



# **NAZARENE MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL**

**WAPAC Local NMI Presidents Handbook  
2024-2025**

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## Yes, You Can!

I don't know if you needed to see those three words above, but from the get-go, I want to underscore that we are all in this together.

Maybe you've been serving as your church's Nazarene Missions International (NMI) President for years. Maybe you love it immensely and are so excited to share what you've learned over your time in the role. Or maybe you're wondering how long you can keep doing this with everything you've got going on. Perhaps you're contemplating bringing another person alongside you to learn what NMI entails. Or maybe you were just elected to (or even "voluntold" for) this role. It might seem a little overwhelming as you begin to figure out all that this role entails. You may have had help to prepare you for this role, or maybe you're stepping up to take on something with little or no direction.

Regardless of where you find yourself, my job as WAPAC NMI District President is to help you! I'm a bit in the middle myself.

Years ago, I served on an NMI Council in a church. I attended meetings, helped make flyers and participated in activities at church. I've loved connecting with missionaries over the years when they'd come for deputation. At one church, I was given a bulletin board for missions, where I promptly hung up a map and made sure we had pictures and lines to the countries for all the missionaries that came to our church. We would pray for those missionaries each week as part of a prayer service. I've participated in Faith Promise auctions, given for Alabaster, and helped kids learn about missions. But all that is just what I do as a regular member of the church! We all support missions in different ways.

Rev. Debra Voelker (Kent Hillside) led the missions effort for WAPAC for more than 20 years, but vacated the role to which I was elected at District Assembly. She is taking on a new role as USA/Canada Regional NMI Coordinator, meaning she has a lot of work on her plate! She has laid a great foundation for me to continue her work for WAPAC, and is still continuing to support missions in a different way.

As I'm digging in myself, I'm asking questions and trying to understand all the details of NMI in order to help you serve as a valuable missions resource to and for your church. This handbook is for you and contains helpful information to guide you as you serve in this role.

As your District NMI President, one of my responsibilities is to support you. If you have questions or need resources, please let me know.

Thank you for your willingness to serve God in this capacity! Together, let us continue to ask God to expand our vision for his mission in the world.

Blessings,

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# WAPAC District Resources

## Getting Current Information

### WAPAC NMI Notes

This monthly newsletter is distributed by email and contains timely information for you to know and share with your church. If you have not yet received it, we do not have your email. To get added to the distribution list, email [WaPacNMIPresident@gmail.com](mailto:WaPacNMIPresident@gmail.com).

### Facebook

As one of our most timely communication sources, our Facebook page includes updates from our LINKS missionaries, learn NMI "facts" on a weekly basis, see what other churches are doing to generate ideas for your own church, and much more. The information contained on this page is easy to share from your own Facebook page. Join our WAPAC NMI Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/458420737559537>

### Instagram

We have a WAPAC NMI Instagram account: <https://www.instagram.com/wapacnmi>

### WaPac NMI Web Page

Our informational page on the WaPac website has key contacts and information. Check it out: <https://wapacnaz.org/Ministries/Mission-NMI>

## NMI Council

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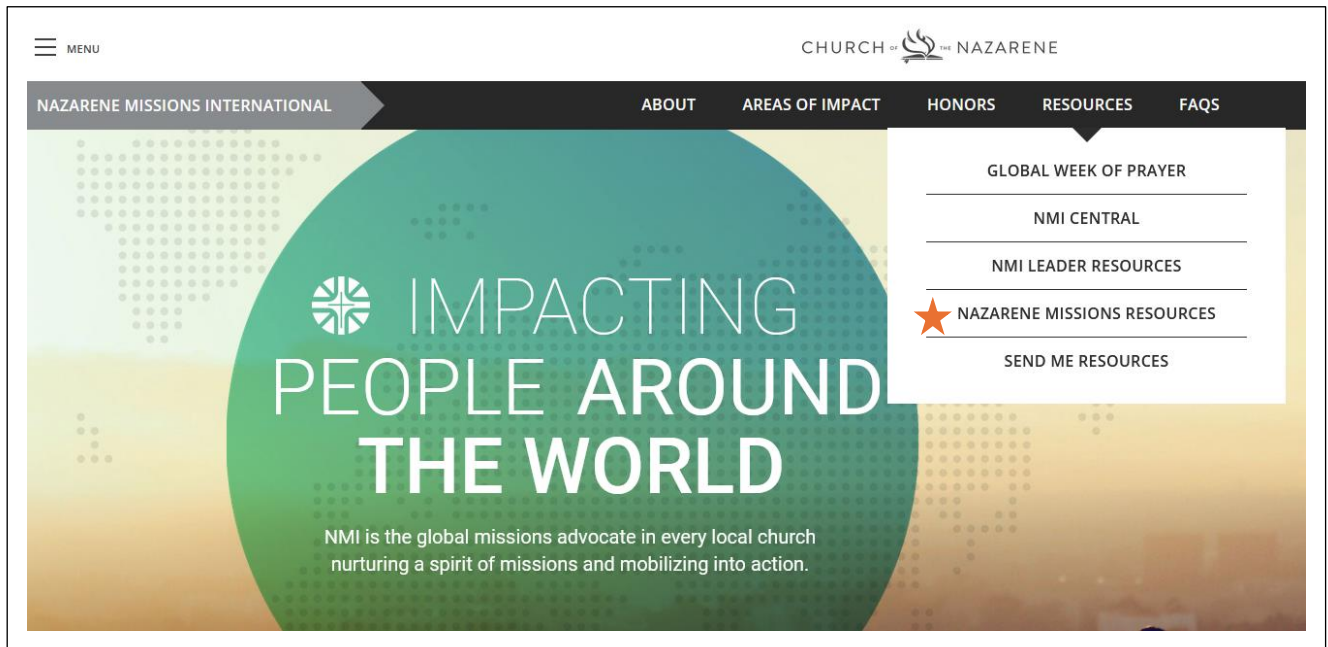
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# USA/Canada Regional Resources

## NMI Online

So much information about NMI is available online at <http://www.nazarene.org/nmi>. You are encouraged to explore this site. Under “Resources” are helpful tools for you, including promotional videos, stories, PowerPoint presentations, bookmarks, posters, flyers, logos and more. Resources are available in the top 5 languages of the Church of the Nazarene, including English, Spanish, Portuguese, French and Korean.

