know: If the church gives the missionary \$600 or more and it does not go through their deputation account, a 1099 form must be given to the missionary. This **includes** funds people call "a love" offering.

Upcoming Missionaries Available for Deputation Services in 2026

September 18-27, 2026

Deputation Opportunity: **Mark & Jasmine Eugenio**, missionaries serving in Thailand

November 1-13, 2026

Deputation Opportunity: **Anthony & Barbara Manswell**, missionaries serving in Trinidad and Tobago

If you would like to schedule these missionaries to speak in your church, please reach out to our NMI Deputation Coordinators Gloria Nelson glowplatinum@gmail.com or Cheryl Adams nmi_president@yahoo.com.

NOTE: we will have several missionaries available in 2027 because of General Assembly – they are usually available just before and just after GA (May/June/July) - please let either Cheryl Adams or Gloria Nelson know right away if you want to host a family in 2027 – the slots fill up fast!

Links Missionaries

Each district is assigned district Links missionaries for two years (January in year one through December in year two).

A Links relationship cultivates a sense of involvement with Nazarene Missions through regular correspondence to and from missionaries, updates from their field of service, and presentations by Links missionaries when they are on home assignment. Your prayers, letters, gifts, and connection to our district-assigned missionaries will make a huge difference in encouraging them and the people they are reaching in the mission field!

Make sure connections go both ways. In addition to learning as much as possible about the missionaries and the fields they serve on, introduce them to your church. Share about your church, share prayer requests, and help the missionary feel connected to your local mission. Schedule video chats on occasion. Invite them to participate by video in your church's events. Have your children's program send letters or drawings.

The main focus of LINKS is praying for our assigned missionary: health, safety, work, connections with others, finances and so on.

Please note that monetary gifts for missionaries are processed through their deputation accounts (linked below).

To ensure the safety and privacy of missionaries, missionary address and phone information will not be shared by NMI or Global Missions. If you need this information for a missionary, please contact either your District NMI president or your District Links Coordinator.

2026-2027 North/East Texas District Links Missionaries

Information on the district website: <https://www.netxnaz.net/district-ministries/nazarene-missions-international/>

Joe & Amy Hall

Missionary Profile: <https://give.nazarene.org/pledge/amyjoseph> -

Joe and Amy serve in the USA/CAN, but provide missionary care globally. They have been in this role for 4 years and love what they do. They served in Vietnam for several years before they took on this new assignment. They would love to get to know you and partner in any way that would be helpful.

Birthdays and Anniversary

Joe – June 28th

Amy – June 20th

Sam – October 17th

Ella – May 19th

Wedding anniversary: May 20th

Phil & Katy

serving in a Creative Access Country – they have no missionary profile page. Contact Cheryl Adams nmi_president@yahoo.com or Connie Friesen conniefriesen@letu.edu for email information and about how to refer to them in any social media, etc. at your church

Birthdays and Anniversary

Phil's – November 19

Katy – February 14

Rachel – June 6

Luke – September 22

Wedding anniversary: November 8

"We deeply appreciate the **North/East Texas District** for welcoming us as your Links missionaries and for your prayers and support. We are blessed by your partnership in the Kingdom's work."

Missionary Medical Plan

Missionaries often live in areas with higher health risks than in their homeland. Getting adequate health care in a global setting can also be a challenge. Even when proper care is available, the cost may be exorbitant. In some world areas, missionaries incur high travel costs to get to where they can receive needed medical attention. The Missionary Medical Plan helps provide for active and retired Nazarene missionaries and their families when medical needs and emergencies arise.

The Nazarene Missionary Medical Plan pays for insurance that typically covers diagnosis of physical conditions and diseases, dental/vision/auditory health care, evacuation by air and ground ambulance when needed, physical exams for Nazarene missionary families, treatment of childhood diseases and injuries for missionary kids, hospitalization, emergency care, prescription medications, surgical procedures, maternity care and mental health services.

There are several ways churches can support the Missionary Medical Plan.

