



**EASTERN MICHIGAN DISTRICT
NMI CONVENTION**

C O M E T O
THE TABLE

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

NMI focuses on 5 strategic areas where the local church can have the maximum impact on missions. Focusing on these five areas of impact does not diminish other areas of NMI influence, rather they are stepping stones to deeper involvement in missions.



Prayer



**World
Evangelism
Fund**



**Engaging
Children and
Youth**



Alabaster



**Care and
Connection
(missionary care)**

2023-2024 District Council

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**2024-2025
Mission Priority One
Guidelines**

You must complete the following 5 areas:

- Prayer – Pray for missions and missionaries.
- World Evangelism Fund (WEF) – 5.5% of the total income annually less their Mission Special giving.
- Engaging Children and youth – learning about missions and fostering calls to missions.
- Alabaster – offering (s) were taken.
- Care and Connection – promoted and supported missionaries.

**2024-2025
Church of Excellence**

Overpayment of the WEF (5.5%) by .2% for a total of 5.7% or \$ 1,500 over 5.5%.

**2024-2025
Top Priority Award
Guidelines**

You must complete the following areas:

- Attain Mission Priority One Award status.
- The annual reports need to be postmarked on or before the due date of March 20.
- Participate in 3 out of the 4 following categories:
 - A. World Evangelism Broadcast offering.
 - B. Children and/or Youth District Project offerings.
 - C. Compassionate Ministries offering – Crisis Care Kits/School Pal Pak duty money, extra NCM offerings, compassionate centers, and child sponsorships.
 - D. Medical Plan offerings – either purchase a Memorial Roll (adult or child), Distinguished Service Award, Medical Plan Offering or Gifts from the Heart.





Nazarene Missions International Money Distribution Sheet

The following offerings are sent to the District Office:

- World Evangelism Offering – 5.5% of total church income
- Church of Excellence - .2% over or \$ 1,500 to equal 5.7%
- Easter Offering
- Thanksgiving Offering

Make checks payable to:

Eastern Michigan District

Please mark on the information line what the offering is going for.

Send check to:

District Treasurer – EMD
P O Box 7249
Flint, MI 48507

The following offerings are sent to the District NMI Treasurer:

- Crisis Care/School Pal Paks money (\$25.00 per box) – if you didn't pay at convention
- Youth Project
- Children Project

Make checks payable to:

Eastern Michigan District NMI

Please mark on the information line what the offering is going for.

Send check to:

Ellen Jacobs-Easton
15235 Troy Ave.
Taylor, MI 48180

The following offerings are sent to the Global Ministry Center:

- Memorial Roll Certificate – Adult and Child - \$ 75.00 each
- Distinguished Service Award - \$ 125.00 each
- Medical Plan Offerings
- Compassionate Ministries Offering
- Child Sponsorship
- Alabaster Offerings
- World Mission Broadcast offering
- Nazarene Missions Team money

Make checks payable to:

Global Treasury Services

Please mark on the information line what the offering is going for.

Send check to:

Church of the Nazarene, Global Ministry Center
ATTN: Donor Services
17001 Prairie Star Parkway
Lenexa, KS 66200

Deputation offerings:

The Nazarene Global Mission Office has a new address.

Make checks payable to:

Global Treasury Services

Send check to:

Church of the Nazarene, Global Ministry Center
ATTN: Donor Services
17001 Prairie Star Parkway
Lenexa, KS 66200

Write the missionary's name on the memo line with the word - Deputation.



District NMI Calendar 2024-2025

Come to the Table!

May 2024

Emphasis: Missionary Health Care

Missionary Prayer: Abner Gutierrez – Dominican Republic

- 6 Birthday: Carson Gibbons (Eurasia)
- 11 Graduation: Olivet Nazarene University
- 12 Mother's Day
- 19 Pentecost Sunday
- 27 Memorial Day
- 30 Birthday: Gardner Hendrix (Georgia)

June 2024

Emphasis: World Mission Broadcast Offering

Missionary Prayer: Anna Kindle – Papua New Guinea

- 5 Anniversary: Luke and Mami Strasser (Japan)
- 15 Anniversary: Taylor and Laura Myatt (Papua New Guinea)
- 16 Father's Day
- 17 **District NMI Council Meeting**
- 21 Birthday: Nicholas Barasa (Africa East Field)
- 28 Birthday: Jessica Roland (Indonesia)
- 29 Birthday: Gideon Hendrix (Georgia)

July 2024

Emphasis: Children and Youth

Missionary Prayer: Angel and Krista Sigui - Ecuador

- 8 Birthday: Tammy Soto (Panama)
- 10 Birthday: George Hendrix (Georgia)
- 14 Anniversary: Chad and Crystal Gibbons (Eurasia)
- 21-28 District Camp meeting (Water's Edge Campgrounds)

August 2024

Emphasis: Care and Connection

Missionary Prayer: Nicholas and Lydia Barasa, Africa East Field

- 6 Anniversary: Nicholas and Lydia Barasa (Africa East Field)
- 24 Birthday: Luke Strasser (Japan)
- 29 Birthday: Mami Strasser (Japan)