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



## NMI Central

We invite you (and anyone who is interested!) to sign up for a weekly email publication focusing on the work of the Church of the Nazarene around the world (available in English, Spanish, Portuguese and French). Every week, it contains stories, prayer needs and praise reports for the global ministries of the Church of the Nazarene and our missionaries, ways you can get involved, and a monthly kids resource: Kids Kaleidoscope. Sign up today: <https://nazarene.org/who-we-are/organization/ministries/nazarene-missions-international/nmi-resources/nmi-central>

## The Foundry

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

# What is Nazarene Missions International?

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

## NMI Purpose

NMI is the global missions advocate in every local church. The purpose of NMI is to mobilize the Church of the Nazarene in missions through praying, giving, educating, and engaging children and youth.

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

Nazarene Missions International:

- Helps produce missionaries.
- Assists in sending missionaries to the field.
- Supports missionaries on the field.
- Educates individuals and congregations as to the missionaries' work on the field.
- Welcomes and hosts missionaries when they return for home assignment.
- Helps equip missionaries to return to the field.
- Prays for missionaries at home and abroad.
- Helps provide for retirement needs.

We are all needed to further our missions work in the world!

## NMI Methods

NMI will accomplish our purpose and objectives by modeling excellence, telling the story, and keeping the *I* in NMI as we pray, give to the World Evangelism Fund (WEF), give to Alabaster, engage children and youth in missions, and connect through LINKS. Our methods are intentional. Every local church may now participate in all areas regardless of their size, location, or language.

## NMI Logo

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



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

## NMI Five Focus Areas

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

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

The Five Areas of Impact were created for local presidents to better focus each year on the five priorities of NMI. Once a church has participated in these five areas and reported it on their end of year report, the local church will be acknowledged as a **Mission Priority One** church!





# What is My Role as Local NMI President?

## Engaging Your Church in Missions

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

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

You serve an important role, including:

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

## Attend the District Assembly Missions Gathering

At District Assembly each year, we will have a break-out session for NMI. Outgoing and incoming local NMI presidents, along with any pastors from your church, are invited to attend. This is an important meeting for learning about current missions work and how your church can participate. We also provide missions resources.

## Facilitating a Call to Missions

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

## Educational Opportunity

M25 is a USA/Canada Regional quadrennial Nazarene conference focused entirely on evangelism that will take place Feb. 10-12, 2025, in Kansas City, Missouri.

The agenda includes plenary speakers, break-out workshops, affinity group meetings and corporate worship times. Pastors, Lay Leaders, and Students will leave this conference encouraged, equipped, empowered and ready to engage in new ways of bringing people to Jesus. Join us for this amazing conference! Registration is now open: <https://m25conference.com>. Please let NMI District President Joni Kirk know if you're attending.





## Complete NMI Reports for Your Church

Please complete the **Local NMI President Report** on the WAPAC website for your church in alignment with the reporting deadline set by the District each year. This generally is early February so that all reports can be finalized before District Assembly.

Your Pastor may have to enter the information for you on the District website, but the information you will need to report on includes:

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### LOCAL NMI PRESIDENT REPORT

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**Church Name**

**Reporter's Email**

### NMI Members

The Annual Pastor Report NMI membership numbers must match this local NMI statistical report membership numbers.

**NMI members** ⓘ

**NMI associate members** ⓘ

### Missions Priority One Church

**NMI's Areas of Impact**

Did your church PRAY for needs around the world as well as missionaries?

Yes     No

Did your church give to Alabaster?

Yes     No

Did your church pray for and connect with Nazarene missionaries this year?

Yes     No

Did your church engage children and youth in missions? If your congregation is without children or youth, would you have engaged them?

Yes     No

Did your church meet or exceed it's World Evangelism Fund allocation?

Yes     No

**WEF Allocation** ⓘ

**Amount given to WEF** ⓘ

Are you a Mission Priority One church? (all goals met)

Yes  No

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

Yes  No

## World Evangelism Church of Excellence

Did your church give at least 5.7 percent of your income to World Evangelism Fund?

Yes  No

### NMI PRESIDENT INFORMATION

NMI President information for new church year

First Name

Last Name

Address

City

State

Zipcode

Email

Phone

Thank you for your work and ministry in your church through NMI!

Submit

## Area of Emphasis: Prayer

Our NMI first area of emphasis is Prayer. NMI gathers believers together for prayer in the local church, linking us to our brothers and sisters in the Christ across the globe.

Many times people feel that they have nothing to offer missions. The reality is that every believer can contribute to missions in a significant way through prayer. James 5:16 tells us that the "The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective." God is listening!

- **We are to pray for those who have not yet heard about Jesus.** "First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone... This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth." (1 Timothy 2:1,3-4)
- **We are to pray for people to share the good news.** "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:37-38).
- **We are to pray for people who are working for the Lord, asking for their protection.** "No weapon that is fashioned against you shall prosper, and you shall confute every tongue that rises against you in judgment. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord and their vindication from me, says the Lord" (Isaiah 54:17). You can view our missionary profiles with prayer requests here: <https://give.nazarene.org/category/missionaries>
- **We are to pray for the strengthening of believers.** "To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith, 12 so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Thessalonians 1:11).

### Specific Prayers for Missionaries

- Pray for boldness in sharing the Gospel, new ministries, and times when fear may come.
- Pray for the people they are ministering to that their hearts would be open.
- Pray for their education, as many are learning new languages, customs of the place they are serving, and building sustainability.
- Pray for their families, both immediate family and those they are far away from.
- Pray for their personal needs, physical and mental strength, strong relationships, time with family, effective use of time, and opportunities to relax.
- Pray for the virtues of perseverance, strength, wisdom, and peace.
- Pray for their protection.
- Pray for intimacy with Jesus.


## How Can Your Church Participate In Prayer?

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

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


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

### Eurasia Region




### Pakistan


Much of modern-day Pakistan, the fifth-most populace country in South Asia, spreads over a wide region known as the Indus Valley. Here, one of the oldest civilizations in the world, the Indus Valley civilization, emerged and thrived from 5,000 B.C. During the second millennium, remnants of this civilization and culture were fused with the migrating Indo-Aryan peoples crossing these territories for trade and settlement. Subsequently, Persians, Greeks, Scythians, Arabs, Afghans, and Turks have introduced their cultures into the mix. The Mughal Empire flourished in the 16th and 17th centuries, and the British came to dominate the region in the 18th century. The 1947 partition of British India into the Muslim state of Pakistan (with West and East sections) and largely Hindu India generated tensions between the countries to this day. The Church of the Nazarene registered and established work in Pakistan in 1996. The future is bright!



