

# NC District Local Presidents Resource Handbook 2024-2025



**"Engaging the Local Church for Missional Involvement."**

## **We are ONE PEOPLE**

- **ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO PRAY FOR ALL EFFORTS OF WORLD EVANGELISM**
- **INFORMING PEOPLE OF THE WORLD'S NEED AND WHAT THE CHURCH IS DOING TO MEET THOSE NEEDS**
- **CHALLENGING CHILDREN AND YOUTH TO LEARN ABOUT AND PARTICIPATE IN THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH**
- **RAISING FUNDS FOR MISSIONS OUTREACH**

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Dear NMI President,

Thank you for your willingness to serve in the important role of NMI president. You are the “go to” person for missions in your local church. This booklet has been designed with you in mind. It contains information that will come in handy throughout the year.

Your focus for NMI should be on the four emphases of praying, educating, giving and engaging children and youth; the World Evangelism Fund; Alabaster offering; District Work & Witness offering and LINKS. Incorporating these vital mission activities into the life of your congregation will strengthen both the local body and the worldwide church as we partner together for the gospel.

The NMI website has been undergoing revisions and many links have changed. In this book, I have provided many of these “revised” links for your benefit. Be aware that <http://nazarenemissions.org/> will always point you to the most current version of the website. Because it is always a work in progress, if you have trouble locating something that you need, do not hesitate to contact me.

I encourage you to save a copy of this document to your computer for future reference.

As your District NMI president, one of my responsibilities is to support you in your crucial role of NMI president in your local church. I thank God for each of you and your willingness to serve in this role to support missions (NMI) in your local church.

Serving with joy!

Donna Spivey-Sisk

NC District NMI President

### **NMI Mission Statement**

**NMI Purpose-** To mobilize the church in mission through praying, engaging children & youth, giving, and educating.

**Praying-** To encourage people to pray for all efforts of world evangelization.

**Engaging Children and Youth-** To challenge children and youth to learn about and participate in the mission of the church.

**Giving-** To raise funds for mission outreach.

**Educating-** To inform people of the world's needs and what the church is doing to meet those needs.

### **NMI Constitution Link**

**(Note We are still using 2017-2021 constitution until a new one is released)**

**The NMI Constitution** is available online free of charge. The following webpage contains links to the constitution in English, French, and Spanish. Click on the link below and they click on either of the folders. **This link is to our most recent constitution.**

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/gx5p48j2moyuequ/AADsRaXg2Wg8l7TLIsG7pkWka?dl=0>

It will be one of your “best friends” and will answer most of your questions. Read it as soon as possible so you can be familiar with the organization and emphases of the NMI. When an updated version is available it will be updated.

### **Questions for Local NMI Leaders**

Click on this link: <https://nazarene.org/who-we-are/organization/ministries/nazarene-missions-international/nmi-faqs-nmi-leader>

## **NC District NMI Local Presidents Resource**

The purpose of this resource is to equip the local president to understand the important role of leading the local church in Nazarene Missions International (NMI).

**Nazarene Missions International** <http://www.nazarene.org/nmi>

The role of the local NMI President is to promote NMI in the local church, in cooperation with the pastor as a voting member of the church board and lead the local NMI council.

- We believe there are five key areas of impact in which every church should participate regardless of their size, location, or language.
- These are the NMI **Top Five Areas of Impact: Prayer, World Evangelism Fund, Alabaster Engaging Children and Youth, and Links.**
- Focusing on these five areas of impact does not diminish other areas of NMI influence. These items are stepping-stones to deeper involvement in missions support through the Church of the Nazarene. They are a way to begin to become involved; they are easily understood, and we are striving for them to be adaptable in every culture. We aim for each church to participate in these five areas, and then adding additional areas of connection, to match the interests and needs of each local congregation or district.

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The following awards are given to churches at the annual NC Mission District Advance. We encourage every local church to become a World Evangelism Church and a Missions Priority One Church.

### **World Evangelism Church**

Churches that give at least 5.5% of their income to the World Evangelism Fund have met the minimum goal in their support of the global mission. These churches are the lifeblood of the Church of the Nazarene's mission to the nations.