September 2024	Emphasis: Alabaster
	Missionary Prayer: Chad and Lindsey Dickerson, Spain
2	Labor Day
6	Birthday: Laura Myatt (Papua New Guinea)
11-18	Deputation Tour: Monte and Bethany Cyr (Guatemala)
16	District NMI Council Meeting
26	Birthday: Chad Gibbons (Eurasia)
October 2024	Emphasis: JESUS Film/Mission Priority One
	Missionary Prayer: Dr. Musa and Mrs. Prudence Kunene, Kenya
9-20	Deputation Tour: Roger and Damaris Kellogg (Guatemala)
12	NMI Training Day at The Woods Church of the Nazarene
29	Birthday: Lydia Barasa (Africa East Field)
November 2024	Emphasis: Thanksgiving Offering
	Missionary Prayer: Martin and Cezarina Glendenning, Croatic
2	Birthday: Kelsey Hendrix (Georgia)
10	Birthday: Eliezel Soto (Panama) and Elianny Soto (Panama)
24	Thanksgiving Offering for World Evangelism
28	Thanksgiving
December 2024	Emphasis: Nazarene Compassionate Ministries
	Missionary Prayer: Sam and Kristi Senica, USA/Canada
1	Compassionate Ministries Offering
25	Christmas – Christ’s Birth
27	Birthday: Evelyn Myatt (Papua New Guinea)
January 2025	Emphasis: Volunteer Ministries
	Missionary Prayer: Taylor and Laura Myatt, Papua New Guinea
1	New Year’s Day
3	Birthday: Maryana Barasa (Africa East Field)
22	Birthday: Bethany Cyr (Guatemala)
24	Birthday: Estevan Soto (Panama)
27	District NMI Council Meeting
February 2025	Emphasis: Alabaster
	Missionary Prayer: Chad and Crystal Gibbons, Eurasia
12	Birthday: Jeff Hendrix (Georgia)
12-23	Deputation Tour: Chad and Crystal Gibbons (Eurasia)
14	Anniversary: Jeff and Kelsey Hendrix (Georgia)
24	Birthday: Esther Soto (Panama)
24 – March 1	World Week of Prayer
28	Church Year Ends

March 2025	Emphasis: Global Week of Prayer/JESUS Film/Easter Offering
	Missionary Prayer: Jeff and Kelsey Hendrix, Georgia
1	World Day of Prayer
5	District NMI Council Meeting
8	Birthday: Crystal Gibbons (Eurasia)
13	Birthday: Gabe Hendrix (Georgia)
21	Birthday: Alaina Gibbons (Eurasia)
TBD	Year End NMI Report will be due (Stay turned on date)
April 2025	Emphasis: Mission Education
	Missionary Prayer: Rod and Sarah Reed, ANU, Africa
5	District NMI Convention
5-6	Deputation Tour: Rod and Sarah Reed (ANU, Africa)
6-7	District Assembly
20	Easter
22	Birthday: Mylene Barasa (Africa East Field)
24	Birthday: Taylor Myatt (Papua New Guinea)
27-May 4	Deputation Tour: Rod and Sarah Reed (ANU, Africa)
October 2025	
12-19	Deputation Tour: Steve and Rebecca Barber, Thailand

Please remember to support, pray and communicate with your Care and Connection missionaries once every 3 months or more frequently. They are counting on your prayers and support.

Care and Connection

Care and Connection program is a network of personal connections between missionaries and Nazarenes around the world. Each district is privileged to care for their own district missionaries, whether sponsored or global, plus being assigned one additional missionary family. You are encouraged to support the missionaries throughout the year, with prayer, emails and donations. Send financial donations to the Global Treasury Services or through Funding the Mission. Always include the missionaries' name and your church's name on the check or online giving.

Life on the mission field often means dealing with uncertain or inconsistent internet and not enough time in the day to get everything done. We give grace for our missionaries on responding as we know this personal connection is as vital to them as it is for your church.

Care and Connection Global Missionary – All churches will support them.

Nicholas, Lydia, Maryanne and Mylene Barasa, Africa East Field



Nicholas and Lydia were born and bred in Kenya, from diverse communities and raised up in loving Christian families.

In his teenage life, Nicholas was committed to serve with the Church of the Nazarene and was involved in the youth in mission (Tukuza Mungu Team). Later, he was blessed to have an opportunity to study at Africa Nazarene University where he pursued undergraduate Theology and Masters of Arts in Religion. He has served in various capacities which included, Local NYI president, JFM team leaders, Nazarene Bible College teacher across the Africa East Field, and currently, he is serving as the Field Youth ministry Coordinator responsible for coordinating the youth ministry across the field and also associate pastor at Bahati Church of the Nazarene.

Lydia has served for more than 10 years in the Literature department at Africa East field. She has the passion of working with children and supporting the development of church ministries. She has been a Bible study leader for a while where she brought together friends from different denominations to search the scripture and engage in community outreach such as children's home and homes for the old people. She is a strategic organizer.