24,563 Members




284 Fully Organized Churches




52 District Licensed and  
32 Ordained Ministers on  
1 District

## Example from NMI Central



**PRAYER**

- Pray that God would continue to bless the work in Pakistan and prompt his people to works of compassion, love, and grace that will make a difference.
- Pray that God will grant wisdom to church leadership as they care for their congregations and communities.
- Pray for the safety of the Christian community in Pakistan and for Pakistan as a nation currently struggling with economic and political crises.
- Pray for the Church of the Nazarene in Pakistan as it seeks to move into new areas to bring the love of Jesus.



**PRaise**

- Praise God that there is growth in every area of the Church in Pakistan and for the encouragement of the Holy Spirit for the work.
- Praise God for three ordained women in the Pakistan District.
- Praise God for the message of scriptural holiness and the practical and impactful ways it is lived out in communities by Nazarenes.

## Global Week of Prayer

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

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

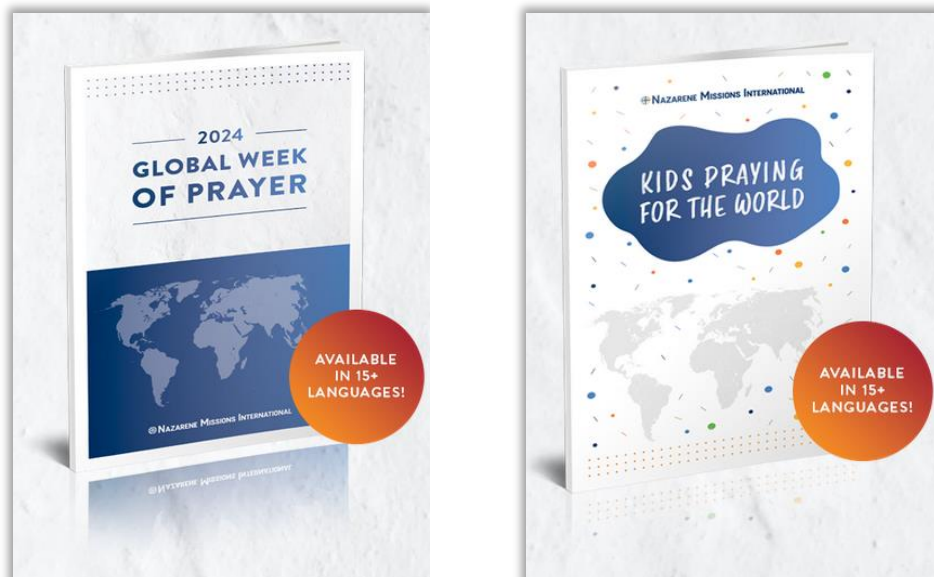
In 1996, Nazarene Missions International joined this movement by observing a week of prayer focused on joining together as Nazarenes all around the world to lift up our brothers and sisters

in prayer. We are also joining with our brothers and sisters outside of the Church of the Nazarene by observing our week of prayer the same week as the World Day of Prayer. In 2025, the Global Week of Prayer is March 2-8.

On the NMI Global Week of Prayer website, you can find both adult and children's booklets to help people of all ages come together in prayer. Download the free resources at <https://nazarene.org/nmigwp>. New resources for the 2025 Global Week of Prayer will be provided in January 2025.

2025 Global  
Week of Prayer is  
March 2-8

Thank you for participating in and encouraging your church to join in the Global Week of Prayer! May this week be a sacred time as we serve as the global missions advocate in every local church, nurturing a spirit of missions and mobilizing into action, impacting people around the world.



### Ideas for Praying for Missions:

- Post missions-related prayer requests on the fridge, by the stove or on a bathroom mirror to draw them to mind regularly.
- Draw an outline of a hand on a notebook and write missions-related prayer requests for each day.
- Pray with a Sunday School class or small group for specific mission requests.
- Ask your pastor to include a weekly missions-focused prayer request in the bulletin.
- One Sunday a month, take a few minutes during the worship service to pray for your LINKS families. This will help the full church learn their names and be aware of their prayer needs.

## Area of Emphasis: World Evangelism Fund

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

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

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

### My Church's WEF Allotment

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

**Example:**

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

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

A few examples of where funds are utilized:

- WEF supports more than 600 missionaries and key national works as they work in more than 160 world areas / countries.
- It provides financial help to more than 300 district organizations supporting more than 30,000 churches.
- It finances Gospel literature production in almost 100 languages.
- It is a lifeline for 43 Bible colleges and seminaries with almost 10,000 students, and for 3 vocational and training colleges with more than 200 students.
- It makes possible elementary and secondary schools serving almost 60,000 children.
- It supports more than 60 medical clinics and 2 Nazarene hospitals.
- WEF supports pensions for nearly 300 retired missionaries.

The easiest way for your church to pay its WEF allotment in full is to contribute monthly or quarterly based on the tithes and offerings your own church brings in.

### Ten Percent Approved Specials

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

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

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

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

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

Giving toward approved specials reduces a church's tithe income. For example:

If a church has offerings totaling \$100,000 in a year, their WEF allotment is 5.5% (\$5,500 of that \$100,000).

If that church gives to \$1,000 for missionary deputation, \$750 for Alabaster, and \$703 for the WAPAC Children's Project, the total of approved specials is \$2,453. These reduce the church's "income" through tithes to \$97,547. So the WEF allotment is 5.5% of that new "income" amount (or \$5,365.09).

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

## Church of Excellence

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

### Mailing in Missions Funds?

Please note the updated address below! (Funds no longer go to a PO Box!)

Global Ministry Center  
Attn. Donor Services  
17001 Prairie Star Parkway  
Lenexa, KS 66220

Or submit online: <https://www.nazarene.org/funding-the-mission>



## Faith Promise

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

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



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

Faith Promise is NOT to be confused with:

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



### Planning a Faith Promise Event

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

Bring in an inspirational missions speaker (it doesn't have to be for the Sunday morning service!). Share the need to support Nazarene world missions efforts, and identify that

supporting missions is an offering of thanks to God and a commitment to participate in his kingdom work in the world. Encourage people to complete Faith Promise response/pledge cards (they keep the portion with their name!).

As you plan with your church's NMI Council, the pastor(s) and/or the Church Board:

1. Set the date and plan a Faith Promise emphasis.
2. Discuss the goal for funds to be raised for mission for the coming year, starting with the WEF (5.5%), special offerings, local NMI Council expenses, and missionary speakers—both care and offerings.
3. Discuss your specific responsibilities for the Faith Promise emphasis.
4. Who will be the speaker? Who will book the speaker?
5. Length of Faith Promise emphasis: Saturday? Sunday morning only? Sunday morning & evening? Saturday night & Sunday morning?
6. Plan for special gatherings? Friday evening rally, Saturday men's breakfast, women's lunch, teen pizza party Saturday night?