Distinguished Service Award (DSA). This is an award churches give in honor of people in their church who are living. It is typically presented to honor that person for a particular area of service (e.g., Sunday School worker, usher, staff member). Although the DSA is given through NMI, it doesn't have to be given in the service area of missions. These awards are presented by a church or a department of the church; individuals may not give this award. The cost of the DSA is \$125, and the funds go to the Missionary Medical Plan. Learn more: <https://tinyurl.com/NazareneDSA>

Memorial Roll. This is presented by a local church, group or individual in memory of a deceased family member or friend. A certificate is issued in the name of the person memorialized and is often presented to a family member or displayed in the church. The cost is \$75, and the funds go to the Missionary Medical Plan. Learn more: <https://tinyurl.com/NazareneMemorialRoll>

Special Offerings. Your church can pick a month or week to focus on gifts to support the Missionary Medical Plan. All money given to the medical plan is used directly for Nazarene missionaries' health care and may count as 10% giving for your church. None of the money is used for administrative costs.

The Missionary Medical Plan provides comprehensive coverage to both active and retired Nazarene missionaries.

North/East Texas NMI Grants

Through District NMI funds, we are pleased to offer three grants to support people and projects from North/East Texas. Grant requests are reviewed by the Executive Council.

1. **SIMS Grant:** This is a grant for students at Southern Nazarene University (SNU) who participate in the SIMS missions program. Applicants must have been a member of a church on our district for at least 1 year prior to applying. Students should email a request for consideration to Cheryl Adams, nmi_president@yahoo.com. The request must include specifics about the trip and a testimony from the student outlining their reason for participating.
2. **Missionary Children Scholarship Grant for attending SNU:** This is a grant to help with expenses for children of missionaries who reside on our district and are attending SNU. Applicants must have been a member of a church on our district for at least 1 year prior to applying. The family is not required to be missionaries currently in order for the student to apply, but must have served the Church of the Nazarene as missionaries for a minimum of 2 years. Students should email a request for consideration to Cheryl Adams, nmi_president@yahoo.com.
3. **SNU Junior/Senior Preparing for Missionary Service Grant:** This is a grant to help with expenses for students in their Junior &/or Senior year at SNU who have expressed a call to missionary service. Applicants must have been a member of a church on our district for at least 1 year prior to applying. Students should email a request for consideration to Cheryl Adams, nmi_president@yahoo.com.

Grant Applications are available from Cheryl Adams.

Please be sure that your intended grant use aligns with the purpose articulated for each grant.

Grant applications are reviewed each year, with the following deadlines:

SIMS – at least one month before the scheduled trip

Missionary Children Scholarship – at least one month prior to the semester for which the grant is requested

SNU Junior/Senior Preparing for Missionary Service – at least one month prior to the semester for which the grant is requested

Applications received after each deadline will be reviewed as part of the next grant cycle.

Nazarene Missions Teams

Explore Opportunities to Engage on Mission!

Nazarene Missions Teams encompass all types of projects in which teams can participate, such as emergency response, evangelism, construction, medical missions, sports, education, compassion, and technology projects.

Learn more from our NMT coordinator, Rev. Lindsay Parson lscppastorlindsay@gmail.com

What is a Nazarene Missionary?

A Nazarene missionary is a Christlike disciple set apart by the Holy Spirit, prayerfully sent out by the church, and affirmed by Nazarene Missions to cross cultural barriers for the purpose of spreading scriptural holiness.

In our local churches, our NMI leaders and pastors are called to actively nurture a spirit of missions and mobilize people to action. As you learn of people (of any age!) who are feeling a call to missions or some prompting on their heart related to missions, you can help encourage them and provide them with resources. View the assortment of resources you can provide to people: <https://opportunities.nazarene.org>

Resources are available in English, Spanish, Portuguese, Korean and French. They include videos that share stories of those who have been called to missions, guides to pray through such a call, information to help people take the first steps and consider potential missionary opportunities, and much more.

Maybe you haven't heard from anyone about a call to missions. However, you can create a spark through regularly providing opportunities for people to explore on their own if they're feeling such a call.

Missions Internship Opportunity: Fall 2026 & Winter 2027

The Cause is recruiting missions interns for two sessions in 2026-2027. Spend 10 weeks (options for more!) serving across multiple USA/Canada locations while building cultural understanding, authentic relationships, and deepening your faith.

You'll experience pre-deployment training, real ministry in areas like sports ministry, evangelism, and multicultural outreach, plus ongoing mentorship and personal growth. Whether it's this fall or winter, the training opportunity equips you to serve God's kingdom with purpose.

For more Information, visit <https://tinyurl.com/thecauseopps> or contact ssenica@usacanadaregion.org to learn more and apply today.