Together, they are blessed with two adorable daughters, Maryanne and Mylene.

Information:

Birthdays – Nicholas – June 21, Lydia – Oct. 29, Maryanne – Jan. 3 and Mylene – April 22.

Anniversary – August 6

Email – Nicholas – nbarasa@africanazarene.org

Missionary Profile - give.nazarene.org/category/region/africa/barasa

Care and Connection District Missionaries – by Zone



Chad and Crystal Gibbons, serving in Eurasia, are from the Centerpointe Church of the Nazarene.

Email: Chad – cfgibbons@eurasiaregion.org,

Crystal – cmgibbons@eurasiaregion.org

Birthdays: Chad – Sept. 26, Crystal – March 8, Alaina – March 21,
Carson – May 6

Anniversary: July 14

NMI Profile: give.nazarene.org/search?searchText=gibbons&id=q78965

Zones responsible for Care and Connection: Lakes and Livingston Zones



Jeff and Kelsey Hendrix, serving in Georgia, are from the Flint Central Church of the Nazarene.

Email: khendrix@eurasiaregion.org

Birthdays: Jeff – Feb. 12, Kelsey – Nov. 2, Gardner – May 30, Gideon – June 29,
Gabe – March 13 and George – July 10.

Anniversary: February 14

NMI Profile: give.nazarene.org/category/region/eurasia/jeffkelsey

Zones responsible for Care and Connection: Huron and Thumb

Taylor and Laura Myatt, serving in Papua New Guinea, are from the Monroe Church of the Nazarene.

Email: tmyatt@apnaz.org

Website: www.myattsinthemidst.com

Birthdays: Taylor – April 24, Laura – Sept. 6 and Evelyn – December 27.

Anniversary: June 15

NMI Profile: give.nazarene.org/search?searchText=myatt&id=q78965

Zones responsible for Care and Connection: Ann Arbor



Care and Connection District Missionaries – by Zone



Eliezel and Tammy Soto, serving in Panama, is from the Adrian First Church of the Nazarene.

Email: Eliezel – esoto@mesoamericaregion.org

Tammy – tsoto1223@gmail.com

Birthday: Eliezel – November 10 and Tammy – July 8

Children: Elianny – November 10, Estevan – January 24 and Esther – February 24

Website: thesotofamilyministry.blogspot.org

NMI Profile: give.nazarene.org/category/region/mesoamerica/sotofamily

Zones responsible for Care and Connection: Detroit East



Jessica Roland, serving in Indonesia, is from the Flint Central Church of the Nazarene.

Email: jesykarolo@gmail.com

Birthday: June 28

NMI Profile: give.nazarene.org/pledge/jessicar

Zones responsible for Care and Connection: Flint

Luke and Mami Strasser, to begin serving in Japan, are from the Richfield Church of the Nazarene.

Email: lukecharlesstrasser@gmail.com

Birthday: Luke – August 24 and Mami – August 29

Anniversary: June 5

NMI Profile: give.nazarene.org/pledge/lmstrasser

Zones responsible for Care and Connection: Detroit West



Mission Education Resources



You can go to EMDNAZ.org/NMI link and find district information for NMI: NMI link, booklet, NMI Central lessons and Deputation schedule.

Please remember, there are no adult reading books, adult curriculum, children's books or children's curriculum. Please utilize the NMI Central for country information. Make it fun and exciting for your congregation.

The NMI office is providing lessons for children in conjunction with NMI Central the first Wednesday of each month. Our district is also looking into making some of our own lessons for you to use in your church. We will keep you updated, so watch your email.



EMD Projects

Adult Project



Iglesia Puerta Abierta Church of the Nazarene
(Open Door Church)
Cordoba, Argentina
Extension of the church building and community picnic area

Code: 136818

Region: South America

Cost: EMD - \$3,000 out of \$ 5,400

These projects are to modify the facilities of the church to help this congregation live up to its welcoming name. There is no community picnic area. Through this project, it will allow this church to share a meal with those in need while interacting socially and spiritually with those who come to eat. It is also to help expand the church building for outreach and growth.

Teen Project



Native American Christian Academy (Formerly Sun Valley Indian School)
Sun Valley, Arizona
Purchasing items for the school to use

Code: None – Money will go to EMD NMI.

Region: USA

Cost: \$ 1,500

Website: www.nativeamericanchristianacademy.org

The NACA's campus consists of 32 buildings on 72 acres. They are committed to providing the children with a quality Christian education. NACA provides the students 3 meals a day, showers, safe environment, housing, an education with loving house parents and teacher. The items needed are ongoing. They need: mechanical pencils and lead (.9), watercolor paints, textbook funds, water bottles, canvas boards, acrylic paint, ACE bandages, Coban tape (.2 inch), big Band-aids, heavy shower curtains, hair ties, brushes, combs, stamps, # 10 envelopes, laminator sheets, printer ink (call for size), technology, and dorm renovation money. There are many other things. See the website for more.