Think through other fun ideas to generate attention for Faith Promise and additional funding. For example:

- Faith Promise auction and/or silent auction and dinner on a Saturday night
- Cinnamon roll fundraiser on a Sunday morning (can you just imagine the fragrant smell that invites people to participate?!)

Dr. Howard Culbertson, retired pastor, missionary and former missionary-in-residence at Southern Nazarene University, has compiled a number of Faith Promise event ideas. Check them out for inspiration: <https://home.snu.edu/~hculbert/themes.htm>

## Special Offerings

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

Encourage your church to take part in these annual offerings. Learn more at: <https://nazarene.org/generosity-easter-offering>



## Area of Emphasis: Alabaster

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

Churches are encouraged to plan to receive an Alabaster offering when it is most convenient for the church calendar. These offerings are **over and beyond WEF**. When a local church gives these offerings through the appropriate channels, the church will receive credit for 10% given.

Fun fact: 100% of the offering is used to provide funds for property and buildings around the world, including to:

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

### How did this offering come about?

Following the end of World War II, in the late 1940s, the Church of the Nazarene was experiencing a need for more missions funding. At a meeting of the Global NMI Council, Elizabeth Venum was asked to find a way to raise funds for land purchases and building construction needs around the world.

As she rode the train home from that council meeting, she said the Lord gave her the details for the Alabaster Offering. The offering was based on the story of the woman pouring perfume on Jesus from a container carved from soft alabaster stone (Luke 7:37-38). Building on that biblical story, Nazarenes were asked to put off buying new perfume for themselves or postpone purchasing something for themselves and to give that money in the Alabaster Offering instead.

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

### Alabaster Challenge for 2024

To conclude our celebration of the 75th anniversary year of the Church of the Nazarene collecting an Alabaster Offering, **we challenge each church on WAPAC to raise \$750 this September**. Pour out a lavish offering!

**75th Anniversary of  
Alabaster Offering  
Church Challenge!**



### Resources

**Purchase Alabaster boxes:** <https://tinyurl.com/AlabasterBoxes>

**View Promotional Resources:** <https://tinyurl.com/AlabasterPromotions>

## Area of Emphasis: Children & Youth

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

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

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



NMI continues to encourage churches to involve children and youth in all missions endeavors and to nurture them as they seek to respond to God's call. We encourage collaboration with Nazarene Youth International (<https://nazarene.org/who-we-are/organization/ministries/nazarene-youth-international>) and Nazarene Discipleship International (<https://nazarene.org/ndi>) to best engage all ages of the church. We believe nurturing and leadership development is best done in the local church and individualized to the needs of each person.

### Children's Missions eBooks

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

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





## Children's Project – Hope for Malawi

We are in year two of our WaPac Children's project, which is to raise funds for Malawi in Africa.

We are working to raise \$15,000 over this two-year project to meet three big needs in four communities in Malawi that will serve 100 families.

1. **Food for the Hungry:** Funds will help purchase tomato, cabbage, onion and maize seeds. We need 256 packets, which cost \$6.25 each. These seeds will help ensure kids and their families have some food staples to address hunger.
2. **Solar Panels:** Four solar panels are needed to help with growing key crops. They cost \$2,250 each.
3. **Animals for Food and Sustainability:** Goats and pigs provide much needed sustenance for families. Goats cost \$22 each and pigs cost \$25 each. We are hoping to buy 72 goats and 40 pigs.



With great support from our kids and churches, we raised \$7,145 in our first year. Can you help us meet our goal?

**Questions?** Contact our Children's Project Coordinators:

- Cindy Whiteman (Aurora): [lowellwhiteman@comcast.net](mailto:lowellwhiteman@comcast.net) or 206-817-0480
- Moriah Vailuu (Tacoma First Samoan): [mvailuu01@gmail.com](mailto:mvailuu01@gmail.com) or 253-247-3548

**Send project money to:**

WaPac District Office (2646 RW Johnson Blvd. SW, #108, Tumwater, WA 98512), and ensure it is marked "Children's Project."

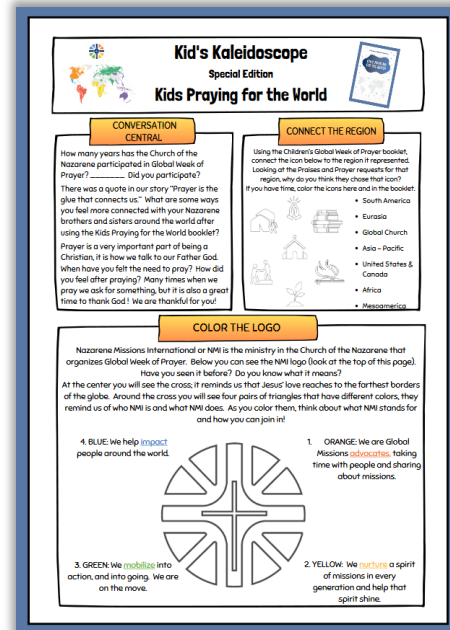


## Kids Kaleidoscope Curriculum

One way to engage with kids about missions is to use a monthly resource, called Kids Kaleidoscope. It is distributed through NMI Central the first Wednesday of each month.

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

For example, in the month of June, the focus was on the Global Week of Prayer. There were directions to download a booklet that a leader could use to talk about the Global Week of Prayer. Then, the kids activity page featured questions related to the content, along with activities that underscored what was discussed. An additional teacher/leader resource included game and activity ideas to encourage active participation in praying for our church around the world.



Look for the next Kids Kaleidoscope issue in NMI Central!

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

## Youth Missions Day

Youth across WAPAC will join together for Youth Mission Day at Real Life Church in Vancouver (WA) on Saturday, November 9.

The focus comes for WAPAC Youth Missions Day comes out of Matthew 5:14-16: "You are the light of the world—Like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father."

We want to emphasize to our students that serving doesn't happen just in far-away places; your mission field is wherever you find yourself planted. God wants to use us where we're at right now. We are a group of people spread out across many cities, but we are all of one mission—to shine the light of Christ wherever he has placed us.

We will be gathering as a district in Vancouver, WA to participate in different projects across the city. There will be a worship service in the morning before we go out, so that we can prepare our hearts and minds. Then we will be sent out to our various projects and come back all together for lunch and the teens will get to talk with each other about where they served.

