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INTRODUCTION

This handbook is a compilation of the resources of Nazarene Missions International (NMI) that will serve to train the local churches by providing all the information about missions, the six areas of impact, including the purpose and use of WEF and the monthly emphases.

It is my desire that churches continue to work in the ministry even in times that we cannot meet physically but we can communicate through other means given that missions continue regardless of the circumstances.

God bless you!

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CHAPTER 1

WHAT IS NMI?

HISTORY OF NAZARENE MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL

In response to the Great Commission of Christ, various groups and denominations established missionary organizations. Nazarene Missions International (NMI) had its origin in the Association of Pentecostal Churches of America (APCA), when in April of 1899 the Women's Missionary Society (WMS) was founded.


The WMS was officially recognized as an auxiliary organization of the Church of the Nazarene in 1915 at the fourth General Assembly. It was recommended that there be an organization in each local church to increase knowledge and interest in missions through prayer, by obtaining special speakers, by keeping in touch with the missionaries; and to cooperate with the local Church Board to increase their contributions for missions.

The first General WMS Convention was held in June 1928; and it was at that Convention the members of the General Council were elected by the Convention (before that, the Council was elected by the members of the General Assembly).

The name of the ministry has changed over the course of its history: 1928 – Women's Foreign Missionary Society (WFMS), 1952 - Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society (reflecting the introduction of men, youth and children in the organization), 1964-Nazarene World Missionary Society, 1980: Nazarene World Mission Society (reflecting the international aspect of the organization), and in 2001 Nazarene Missions International (NMI)

The purpose of NMI is to mobilize the Church of the Nazarene in missions through 1) Praying, 2) Giving, 3) Educating and 4) engaging children and youth.

NMI is the direct line for missions in the local church and is often described as "the face of mission in the local church." In every sense of the word, NMI is the denomination's organizational representative, dedicated to the cause of world evangelization. While other departments also support missions, the distinctive task of NMI is to bring each mission area to the local church in such a vital way that every



Nazarene will be happy to be part of global outreach, spreading the good news of full salvation (holiness) to the ends of the earth. NMI provides the infrastructure, the spiritual dynamic vehicle, through which the local church is mobilized in mission.

What is the role of the local NMI president?

The role of the local NMI president is to promote this ministry in the local church in cooperation with the pastor and the church board and to direct the local NMI council.

How should I lead our local NMI Council?

Consult the Constitution of NMI in the Church of the Nazarene Manual, Article V, Section 1.

How do I organize an NMI Council in a small church or in a large church?

Talk to your district president about how to proceed in your specific situation. He/she will guide you to do so in the most effective way that will involve the entire congregation.

Is the local NMI president a voting member of the church board?

Yes, they are voting members of the church board. Please see I. Local Government, K. The local Church Board in the Manual.

What should I focus on in my local church?

We believe that there are six key Impact areas in which all churches could participate, regardless of their size, location or language.

These are the NMI six main areas of impact: Prayer, World Evangelism Fund, Alabaster Offering, Engaging of children and youth, Links and Genesis Initiative – the latter only in the Mesoamerica Region.

Focusing on these six areas of impact does not diminish other areas of NMI influence. These articles are steps for a deeper participation in the support of missions through the Church of the Nazarene. They are ways to start getting involved, they are easy to understand and we strive to be adaptable in each culture. Our goal is for each church to participate in these five areas, and then add additional areas of connection (monthly emphases) to match the interests and needs of each local congregation or district.

Nazarene Missions International is the heart of the relationship between Global Missions and each local Church around the world.

NMI exists at a general, district and local level to serve as support for the missions of the Nazarene Church around the world.

NMI exists because it is the direct line for missions in the local church.

PURPOSE OF NMI.

Mobilize the Church of the Nazarene in its mission:
Make Christlike Disciples in the Nations.

OBJECTIVES OF NMI:

It is to Unite in the Vision and to move forward in Action with the purpose of making an IMPACT for Jesus in the world and in all cultures through PRAYER, OFFERINGS, EDUCATION and the involvement of CHILDREN and YOUTH in missions.

The entire church can participate in all aspects of NMI regardless of its size or location:

- ✓ To encourage people to pray for all efforts of world evangelization.
- ✓ To inform people of the world's needs and what the church is doing to meet those needs.
- ✓ To challenge children and youth to learn about and participate in the mission of the church
- ✓ To raise funds for missions outreach.

NMI helps produce missionaries.

NMI assists in sending missionaries to the field.

NMI supports missionaries in the field.

NMI educates individuals and congregations about the missionaries' work on the field.

NMI welcomes missionaries when they return for home assignment.

NMI helps equip missionaries to return to the field.

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Chapter 2

TOP 6 AREAS OF IMPACT

NMI focuses on Top 6 Areas of Impact for the development of the ministry mentioned earlier and that will be detailed below.

PRAYER

To make "Christlike Disciples in the Nations" PRAYER is the main step.

NMI holds the region together during the year through times of prayer:

- **Every first Sunday of the month:** PRAYING AND FASTING for different needs, but also that we can meet the goal of becoming 1 million members by 2030 in the Mesoamerica Region. Each area has set its goal and we pray that as we unite together in prayer, we will achieve it.


The Nazarene World Week of Prayer: This takes place every year in the first week of the month of March, and during this time, we intercede for the different requests that each region of the Church of the Nazarene sends, praying daily for each and the seventh day, interceding for those cities and

countries where the church is not yet present. It will begin on February 24 and end on March 2.

40 Days Praying for the City: During this time, we intercede for our cities and Global Mission and Genesis Initiative provides the daily requests that begin on January 1st of each year.

40 Days of Prayer prior to Pentecost: This period varies each year, for 2020, it will begin on April 22 and end with the Global Day of Prayer, on May 31. We encourage all congregations to come together at this time to build lives in prayer. NMI provides a Daily Prayer Guide that is sent to each district.

Freedom Sunday: It is usually the third Sunday of September. This year 2020, it is the 20th. Thousands of churches from all over the world unite in observing Freedom Sunday. This special day has been set apart so that congregations PRAY, learn and support the efforts directed by the churches against human trafficking. The churches will plan the Freedom Sunday service to inform and unite the congregations in prayer. Congregations are also encouraged to discuss action that can be taken, both globally and locally.



International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church: "Please pray for us ..." is the cry of persecuted Christians throughout the world. Today, millions of them are suffering for their faith in Jesus Christ. Each year, Christians in more than 130 countries pray for our persecuted brothers on the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (IDOP). Please, let us unite in prayer for our brothers who suffer because they declare their faith in Christ. This year 2019, we will join in prayer for them on November 3 and the petitions will be sent to the leaders of the districts and in due course, the date for 2020 will be revealed.

Prayer Line of the Mesoamerica Region: This is sent electronically to the leaders of the region each week -prayer requests for our leaders, missionaries and requests that arrive from the different districts. Those who have email can subscribe to:

adiaz@mesoamericaregion.org

Prayer Mobilization Line: The Prayer Mobilization Line (PML) is a weekly publication that focuses on prayer needs and praise reports by the global ministries of the Church of the Nazarene about the work of our missionaries. It is available in Spanish and English. Everyone can

subscribe to receive the PML, free of charge, by email at this link:

<https://us16.campaign-archive.com/home/?u=304f5aa03caa8a6cf9a099547&id=5d51637314>

WEF

World Evangelism Fund

In our new plan for Funding the Mission, the World Evangelization Fund is the vehicle by which we send the message of hope-and the church drives our mission today more than ever.

The Church of the Nazarene has always been very involved in missions. The church is currently reaching the entire world in more than 162 areas. Whether it is evangelism at home or abroad, it is essential that we strive to spread the gospel in everything we do. To achieve this, our churches around the world come together voluntarily giving their time, prayer and financial donations. Throughout the world, Nazarenes are thrilled to give for the good of others.