Children Project



Camp for Pastors' Kids in Cuba
Mesoamerica Region

Code: 153765

Region: Mesoamerica

Country: Cuba

Cost: \$ 2,500 out of the total cost of \$ 11,900

God always wants to do something special for His children. This project aims to make a significant impact on the lives of pastors' children and their families. The Camp for Pastors' Kids in Cuba will provide powerful moments of praise, teaching, fellowship, and recreation. This camp aims to create a space where kids and youth can be nurtured, encouraged and developed in their faith.



Missionary Health Care

The time is now to give to Missionary Health Care. You can help to cover the cost of the health care for all of our missionaries which is over \$2.9 million a year. There are 4 ways that you can contribute to this vital ministry. Through giving to Memorial Roll, Distinguished Service Award, Gifts from the Heart (cash donation in someone’s name) or an offering, you help offset approximately 23% of those insurance costs. The rest of the costs are provided by the World Evangelism Fund.

Memorial Roll Certificates – Adult and Children – This award was established in 1919 as a way to honor loved ones who have passed away. Churches or individuals can give this award. The cost is \$ 75.00 per certificate and ordering this online is the preferred way.



Distinguished Service Award – is a tribute to church people for their service to the church. This is a church given award. The cost is \$ 125.00 per award and ordering this online is the preferred way. The certificate fits in an 8”X12” frame. (Frames are not included.)

Gifts from the Heart – an offering to send for the fund to honor or memorialize someone. This amount is up to the person to give. There is a card to send to the person who was acknowledged. This is one other option.



Gifts from the Heart



Distinguished Service

CRISIS CARE KITS/SCHOOL PAL PAKS

Crisis Care Kits Information

Gather the following **NEW** items in the quantities listed below. **DO NOT PUT EXTRA THINGS OR DIFFERENT SIZES IN. It has to be exactly like this list. No substitutes.**

Pack the items in a 2-gallon or 2.5-gallon Ziplock bag. (The recipients will use the bag to carry water once it is emptied, so please use new bags.)

- 1 medium size bottle of shampoo (12-18 oz.) and please tape the tops shut.
- 2 bars of soap (bath size, not travel)
- 1 medium toothpaste (4.0-6.4 oz.)
- 3 toothbrushes (in original packaging)
- 1 box of Band-Aids – 30 or more
- 1 fingernail clipper (no toenail clippers)
- 1 sturdy hair comb
- 2 hand towels (no washcloths or dishcloths)
- 4 pocket size packages of tissue (facial tissue)
- 1 Beanie Baby size stuffed toy (not dirty)

Package the items in the gallon bags. Obtain a banana box from the grocery store. Fill each box with six (6) Crisis Care Kits. Do not send money or flyers in the boxes. Label the box with your church name on it.

Bring the box to convention with \$ 25.00 per box for transporting it. If you want to send it yourself, please follow the directions at: fawngrovecompassioncenter.org.

School Pal Paks Information

Gather the following **NEW** items in the quantities listed below. **DO NOT PUT EXTRA THINGS OR DIFFERENT SIZES IN. It has to be exactly like this list. No substitutes.**

Pack the items in a 1-gallon Ziplock bag. (The recipients will use the bags to carry their lunches or water once it is emptied, so please use new bags.)

- 2 Composition notebooks, no larger than 9 ¾ in X 7 ½ inch. **NO SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS.**
- 1 package of # 2 pencils (quantity of 10-20)
- 1 package of black pens (quantity of 10-20)
- 2 pink erasers, 2-3 inches long
- 2 rulers (6" or 12", with metric measurements)
- 1 package of colored pencils (quantity – 12-15)
- 1 pair of blunt-nosed scissors
- 1 hand-held pencil sharpener

This School Pal Pak will be for 2 students to share.

Package the items in the gallon bags. Obtain a 12"X12"x12" box from an office supply store. Fill each box with 10 Pal Paks, no more or no less. Use strong tape to tape the box securely shut. Label the box with your church name on it.

Bring the box to convention with \$ 25.00 per box for transporting it. If you want to send it yourself, please follow the directions at: fawngrovecompassioncenter.org.

CRISIS CARE KITS EXTENDED GUIDELINES

Gather **NEW** items in the quantities listed. Include **ONLY** those items listed. Do **NOT** add any items that are not listed. Crisis Care Kits are approved for both export from our country and import to other countries based on the specific list of items on the CCK instruction list. These approvals are made in advance of any shipment so that when they are inspected by the customs officials, they are easily cleared. If there are any deviations from the pre-approved customs list, it causes delay, potential additional costs in country, and possible refusal.

Helpful tips:

Shampoo – 12-18 oz bottle. **Tape** flip-tops closed to prevent any leaking during shipping and handling. Do **NOT** include any medicated shampoos. If it is a shampoo and conditioner in one, you can use it.

2 bars of soap – **Bath size or larger in their own packaging. No hotel or travel size.**

1 medium toothpaste – 4.0 to 6.4 oz size. Check the **expiration** dates. They should be at least 18 months out from the date of packing. If it says Made in the USA, it is okay. Just **NO** flags on the boxes (AIM).