### **Missions Priority One Church**

Missions Priority One is a way to recognize if a church has embraced the Five Areas of Impact of Nazarene Missions International: Prayer, World Evangelism Fund, Alabaster, Engaging Children and Youth, and Links. World Evangelism Church of Excellence Churches that give at least 5.7%, or \$1,500 or more beyond 5.5%, whichever is less, to the World Evangelism Fund.

**EDUCATION RESOURCES - Subscribe to NMI Central** Click here <https://nazarene.org/who-we-are/organization/ministries/nazarene-missions-international/nmi-resources/nmi-central>




To sign up to receive our weekly NMI Central emails, fill in the following fields and hit submit. Thanks, and welcome!

Email \*

Statement of consent:

I consent to receiving email communications \*  
Consent is required

I consent to having my subscriber engagement tracked and analyzed

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You can see past issues in different languages that you can use and adapt to adults, children and teens. Click here: <https://nubo.nazarene.org/index.php/s/RF8nSPD3GLq67aB>

Below is a link to a **free adult curriculum**- titled Loving our Global Neighbors. It was written and developed by commissioned Missionary Teanna Sunberg. This is an NMI curriculum focused on ministering to refugees. There is a **six lesson children's curriculum included** as well. The MidSouth district has generously chosen to share those.

Here's the link to curriculum: [midsouthnmi.org/curriculum](https://midsouthnmi.org/curriculum) This is available in English and Spanish.

This year's theme, "**Engaging the Local Church for Missional Involvement.**" is meant to help us "fine-tune" our focus on missions as a church and to understand our individual and local church role(s) in carrying out that mission to God's glory.

Through stories and scriptures and mission's principles, a vivid tapestry is woven with the threads of passion for the lost, sacrificial giving, and joy in serving the eternal purposes of God in missions.

From this link you can access information to order items such as Alabaster boxes, Easter/Thanksgiving envelopes and other mission supplies.

<https://www.thefoundrypublishing.com/ministry-resources/church-supplies.html>

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## **WORLD EVANGELISM FUND**

To learn more about WEF visit: <https://www.nazarene.org/wef> (There are useful videos on this page to share with your church.

### **Why do we give to the World Evangelism Fund?**

**World Evangelism Giving** is the cornerstone of Nazarene Missions. This denominational fund (WEF) is the foundation for discovering, delivering, and resourcing our mission's organization around the world. Every Nazarene church participates in Nazarene Missions through their contributions to World Evangelism giving. World Evangelism giving is essential for Nazarene Missions initiatives to thrive.

Here are a few examples of ministries that the World Evangelism Fund makes possible through direct funding or the ministry network:

- New churches and ministry outposts
- Missionaries • Regional ministries
- Christian literature and resources
- Partner Ministries such as JESUS Film Harvest Partners, Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, and many more
- Holiness education

### **What is the easiest way to pay World Evangelism Fund in full?**

- Contributing weekly or monthly will help the church more easily reach its goal.
- Making contributions online via bank draft is easy at [www.FundingTheMission.org](http://www.FundingTheMission.org).
- Or mail checks to Global Treasury Services, P O Box 843116, Kansas City, MO 64184-3116.
- Mark each contribution for the ending church year (for example, 2020-2021)

### **What is my church's goal for paying World Evangelism Fund in full?**

The goal is to send least 5.5% of adjusted church income for the World Evangelism Fund, as verified by the Annual Pastor's Report submitted to the district in March.



**What is the goal for overpaying World Evangelism Fund to reach Church of Excellence?**

The goal is to send least 5.7% of adjusted church income or \$1,500 over goal for the World Evangelism Fund, as verified by the Annual Pastor's Report submitted in March

**FAITH PROMISE – For more info and videos Click here:** <https://nazarene.org/resources/faith-promise>

Faith Promise is a plan based on missions giving at systematic intervals rather than just twice a year. Through Faith Promise, People pray about the amount they should give for missions (over and above their tithe). The amount is often given weekly, biweekly, or monthly.