The cost of missions in the Church of the Nazarene totaled more than \$ 1 billion (USD) at the end of its first 100 years. The money raised for the specific needs of missions includes another 500 million. This

legacy of generosity continues to inspire us as we work to fund the mission of the church to "Make disciples like Christ in the nations."

The Church of the Nazarene strives to use money wisely to create the greatest possible impact. While the Mission Funding formula allocates about 25% less to the structure of the church and its organizational support from the ministries than the previous formula, the global mission is becoming more effective. The Church of the Nazarene continues to prosper, as it has done historically, due to the generosity of its members

Each Church of the Nazarene is part of the financing, contributing at least 5.5% of its income from **TITHES** and **REGULAR OFFERINGS**.

Each church gives 5.5% of the funds received from these two sources and sends the amount monthly where appropriate.

Another way to raise it is through the Easter, Thanksgiving, Prayer and Fasting and Faith Promise offerings.

By 2030, the Mesoamerica Region proposes to reach 1.5 million dollars for this fund as part of the regional Faith Goals and each year the corresponding goal will be published.

The goal for the year 2020 - 2021 is \$ 660,950.05.

The annual statistical period of the offerings begins on October 1st of each year and ends on September 30th of the following. So it is required that each district take into account the following dates so that they reach the respective area offices on time: 15th of January, May 15th and September 15th or the date that each of them chooses, especially the month of September.



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ALABASTER OFFERING



The Alabaster Offering provides funds for property and buildings around the world. While we understand that the church consists of the people of God and not a building, the buildings improve ministerial efforts and convey the attitude that the Church of the Nazarene intends to "put down roots."

Alabaster funds help provide land for many Work and Witness projects and the entire Alabaster Offering goes toward the purchase of land and construction of churches, schools, medical facilities and homes for missionaries and national workers.

Adopted in 1949, the Alabaster Fund continues strong, having provided funds for more than 9,000 projects since its inception. Faithful Nazarenes around the world have given close to \$ 115 million dollars (USD) for this much-needed ministry.

The Alabaster Offering reaches the mission field in various ways. The most used is the Alabaster Box. Individuals have the challenge of contributing regularly to the cost of the items they want but do not need. The boxes also serve as reminders to pray for those people who will benefit from the Alabaster buildings.

The money is collected in September and February. Many churches receive regular offerings throughout the year that are designated as Alabaster Funds. (This is usually part of the faith promise plan for missions). However, semiannual offerings in September and February are traditional in the Church of the Nazarene.



ENGAGING CHILDREN AND YOUTH

NMI recognizes that the vision of the world and the interests of a person are configured and developed in the early years. Therefore, NMI emphasizes the importance of involving children and young people today and as we look to the future.

NMI challenges children and young people to:

- **Commit to God:** to know him through the person of Jesus Christ.
- **Commit to God's mission:** to learn about global missions and the people who carry out that mission.

Statistics indicate that 50 percent of the world's population is under 24 years old, and 30 percent is under 15 years old. Therefore, the next generation include children, adolescents and young adults under 24 years of age. NMI involves this age group with a passion to fulfill what Christ ordained in the Great Commission.

The next generation can identify with the word "passion". Even with the many problems they have in their own cultures, they tend to be totally committed to everything they do. Therefore, the church and NMI

must help the next generation to be passionate about God and his mission.

Consider these important steps to create passion in the next generation:

- **Be there.** They need people they can count on, and who show interest in them.
- **Be passionate.** They want people to be authentic and real. Mission leaders must be passionate to help others develop a passion for missions.
- **Be a community.** They want to belong to the community that form NMI and the church and feel that they are important in God's mission. Being with other Christians helps develop a sense of belonging.

¿ How can we mentor our youth and children to make them part of God's mission?

Most missionaries state that they first felt God's call for a global service as a child or young person. Therefore, the church should help each child and young person to discover God's call to be encouraged and mentored. Here are some ways you can do it:

- Help them develop a relationship with God through personal Bible study, prayer and worship.
- Help them get involved in the life of the church.
- Help them learn about the needs of the church and the global mission.
- Help them develop their gifts and abilities given by God.

NMI recommends that local churches select a person to guide children and youth in their missionary call. This person will be the Local Missionary Call Coordinator.

NMI needs leaders in each generation to equip, discipline and guide future generations. Therefore, NMI leaders in each church and district must develop a plan to achieve this goal.

Consider these ideas:

- Identify people of all ages who indicate an interest in global missions.
- Select leaders of all age groups to be part of the NMI council.
- Encourage and involve new people in missionary strategies and events.
- Include children and young people in all missionary activities.

MISSIONS FOR YOUTH



Fulfilling the Task

If we want the younger generation to participate in the life of the church, our minds, hearts and actions must adapt to minister to the young within the reality in which they live.

Reporting

One of the principles of education is to transmit information from one person to another.

Participating

There is no better way for young people to learn about missions than to get involved. We must help our congregations get involved in the lives of those in need, and help meet their needs. The Church of the Nazarene provides us with many opportunities for

participation. Not everyone can go, but everyone can give, pray, and support missions.

In the Mesoamerica Region, there are many opportunities where young people can get involved such as Youth in Mission, Project Paul, Maximum Mission, 4 x 4 Project, Genesis Initiative, Work and Witness, among many others, but ...

How can we intentionally add children to our missions' ministries and programs?

MISSIONS FOR CHILDREN



Nazarene Missions International is committed to involving children in the mission of the church. Children between the ages of 5 and 13 have a 32% chance of accepting Jesus Christ as their Savior. In contrast, adolescents between the ages of 14 and 18 years is 4%.

Children are more likely to hear God's call to full-time Christian ministry (missionaries, ministers, etc.) between the ages of 4-14.

Here are 5 reasons to invest in children:

5 years: The best time of learning

- 6 years: Moral values are established for life
- 9 years: The worldview is formed for life
- 12 years: The entrance to maturity is celebrated
- 13 years: Religion is decided for life.

Why involve children in missions?

- Children are sensitive to God.
- They can begin to learn about God's heart for missions at an early age.
- Children easily understand the concept of compassion.

We must sow the seeds of missionary interest at an early age if we hope to gain missionary recruits and strong missionary supporters in the years to come.

To involve children in missions in the local church, the International Mission Education Guide contains a series of 12 lessons for children that can be used both in the Children's Church and in a Vacation Bible School with an emphasis on missions. (Although they

do not provide it now, I am working on authorizing us to translate those produced in other languages).

MISSIONARY CARE

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

LINKS

In **NMI** we connect with the missionaries through **LINKS**.

LINKS, strategically connects Nazarene missionaries with the Churches of the Nazarene through prayer, communication and generous offerings.

The participating missionaries are assigned to the districts and then, from the district level, they are connected to the local churches.

This gives each church the opportunity to personally become acquainted with a family of missionaries and their area of service.

The **LINKS** relationship fosters a sense of participation in the global enterprise of the missions of the church through correspondence with the missionaries, updates of their service area, and even

through deputation services or missionary tours, while the missionaries are in assignment in its place of origin.

Missionaries and churches experience close relationships built over time that are a result of a common bond.



Other expressions that are part of Missionary Care are

The Missionary Christmas Fund: offers a monetary Christmas gift for the missionaries, as well as subscriptions to Reflecting God and Holiness Today.

How will our church make a LINKS connection?

Contact your district NMI President for details regarding the family of missionaries linked to your church.

THEN...

- Make personal contact with the missionary.

- Agree on the best way to communicate.
- Introduce the missionary to the church.
- Learn as much as possible about the missionary and his field of service.
- Share as much as possible about your church with the missionary.
- Pray for each other regularly.
- If possible, schedule a time to meet in person.