3 toothbrushes in original packaging – This can be a 1, 2 or 3 pack. Do **NOT** cut open a package with more than 3 brushes because it breaks the seal.

1 box of Band-Aid type bandages, 30 or more (it can be 100) (any brand) – These may be in their own box or may be packed individually in a zip-type bag (30 per bag) as long as the bandages are individually wrapped and sealed. Please use “regular” size bandages and not really small or tiny ones.

1 fingernail clipper – Do **NOT** use toenail clippers or any clippers in a package with other items such as emory boards, etc. Clippers do not have to be in their own packaging.

1 sturdy hair comb – Include a **SINGLE** comb and not a package of combs. Use a size comb that will be suitable for all ages of hair type. Do **NOT** use small pocket combs, narrow styling combs with points on them, or combs that are thin and easy to break. The comb can bend a little. If it will go through your hair, it is fine.

2 hand towels – Do **NOT** use dish/kitchen towels. Do **NOT** use washcloths. In many other world areas, washcloths are not used. **Towel size should be approximately 15 inches by 28 inches.** They can be thin or thick weight.

4 pocket-size packages of facial tissue (Kleenex style) – Do **NOT** include packages of more than 4.

1 Beanie-baby size stuffed toy – It does **NOT** have to be a Beanie baby brand. Do **NOT** include any other type of small toy. Do **NOT** include a stuffed toy that is larger or smaller than the Beanie-baby size. Do **NOT** include items that have **Christian symbols, American flags, USA or similar to it.** These are not welcome in many other areas of the World. The preferred size is 6 – 8 inches tall. Do **NOT** send small McDonald Beanie toys.

Do **NOT** include any notes, cards or drawings. Do **NOT** include any money or currency. In many other world areas, these items are not welcome.

If you have further questions, please contact Fawn Grove Compassion Center at **410-452-8699** or email them at office@fawngrovecc.org with any questions. We want to help you!!!!



Jesus Film Harvest Partners

Evangelistic Contacts
93,160,107

Decisions for Christ
19,096,681

Discipleship Follow-ups
9,346,111

Preaching Points
134,979

JESUS Film Harvest Partners (JFHP) is a Kingdom-building ministry devoted to world evangelism through the JESUS film and other tools. It equips and supports JESUS film teams of local people to work in the areas of evangelism, discipleship and church planting all over the world. If you are interested in going on a team, contact www.jfhp.com. There is currently 1,166 teams going to show the JESUS film in 67 countries. There is a need for 16 countries to have Nazarene Missions Teams to go and show the JESUS film. A decision for Christ is made every 43 seconds.

If you are interested in being on a team to go or donating to Jesus Film Harvest Partners, please go to www.jfhp.org. Click on the Give now for donation options. Click on the GO for mission teams.

If you would like to send a monetary donation to them through the mail, here is the address:

Jesus Film Harvest Partners
15055 West 116th Street
Olathe, KS 66062

EvangeBracelet Instructions:

1. Thread the beads onto the cord in this order: black, red, white, green, yellow.
2. Move the beads to the middle of the cord and tie a knot on each side of the beads.
3. With the two ends of the cord, tie two sliding adjustable knots:
 - a. Take the first end and knot it around the second end.
 - b. Take the second end and knot it around the first end.



\$ 4.00 per minute can change the world! Thousands of lives are transformed through the work of the Holy Spirit and World Mission Broadcast (WMB) programs. WMB began as the Nazarene Radio League in 1944 and has expanded to a global network of programs contextualized for listeners and viewers around the world. There are broadcasts in: Papua New Guinea, Lebanon, Latin America, South America and Africa. Help make a difference!