Missions Opportunities Around the World

1. **Select your opportunity!** You can pick the Nazarene region where you would like to serve. You also can select by category, including: Compassionate Ministries, Construction, Discipleship, Equipping, Minister Care, Reaching the Unreached, Technology and Communications, Sports, and Medical Missions.
<https://nazarene.org/teams/#select-your-opportunity>

2. **Prepare for the trip!** Reach out to Pastor Lindsay Parson, North/East Texas NMT Coordinator, to help you ensure you're taking care of the requirements!
lsccpastorlindsay@gmail.com
3. **Prepare your team!** View resources to help your team experience God and His people in a new cultural context. <https://nazarene.org/teams/#prepare-spiritually>
4. **Go** with a heart ready to serve, learn, and love—joining God in what He is already doing through His people.

Introducing Strike Teams!

We are pleased to present Strike Teams, a new Nazarene Mission Teams initiative for rapid-response mission in USA/Canada! The Strike Teams Initiative is a bold regional effort from Nazarene Mission Teams to mobilize passionate individuals from across our local congregations and districts to serve critical needs right here in the USA/Canada Region. Think of it as special ops for the Church of the Nazarene – teams that form quickly, deploy strategically, and focus on strengthening our mission where it's needed most across our region.

Who are Strike Teams? These aren't long-term planners waiting for next year's calendar. Strike Teams are people who say, "I'm available—and I'm ready to go!" Within just one to two months, they're prepared to assist with urgent needs or strategic projects in USA/Canada. They're flexible, fast, and focused, always responding where help is needed most in our own backyard.

Who is this for?

- Churches without the resources to launch traditional mission trips
- Individuals ready to serve now, not later
- Districts needing short-term support or rapid response teams

Ready to Learn More? If you're interested in exploring how Strike Teams can strengthen mission engagement for your church, contact Camilo Gonzalez at cgonzalez@usacanadaregion.org.

Crisis Care Kits

Nazarene Missions International (NMI) has a legacy of hands-on participation. It was this rich heritage that resulted in the founding of NMI more than 100 years ago.

The passion to be directly involved in missions fostered the partnership between Nazarene Compassionate Ministries (NCM) and NMI, resulting in the ministry of Crisis Care Kits. These kits provide basic necessities to those who are displaced following a disaster. Thousands of Crisis Care Kits are made, stored, and distributed globally each year as needs inevitably arise around the world.

While we often think of providing global help, even in our own backyard across the U.S., families are receiving basic necessities following disasters like hurricanes, tornados, flooding and more.

Crisis Care Kit instructions and additional information are online. Learn more and stay up to date with current packing lists at www.ncm.org/crisiscarekits

Local NMI President's Role with Crisis Care Kits

1. Obtain banana boxes from your local grocery store. We only ship kits in banana boxes, as they provide uniformity and eliminate wasted space.
2. Cut the heavy brown paper (normally found in the banana box) in half. Place one half inside the bottom of the box; tape the other half over the hole in the lid. (Plain cardboard may also be used.)
3. Work with your church to pack your Crisis Care Kits.
4. Verify the exact contents of your church's CCKs! Each kit must be filled EXACTLY as shown on the instruction sheet. Do not include anything that is not on the list & be sure the sizes/amounts shown are followed. This is vital.
5. Fill each box with EXACTLY 6 kits. Do not insert money, literature or any other item. No notes, no reference to your church, etc., in the kits or banana boxes. Using strong packing tape, cover all the holes in the top and the bottom of the box. Be sure to leave box handles open for easy loading/unloading. **DO NOT tape the box shut!**
6. **Mail a check—payable to Global Treasury Services, Church of the Nazarene—in the amount of \$16.00 for each banana box!** This is for storage and shipping costs during the distribution process. When you send in your check, include the name and address of your church; Ten Percent Credit will be allowed for the \$16 shipping donation only. Mark the check "Crisis Care Kit Shipments 140002" and mail to: Church of the Nazarene, 17001 Prairie Star Parkway, Lenexa, KS 66220-7900, Attn. Donor Services.

You can send these by mail to GTS, or via the [Funding the Mission website](#). On the FTM site, click on the gift box icon, then click on the yellow "GTS Contribution" button. Then in the giving tree option, choose the category of "Search for Additional Project" and search for the word "Crisis"... then click on the project name and give to that project fund.

Other Giving Opportunities

Support Missionary Healthcare

The missionary healthcare fund is beginning to run low. This important fund provides health insurance and medical care for missionaries and their families.

NMI's 110th Anniversary Project is to support the Missionary Healthcare Fund.

