

Nazarene Missions International (NMI) President's Handbook  
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### I. Who We Are

- A. NMI is the organization responsible for engaging and mobilizing the local church to engage in missions in the Church of the Nazarene.
- B. NMI is our denomination's representative for missions on the district and in the local church.
- C. NMI:
  - Develops missionaries
  - Sends missionaries
  - Educates individuals and congregations regarding the work of Nazarene missions
  - Supports missionaries through prayer and giving
  - Welcomes and hosts missionaries when they return for home assignment
  - Equips missionaries to return to their field of service
  - Advocates for global missions in the local church
  - Nurtures the spirit of missions in everyone



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### **II. History of NMI**

#### **A. Significant dates:**

- April 1899 – Began as the Woman's Missionary Society (WMS).
- 1915 - WMS was officially recognized as an auxiliary organization of the Church of the Nazarene for the local church to increase their knowledge and interest in missions by prayer, special speakers, keeping in touch with missionaries, and cooperating with the local Church in raising funds for missions
- June 1928 – The first General WMS Convention was held and the first General Council members elected
- The name of the organization has changed through the years:
  - 1928 – Woman's Foreign Missionary Society (WFMS)
  - 1952 – Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society (men, youth, and children were added into the organization)
  - 1964 – Nazarene World Missionary Society
  - 1980 – Nazarene World Mission Society (emphasizing the international aspect of the organization)
  - 2001 – Nazarene Missions International (NMI)

#### **B. Highlights of NMI history:**

- 1919 – Memorial Roll introduced
- 1921 – First LINKS secretary appointed
- 1927 – First adult study book published
- 1948 – Dr. Louise Chapman elected general president
- 1949 – Alabaster giving launched, Ten Percent Giving introduced
- 1952 – Men became active members
- 1974 – Work & Witness program introduced by General Council
- 1976 – Distinguished Service award introduced
- 1981 – Prayer Mobilization line introduced
- 1986 – Nazarene Compassionate Ministries added to the Calendar of Emphases
- 1987 – LINKS became international
- 1990 – First District President's Gathering
- 1997 – "World Evangelism Fund" replaces "General Budget"
- 2006 – NMI leaders encouraged to mentor young people to plan for future mission leaders
- 2009 – Rev. Jennifer Brown elected global president – the first president elected from outside the USA/Canada Region
- 2012 – Alabaster giving reaches \$100 million
- 2015 – NMI 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrated
- 2017 – The new constitution adopted

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### III. NMI Constitution

#### A. Review the NMI Constitution for the following:

Article 1: Name

Article 2: Purpose: To mobilize the Church of the Nazarene in missions through  
1) praying, 2) giving, 3) educating, and 4) engaging children and youth.

Article 3: Structure

Article 4: Membership

Article 5: Councils and Officers – local, district, and global

Article 6: Meetings

Article 7: Funds

Article 8: Policies and Procedures

Article 9: Parliamentary Authority

Article 10: Amendments

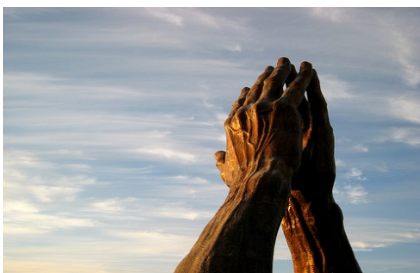
#### B. A copy of the constitution can be obtained from [http://wtd-nmi.org/Pastors\\_Presidents\\_Information/NMI\\_Constitution\\_2017\\_2021\\_English.pdf](http://wtd-nmi.org/Pastors_Presidents_Information/NMI_Constitution_2017_2021_English.pdf)

### IV. Five Areas of Impact

#### A. Prayer

The Church of the Nazarene is a praying church. It is important to remember our missionaries in prayer all year long. They need your support through intercession. There are 2 ways to support them in prayer.