2024 World Area Listing

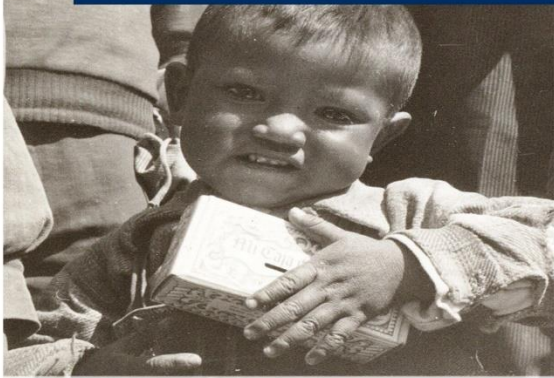
- 1887 - United States
- 1898 - India
- 1901 - Cabo Verde
- 1902 - Canada and Cuba
- 1903 - Mexico
- 1904 - Guatemala
- 1905 - Japan
- 1906 - United Kingdom
- 1909 - Argentina
- 1910 - Swaziland
- 1914 - Peru
- 1919 - South Africa
- 1921 - Israel
- 1922 - Mozambique
- 1926 - Barbados and Trinidad
- 1934 - Belize
- 1937 - Nicaragua
- 1944 - Puerto Rico and U S Virgin Islands
- 1945 - Bolivia
- 1946 - Australia, Guyana and Philippines
- 1948 - Italy and South Korea
- 1949 - Uruguay
- 1950 - Haiti and Lebanon
- 1952 - New Zealand
- 1953 - Panama
- 1955 - Papua New Guinea
- 1956 - Taiwan
- 1957 - Malawi
- 1958 - American Samoa, Brazil and Germany
- 1960 - Denmark
- 1961 - Zambia
- 1962 - Chile
- 1963 - Zimbabwe
- 1964 - Costa Rica, El Salvador and Samoa
- 1966 - Jamaica
- 1967 - Netherlands
- 1970 - Bermuda and Honduras
- 1971 - Bahamas and Guam
- 1972 - Ecuador and St. Lucia
- 1973 - Antigua, Namibia and Portugal
- 1974 - Dominica, Dominican Republic and Hong Kong (SAR)
- 1975 - Colombia and St. Vincent
- 1976 - Martinique
- 1977 - France, Grenada and Nigeria
- 1978 - Switzerland
- 1980 - Paraguay
- 1981 - Spain
- 1982 - Venezuela
- 1983 - St. Kitts and Nevis
- 1984 - Azores, Botswana, Kenya and Suriname
- 1985 - Cyprus
- 1986 - Egypt and Guadeloupe
- 1987 - Cote d'Ivoire and Ireland
- 1988 - French Guiana, Senegal and Uganda
- 1989 - Thailand
- 1990 - Democratic Republic of Congo, Ghana, Liberia, Rwanda and Tanzania
- 1992 - Angola, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Romania, Russia, Solomon Islands and Ukraine
- 1993 - Albania, Lesotho and Madagascar
- 1994 - Bulgaria and St. Martin
- 1995 - Fiji and Palau
- 1996 - Hungary, Kazakhstan and Pakistan
- 1997 - Burkina Faso, Congo Republic, Sao Tome and Principe
- 1998 - Benin, Nepal and Togo
- 1999 - Burundi, Cameroon, Croatia, Gabon and Poland
- 2000 - Aruba, Chuuk, Pohnpei, Saipan, Sri Lanka and Tonga
- 2001 - Timor-Leste and Vanuatu
- 2002 - Armenia, Equatorial Guinea, Greece and Madeira Islands
- 2003 - Reunion
- 2004 - Guinea-Bissau and Sierra Leone
- 2005 - Kosovo
- 2009 - Guinea Conakry, Moldova, Niger and Norway
- 2012 - South Sudan and Turks and Caicos
- 2017 - Curacao, Mongolia and Singapore
- 2020 - Central African Republic
- 2021 - Luxembourg
- 2024 - Belgium

Many Creative Access Countries 2020 World Area Report for Distribution in the 165 countries that may be deployed to world areas that may not be conducive to the open preaching of the Gospel. Therefore, it is the priority of the World Mission Department and the Church of the Nazarene International to proceed with caution in establishing the identity of a ministry. Secured and creative access areas will not be reflected in this listing. Thank you for your understanding.



What is Alabaster?

 **NAZARENE MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL**



ALABASTER OFFERING

Your gift to the Alabaster offering is a gift of hope to thousands in every corner of the world, because you choose to pour out the love God has lavished on you.

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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

Alabaster funds may also be used to:

- Purchase or build missionary homes
- Purchase or build regional or field missions' facilities
- Build or repurpose buildings on Bible college campuses



Nazarene Missions Teams is a ministry that changed the face of the Church of the Nazarene. Churches from many different nations participate in sending and receiving teams each year.

We have several types of projects with Nazarene Missions Teams. There is something that will fit each team. The types include: construction, evangelism, Compassionate Ministries, medical, sports, JESUS Film, technology, Emergency Response, education or any combination of the above.

You can see projects and then register at: nazarene.org/teams

Let our District NMI Council know if you are planning a trip or need help getting started. We would love to partner with you.

World Week of Prayer

March 2 - 8, 2025

Prayer Schedule

Sunday - Africa - Greg and Christina Miller, Malawi

Monday - Asia-Pacific - Charity Shonamon, Thailand

Tuesday - Eurasia - Kurt and Holly Johnson, Poland

Wednesday - MesoAmerica - Danielle Miller, Guyana

Thursday - South America - Lucas and Caroline Neves, Argentina

Friday - USA/Canada - Scott Stargel, Director of Global Nazarene Publications

Saturday - Where the Church is not yet/the 10/40 Window and Creative Access Areas

Ideas on how to promote World Week of Prayer in your church:

1. Have regular prayer requests posted in your church (bulletin boards, flyers, etc.) during the year.
2. The children can decorate bookmarks for the week and pass them out to the adults in the congregation.
3. Put together a bag of M&Ms or Skittles and label one color per day and have them eat the assigned color and pray for the region as they eat it. You will need to put a card with the baggies for explanations.
4. Assign each day of the week to a specific group of people in your church to pray. Example: Sunday - Whole church, Monday - Women, Tuesday - Men, Wednesday - Children, Thursday - Teens, Friday - Senior Adults and Saturday - Whole church.
5. Subscribe to the NMI Central, an email which is sent every Wednesday from the Global NMI office for current praises and prayer requests.
6. Form a prayer network.
7. The children can make a paper chain with each request on a chain link and they take a link off each day and pray for the region each day. There would be 7 strips of paper. Make it fun.