How can we foster missionary bonds?

Consider your LINKS missionaries as part of the family of your church.

- Share experiences with each other.
- Pray for each other.
- Communicate often.
- Meet in person or connect through a video call
- Give generously to them.
- If possible, schedule a visit from your missionaries to visit your church.

How can your church send gifts to its LINKS missionaries?

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

- Please contact the district NMI president, coordinator or secretary of the district's LINKS, or the missionary.
- Make sure of the address so that the packages arrive at their destination.
- Before sending packages or gift cards, contact the missionary about their wishes / needs, and for specific shipping instructions.
- To ensure the best results, send articles directly to the missionary following the instructions given.
- Include your e-mail address with the items sent so that a thank you can be returned.

For sending monetary donations note that NMI encourages congregations to give, but does not set amounts. Please, give as the Holy Spirit guides you.

For most districts in the Region, send the money through your Field Office so that upon arrival at the Regional Office, the funds will be remitted to the Global Treasury at the Global Ministry Center.

When sending the funds, clearly include "the name of your LINKS missionary" with the remittance.

Missionary Health Care: the money collected is used to subsidize the health costs of the missionaries. The money that is collected comes from:

- The Memorial Roll: a way to honor deceased friends and loved ones. A certificate is issued in the name of the deceased person and is often presented to a member of the family or the church represented.
- Distinguished Service Award: is a certificate presented to an individual to recognize his outstanding service to God and the church. The presenter (usually a church or district) contributes \$ 15 or its equivalent to Missionary Health Care.
- Gifts from the Heart: they are donations of any amount given in honor and / or to remember friends and loved ones; the money is designated for medical missionary care.



GENESIS INITIATIVE



Involves the starting of ministries and churches in 28 areas of the Mesoamerica Region. Twenty- four of these areas already have a Nazarene church, however more work is needed as these are urban areas and the church does not have a strong enough presence.

General Objective

Starting new churches that are alive, united, holy, believers and as a result new ministries during the next few years.

Specific objectives

- Improve the work of existing churches so that they can become mother churches.
- Strengthen the missionary call in the church members.
- Mobilize the church in the whole region so that it can be a missionary church.

- Organize the Church of the Nazarene in countries that do not have them.
- Unite the vision of the Church of the Nazarene of the Region through teamwork in church members and leaders.
- Genesis aims to unite the work ministry through the known objective. However, all the ministries of the church are involved as well as other roles and responsibilities.

- Take care of the missionaries during their time of service be it those sent or those received.
- In collaboration with the local coordinator find a family willing to house one, two or four volunteers during their time of field work. This is not a requirement but it is one way to reduce costs and accelerate the culturalization, as well as identification with the community and care of the missionary.

The role of NMI in the Genesis Initiative

- Assist in the promotion of the project so that it can reach each local church.
- Promote the project in the area where the work will start.
- Involve the missionary that arrives or that each district sends.
- Promote and direct the collection of offerings in the local churches where the voluntary missionaries are sent.
- Promote the special offering for Genesis during the month of February. The goal is to raise one dollar per member of a local church. These funds are for the training and other resources needed for the missionaries.

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Chapter 3

THE STRATEGIES OF NMI

THE MONTHLY EMPHASIS AS OF 2018

Why the monthly emphasis?

- So that it can be easier to fulfill the purpose of NMI.
- To be active each month and year in the plans of NMI.
- It serves to require us to establish our plan each year.

Prayer and fasting the first Sunday of every month

Prayer is one of the most vital activities for Christian life every born-again person must carry out this spiritual exercise, since it allows them to participate in divine companionship and the presence of his Holy Spirit.

- Prayer is speaking and listening to God. It is about sharing our thoughts, questions, fears,

desires, opening our lives to God, without reserving anything.

- It is about telling God our admiration for who he is, and contemplating his qualities.
- It is listening as he talks to us, providing comfort, peace, guidance, and direction that our obedience and worship requires.

Among the practices that increase the focus and power of prayer, fasting is the most powerful. People who follow prayer with fasting as a lifestyle, confirm the biblical importance and benefits for spiritual development of this practice.

Congregations are encouraged to join each first Sunday of the month in prayer and fasting for our region and for the world, for leaders and churches and for the Holy Spirit to draw people to Christ.

January

Special Offering for Genesis Initiative



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

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

At present, 37 missionaries have served in different cities of the Mesoamerican Region, with little or no Nazarene presence.

In cities or islands, there will be support from local superintendents, pastors and ministries to develop the vision established in each of the sites and thus plant new churches.

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

February

Alabaster Offering



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

The buildings constructed with the Alabaster Offerings are more than church buildings; many are also used as child development centers and other places of worship. When we give Alabaster, lives change.



March

Mobilization – The Call



God is calling children, adolescents and youth to be witnesses wherever they are.

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



April

WEF – Easter Offering



The WEF is the strategic foundation for financing the denomination's mission.

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

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

This is the funding with which the Church of the Nazarene operates and its entire missionary effort, from the operation of the Global Ministry Center to districts and churches around the world.

There are ministries such as Global Mission, NMI, NYI, and Evangelism, among others, that provide these opportunities for those who are called to experience missions first hand.

The purpose is also to involve people to serve in the different opportunities in missions especially in evangelism to urban missions.

May

Mobilization - Opportunities to Serve



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

These opportunities help challenge those who are called and to experience missions first-hand. Many of those who participate in these missionary events or trips commit to God to volunteer and as the years go by, God calls them to serve as full-time missionaries at the various scales of missionary ministry.

June

Telling the story



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

NMI is committed to helping local churches tell the mission story. We provide resources and support for the local church as it informs and educates its members, not only about what other Nazarenes are doing in mission, but how they can participate as well.

Explore the downloads, links and resources on the websites www.nazarenemissions.org and www.mesoamericaregion.org among others and keep telling the story.

The International Missionary Education Guide, Mission Books, videos, missionaries' participation in their tour, missionaries sharing at NMI Conventions, are available resources that tell the story of what God is doing in the Church of the Nazarene around the world.

July

Youth and Children



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

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

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

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

August

Mobilization: The Church Sending



The purpose is that the local Church and the district know and put into practice the commitment they have in sending missionaries.

1. The Church of the Nazarene has 3 core values:
 - a. We are a Christian people.
 - b. We are a people of holiness.
 - c. We are a missional people.

Being a missional people, we say that we are a sent people who, respond to the call of Christ and are empowered by the Holy Spirit, to go into the world, to testify of the Lordship of Christ and participate with God in the edification of the church and the extension of his kingdom. (2 Cor. 6: 1) (School of Leadership – Cross - Cultural Missions - The local church, support of the global mission).

The mission of the church is to reach the world for Christ and in order to fulfill it, it is necessary to develop and send missionaries. (*The Path of Truth 2017*)

September

Alabaster Offering



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

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

Statistics for the year 2019 show us that Nazarene believers gave US \$ 2.54 million for Alabaster to solve construction projects in 2019.

The Alabaster offering is used in all six world regions.

No Alabaster funds are used to cover administrative costs.

October

LINKS



It includes caring for missionaries through this program, mission tours, and other opportunities such as Distinguished Service and Memorial Certificates.

The LINKS program was introduced in 1976, expanding the Work Fund to the "adoption" of a missionary family (active or retired) or a missionary.

This still involves praying for them, writing letters, providing cash for personal needs, and remembering missionaries and their children on birthdays, Christmas, and anniversaries.

November

The Persecuted Church



On the second Sunday of every November, NMI unites thousands from around the world in intercession for the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (IDOP). NMI seeks to draw the attention of Nazarenes to the increasing persecution of Christians.