To participate or learn more, contact Pastor Ethan Gerdes at [ethan@seekreallife.com](mailto:ethan@seekreallife.com).

## Area of Emphasis: Care & Connection – Supporting Our Missionaries

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

In 2023, there were 482 missionaries originating from 59 world areas, serving in 83 countries. Of these missionaries, 319 served as global deployed and 163 were sponsored deployed. Last year, there were 41 new missionary deployments. Within these missionary families, there are 257 missionary kids.

We have several ways to engage with our missionaries included in this section.

### Deputation (Missionary Speakers)

We are continually connecting with missionaries and working on their deputation visits to WAPAC. This is a great opportunity to connect with God’s work beyond our community.

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

See our website or Facebook page for more current information about missionaries who are available to speak with your churches. Remember that it is not essential to host missionaries on a Sunday or to be a large church to make their visit worthwhile! Many churches have successfully held lunchtime events, evening neighborhood barbecues and joint events with nearby churches. Missionaries appreciate opportunities to connect with small groups of interested people who want to learn more about what is happening through their field assignment. Missionaries are not concerned about the amount of the Deputation offering that might be given or the number of people in attendance—they are more interested in making personal people connections and sharing their story. What matters most is doing something instead of doing nothing.

### Guidance for Hosting a Missionary

- **Pray!** Ask God to prepare you and your group for sharing in your missionary’s ministry—through prayer, giving and creating relationships with them and their families. Look for opportunities to become involved in their lives and offer support.
- **Advertise to your group.** If not provided, ask the Deputation Coordinator for biographical information and/or a picture for promoting the missionary’s visit. **Be sure that if the missionary is serving in a secure area that you check with them on how to promote their visit to your church.** You may want to do some research about the country where the missionary family is serving for more information to share



with your people. Your missionary may be able to provide information and photo. It's also helpful to check their Facebook account!

- **Housing.** You may need to provide housing the night (or night before) that the missionary speaks to your group. This can be in family's home, if available.
- **Meals.** Please provide necessary meals. Check with your missionary for food restrictions for all family members so they can be accommodated. Also be mindful that extended deputation visits can be hard on people trying to be healthy in their eating habits. Find healthy ways to support your missionaries.
- **Coordinate with your missionary.** Share about the technology available at your church (including type of computer and software like PowerPoint). Plan to give the missionary access to the sound and video technicians at least 30 minutes before the service.
- **Take an offering.** The offering should be sent to the Global Ministry Center in care of the missionary's deputation account. Mail to: Attn. Donor Services, Church of the Nazarene, 17001 Prairie Star Parkway, Lenexa, KS 66220. Funds should be clearly marked with the missionary's full first and last names.

#### Upcoming Missionary Deputation Services for 2024-2025

- **October 20-27:** Barbara & Anthony Manswell, serving as global missionaries - Caribbean Nazarene College – Trinidad
- **April 16 – May 1, 2025:** Lydia Campbell-White, serving as a sponsored missionary in Mongolia
- **July 20-30, 2025:** Collin & Shireen Elliott, serving as global missionaries on the Africa region (final home assignment; retiring after home assignment completed)

If you would like to schedule the missionaries to speak in your church, please contact our Deputation Coordinator Rev. Fred Humber at [wapacdeputation@gmail.com](mailto:wapacdeputation@gmail.com) for a list of missionaries and open dates.



**Did you know:** Deputation funds should not be given directly to the missionaries. Rather, they should be provided to Attn. Donor Services, Church of the Nazarene, 17001 Prairie Star Parkway, Lenexa, KS 66220. Funds should be clearly marked with the missionary's full first and last names and "deputation account." (You also can submit online at <https://www.nazarene.org/funding-the-mission>)

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

## Types of Missionaries

What is the difference between a Global Missionary and a Sponsored Missionary?

A **Global Missionary** is primarily funded by the global efforts of World Evangelism and called to serve up to a full career in the field. Affirmed by the Church of the Nazarene, Global Missionaries have prior ministry experience and still strategically serve in a global assignment wherever they are needed in the world.

A **Sponsored Missionary** is primarily funded by their local church community and called to serve a localized need in the field. Affirmed by the local church, district and Church of the Nazarene, they will serve a maximum of four years in the field and have no previous ministry experience.

Both types of missionaries are important to furthering God's work in our world. Are you or someone you know feeling a call to missions? Check out our opportunities around the world: <https://opportunities.nazarene.org>



## LINKS Missionaries

Each district is assigned district LINKS missionaries for a year (January through December).

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

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

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



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

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

## WAPAC LINKS Coordinator

Contact our LINKS Coordinator if you have questions about our LINKS missionaries or need assistance: Rev. Jeff Reynolds (Kent Hillside): [bigearlkr@gmail.com](mailto:bigearlkr@gmail.com) or 206-818-8135.

## 2024 WAPAC LINKS Missionaries

- **Scott & Emily Armstrong** - global missionaries and ordained elders in the Church of the Nazarene. They have been ministering in the Mesoamerica Region since January 2004, but recently moved to Pilar, Argentina. Emily is the Regional Personnel Coordinator (basically Human Resources and Missionary Care) and Scott is working with the Regional Director on some special regional projects and strategies.



They have two children. Son Elijah is at Olivet Nazarene University studying business administration and international business. Daughter Sydney is studying abroad this year in Barcelona, Spain, but attends Point Loma Nazarene University with a major in political science and a minor in criminal justice. They also have a 3-year-old golden retriever named Rocket.

### Birthdays and Anniversary:

- February 12: Sydney (turned 19)
- May 31: Elijah (turned 21)
- June 3: Emily
- August 18: Scott
- Anniversary: June 10

### Email:

- Scott: [sarmstrong@samnaz.org](mailto:sarmstrong@samnaz.org)
- Emily: [earmstrong@samnaz.org](mailto:earmstrong@samnaz.org)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/armstrong.update>

### Podcast:

- Worthless Servants (English): <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/worthless-servants/id1233253252>
- Los Siervos Inútiles (Spanish): <https://missionexus.org/podcast/los-siervos-inutiles/>

Learn more and deputation account: <https://give.nazarene.org/pledge/armstrong>

- **Evans & Njeri Katanga** - global missionaries with the Church of the Nazarene presently serving in Nigeria. They just transitioned from Ghana, where they have served since 2016. Their new roles include supporting ministry activities in Nigeria, including equipping children ministry workers for Njeri, and mentoring church leaders with a call to missions for Evans. They also work with education and administration, besides coordinating the hosting of international guests.