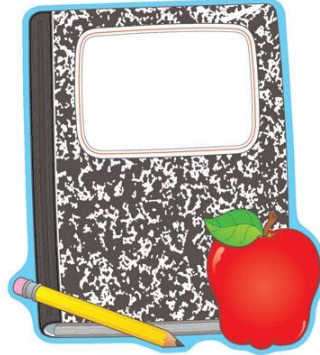
*** There are resources on the following website:*

www.nazarene.org/nmigwp.



ATTENTION: Anyone interested in NMI

You are cordially invited to an NMI Training Day on the Eastern Michigan District.



Details:

Date: Saturday, October 12, 2024

Place: The Woods Church of the Nazarene, Warren, MI

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Missionary Speaker:

Roger and Damaris Kellogg, Guatemala

Who can come: Anyone who is interested in NMI.

Lunch will be provided.

What will we learn at this training?

1. Meet new people
2. NMI Central Education ideas
3. Using Technology in Missions
4. Sharing NMI ideas
5. Nazarene Missions Teams ideas and trips taken
6. Question and answer time
7. Meet your District NMI Council
8. How to implement ideas for promoting missions in your church
9. Updates on goals for the year
10. Financial updates
11. District Project updates
12. Emphasis on areas of NMI that need to be emphasized at your church.
13. Schedule missionaries to speak at your church.
14. Much more!!!!

For questions, contact:

Teri Dilts - 734-751-3842

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District Flags Available



The Eastern Michigan District has two sets of world flags that churches are able to borrow at no cost to your church. There are stands and poles with the district flags. You are responsible to pick them up and bring them back. If you are in the northern part of the district, contact Flint Central Church of the Nazarene at 810-235-5671 to reserve them. If you are in the southern part of the district, contact Teri Dilts at 734-751-3842 to reserve them, but there are no stands.

Local NMI President's 10-point checklist

- I will build a relationship with my pastor, local NMI council and other local NMI presidents.
- I will communicate regularly with my pastor and council on all major emphasis and upcoming events.
- I will enlist the aid of my District NMI President and District NMI Council when needing information, inspiration, or advice and strive to be a "team player" on my zone and district.
- I will inform my District NMI President of any exciting mission news at my church.
- I will submit the year-end report on time.
- I will prepare for local NMI council meetings to include: reporting, vision-casting, teambuilding, planning and implementing the NMI goals.
- I will hold local NMI council members accountable for their roles.
- I will provide on-going training to local NMI council members, giving them written job descriptions, including examples of what has been successful and resource materials.
- I will emphasize the importance of Mission Priority One and urge my church to meet and exceed all goals.
- I will set goals for my Church to include children and youth in all NMI activities.

2022 NAZARENE FUN FACTS

- The Church of the Nazarene ministers in 164 world areas.
- In 2022, there were 489 missionaries originating from 63 world areas, serving 91 countries. Of these missionaries, 325 served as global deployed and 164 were sponsored deployed. Last year, there were 60 new missionary deployments. Within these missionary families, there are 306 missionary kids.
- The number of Nazarene churches grew to 30,518 churches with 2.65 million members, a decrease from last year.
- In 2022, there were 468 districts and 33 pioneer areas around the world, with 31,461 credentialed clergy.
- 50 educational institutions, including graduate seminaries/theological colleges, 12 liberal arts colleges/universities, 30 undergraduate seminaries/theological/Bible colleges, 2 nurses training colleges, 1 teacher training college and 1,032 education centers (extensions) had a 2022 combined enrollment of 45,124 students globally.
- Persons in need were treated at community-based clinics and health care centers all over the world with concentrated efforts in India, Papua New Guinea and Eswatini (formally known as Swaziland).
- 376 retired missionaries received benefits through the Global Missions Pension Plan for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.
- NMI membership for 2022 was 1,042,338, with 19,558 organized local NMIs.
- JESUS Film Harvest Partners (JFHP) raised \$4.3 million, reports that World Evangelism Fund (WEF) helped provide infrastructure for 960 JFHP teams to share God's love. In 2022, the teams reported 2 million evangelistic contacts. Of these contacts, 584,063 indicated decisions for Christ with 366,191 initial discipleship follow-ups. The teams started 10,771 preaching points in 2022.
- NMI and others partnered with local churches to help raise US \$ 38.6 million through the World Evangelism Fund during the 2021-2022 fiscal year.
- Churches globally gave US \$31.4 million for Approved Mission Specials.
- In 2022, 99 districts gave 5.5 percent of their income and beyond to the WEF (54 of which were from regions other than the US/Canada region). WEF giving beyond 5.5 percent helps open new work, sustain works opened in recent years and helps send new missionaries that God calls.
- Missionary Health Care provided US \$406,362 in medical assistance for Nazarene missionaries, through offerings, Memorial Roll gifts and Distinguished Service Award gifts.
- Nazarenes gave US \$256,610 to World Mission Broadcast (WMB) providing radio, television, and internet programs to share the gospel globally.
- Nazarenes gave US \$ 4.2 million in deputation offerings for missionaries.
- NMI has all 6 regions participating in LINKS, contributing \$129,203, and 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 \$2.9 million for Alabaster to fund construction projects in 2022. The offering is used in all 6 regions.
- NMI partnered with NCM to give more than US \$ 8.4 million for disaster response and compassion projects around the world and to support 11,126 children through Development Centers and Pastor's kids program.
- NMI assisted Work and Witness in raising approximately US \$999,576.