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

Chapter 5

NMI RESPONSIBILITY IN THE NEW GLOBAL MISSIONS STRATEGY



Global Missions is the mission agency of the Church of the Nazarene. The new strategy introduces a clear process of missionary vocation, sending and return, which includes the local church, NMI, the district, and **Global Missions, repositioning NMI** as the

promoter of missions in the local church and Global Missions as the implementation arm of denomination missions.

We affirm the value of the World Evangelism Fund as the strategic foundation for financing the denomination's mission (Handbook, 32.5).

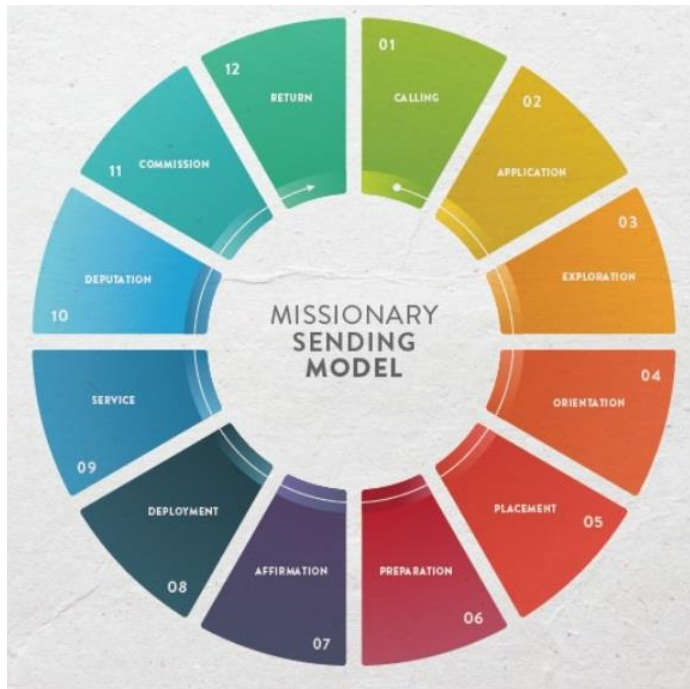
***NMI** is critical to funding the mission of the Church of the Nazarene.*

We affirm that it is in the local church that salvation, perfecting, **teaching**, and commissioning take place. (*Manual, Preamble to the Government of the Church*).

Nazarene missionaries partner with local ministers and lay leaders to bring restoration (compassion), share the gospel (evangelism), and build sustainability within the community (education).

Nazarene Missions is woven into the loom of our identity as a people of holiness. Our churches foster the Holy Spirit's call to missions through **mission tour services (deputations), shared stories of God's movement, and special offerings.**

The following table shows us the new Missionary Sending Model:



01 Call

- The church and district provide opportunities to inspire, foster, and nurture the call to serve in the Nazarene Missions.

- The local MNI president commits in advance; and guides the candidate through the submission process.

02 Application

- The candidate engages with church leaders and the local NMI president to establish an interest in missionary service.
- Using the Nazarene Missions guidelines, the candidate meets with the local church board to request a recommendation.
- The candidate receives the official application forms from Nazarene Missions.

03 Exploration

- The local church, guided by the NMI president, walk beside the candidate to help him or her discern a call, prepare for service, and develop needed skills.
- Nazarene Missions provides tools and resources to support local church in this process.

04 Orientation

- The candidate attends a Nazarene Missions orientation event.
- The candidate, pastor and local and district NMI presidents are notified of the next steps, which may include further assessment and development.

05 Placement

- Nazarene Missions notifies local pastors, district and local NMI presidents, and district superintendent of candidate's placement.
- Missionary assignments are established as globally (global) or locally funded (sponsored) prior to placement of candidates.

06 Preparation

- Nazarene Missions provides training to prepare the missionary for effective service.


- The local and district NMI presidents encourage the local church and district to support the missionary throughout his or her time missionary service.

07 Affirmation

- The local and district NMI presidents prepare a sending service to affirm the missionary in the local church and on the district.
- Each local church and district will receive an affirmation service liturgy, developed by the Board of General Superintendents.
- The local church and district host the affirmation service.

08 Deployment

- Nazarene Missions works with field leaders to ensure that the missionary completes field training and successfully begins his or her assignment.
- Field training includes, but is not limited to team bonding, cultural awareness, discipleship



training, language acquisition, security and field-specific training.

09 Service

- As determined by a missionary assignment, Nazarene Missions provides contractual support: funding, insurance, and member care.
- The local church and local and district NMI presidents keep the relationship strong between the missionary, the district, and the local churches through prayer and connection.

10 Deputation

- Globally funded missionaries are equipped with resources that prepare them for deputation services.
- Sponsored missionaries, although not sent on deputation by Nazarene Missions, are connected to their local churches for financial support throughout their assignment.

- Missionaries participate in home assignment, a time intentionally set aside to build, develop, and renew relationships with churches and districts, in order to engage in missions and to encourage World Evangelism giving.
- Nazarene Missions works closely with missionaries to ensure that each presentation reflects excellence.
- Nazarene Missions helps facilitate mission awareness by effectively communicating about missions with districts and local churches.
- The local and district NMI presidents help prepare the sending community to welcome, support and encourage missionaries during their time of home assignment.

11 Commission

Nazarene Missions notifies the local sending community, including the local pastors, district and local NMI presidents, and the district, of the commissioning service led by the Board of General Superintendents. Those being commissioned are recognized and sent by the Church of the Nazarene.

12 Return

Nazarene Missions helps prepare the church, local and district NMI presidents, and the district to welcome, support, and encourage returning missionaries, including retiring missionaries.

Global missionaries participate in a debriefing and are supported in their transition to their passport countries.

Sponsored missionaries complete a final evaluation and Nazarene Missions follows up with each missionary as needed for further debriefing.

HOW THE LOCAL AND DISTRICT CAN DISCOVER AND DEVELOP THOSE WHO HAVE CALLED TO THE MISSIONS?

The Missionary Call Coordinator

Purpose: To promote the development of the missionary call in the local churches through the collaborative work of the ministries of NMI and Global Missions through the implementation of the MCC.

Goal: Achieve that 100% of the local churches implement the MCC ministry to continue fulfilling our

missionary value as a denomination through virtual trainings directed to the district leaders of NMI.

What is a mission call coordinator?

A new and necessary function.

Nazarene Missions International recommends that local districts and churches appoint a dedicated leader to serve as the missionary call coordinator (MCC), to be responsible for mentoring children and youth in their missionary call.

The MCC of a local church will need to work with leaders of children and youth ministries to identify those who have a call to missions. You will also need to involve and train other people in this ministry. The MCC cannot perform only everything that involves mentoring the called, but must ensure that all mentoring will be carried out through the participation of other people who have the necessary resources and passion (NMI Manual and Constitution 2009-2013).

The role of this council member is to "find, nurture, and develop children, youth, and young adults who feel God's call to missionary service." NMI recommends that MCC be a member of the NMI Council, Children's Ministry, and the NYI Council, respectively.

Profile of the coordinator of the missionary call

Who can be a MCC?

MCCs, must be selected in accordance with the NMI Constitution (Article V, Section 1.C.2). Such leaders must possess the gifts, skills, and knowledge necessary to serve effectively in this ministry. We can list the following:

- Love for children and young people (Luke 18:16). It is important that the MCC sympathize with young people and children, that he likes to interact with them, that they like him and he likes them.
- A passion for missions. Many confuse passion with interest. Passion is more than feeling interest, it means living, feeling and loving missions.
- Updated knowledge. Must have knowledge and understanding on topics such as: International Nazarene Missions, Global Missions, denomination structure, region, area, district and local, panorama and reality of the world.
- Communication skills. The MCCs must be very skilled in communicating with all the people to whom they will minister including children and youth. They must create networks of contact with adults (parents, pastors, district leadership, etc.)