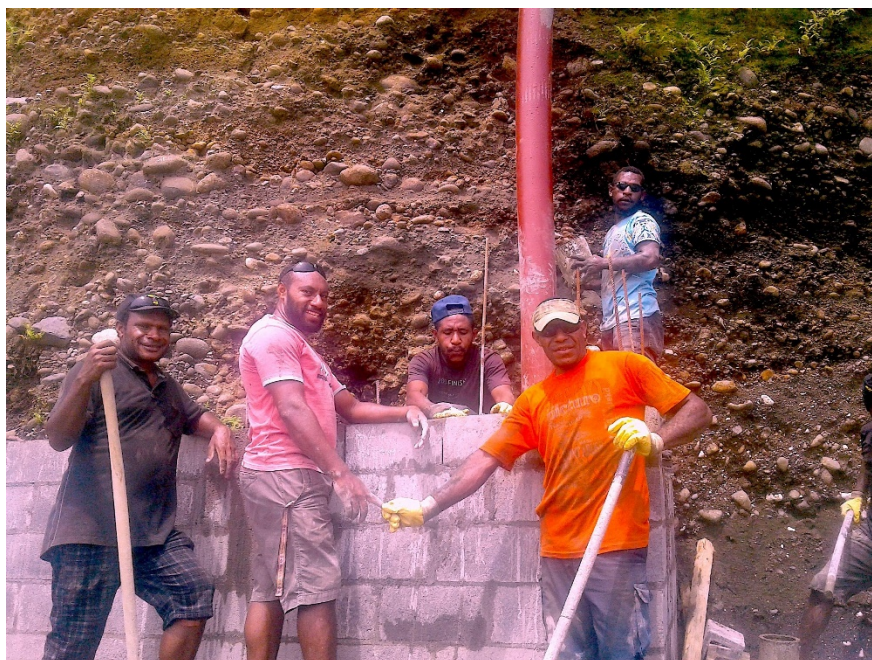
1. Go to the Nazarene Missions International website, hover over “areas of impact” and click on “prayer.” From there, you can access any missionary to get their information to pray for them specifically. You can even select the language you prefer.
2. NMI Central
  - A weekly email publication focusing on the work of the Church of the Nazarene with the current prayer needs and praise reports for our missionaries and global ministries.
  - These weekly emails are also archived on the NMI website under “Resources.”



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### B. Alabaster Offering

- Provides funds for property and buildings for ministry efforts internationally and domestically.
- 100% of monies raised go to the projects without money going to administrative costs
- 80% of the funds are utilized internationally, 20% of the funds are used domestically.
- Offerings are taken twice a year in February and September or can be part of the Faith Promise plan for missions giving
- Alabaster funds are to be used for new churches to:
  - Purchase a property or church building
  - Purchase or build a church parsonage
  - Build a church building
  - Conversion of a property into a church gathering space
  - Meet initial costs for renting a church meeting space for a limited period
  - Purchase or build missionary homes
  - Purchase or build regional or field missions facilities
  - Build or repurpose buildings on Bible college campuses
- Resources for Alabaster (videos, alabaster boxes, promotional materials) can be found @ <https://nazarene.org/alabaster>
- Individuals can also give online at <https://nazarene.org/alabaster>



Huon Gulf Church of the Nazarene in Papua New Guinea (Retrieved from nazarene.org)



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### C. World Evangelism Fund

- This is how the Church of the Nazarene's mission is funded internationally and domestically. Each church is asked to share a portion of its total income to help make Christ like disciples in the nations. These funds are distributed in six world regions and 164 world areas for ministries on the ground and to ensure that legal, federal, and support needs are met for ministry to be safe and sustainable for years to come.
- The World Evangelism Fund for each church is 5.5% of its total income annually minus their Mission Special giving.
- World Evangelism giving supports new churches and ministry outposts, missionaries, regional ministries, Christian literature and resources, holiness education, and partner ministries such as JESUS Film Harvest Partners and Nazarene Compassionate Ministries.
- Methods to Support World Evangelism Fund
  - The most economical way to give is electronically through [nazarene.org/give](http://nazarene.org/give) for individuals and [FundingtheMission.org](http://FundingtheMission.org) for USA churches. These gifts are sent directly through the Global Treasury Services to the World Evangelism Fund and are automatically recorded for Funding the Mission.
  - Easter Offering and Offering of Thanks - Some churches choose to raise funds through these two offerings. Some great resources to promote these offerings are provided through the stewardship development team at [nazarene.org/stewardship](http://nazarene.org/stewardship) under "offering resources."
  - Faith Promise - This method of giving is a systematic way for individuals to give funds throughout the year to support the mission through weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly pledging. Resources to support systematic giving through Faith Promise can be found @ <https://www.thefoundrypublishing.com/what-is-faith-promise-brochure-x-90.html>



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### D. Engage Children and Youth

- NMI encourages churches to involve children and youth in all missions' endeavors and to nurture them as they seek to respond to God's call.
- NMI encourages collaboration with Nazarene Youth International (NYI) and Nazarene Discipleship International (NDI) to best engage all ages of the church
- Links to NYI and NDI ministries can be obtained @ <https://nazarene.org/who-we-are/organization/ministries/nazarene-missions-international/areas-impact/engaging-children-youth>