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Resources Page and Websites

1. NMI Central – Updated every week, the NMI Central provides information about a country each week and prayer requests to help you pray for that country. To subscribe to this publication and see past NMI Central newsletters, visit the NMI page: nazarene.org/who-we-are/organization/ministries/Nazarene-missions-international/nmi-resources/nmi-central
2. The Foundry Publishing – The Foundry Publishing provides a wide variety of NMI resources, including Alabaster supplies, flag bulletins and NMI brochures. Call the Foundry toll free at 1-800-877-0700 or visit the Foundry Publishing at: thefoundrypublishing.com.
3. Websites:
 - a. Answer the Call – www.nazarene.org/sendme and www.nazarene.org/missions
 - b. Global Mission – www.nazarene.org/global-mission
 - c. International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church – www.idop.ca and www.persecution.org
 - d. JESUS Film Harvest Partners – www.JFHP.org
 - e. JESUS Film products – www.energiaproducts.org – baseballs, soccer balls, hacky sacks, volleyballs
 - f. Kids Reaching Kids – www.nazarene.org/who-we-are/organization/ministries/sdmi/kids-reaching-kids
 - g. Missionary Profiles – www.missionary.nazarene.org
 - h. Nazarene Communications Network – www.nazarene.org/news
 - i. Nazarene Compassionate Ministries and Child Sponsorship – www.ncm.org
 - j. Nazarene Denomination website – www.nazarene.org
 - k. Nazarene Missions International – www.nazarene.org/who-we-are/organization/ministries/nazarene-missions-international
 - l. Nazarene Missions Teams – www.nazarene.org/teams
 - m. Nazarene Stories – www.nazarene.org/stories
 - n. NMI Central – www.nazarene.org/who-we-are/organization/ministries/nazarene-missions-international/nmi-resources/nmi-central
 - o. The Foundry Publishing – www.thefoundrypublishing.com
 - p. World Mission Broadcast – www.nazarene.org/wmb

How to navigate websites:

Memorial Roll and Distinguished Award listing through General NMI

Here are the steps to get it:

1. Go to nazarene.org.
2. Pull down the menu 3 bars and click on Who We Are.
3. Once you are here, go over to the organization button.
4. Click on that and a drop down will appear on the right.
5. Go over and click on Nazarene Missions International.
6. On the black bar is the word Honor. Click on it and there is a download.
7. Go to the last one - DSA/MR History Search.
8. Skip the first box and put your church in the church box and Eastern Michigan District in the District.
9. Hit search and the list of all DSA and MR will come up.

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Eastern Michigan District NMI

1. Go to emdnaz.org
2. Hover over the Ministries button on the top and there will be a dropdown of all of the district ministries
3. Click on NMI.
4. You will find a link to the NMI website, calendar, forms and the deputation schedule.





Engaging Children and Youth

Provide opportunities for the children and youth to learn and experience mission and to respond to God's call.

Ideas on how to get them involved:

- Plan a service activity one a month or once a quarter. Remember that we have ministries on the district that need help – Flint Eastside Mission, Little Lamb's Compassionate Ministry Center, small churches, Flint Forge, etc.
- Participate in youth mission trips or join with another church for a trip. You can do trips in the USA also – Native American Christian Academy in Sun Valley, AZ, Cherokee Indian Reservation in North Carolina, Fawn Grove Compassion Center, etc.
- Participate in Crisis Care Kits and School Pal Paks – collecting items and packing.
- Encourage children and youth to give financially to WEF, District Projects, Alabaster, etc.
- Explain the concept of compassion, missions, service and prayer with them.
- When having a missionary at your church, have the missionary talk to them at a separate time or have an event with them – bowling, laser tag, etc.
- Volunteer in Community Service Centers, Day Centers and Mission Centers.
- Volunteer to help clean up senior citizens yards or pick up trash around playgrounds and school grounds.
- Youth – do leaf raking, pick up sticks in the yards after winter, shrub trimming or window washing for the elderly.
- Go to a shopping center and take back shopping carts for the store and help the employees out.

Let the District NMI Council know of any ideas that your church has done to engage children and youth.