- Ability to organize: manage, evaluate, plan, implement, and monitor.
- Creativity necessary to inspire and train other coordinators of the missionary call, to create and promote interactive experiences for youth and children, etc.
- Basic computer skills to communicate with youth and children; report to other leaders, etc.
- Experience as a volunteer missionary if possible.

MCC Ministry Areas

What are the service fields of the MCC?

The missionary call coordinator is a leader who acts as a facilitator and mentor for those who are called to missions. Before dedicating a person to this role, it must be verified that they meet the characteristics of the MCC profile. This person must have a clear call from the Holy Spirit to carry out this responsibility. Mission facilitators must be mentors. We can see a model of a mentor in the Apostle Paul, who was a prolific teacher and mentor.

Scripture teaches us that true spiritual maturity is acquired through the desire to know Christ and through communion with the people of God. MCCs have a great honor and privilege to serve God by

investing in preparing another person for mission service. Jesus Christ is the greatest example as a mentor. Although Jesus is not physically present today, he continues to send mentors through his Holy Spirit.

District MCC functions

What does a district MCC do?

The responsibilities of the district MCC are:

1. Promotes the missionary call through opportunities for children and youth to respond to God's call.
2. Facilitates communication with the mission call coordinators in local churches and the candidate development coordinator in the Global Missions department.
3. Provide training opportunities as needed to local mission call coordinators.

Local MCC functions

What is expected of a local MCC?

The objectives of the MCC ministry in the local church are as follows:

1. Identify, encourage, and develop children and youth who feel that God is calling them to missions.
2. Connect a child or youth who feels God's call to serve missions with a counselor or mentor.
3. Coordinate follow-up, disseminate information, provide prayer and encouragement to those called to missions.
4. Maintain constant communication with the pastor of your local church, coordinator of the district missionary call and the district coordinator of Global Missions.
5. Collaborate with the district NMI, NYI presidents, and the district superintendent regarding this ministry.

The responsibilities of the MCC with children and young people are:

1. BE WATCHING to discover those who are drawn to missions.
2. AWAKE THEIR INTEREST by involving them in missionary projects.
3. ALLOW THEM TO PARTICIPATE in local missionary activities: missionary studies, missionary projects of Maximum Mission, etc. and serve on the local NMI council.
4. TAKE CARE OF THE SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT of those who have a call to missions, encourage them not to lose that call until the time comes to go.

Chapter 5

WHAT IS THE WORLD EVANGELISM FUND - WEF?



It is the financial support system of the missionary work in the Church of the Nazarene to give new life to the unreached.

It allows missionaries to do ministries without the added stress of fundraising for daily life.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO WORLD EVANGELIZATION

Nazarene Missions is support through the generous and sacrificial donation of people and churches around the world.

Monetary donations for World Evangelization are the cornerstone of Nazarene Missions. This denominational fund (WEF) is the basis for discovering, delivering, and resourcing our missionary organization around the world.

Each Nazarene church participates in Nazarene Missions through its contributions to World Evangelization offerings. Contributing to World Evangelization is essential for Nazarene Missions initiatives to prosper.

Regarding the generous and sacrificial donation of churches throughout the world, specifically speaking of the Mesoamerican Region, NMI is in charge of promoting effectively in each local church, and for this we are asking the Ministry of Communications for their support, for the preparation of resources (videos especially) to publicize how the WEF is essential in sending and supporting missionaries, both SPONSORED and GLOBAL.

How is the WEF collected?

The district establishes a goal and sends it to the local churches so they can send the established amount and it is raised through the offerings of Resurrection, Thanksgiving, Prayer and Fasting, birthdays (some districts are used to doing this) and pledges of faith. The 5.5% goal is measured by the amount of tithes

and offerings collected in the previous year at the local church.

WHAT OFFERINGS DOES THE WEF SUPPORT?

EASTER OFFERING: It is collected on Easter Sunday.

THANKS OFFERING. It is usually collected in the month of November in most regions, and in Mesoamerica Region, we established it in the month of December, although some districts continue to do so at their convenience.

PRAYER AND FASTING OFFERING. It is a permanent offering that is given regularly during times of prayer and fasting in local churches.

FAITH PROMISE. It is a way for us to commit to the Lord to give a certain amount every fifteen days, monthly or as God puts in the hearts of the people to support the Fund for World Evangelism.

By virtue of what we are going through with the Covid-19 pandemic, when we cannot raise offerings in our churches, I suggest that we work with Faith Promise cards and that a way be established in which those responsible can send them.

WEF ZERO ZEROS



What is WEF Zero Zeros?

A strategy to encourage churches that do not give to the WEF to give and to become **ZERO ZERO WEF CHURCHES.**

Each church that has not contributed to the WEF will be challenged to raise at least one offering that supports the WEF.

Did you know that there **are 586 missionaries**, distributed in the **163 world areas** whose ministries are supported with the WEF?

Did you know that **2/3 of the churches** do not give to the WEF?

In the Mesoamerica Region we are **440,908** Nazarenes in **80 districts** and our goal is that the

3,223 churches will be WEF ZERO ZERO CHURCHES.

(Church of the Nazarene Global Statistics 2019)

**FAITH PROMISE
WORLD EVANGELISM FUND**
Giving Beyond Our Abilities

**CHURCH OF NAZARENE
MESOAMERICA**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

MY FAITH PROMISE: _____ (amount)

Weekly Biweekly Monthly

MY FAITH PROMISE WILL BE DURING:

3 Months 6 Months 1 Year

"For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints. And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will." 2 Corinthians 8:3-5

How are World Evangelism Funds used?

Most of the people and even pastors say; "So much money" For what?

Here are some quick and important facts:

- The Church of the Nazarene ministers in 163 world areas. In February, the 2020 General Board approved official entrance into the following world area: Africa Region—Central African Republic.*
- In 2019, there were 586 missionaries originating from 67 world areas. Of these missionaries, 360 served as global deployed and 226 were sponsored deployed. Last year, 86 new missionaries were added. Within the missionary families, there are 312 missionary kids.*
- Churches numbered 30,875 churches (0.53 percent increase) with 2.61 million members (increase of 1.45 percent from last year).*
- 487 districts have been established around the world in 2019 with 29,723 clergy.*
- 5 graduate seminaries/theological colleges, 13 liberal arts colleges/universities, 30 undergraduate seminaries/theological/Bible colleges, 2 nurses training colleges, 1 teacher training college, and 1,411 education centers (extension) had a 2019 combined enrollment of 51,342 students globally.*
- People 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).*
- 196 retired missionaries received pensions.*

- NMI membership was 1,062,516 (an increase of 2.27 percent), and the number of organized local NMIs have risen by 1.78 percent to 18,764.
- JESUS Film Harvest Partners (JFHP) reports that World Evangelism Fund (WEF) helped provide infrastructure for 773 JFHP teams to share God's love. In 2018–2019, the teams reported 3 million evangelistic contacts. Of these contacts, 685,338 indicated decisions for Christ with 409,585 initial discipleship follow-ups. The teams started 8,770 preaching points in 2019.
- NMI and others partnered with local churches to help raise US \$37.6 million through the World Evangelism Fund during the 2019 fiscal year (FY).*
- Churches globally gave US \$25.98 million for Approved Mission Specials.
- In 2019, 85 districts gave 5.5 percent of their income and beyond to the World Evangelism Fund. WEF giving beyond 5.5 percent helps open new work, sustains works opened in recent years, and helps send new missionaries that God calls.
- Missionary Health Care provided US \$429,257 in medical assistance for Nazarene missionaries.
- Nazarenes gave US \$325,628 to World Mission Broadcast (WMB), providing radio, television, and Internet programs to share the gospel globally.
- Nazarenes gave US \$3.85 million in deputation offerings for missionaries, up 2.81 percent from FY 2018.
- NMI has more than 205 districts worldwide participating in Links, creating personalized connections between local churches, districts, and missionaries around the world. Each connection is vital in continuing to share about the impact of missions.
- Nazarenes gave US \$2.54 million for Alabaster (up 1.55 percent) to fund construction projects in 2019. The Alabaster Offering is used in all six global regions. No Alabaster funds are used for administrative costs.
- International Student Scholarship Fund (NMI 80th Anniversary project) provided 66 scholarships for students outside the USA/Canada to attend Nazarene theological institutions.
- NMI partnered with Nazarene Compassionate Ministries to give more than US \$3.98 million for disaster response and compassion projects around the world and to support 11,750 children through Child Development Centers and Pastor's Kid programs.
- NMI assisted Work & Witness in raising approximately US \$1.2 million to deploy 429 teams, an average of 8.25 teams per week.