**How to prepare and plan Faith Promise with your pastor and council:**

- a. Set the date and plan a Faith Promise emphasis.
- b. Discuss your specific responsibilities for the Faith Promise emphasis.
- c. Who will be the speaker? Who will book the speaker?
- d. Length of Faith Promise emphasis: Saturday? Sunday morning only? Sunday morning & evening? Saturday night & Sunday morning?
- e. Plan for special gatherings? Friday evening rally, Saturday men's breakfast, women's lunch, teen pizza party Saturday night?

**Ask** about a missions bulletin board, the church calendar, and how and when the deadlines are for submitting mission information for the Sunday morning church worship folder, church newsletter, or website.

**Discuss** the amount that needs to be raised for mission for the coming year, starting with the WEF (5.5%), special offerings, local NMI Council expenses, missionary speakers—both care and offerings.

**Need a WEF brochure for your church? Download one here for free.**

<https://resources.nazarene.org/index.php/s/2zJSG5fqWM9Tk6E#pdfviewer>

**WEF Videos:** <https://nazarene.org/wef> (In various languages)

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## LINKS

Links is a NMI top 5 area of impact and a strategic ministry 'linking' Nazarene missionaries and Nazarene churches through prayer, personal contact, and generous giving.

Global NMI assigns each District missionary families (Links) every 3 years. Missionaries can use gifts to help with their everyday needs, such as food, clothing, etc. Your NC NMI requests that you reach out to all of your Links missionaries, pray for them, and consider sending gifts for birthdays, anniversaries, and special holiday's, such as Christmas.

Sending gifts to your Links missionaries: To send cards directly, you will need to first email your Links missionary and ask them for their address. Global NMI and security reasons do not allow us to publish our Links physical addresses. To send financial gifts, please remit checks to: Global Treasury Service P.O. Box 843116 Kansas City, MO 64184-3116 \*Description for remittance: Missionary first and last name + Links Example: "Erika Contreras Medina Links" Do NOT send mail to the Global Ministry Center.

**For more Care & Connection (LINKS) information click on this link:** <https://nazarene.org/who-we-are/organization/ministries/nazarene-missions-international/nmi-links>

**Our district LINKS coordinator is Janet Creech. Her email is:** [Kidsblessing@yahoo.com](mailto:Kidsblessing@yahoo.com)

**Our 2024 Links Missionaries for January 01-2024-December-31-2024 are:**  
**Radziewski (Radi), Carlos & Robin Argentina [rradi@samnaz.org](mailto:rradi@samnaz.org)**  
<https://give.nazarene.org/pledge/radziszewskis>

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**DEPUTATION** (Deputation Page/ Deputation Secretary's email/ Deputation brochure)

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 this fund by traveling to their home country every few years 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.

### **What is home assignment?**

Most Nazarene missionaries visit their home country periodically to raise funds. These trips are called deputation, or home assignment. The money they raise pays for a variety of personal needs including medical expenses, home furnishing, transportation and special mission projects.

If and when you have a missionary come to your church for a deputation or Faith Promise service, here are a few things to remember while hosting:

Imagine having a Thanksgiving dinner every day for three months. Furlough fat is the fate of missionaries. Taking care of special church guests requires healthy hospitality.

When family comes to our house on vacation, we spoil and indulge them. We stay up late chatting or playing games. We go to the mall to shop for the upcoming family event. It is a break from their routine, a pleasure trip.

For many missionaries, however, travel is their job. They need a different type of caring. This thoughtfulness manifests itself in three fundamental areas: food, sleep and free time.

Potlucks can be challenging places for anyone who has to be careful about his or her health. People are emotionally invested in the food they bring. They want to prepare food the missionary will be talking about years later. They also do not want anyone to go away hungry. There seems to be no graceful way for the guest speaker to say, "I need to lose weight. Support me.