### E. Care and Connection

- Network of personal connections between missionaries and Nazarene districts around the world through consistent correspondence between local churches and missionaries encouraging updates on their field activities and presentations by their links missionaries when they are on home assignment
- Making the Connection:  
Each district is assigned their links missionaries. Your District NMI President and council will have details on your links missionary family. Those details are given to you during District Missionary Convention.
  - Make a personal connection with your missionary via email
  - Introduce the missionary to your church
  - Pray for your missionary daily
  - Schedule a time for your missionary to visit your church when they are on home assignment
  - Communicate with your missionary as often as possible to develop a relationship
- Details on how to connect and give to your links missionary can be found at <https://nazarene.org/who-we-are/organization/ministries/nazarene-missions-international/care-and-connection>





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### V. Honors

#### A. Distinguished Service Award (DSA)

- A tribute to church people who are living for their exemplary service to the church
- This may be given to anyone in the church for their efforts. It may be awarded to a couple as long as only one tribute message is submitted.
- This may not be given by an individual. It may only be given by a church or a group within the church.
- The cost is \$125 per award. A duplicate award is \$25.
- The award is 8" x 10"
- The DSA can be ordered online or by mail. If ordered online, please allow 5-10 business days for delivery. If ordered by mail, please allow 3-5 weeks for delivery.
- Ordering details can be obtained @ <https://nazarene.org/who-we-are/organization/ministries/nazarene-missions-international/nmi-distinguished-service-award>
- For assistance, you may also contact them at [businesscenter@nazarene.org](mailto:businesscenter@nazarene.org).

#### B. Memorial Roll

- Established in 1919, this is a way to honor deceased friends and loved ones.
- A certificate is issued in honor of the loved one who has passed on and presented to a family member or displayed in the church
- Churches or individuals may place as many names on the Memorial Roll as they desire, and those memorialized do not need to be members of the church.
- The cost of the certificate is \$75. A duplicate award is \$25.
- A Children's version is available
- The award is 8" x 10"
- You may order online or by mail. If ordered online, please allow 5-10 business days for delivery. If ordered by mail, please allow 3-5 weeks for delivery.
- Details on ordering can be obtained @ <https://nazarene.org/who-we-are/organization/ministries/nazarene-missions-international/nmi-memorial-roll>
- For further assistance, you may contact them at [businesscenter@nazarene.org](mailto:businesscenter@nazarene.org).

#### C. Obtaining a history of Memorial Roll/Distinguished Service Awards

- You can search the history to see who has been granted a Distinguished Service Award or who has been placed on the Memorial Roll at the following site:  
<http://app.nazarene.org/NMICertificate/>

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### VI. Resources

#### A. NMI Central

- Weekly email publication focusing on the work of the Church of the Nazarene around the world. It highlights the weekly prayer needs and praises of global missionaries and the church's international ministries. It is available in English, Spanish, Portuguese, and French.

#### B. NMI Leader Resources

- All resources for leaders are downloadable from the NMI website. These resources include the following:
  - Alabaster offering promotional material
  - NMI Constitution
  - NMI World Areas
  - NMI Logos
  - End of Year Reports and Certificates
  - Fast Facts
  - Promotional Videos, Bookmarks, Posters
- Go to [nazarene.org/who-we-are/organization/ministries/nazarene-missions-international-nmi-resources/nmi-leader/resources](http://nazarene.org/who-we-are/organization/ministries/nazarene-missions-international-nmi-resources/nmi-leader/resources) to explore available resources.

#### C. NMI Resources

- Nazarene mission material is downloadable for "A Movement of God through the People of God." These resources are to help us partner with God to support those in our congregations who may be called into mission work and help them through the process. There are bulletin inserts, brochures, posters, booklets, a sermon series, and a leader's guide.
- Go to [nazarene.org/resources/nazarene-missions-resources-english](http://nazarene.org/resources/nazarene-missions-resources-english) to retrieve the information.

#### D. NMI Ministry Partners

- Nazarene Compassionate Ministries (NCM) partners with local Nazarene congregations around the world to clothe, shelter, feed, heal, educate, and live in solidarity with those who suffer under oppression, injustice, violence, poverty, hunger, and disease ([ncm.org](http://ncm.org)).
- Work through NCM includes anti-human trafficking, economic development, emergency relief, food security, health care, holistic child development, refugee and immigrant support, clean water, and women and girls support.
- For more information on how your congregation can be involved in these ministries, go to [ncm.org](http://ncm.org).