Chapter 6

IDEAS FOR DEVELOPING THE NMI THE PRAYER



There are many ways to unite your congregation in these times of united prayer, let's look at this idea:

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

If your church does not have an organized plan that is being used to pray specifically for a global mission, pray and meet with your pastor to create or adopt a plan.

How to start a prayer ministry for missions in your church?

- 1. Pray! God wants us to pray; Ask for direction.*
- 2. Meet with the pastor and seek his approval.*
- 3. Ask God to direct you to the people who will start small prayer groups. (It might surprise you who God chooses).*
- 4. Begin first with the people mentioned in # 3, meeting weekly to pray.*
- 5. Provide prayer requests from the global Prayer Mobilization Line, <https://us16.campaign-archive.com/home/?u=304f5aa03caa8a6cf9a099547&id=dbb14e77f2> , or subscribe at this same link, contact the prayer coordinator of the district and personal communication with missionaries and other global entities. (More resources can be found on the NMI website <https://nmiideas.org/>*
- 6. Post global prayer requests through church media (video and print). (Be sensitive to those items in Creative Access Areas or secure areas, and do not include them in print, on websites, or in emails. Such requests should only be mentioned verbally).*

7. *Involve teens and children by leading them to create prayer groups among their peers.*
8. *Send urgent requests by email, text message, or phone message. (Again, keep an eye out for sensitive areas or Creative Access Areas.)*
9. *Encourage each person to follow your example, multiplying the groups according to what God guides you to do.*
10. *Invite everyone to participate in the ministry of prayer for missions.*

Be the host church in your community for a designated prayer time weekly (go and do so at the community's discretion). Organize prayer walks or prayer walks in designated areas. They include children and adolescents. Be a church that prays!

A personal note regarding being a host church in the community: When we pastored in Morgantown, Kentucky, I felt overwhelmed to call the community to pray.

Our church was three miles out of town and across a river, it wasn't a prime location for what I wanted to do. My husband, Bill, was good friends with the pastor of First United Methodist Church. I asked the pastor if his church would be willing to host the event, and he kindly opened the doors of his church at 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Wednesday. I did all the publicity:

newspaper, radio (public service announcement) and letters to all the churches.

Although the church was never crowded, there was a flow of people from various churches (including the one and only nun), who came to pray each week. I provided stationery / pens to write down the requests and also provided a printed list of the requests that had been sent to me. The Lord blessed our prayer time; there is no "service", only prayer.

*Martha Bean
US Central Region*

WORLD EVANGELISM FUND



EASTER OFFERING

World Evangelism Fund Calendar leading up to Easter Sunday:

The season leading up to Easter Sunday is a wonderful time to prepare people's hearts at this time.

Participation in using the World Evangelism Fund Calendar should also serve as a time to prepare your church for the Easter Offering.

People often "give up" (or fast) certain foods or activities in advance of time, recognizing that

depriving them helps them focus more on Christ and his sacrifice. The calendar offers suggestions for giving up something for the day. This will be especially good for those who have little experience with fasting.

On Sunday, February 24 (2021), explain to people the purpose of the Easter Offering for the World Evangelism Fund. If possible, show the video of the Offering that has been published on the page <http://www.nazarene.org/generosity>

Tell people that we also have the opportunity to give thanks to God for our salvation and that their gifts will help people all over the world to know the love of God, the sacrifice of Christ, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit.

Distribute or ask people of all ages to prepare 9 "x12" envelopes. Encourage people to put money in their envelopes while following the schedule, and be sure to tell them that they can always give more than the amount listed. (Feel free to adapt it to the currency of your country or area of the world.) Encourage them to write their thoughts and prayers on the outside of the envelope or, for young children, draw what they are praying for.

Tell people they will return their filled envelopes on April 4, Easter Sunday. Let them know that you hope

to learn what they experienced during this time and how it helped them celebrate Easter more fully.

Explain to the congregation that on February 24, 2021 we will begin 40 days prior to Easter Sunday and that they prepare their hearts during this time to give with joy to the World Evangelism Fund - WEF.



We start:

February 24-28 - Start this calendar by taking these 5 days of Prayer and Fasting. For each time you abstain from eating, donate the equivalent for your Easter Offering, in support of the World Evangelism Fund.

March 1 - Read about the temptation of Christ in Matthew 4: 1-11. Donate 10 cents for each year that you have been a Christian. If it's less than a year, donate for each month.

March 2 - Ditch the candy today and donate the cost of a candy bar.

March 3 - Quit television today and donate at least the equivalent of \$ 1.00

March 4 - Don't read the newspaper or watch the news today. Take a prayer walk in your city, if this is possible, praying for the people who are there, and then spend some time praying for the lost around the world. Donate 10 cents for each of the times you would normally watch the news.


March 5 - No bread today. Donate the cost of a loaf of bread or the bread you did not eat.

March 6 - This day do not view your social media. Donate 50 cents for each social media you own.

March 7 - SUNDAYS ARE FREE! Don't forget to give your ordinary offerings and tithes.

March 8 - Read a Christmas story today to remember the "beginning of the story." Think about the wonder of the Advent season and compare it to this pre-Easter season.

March 9 - Donate 5 cents for every Christmas carol you can think of.



March 10 - Spend your lunch break (food in other contexts) in prayer. If possible, fast that meal and donate the approximate cost of your lunch.

March 11 - No reading for entertainment today. 10 cents for the book or for every book you've read this year.

March 12 - Eat quick and cold cereal today and offer 25 cents for each type of cereal in your home.

March 13 - Instead of watching videos tonight, spend time in Scripture and donate \$ 1 or its equivalent if you own a DVD or have an online video streaming subscription.

March 14 - SUNDAYS ARE FREE! Don't forget to give your ordinary offerings and tithes.

March 15 - Spend at least an hour reading God's Word and praying today. Donate 25 cents for every Bible you own.

March 16 - No red meat today; donate \$ 1 or its equivalent to the World Evangelism Fund in your congregation.

March 17 - Ditch dessert today and donate the approximate cost of a serving of your favorite type of dessert.

March 18 - Read the story of Jesus as a child in the temple. Pray for the children and youth in your church and donate 10 cents for each person under the age of 18 in your extended family (or the immediate family of your close friends).

March 19 - Don't have dinner today. Donate \$ 5 to increase your congregation's Resurrection Offering.

March 20 - Donate some time to help your church prepare for visitors on Easter Sunday. Invite others to join you and donate 50 cents for every hour you volunteer.

March 21 - SUNDAYS ARE FREE! Don't forget to give your ordinary offerings and tithes.

March 22 - Do not play video games or computer games today. Instead, play a board game with friends and / or family and donate 5 cents to the WEF for each game you have at home.