Encourage your people to become engaged in helping our missionaries through this really important fund! Please mark offerings "Missionary Healthcare, fund 215."

Your Support Requested for Featured Missions Projects

Did you know the Church of the Nazarene has more than 300 projects that your church can support, ranging from discipleship and evangelism to construction, education and much more?

The World Evangelism Fund provides a foundation for these projects. Further, 100% of project funds go directly to ministry cost—not overhead!

This year, we are pleased to feature seven missions projects—one from each world region, plus one overarching global project. As you're looking for opportunities to further engage your church in missions, consider the following.

Global Project: The Cause

To launch the next generation of missionaries through short-term assignments.

<https://give.nazarene.org/category/featured-projects/154034>

Africa Region: Youth Workers Academy

Support ministerial education for ministers working with youth.

<https://give.nazarene.org/category/featured-projects/154099>

Asia-Pacific Region: Empowering Indigenous Nazarene Women

Open the way for more women to serve as church leaders.

<https://give.nazarene.org/category/featured-projects/154074>

Eurasia Region: Nexus Youth Discipleship Training

Invest in the future of the Church by training emerging leaders.

<https://give.nazarene.org/category/featured-projects/153793>

Mesoamerica Region: ABC Islands Church Planting Initiative

Plant churches through outreach in Aruba, Bonaire, and Curaçao.

<https://give.nazarene.org/category/featured-projects/154117>

South America Region: Siloe Church of the Nazarene Expansion

Equip a growing church by expanding ministry spaces and meal programs.

<https://give.nazarene.org/category/featured-projects/5426>

USA/Canada Region: Mobilizing Child Discipleship

Resource churches to raise children as devoted disciples of Jesus.

<https://give.nazarene.org/category/featured-projects/154090>

Get promotional materials to help you share and raise support for these projects:
<https://give.nazarene.org/category/featured-projects>.

Nazarene Compassionate Ministries

Nazarene Compassionate Ministries (NCM) works to support local churches around the world in their efforts to actively live compassion as a lifestyle. Following the example of Jesus, NCM partners with local congregations around the world to clothe, shelter, feed, heal, educate, and live in solidarity with those who suffer under oppression, injustice, violence, poverty, hunger, and disease. NCM exists in and through the Church of the Nazarene to proclaim the gospel to all people in word and deed.

NCM Works Alongside NMI. Nazarene Compassionate Ministries is not the same as Nazarene Missions International. However, your church is encouraged to support NCM. Funds given for NCM projects are approved specials that count toward a church's 10% giving goal. (See the WEF section for more information.) For more information about NCM, visit <https://ncm.org>.

Child Sponsorship

The child sponsorship program is based on a Holistic Child Development model that seeks to simultaneously address key aspects of a child's life—spiritual, intellectual, physical, emotional, and social—through learning opportunities and developmental interventions. Through this model, children are encouraged to grow into the people God created them to be.

You can change the world one child at a time. Your church can sponsor a child, or families within your church can sponsor children. Learn more: <https://ncm.org/sponsor-a-child>

Jesus Film Harvest Partners

JFHP is a Kingdom-building ministry devoted to world evangelism through the JESUS film and other tools. JFHP equips and supports JESUS Film Teams of local people to do evangelism, discipleship, and church planting.

Nearly 70% of the world's population lives in religiously restrictive countries. JFHP has teams showing the Jesus Film in 290 languages in 139 countries. Most of these films are shown outdoors in villages, introducing people to Jesus Christ and his transforming love. Learn more: <https://www.jfhp.org>

Where to Send Monies

To ensure your church gets proper credit for its WEF allotment and 10% giving goals, please ensure your offerings are sent to the right place.

Please share this page with your Church Treasurer and/or NMI Treasurer

When possible, **CHURCHES** are encouraged to use the Funding the Mission website at <https://fundingthemission.org>. This ensures that the funds are directed directly to the missionary deputation account, and the church record is updated to reflect the current giving. The church treasurer can log in to the Funding the Mission website, click on the "Giftbox" icon, and select the "GTS Contribution" and "Missionary Deputation." Then search for the missionary and click on their name.

We encourage **INDIVIDUALS** to give using the missionary pledge page for one-time or ongoing monthly gifts. These links are found on the missionary profile pages at <https://give.nazarene.org/category/missionaries>.