They are blessed with two daughters Panashe Joanna and Ruvarashe Phoebe, and one son, Tinashe.



The family likes to travel, read, play board games, play in the pool, go for walks, watch TV (and sometimes enjoy date nights to the movies!), go to playgrounds and visit amusement parks.

Birthdays and Anniversary:

- January 10: Panashe Joanna (turned 11)
- February 2: Tinashe Joshua (turned 3)
- March 10: Njeri
- April 11: Ruvarashe Phoebe (turned 6)
- December 15: Evans
- Anniversary: December 11

Email: [katangafamilyinmissions@gmail.com](mailto:katangafamilyinmissions@gmail.com)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064623014995>

Learn more and deputation account:

<https://give.nazarene.org/category/region/africa/katangafamily>

Regular updates on our LINKS missionaries are provided in WAPAC NMI Facebook group and in the WAPAC NMI monthly newsletter.



## WAPAC Missionaries Serving Globally

Randy and Joani Goossens both grew up primarily in Washington state and are our “home grown” missionaries.

They have had the privilege of serving the Lord through the Nazarene Church in the Asia Pacific Region. Over the last twelve years this journey has taken them from Highlands of Papua New Guinea to the middle of the South Pacific in Fiji and now the Philippines.



Joani is part of the Asia Pacific Regional Finance Team, which involves facilitating the finances of missionaries, field ministries, District development and educational institutions throughout Melanesia, South Pacific, Southeast Asia, and Eastern Asia. An

important piece of this work is training ministry leadership in biblical stewardship and accountability in dealing with donated funds and reporting back on all that is being accomplished through the World Evangelism Fund and giving to special projects.

Randy is the Regional Evangelism and Church Planting Resource Coordinator for the Asia Pacific region. The goal being to bring international resources to local evangelistic teams working to reach those who want to have a relationship with God the Father, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. This role also includes discipleship, church growth and development, and coming alongside local leadership to help promote healthy church organization and expansion.

Their Gaggle of Goossens also includes three teenagers who have thrived in the adventure of growing up overseas. Emma is attending Northwest Nazarene University, with a Major in Social Work and a Minor in Worship Ministry. She has a strong interest in helping others and enjoys singing and playing guitar and ukulele. Her bubbly personality makes her a joy to be around. Lexi is a focused and dedicated student, with a desire to excel in all she puts her mind to. She enjoys music, drama and sports, and is a deeply thoughtful girl with strong convictions. Ethan is an energetic young man that loves soccer. His kind and caring personality makes him a lot of fun to be around. He loves animals, especially cats, and is fascinated by lemurs.

View their full profile: <https://give.nazarene.org/pledge/agaggleofgoossens>. You also are invited to connect with them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/AGaggleOfGoossens>.

## Retired Missionaries

Retired missionaries on WAPAC include:

- Fred and June Forster
- Gary and Kathy Hughes
- Daniel and Carol Ketchum
- Kathie Ketchum
- Ivan and Virginia Lathrop

Contact Tom Lafrenz if you would like to bless our retired missionaries!

## Missionary Medical Plan

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



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

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

- **Distinguished Service Award (DSA).** This is an award churches give in honor of people in their church who are living for a particular area of service (e.g., Sunday School worker, usher, staff member). Although the DSA is given through NMI, it doesn't have to be given in the service area of missions. These awards are presented by a church or a department of the church; individuals may not give this award. The cost of the DSA is \$125, and the funds go to the Missionary Medical Plan. Learn more: <https://tinyurl.com/NazareneDSA>
- **Memorial Roll.** This is presented by a local church, group or individual in memory of a deceased family member or friend. A certificate is issued in the name of the person memorialized and is often presented to a family member or displayed in the church. The cost is \$75, and the funds go to the Missionary Medical Plan. Learn more: <https://tinyurl.com/NazareneMemorialRoll>
- **Freewill Offerings.** Your church can pick a month or week to focus on gifts to support the Missionary Medical Plan. All money given to the medical plan is used directly for Nazarene missionaries' health care and may count as 10% giving for your church. None of the money is used for administrative costs.

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

## WAPAC NMI Grants for Your Church

Through District NMI funds, we are pleased to offer three grants to support people and projects on WAPAC in alignment with our five focus areas.

1. **Together Across Generations (TAG) Grant:** This is a grant for young adults (ages 18-28) to join a Nazarene Missions Team trip. Applicants must have been members of a WAPAC church for at least 1 year prior to applying.
  
2. **Groups Going Glocally (G3) Missions Grant:** This grant helps provide encouragement and financial support for a youth ministry group to directly participate in local, national, or global missions and compassionate projects. Maximum grant amount is not to exceed 25% of the overall mission project experience or at the discretion of the WAPAC NMI Council. Monies can be used for transportation, supplies, food: anything that would lower the overall cost of the mission experience encouraging more youth to participate.
  
3. **Intentional Connecting Grant:** This is a grant to help local WAPAC Nazarene Churches reach into their neighborhoods and communities. The funds are meant to start, equip, expand, or enhance local ministries as they engage their neighborhoods and communities in Western Washington.



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

**Grant applications are available in the Appendices.**

Grant applications are reviewed three times each year: February 1, May 1 and September 1. Applications received after each deadline will be reviewed as part of the next grant cycle.



# Nazarene Missions Team Opportunities

## Nazarene Missions Team: WAPAC Trip to the Philippines in 2026

WAPAC is sending a team to the Philippines in 2026. We will be working on the campus of Philippine Nazarene College. You can partner with us on this District trip:

- Going with us in person
- Giving financially to support the District project
- Praying for the team

While dates are still being finalized, we are anticipating the trip will occur in late February 2026.

The campus is located in La Trinidad, Benguet, where the average temperature at that time of year is between 75-80F with some rain.

We encourage churches to consider offerings to support this Nazarene Missions Team project and to send those funds to the District office. This does count toward 10% giving.

Contact: Rev. Donabel Martin, [pastordonabel@lifepointnaz.church](mailto:pastordonabel@lifepointnaz.church)



## Your Church's Plans

Is your church planning a Nazarene Missions Team trip or are you interested in being part of one? Contact Rev. Donabel Martin at [pastordonabel@lifepointnaz.church](mailto:pastordonabel@lifepointnaz.church)

## Crisis Care Kits

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

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



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

Last year, for example, a shipment was made to Maui following the devastating wildfires. While we work together as the WAPAC District to contribute Crisis Care Kits, we rarely know where they are distributed. What truly matters is that we are stepping up to meet a need and serve as the hands and feet of Jesus.