March 23 - If possible, eat only fruits and vegetables today, and give 10 cents for each type of vegetable in your refrigerator or on your shelves.

March 24 - Give up the snacks today. Give her 25 cents for each type of chip or treat in her house.

March 25 - Read the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5: 3-16). Once you're done, write down the Beatitudes

themes and donate 10 cents for each one you remember.

March 26 - Today there is no cheese or milk. Donate \$ 1 or its equivalent to the Easter Offering.

March 27 - Donate some time to help your church with a project you have and invite others to join you and donate 50 cents for every hour you volunteer.

March 28 - SUNDAYS ARE FREE! Don't forget to give your ordinary offerings and tithes.

March 29 - Stop eating chicken today. Donate 50 cents for the number of times you ate chicken in the past week.

March 30 - Stop eating dessert or fruit today. Donate 50 cents for dessert or fruit and encourage others to join you.

April 1 - In some places people do not eat red meat in the pre-Easter season. If you do not usually abstain from eating them, do so now and donate 1 dollar to the World Evangelism Fund - WEF.

April 2 – Some people want to travel this week. Do not drink carbonated drinks on this day, drink only water and donate the cost of carbonated drinks.

April 3 - Today, donate the equivalent of what was spent on treats in the break time and continue to

support the Easter Offering that will be received tomorrow.

April 4 - Easter Sunday. This day bring the Offerings of all that you gathered during this time and thank God for the sacrifice of His Son by shedding his blood on the cross of Calvary to forgive your sins.

If this Sunday there is an opportunity to report to the congregation what has been received from the offerings since the beginning of this time and including today's offering, do so. This will motivate the congregation to support the next time it has to raise funds to support the WEF.

You can adapt this idea also for the Thanksgiving Offering, placing the corresponding dates and that the last day coincides with the day that you will raise the offering.

Notes: _____

IDEAS - “WEF - ZERO ZEROS”



Here are some ideas about how to promote churches to become **ZERO ZERO WEF CHURCHES**.

1. Make posts on social media about this strategy.
2. Schedule workshops for local churches on this campaign through the available means.
3. When possible, take advantage of visits to churches that do not support the WEF or do it through social media for the time being.
4. Make alliances with other key ministries in this campaign.
5. Create a concept of Zero Zero ambassadors, starting from the leadership of the district.
6. Once a church becomes a Zero Zero WEF Church, the district NMI will appoint 2 people who will become the “Zero Zero Ambassadors”

who will record videos to teach others how they accomplished it.

Ideas for churches that say they are not being able to give to the WEF

An empty box: Every Sunday an empty box can be placed on the altar and when the tithes and offerings are collected, those who wish to do so can contribute something in the empty box and that will go to the WEF.

Monthly emphasis: Use them to remind you of the importance of WEF.

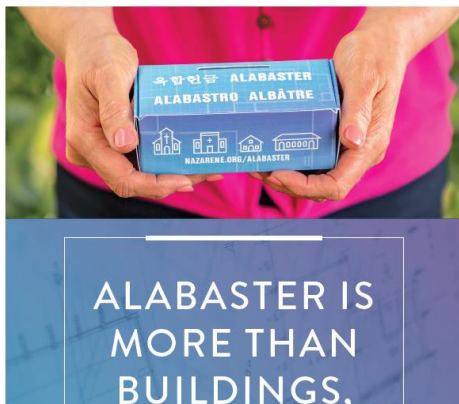
Food sales: Where the profits can be sent to the WEF.

Garage sales: Whose proceeds are sent to the WEF.

Invite a missionary: When possible, motivate the congregation to support the WEF and talk about the difference between it and the Deputation offering.

Envelopes for the WEF: Even if it is not the indicated month, offer envelopes every month so

ALABASTER OFFERING



Alabaster: Shaping and Giving

Explain that Alabaster funds help provide land and buildings around the world.

Tell a story from your district about how the Alabaster Offering has supported a local project through a video. For this, ask a young person who knows how to help you with this. By doing so, they will not only make a good video out of their experience, but they will also be engaging in ministry.

Once the information has been given, challenge your congregations to enter a contest called **"Shaping and Giving Alabaster."**

What is the contest about?

1. Have each participant make an earthenware container, simulating an Alabaster jar. Clay can be purchased at a pottery or craft store.
2. Ask that during the month in which the offering is raised, be it February or September, they place it in the container they molded
3. At the time of the award, each participant tells what they did to achieve the elaborate design and how God helped them to give their offering even in times of the crisis that we are experiencing.
4. Ask the contestants to register through the social media of your choice.
5. There must be a period in which the jar or container of Alabaster is presented.
6. Have a group of people serve as a judging panel to determine the three best participants.
7. All of this can be done through a Zoom meeting so that everyone can appreciate the work done



ENGAGING YOUTH AND CHILDREN IN MISSIONS



Young people have many opportunities to learn and be part of missions in the Church of the Nazarene, but we hardly involve the children.

CHILDREN'S MISSIONARY ORIENTATION CAMP

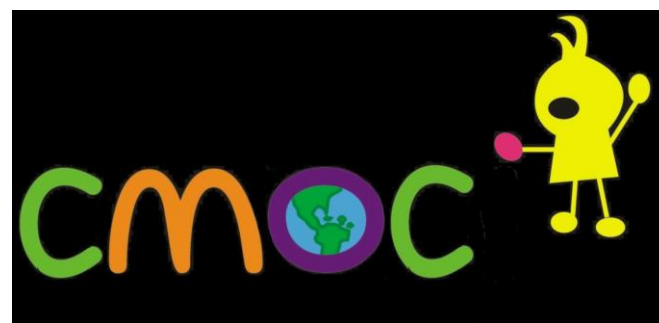
Why do a CMOC?

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

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

At CMOC, both young people and children are given the opportunity to be developed in the mission of God: MAKE DISCIPLES LIKE CHRIST.

Today, a way to make it virtual is presented, taking advantage of the fact that in some countries of the region the children will be on school holidays very soon and it is necessary to take advantage of this time to disciple them in the INTEGRAL MISSION..



What to do?

CMOC duration:

It is recommended that it be at least a week, taking an hour each day, since children are very restless and cannot stay online for long.

Human Resource:

1. NMI leaders should work on the organization, convocation, registration and should also participate in the camp as necessary.
2. Coordinators of missionary calls, coordinators of Global Missions.
3. Young people who have participated in a CCO or CMOC, with extensive knowledge of the use of virtual platforms.
4. Among them, there must be two technicians in the management of the networks to be directing the platform to use.
5. People, especially young people, with skills and abilities to help in the previous process to prepare all the virtual dynamics that are necessary.

Virtual Resource:

They should have a platform, preferably Zoom, other than the one that is free because it only lasts 40 minutes and the parents of the participating children often do not have the ability to reconnect. It also interrupts a topic that is capturing the children's attention and interest is lost as they reconnect.

Teaching resource:

1. Each leader should have the CMOC Manual to prepare the materials and slides for the presentation in advance, as well as to become

well acquainted with the topic that corresponds to him.

2. The organization must take into account the follow-up material to be used so that children can continue to be mentored, either by their parents or by the leadership of their congregation in charge of the ministry of NMI or children's ministry.

Meetings:

1. When you have the team that will support the CMOC, meet as many times as necessary to plan each necessary task and do preliminary tests a week in advance to avoid setbacks during the event.
2. It is also recommended that before each daily segment, the leaders who will be directing the COMI, , connect 45 or 30 minutes minimum in advance to do sound checks, slide projections, etc. of each one of those who will be guiding the different themes and dynamics.
3. At the end of the virtual camp, meet again with the team of leaders who participated to follow up with the participating children.

LINKS



You have received an assignment for LINKS in your district or local church. What to do next?

Generally, along with the assignment of the missionary, a document is sent with the instructions to follow to make the connection between them and the assigned district.