General Treasurer Church of the Nazarene 17001 Prairie Star Parkway Lenexa, KS 66220 Or submit online: https://www.nazarene.org/funding-the-mission	Funds to send: World Evangelism Fund Thanksgiving Offering Easter Offering Faith Promise Pensions & Benefits Prayer & Fasting Alabaster DSA or Memorial Roll Certificate Missionary Medical Plan World Mission Broadcast Deputation Links Funds Compassionate Ministries Any 10% Approved Specials
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Please Note:

Monetary gifts for Links missionaries are processed through their deputation accounts. Also, deputation funds should not be given directly to the missionaries.

You can submit gifts through www.nazarene.org/funding-the-mission, or you can send a check to Global Treasury Services, Church of the Nazarene, 17001 Prairie Star Parkway, Lenexa, KS 66220. Funds should be clearly marked with the missionary's full first and last name and "deputation account."

Global NMI Convention in 2027

The Church of the Nazarene will gather for the 31st General Assembly & Conventions, taking place June 25 through July 2 in Kansas City, Missouri. This event brings together Nazarenes from around the world to worship, discern God's direction, and celebrate what He is doing in and through our global family. The decisions made in the business meetings will support and shape the future of our denomination—making your prayer and support for our elected delegates vitally important. This is not just for pastors and leaders, but for all Nazarenes!

Nazarene Missions International will come together to celebrate God's work around the world. Join us in 2027 as we gather ***In Jesus' Name*** for a time of encouragement, inspiration, and equipping to advocate for global missions in every local church.

Sign up on nazarene.org/GA and follow NMI on Facebook and Instagram to receive updates. We encourage you to stay connected, be in prayer, and consider how God may invite you to be part of this important moment in the life of our global church.

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When and Where

February 27, 2027: NMI Prayer Gathering & Delegate Orientation (Online)
April 6, 2027: NMI Early Regional Caucus (Online)
April 6 – 9, 2027: NMI Early Regional Caucus Week (Online)
June 25 – 28, 2027: NMI Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, USA at the Kansas City Convention Center
June 27, 2027: Local Church Ministry Sending Celebration
June 28, 2027: General Superintendent's Quadrennial Address

What to Expect

Love Your Neighbor '27: June 20-27, 2027, Nazarenes will have the opportunity to serve local Kansas City communities. You can participate as an individual or a team. Pre-registration is required.

Workshop Sessions: Through engaging discussions, practical tools, and real-world insights, delegates and visitors will be equipped and mobilized into meaningful action empowered to serve, lead, and influence their communities with intention. These workshops will also highlight powerful stories from around the world, creating space to learn, connect, and be inspired by what is happening across all world regions. These sessions aim to grow a movement of passionate global missions advocates within every local church.

Local Church Ministries Celebration: For the first time in our denomination's history, the three ministries that comprise Local Church Ministries—Nazarene Discipleship International (NDI), Nazarene Missions International (NMI), and Nazarene Youth International (NYI)—will gather together to launch General Assembly. This historic

moment highlights our shared mission and unified commitment to the local church as the primary place where disciples of all ages are made and sent.

Exhibit Hall: Nazarene ministries, global regions, educational institutes and church-affiliated vendors will have booths where you can gain resources and learn more about what they do.

Worship Gatherings: Six General Assembly worship gatherings, held between Friday and Monday evenings, will be packed with powerful worship and sermons by our General Superintendents.

How to Stay Connected

Visit <https://nazarene.org/ga27-stay-connected/> where you can sign up to receive updates and be notified when registration opens.

Subscribe to Nazarene News at nazarene.org/news.

Follow @NazareneOfficial on social media.

Follow @NazareneMissionsInternational on Facebook.

Follow @NMIGlobal on Instagram.

NMI Fast Facts

Living God's Mission

The Church of the Nazarene ministers in 165 world areas with Belgium on the Eurasia Region recognized in 2024.

The number of Nazarene churches in 2024 was 30,585, with over 2.78 million members, an increase of 2.11% from the prior year.

In 2024, there were 473 districts and 29 pioneer areas around the world, with 31,688 credentialed clergy.*

Prayer for the Lost

We encourage people to pray for all missions efforts of the Church of the Nazarene.

Each week, NMI Central shares prayer requests and praises for a country where the Lord is working through the Church of the Nazarene. www.nazarene.org/nmi-central

Since 1996, during the week that includes the first Friday in March, NMI has called the church to prayer through the Global Week of Prayer, with resources for adults and children in multiple languages. www.nazarene.org/NMIGWP

Giving to World Evangelism Fund

We inform our churches of the world's need and how the Church of the Nazarene is responding through the World Evangelism Fund. We encourage every church to faithfully participate in giving to the World Evangelism Fund.