### Crisis Care Kits for District Assembly 2025

This year, we are working as a District to gather **600 Crisis Care Kits** (100 banana boxes full!). Can your church help?

Crisis Care Kit instructions and additional information will be provided to local NMI Presidents later this year. Learn more and stay up to date about the changes coming at [www.ncm.org/crisiscarekits](http://www.ncm.org/crisiscarekits).

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## Other Giving Opportunities

### Nazarene Compassionate Ministries

Nazarene Compassionate Ministries (NCM) works to support local churches around the world in their efforts to actively live compassion as a lifestyle.

Following the example of Jesus, NCM partners with local congregations around the world to clothe, shelter, feed, heal, educate, and live in solidarity with those who suffer under oppression, injustice, violence, poverty, hunger, and disease. NCM exists in and through the Church of the Nazarene to proclaim the gospel to all people in word and deed.

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

## Child Sponsorship

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

You can change the world one child at a time. Your church can sponsor a child, or families within your church can sponsor children.

Learn more: <https://ncm.org/sponsor-a-child>

## Jesus Film Harvest Partners

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

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

Learn more: <https://www.jfhp.org>



## Where to Send Monies

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

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

<p><b>General Treasurer</b>                  Church of the Nazarene                  17001 Prairie Star Parkway                  Lenexa, KS 66220</p> <p>Or submit online:  <a href="https://www.nazarene.org/funding-the-mission">https://www.nazarene.org/funding-the-mission</a></p>	<p><b>Funds to send:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Evangelism Fund</li> <li>• Thanksgiving Offering</li> <li>• Easter Offering</li> <li>• Faith Promise</li> <li>• Pensions &amp; Benefits</li> <li>• Prayer &amp; Fasting</li> <li>• Alabaster</li> <li>• DSA or Memorial Roll Certificate</li> <li>• Missionary Medical Plan</li> <li>• World Mission Broadcast</li> <li>• Deputation</li> <li>• LINKS Funds</li> <li>• Compassionate Ministries</li> <li>• Any 10% Approved Specials</li> </ul>
<p><b>WAPAC District Treasurer</b>                  2646 RW Johnson Blvd SW, Suite 108                  Tumwater, WA 98512</p>	<p><b>Funds to send:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WAPAC Children’s Project (10% giving credit)</li> <li>• Youth District Mission Project (10% giving credit)</li> <li>• Nazarene Missions Team funds for District NMT projects</li> </ul>

**Please Note:**

Please note that monetary gifts for LINKS missionaries are processed through their deputation accounts. Also, deputation funds should not be given directly to the missionaries.

Both should be provided to Global Treasury Services, Church of the Nazarene, 17001 Prairie Star Parkway, Lenexa, KS 66220 (or submitted at [www.nazarene.org/funding-the-mission](https://www.nazarene.org/funding-the-mission)). Funds should be clearly marked with the missionary’s full first and last name and “deputation account.”

# NMI Facts

## Living God's Mission

- The Church of the Nazarene ministers in 165 world areas with Belgium on the Eurasia Region recognized in 2024.
- The number of Nazarene churches increased to 30,747 churches, with over 2.72 million members, an increase of 2.69% from last year.
- In 2023, there were 472 districts and 30 pioneer areas around the world, with 31,354 credentialed clergy.\*

## Prayer for the Lost

- We encourage people to pray for all missions efforts of the Church of the Nazarene.
- Each week, NMI Central shares prayer requests and praises for a country where the Lord is working through the Church of the Nazarene. [www.nazarene.org/nmi-central](http://www.nazarene.org/nmi-central)
- Since 1996, during the week that includes the first Friday in March, NMI has called the church to prayer through the Global Week of Prayer, with resources for adults and children in multiple languages. [www.nazarene.org/NMIGWP](http://www.nazarene.org/NMIGWP)

## Giving to World Evangelism Fund

- We inform our churches of the world's need and how the Church of the Nazarene is responding through the World Evangelism Fund. We encourage every church to faithfully participate in giving to the World Evangelism Fund.
- 50 educational institutions, including seven graduate seminaries/theological colleges, 14 liberal arts colleges/universities (13 with graduate programs), 18 undergraduate seminaries/theological colleges, eight certificate and diploma Bible colleges, two nurses training colleges, one teacher training college, and 1,059 education centers (approved extension centers) had a 2023 combined enrollment of 43,339 students globally.\*
- Persons in need were treated at community-based clinics and health care centers all over the world with concentrated efforts in India, Papua New Guinea, and Eswatini (formerly known as Swaziland).\*
- JESUS Film Harvest Partners (JFHP), raising \$3.7 million, reports that World Evangelism Fund (WEF) helped provide infrastructure for 1,109 JFHP teams to share God's love through the story of Jesus. In 2023, teams reported over 2.3 million evangelistic contacts. Of these contacts, 699,029 indicated decisions for Christ with 404,511 new believers receiving initial discipleship follow-up. Teams started 11,675 Preaching Points in 2023.

- NMI and others partnered with local churches to help raise US \$37.2 million through the World Evangelism Fund during the 2022-2023 fiscal year.\*\*
- Churches globally gave US \$24.6 million for Nazarene Approved Missions Projects.\*\*
- In 2023, 92 districts gave 5.5 percent or above of their income to the World Evangelism Fund (56 of which were from regions other than the USA/Canada Region). WEF giving beyond 5.5 percent helps open new work, sustains works opened in recent years, and helps send new missionaries that God calls.<sup>1</sup>
- Nazarenes gave US \$210,290 to World Mission Broadcast (WMB) , providing radio, television, and Internet programs to share the gospel globally.\*\*
- NMI partnered with Nazarene Compassionate Ministries to give more than US \$5 million for disaster response and compassion projects around the world and to support 10,559 children through Child Development Centers and Pastor’s Kids programs.\*\*

### **Giving to Alabaster**

- Churches lay the foundation through Alabaster offerings for places where people worship, heal, and learn by encouraging global participation each year. Every Alabaster project is a joint effort of local contribution and labor, combined with global love and support in bringing tangible presence and a sense of long-term commitment to a community. No Alabaster funds are used for administrative costs.
- Nazarenes gave US \$2.9 million for Alabaster to fund projects in 2023. The Alabaster Offering is used in all six global regions.\*\*
- Over US \$30,000 was raised during the Global NMI Convention in June 2023 at the launch of the 75th anniversary year of Alabaster.
- Often, Alabaster giving goes hand in hand with Nazarene Missions Teams who help build structures funded by Alabaster and the contributions of Nazarene Missions Teams. NMI assisted 374 Nazarene Missions Teams in raising US \$1.3 million for projects .
- Alabaster videos are available in English, French, Korean, Portuguese, and Spanish.  
<https://bit.ly/AlabasterVideo>

