

# **Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries International (SDMI)**

## **Mesoamerica Region**



### **OUR MISSION**

The mission of Sunday School & Discipleship Ministries International (SDMI) is to carry out the Great Commission to children, youth, and adults in preparation for a lifetime of being and making Christlike disciples in the nations.

### **OUR VISION**

Our vision is that for every local church, SDMI ministries will be an effective means of involving the whole church in discipleship throughout the week, providing a biblical foundation for life and holiness.

### **LOCAL SDMI PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Sunday School & Discipleship Ministries International is fourfold:

- A. To be a people of prayer, engaged in The Word, making Christlike disciples.
- B. To intentionally develop relationships with unreached people so that they become Christlike disciples making Christlike disciples.
- C. To teach the Word of God to children, youth, and adults so that they are saved, sanctified wholly, and maturing in Christian experience that results in a life of compassion, evangelism, Christian education, and disciple making.
- D. To encourage everyone to faithfully engage in a discipleship ministry such as Sunday School/Bible studies, small groups, and other disciple-making ministries.

In order to support the vision of the Mesoamerica Region of "One million Nazarenes committed to Mission 2030", the following strategies are suggested to accomplish the above fourfold purpose:

#### **Strategies for Purpose A**

- ✓ Provide spiritual formation, where prayer is practiced and the reading of the Word is part of daily life.
- ✓ Open everyone's mind and sensitize their hearts through being filled with the Holy Spirit.
- ✓ Involve the whole family in family altars/devotions.
- ✓ Provide space/opportunities for prayer within each ministry.

#### **Strategies for Purpose B**

- ✓ Diagnose and meet the priority needs of the community, especially including urban areas, through the various SDMI ministries.
- ✓ Establish personal relationships with the unreached in the community, with an emphasis on the youth and children, providing opportunities for fellowship, acceptance, and growth.
- ✓ Plan for intentional and diversified evangelism and the planting of contextualized churches.
- ✓ Training of leaders and concentration of resources for the Mission.

#### **Strategies for Purpose C**

- ✓ Organize Bible teaching during Sundays or in Small Groups in homes or other locations during the week.
- ✓ Emphasize the training of leaders, teachers, and pastors.
- ✓ Help Christians be like Christ through the holistic example of the holy life of the leader
- ✓ Provide ongoing discipleship opportunities for leaders and mentors.
- ✓ Select materials edited by the Church of the Nazarene to build knowledge of doctrine, devotional life, and service.

#### **Strategies for Purpose D**

- ✓ Include children and youth in discipleship, providing opportunities and diversifying ministries.
- ✓ Establish an environment of trust where people are being integrally ministered to.
- ✓ Redefine Discipleship strategies so they are relevant to everyone, from new believers to long-time believers.
- ✓ Update ministries through leadership and pastoral preparation.