50 educational institutions, including seven graduate seminaries/theological colleges, 14 liberal arts colleges/universities (13 with graduate programs), 18 undergraduate seminaries/theological colleges, eight certificate and diploma Bible colleges, two nurses training colleges, one teacher training college, and 1,023 education centers (approved extension centers) in 110 world areas had a 2023-2024 combined enrollment of 43,476 students globally.*

Persons in need were treated at community-based clinics and health care centers all over the world with concentrated efforts in India, Papua New Guinea, and Eswatini (formerly known as Swaziland).*

JESUS Film Harvest Partners (JFHP), raising \$4.8 million, reports that World Evangelism Fund (WEF) helped provide infrastructure for 1,166 JFHP teams to share God's love through the story of Jesus. In 2024, teams reported over 2.3 million evangelistic contacts. Of these contacts, 688,936 indicated decisions for Christ with 394,969 new believers receiving initial discipleship follow-up. Teams started 12,866 Preaching Points in 2024.

NMI and others partnered with local churches to help raise US \$38.5 million through the World Evangelism Fund during the 2023-2024 fiscal year.**

Churches globally gave US \$25.6 million for Nazarene Approved Missions Projects.**

In 2024, 109 districts gave 5.5 percent or above of their income to the World Evangelism Fund (63 of which were from regions other than the USA/Canada Region). WEF giving beyond 5.5 percent helps open new work, sustains works opened in recent years, and helps send new missionaries that God calls.¹

Nazarenes gave US \$217,550 to World Mission Broadcast (WMB), providing radio, television, and Internet programs to share the gospel globally.**

NMI partnered with Nazarene Compassionate Ministries to give more than US \$7.5 million for disaster response and compassion projects around the world and to support 10,000 children through Child Development Centers and Pastor's Kids programs.**

Giving to Alabaster

Churches lay the foundation through Alabaster offerings for places where people worship, heal, and learn by encouraging global participation each year. Every Alabaster project is a joint effort of local contribution and labor, combined with global love and support in bringing tangible presence and a sense of long-term commitment to a community. No Alabaster funds are used for administrative costs.

Nazarenes gave US \$2.8 million for Alabaster to fund projects in 2024. The Alabaster Offering is used in all six global regions.**

Often, Alabaster giving goes hand in hand with Nazarene Missions Teams who help build structures funded by Alabaster and the contributions of Nazarene Missions Teams. NMI assisted 355 Nazarene Missions Teams comprising 4,664 participants for projects.

Alabaster videos are available in English, French, Korean, Portuguese, and Spanish.
<https://bit.ly/AlabasterVideo>

Engaging Children and Youth

We engage children and youth in learning about and participating in the mission of God. We collaborate with NDI and NYI to ensure that all children and youth have a spirit of missions within them.

NMI provides Kids Kaleidoscope as part of NMI Central to help nurture a spirit of missions in children. Kids Kaleidoscope connects to the focus story in NMI Central the first Wednesday of each month. www.nazarene.org/nmi-central

International Student Scholarship Fund (NMI 80th Anniversary project) provided 85 scholarships for students outside the USA/Canada to attend Nazarene theological institutions.

Providing Care and Connection to Nazarene Missionaries

NMI provides care and connection between missionaries and local Churches of the Nazarene.

All six regions participate in providing Care and Connection between districts and Nazarene missionaries through LINKS.

In 2024, there were 466 missionaries originating from 60 world areas, serving in 81 countries. Of these missionaries, 339 served as global deployed and 127 were sponsored deployed. Last year, there were 38 new missionary deployments. Within these missionary families, there are 317 missionary kids.

Nazarenes gave US \$4.2 million in deputation and missionary support offerings for missionaries.**

Missionary Health Care provided US \$336,275 in medical assistance for Nazarene missionaries, through offerings, Memorial Roll gifts, and Distinguished Service Award gifts.**

364 retired missionaries received benefits through the Global Missions Pension Plan for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.*

¹ "New work" refers to new world areas, a geographical area, or new entities such as institutions. Pioneer areas or Phase 1 districts are considered new work. When a district reaches Phase 2, it is no longer a "new work."

* Supported either directly or indirectly by World Evangelism Fund (WEF).

** Represents data for the fiscal year 1 October 2023 – 30 September 2024