### **Engaging Children and Youth**

- We engage children and youth in learning about and participating in the mission of God. We collaborate with NDI and NYI to ensure that all children and youth have a spirit of missions within them.
- NMI provides Kids Kaleidoscope as part of NMI Central to help nurture a spirit of missions in children. Kids Kaleidoscope connects to the focus story in NMI Central the first Wednesday of each month. [www.nazarene.org/nmi-central](http://www.nazarene.org/nmi-central)



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

### **Providing Care and Connection to Nazarene Missionaries**

- NMI provides care and connection between missionaries and local Churches of the Nazarene.
- All six regions participate in providing Care and Connection between districts and Nazarene missionaries through LINKS.
- In 2023, there were 482 missionaries originating from 59 world areas, serving in 83 countries. Of these missionaries, 319 served as global deployed and 163 were sponsored deployed. Last year, there were 41 new missionary deployments. Within these missionary families, there are 257 missionary kids.
- Nazarenes gave US \$4.7 million in deputation and missionary support offerings for missionaries. \*\*
- Missionary Health Care provided US \$353,677 in medical assistance for Nazarene missionaries, through offerings, Memorial Roll gifts, and Distinguished Service Award gifts. \*\*
- 372 retired missionaries received benefits through the Global Missions Pension Plan for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.\*

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

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

\*\* Represents data for the fiscal year 1 October 2022 – 30 September 2023



# APPENDICES

1. Groups Going Glocally (G3) Mission Grant Application
2. Together Across Generations (TAG): Young Adult Nazarene Missions Team Scholarship Application
3. WAPAC NMI Intentional Connecting Grant Application

## Groups Going Glocally (G3) Missions Grant Application

For Youth Ministry Groups of the WAPAC District

### Purpose:

To provide encouragement and financial support for a youth ministry group to directly participate in local, national, or global missions and compassionate projects.

### Details:

Maximum grant amount is not to exceed 25% of the overall mission project experience or at the discretion of the WAPAC NMI Council. Monies can be used for transportation, supplies, food: anything that would lower the overall cost of the mission experience encouraging more youth to participate. Application deadlines throughout the year: May 1, September 1, and February 1. WAPAC NMI provides up to four G3 Grants for each application deadline.

### Requirements:

- Must be a youth group (middle school and/or high school) of a Church of the Nazarene in the WAPAC District.
- Use the money for the purpose requested.
- If your group receives the grant, to formally share the mission experience with others (see below).

### To be considered, please:

- 1) Fill out this form and answer the questions
- 2) Include a letter of reference and confirmation from local pastor or church board member
- 3) Send to: [kehumber@gmail.com](mailto:kehumber@gmail.com)

Questions? Please call or text: Pastor Karen 971-404-4344

**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Your Role/Position:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Church:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
     **City/State/Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Office or Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

If your group receives this grant, we hope and expect the group/representative to formally share the experience with at least two of the following: the local church body, a small group Bible study, a local youth group, at WAPAC District Assembly, or via a local NMI video.

Do you agree to do this?    \_\_\_Yes        \_\_\_No

### Has your group applied for or received the G3 Grant before?

\_\_\_Yes If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_No

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Short Answer Questions (200 - 500 words each)** (add additional space or page as needed)

- 1) **Details:** Tell us about the mission project/experience? Where will it take place? When? Doing what? Potential # of youth participating? Grades? Who will you connect with on the mission?
  
- 2) **Impact:** What do you hope the youth will gain or experience from participating in this mission project?
  
- 3) **Funding:** Estimated budget for the project? What is the current financial situation of this project? How will the rest of the finances for this project be acquired?
  
- 4) **Amount requested:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Together Across Generations (TAG): Young Adult Nazarene Missions Team Scholarship Application

For WAPAC District Nazarene Missions Team Trip

### Requirements:

- Must be 18-28 years old at the time of the trip.
- Must have membership within a WAPAC church for at least 1 year prior to applying.
- Must meet any requirements of the specific NMT trip applying for.
- Must agree to formally share about the NMT trip experience as described below.

### To be considered, please:

- 1) Fill out this form and questions by the deadline. Application deadlines throughout the year: May 1, September 1, and February 1
- 2) Include a letter of recommendation from local pastor or small group leader
- 3) Send to: [kehumber@gmail.com](mailto:kehumber@gmail.com)

Questions? Please call or text: Pastor Karen 971-404-4344

**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Church: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

### Nazarene Missions Team Trip Information:

Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been on a NMT trip before? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No  
 If yes, where/when? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied for or received this scholarship before?  
 \_\_\_ Yes If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_ No

If you receive this scholarship, we hope and expect you to formally share your experience with at least two of the following: the local church body, a small group Bible study, a local youth group, at WAPAC District Assembly, or via a local NMI video.

Do you agree to do this? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



## WAPAC NMI Intentional Connecting Grant Application

### **Purpose of Grant**

To help local WAPAC Nazarene Churches reach into their neighborhoods and communities. The funds are meant to start, equip, expand, or enhance local ministries as they engage their neighborhoods and communities in Western Washington. Grants will be dispersed in amounts of \$250 - \$1,500 per approved project.

### **Eligibility**

Any Nazarene Church or Nazarene Church ministry in the WAPAC District.

### **Conditions**

Grants offered are subject to your agreement to:

- Use the grant funds only as specified in the approved grant proposal.
- Maintain records to show and account for the uses of grant funds.
- Comply with reasonable requests for information about program activities.
- Provide a written summary and photos (with consent and release) showing the project's community impact by January 31 of the fiscal year in which you received the grant.

### **To Apply**

- 4) Complete application by application deadlines of May 1, September 1, and February 1.
- 5) Ensure your lead pastor(s) review and sign the form.
- 6) Send to: [kehumber@gmail.com](mailto:kehumber@gmail.com) Questions? Call or text Pastor Karen 971-404-4344

### **Applicant Information:**

Church: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ministry Leader/Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Proposal Information** (description of ministry project, purpose of money, total cost):

**Amount Requested:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Beginning and Ending Dates of Ministry Project:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Lead Pastor's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_