However, at this time when mission tours, which is an opportunity where many missionaries make the connection with their LINKS district, are on hold, we present some ideas on how to connect with your missionary or missionary family.

1. If you are having an in-person or virtual NMI Convention, invite your linked missionary well in advance to be the speaker.
2. If you are going to do a training meeting with your leaders, take advantage of the missionary's

presence to share on a topic, especially to talk about how the WEF supports the assigned ministry.

3. Some districts, in this time of pandemic, when missionaries cannot be in person in their districts, have organized prayer vigils and invite their linked missionary to share the word or participate in a prayer time.
4. Throw an anniversary or birthday party for your Zoom-linked missionary and invite them early.



- You can also collect an offering from your local churches to send through your area and regional office well in advance so that they can buy whatever they want as a birthday gift and also buy a cake, cake or whatever they call it in their country to share it during the celebration. (As this is a birthday offering you must specify it when it is sent to the area office).

- Ask them that when it is the day of the celebration, they have the cake and gifts packed and also have celebratory items such as hats, whistles, etc.
- Also ask people who will be participating in this party by Zoom to bring their hats and celebratory items, as well as a one-man cake to join in the celebration.
- Invite your district superintendent or pastor to bring the devotional word and a young person to help you in a time of games or songs during the celebration and remember to include a time of prayer for your linked missionaries.

5. Remind your local churches also, where possible, to collect an offering for their missionaries in the month that we emphasize LINKS.
6. Each month, ask your missionaries to send you prayer requests. Prepare electronic prayer cards and send them out to churches so they can pray for them. Also, include the children in praying for the missionaries' children.

At this time, while missionaries are ministering from their homes, prayers and communication with them are very important and necessary.

GENESIS INITIATIVE

Special Offering



Remember that in the month of January of each year at NMI we support the Genesis Initiative with a **SPECIAL OFFERING**. The goal is **\$ 1 or its equivalent in national currency** for each member of your local church.

Ideas for raising the offering:

While we are in a pandemic and many congregations cannot meet, you can do so through virtual means:

1. Schedule in advance to invite a missionary for each weekend of those who are serving or served in the Genesis Initiative to share their

testimony. It can be a prerecorded video or a direct broadcast on the Zoom platform.

2. Schedule to have the promotional video of the Genesis Initiative to show during the meeting, if it is by Zoom or send it along with the missionary video.
3. At the beginning of the first week, ask each person to pray for the invited missionary, pray for the Genesis site where he or she serves and for 0.25 cents or its equivalent or whatever, God puts in their hearts for the Special Offering of Genesis.
4. At the beginning of the second week, pray for the missionary invited for that day, pray for the city where he serves and for a city where there is still no Church of the Nazarene or little Nazarene presence and donate another 0.25 dollar or its equivalent or the amount that God puts in your heart.
5. At the beginning of the third week, pray for the missionary invited for that day, pray for the city where he serves, and for the regional, area, district and local Global Mission and Genesis Initiative leaders. Donate another 0.25 cents or its equivalent, or whatever amount God puts in your hearts.
6. For the last week, pray for the invited missionary, the city where he serves, and for those who are experiencing a call to serve in the Genesis

Initiative. Remember that children also experience a call to service and even though they cannot go, pray also, for them that God will use them to care for them until the time comes when they can serve.

Encourage the members of your congregation to donate another 0.25 cents and that this day, remember to also, send a special offering for the missionaries, who shared with you during this month.



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IN PANDEMIC - AND THE CONVENTION?

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Impacting the World - Working Together



It has been a long time since I wrote on my blog "How to have a successful convention" giving some tips or suggestions on how to achieve it, today it is not only difficult to think about meeting again, but even the conventions have been canceled or at best of the cases will be virtual.

Then that saying comes to my mind that says "No one knows what they have, until it is lost". I had been doing an analysis for some time in which the last conventions were more than a celebration, a burden, a nuisance and a costly concern for both district presidents and superintendents, phrases like: Let's cut the

budget, save sheets on the material, shorten the convention time, among others, that was what happened just a few months ago.

Today everything has changed, everything that you wanted to remove has been removed! So, what to do?

Can you have a successful convention even in the midst of a global pandemic? My answer is Sure you can!

And this is where true leaders emerge and demonstrate their leadership, organizing a team with creative people, with young people who know technology, with leaders who do not give up on the unknown and are willing to learn and participate in the new normal.

Do you dare to do a virtual convention? If your answer is yes, then the first thing you have to do is put your plans in prayer and if your plans coincide with those of God and your organizing group is willing to support you:

1. You will need a contracted platform, Zoom, GotoMeeting, Teams, etc.
2. A platform administrator is also essential, as that person is the one who will have the responsibility

to ensure that the entire convention does not have sound interruptions, that the presentations are projected in the best way, and if it is necessary that the videos have sound they can share it with the corresponding audio, etc., and that way the transmission is as successful as possible.

3. Program: That will depend on you and your team, you can include videos, Power Points, group conferences at the same time, individual participations, recording of the event, etc. But the way you present it is what will make the difference.
4. You and your creative team organize it, but the platform administrator must have all the material ready in advance about 15 days before and be able to plan a previous test with all the presentation of materials.
5. I suggest you think of some special tasks so that the participants sit in a new and true convention, maybe everyone wears a special color, a badge they made (if it is difficult for you to send them to them) equal virtual backgrounds. Anyway, get creative!

6. Do not forget to include the children in the program as they are also part of NMI.
7. The sub-theme in the 2020-2021 church year will be "Impacting the World - Working Together." Why don't you start practicing it? Do it today!
8. Call your team and begin preparing what will be a convention that will impact the gospel message that will be exposed thanks to a team that is working together.

Note: Do not want to present without rehearsing first, that would be a mistake.

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NMI Sub Theme 2020 – 2021

IMPACTING THE WORLD WORKING TOGETHER

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Scenario: One of the classrooms in the Church Building.

Have a Notice and Announcement board, where the Advertising Poster with the sub-motto of NMI 2020-2021 is placed.

Participants: Pastor, - 3 young people, and 2 children. (For young people and children, men and women participate).

The Service is over, and the brothers and sisters (adults, youth and children) are talking and greeting each other.

The Pastor approaches and addresses the young people. Boys! What did you think? What do you think of the NMI sub-theme chosen for this year?

Young 1: Hmm ... well that's fine, but ... working together? With adults? with the kids?

Youth 2: The adults are only scolding us and the children are very unruly.

Smiling pastor: However, both adults, youth and children are needed in the church.

Youth 1: But they already have their activities and the truth is I don't want to go babysitting, we are "young people in action"!

Youth 3: Remember that we were children! Full of energy, and the truth when there is any activity they are the first to be willing!

Young 2: You're right! Also, as the pastor says, we must all be willing to get involved in the mission that Jesus left us.

Child 1: (They come running happily) Did someone say children? Here we are pastor! What do we do? where we go?

Child 2: Yes, pastor. Who are we going to support? The young people?

WEBSITES and FACEBOOK

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

Church of the Nazarene Global Mission:

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

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

NMI Global Website:

Spanish: <https://nazarene.org/es/quienes-somos/organizaci%C3%B3n/ministerios/misiones-nazarenas-internacionales>

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NMI Ideas (English page): <https://nmiideas.org/>

Living the Mission (Multi-language Missionary Education Guide:

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

Missionary Books in various languages:

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Mesoamerica Region: <http://www.mesoamericaregion.org/>

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Genesis Region Mesoamerica: <http://www.mesoamericaregion.org/ministerios/genesis/>

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Transform the World Blog: <http://transformtheworld.com>

Useless Servants Podcast: <http://www.mesoamericagenesis.org/podcast>

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