" Food, rest and fun are essential elements for guests to leave ready to carry on with their God-given work. Stamina is needed to constantly travel. Healthy hospitality helps

**Our deputation Secretary is Dawn York. Her email is:**

[ddyork430@gmail.com](mailto:ddyork430@gmail.com)

**Deputation Offering Recommendations**

Sunday Morning Worship.....	\$400-\$500
Sunday Evening Worship.....	\$250-\$350
Weeknight Gatherings.....	\$225-\$325
Weekend Conventions .....	\$700- no limit
District NMI Conventions .....	\$1,000.00
The actual amount will vary according to the size of the church and the distance the missionary travels.	

## Where to Send Monies

To ensure your church gets proper credit, make sure your offerings are sent to the right place. (See instructions for Local NMI Treasurers on the following page for additional details.)

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

<p><b><u>GENERAL TREASURER</u></b></p> <p><b>Make checks payable to:</b> General Treasurer Church of the Nazarene <b>Mail to:</b> P.O. Box 843116, Kansas City, MO 64184-3116</p>	<p><b>Payments for:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Evangelism Fund</li> <li>• Thanksgiving</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>• Medical Plan</li> <li>• World Mission Radio</li> <li>• VBS Mission</li> <li>• Deputation</li> <li>• Compassionate Ministries</li> <li>• Hunger &amp; Disaster Offerings &amp; any 10% "Approved" World Mission Special Offering</li> <li>• LINKS for adopted missionaries</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>NC DISTRICT NMI TREASURER</u></b></p> <p><b>Make checks payable to:</b> NC District NMI <b>Mail to:</b> Walter Irons, 6823 Fenning Dr., Charlotte, NC 28227 <b>Phone:</b> 704-545-3456</p>	<p><b>Payments for:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Children's District Mission Project (10% credit) → VBS offering IF you want it to count as your Children's Project offering</li> <li>2. Youth District Mission Project (10% credit)</li> <li>3. Work &amp; Witness offering for district Work &amp; Witness projects</li> </ol>

## Approved Mission Specials Offerings

These offerings are **over and beyond the WEF**. When a local church gives these offerings through the appropriate channels, that church will receive credit toward Ten Percent recognition.

While all Approved Mission Specials are important and have value to the global mission of the church, NMI places a priority on and promotes the following:

**Alabaster** – typically received in February and September, may be received once or twice a year according to local church preference. For more information click here:

<https://nazarene.org/alabaster> **Video link:** Over 30,000 USD were received in the first offering celebrating Alabaster's 75 years of laying foundations where people worship, heal, and learn. Additional funds were received, but not counted when the total was shared during the Global NMI Convention [Click here](#): to access the video introducing the Alabaster 75th Anniversary celebration, available in English, French, Korean, Portuguese, and Spanish.

**Missionary Care** – Missionary care is an important strategy of Nazarene Missions International (NMI) to help provide for personal needs of missionaries. For more information click here:

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

- These expressions of care include:  
[Links](#): a strategy for “linking” churches with missionaries through prayer and personal contact.
- Missionary Christmas Fund: provides a monetary Christmas gift for missionaries.
- Missionary Health Care: monies collected through the Memorial Roll and Distinguished Service Award used to subsidize missionary health care costs.
- The Memorial Roll: a way to honor deceased friends and loved ones. A certificate is issued in the name of the person memorialized and is often presented to a family member or displayed in the church.
- Distinguished Service Award: a certificate presented to an individual to recognize outstanding service to God and the church. The presenter (usually a church or district) contributes \$125 to Missionary Health Care.

**World Mission Broadcast** – Provides electronic media broadcasts of the gospel throughout the world. This offering may be promoted any time the local church may deem best to be most effective. For more information click here: <https://nazarene.org/wmb>

**\*\*\*Churches may include any of the above offerings in the local budget or in faith promise without receiving an offering.** Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, JESUS Film Harvest Partners Work & Witness, International Student Scholarship Fund, and Books for Pastors will continue to be promoted and churches may support these offerings through faith promise or by other strategies. NCM link-<https://www.ncm.org/>

Be sure to report any other 10% Point to Point giving to missions at your Funding the Mission site

### **Other Global Giving --- Non-Ten Percent Giving**

- Duty money on packages sent to missionaries
- Postage on LINKS communications and packages
- Items for LINKS (instead of cash)
- Personal gifts to missionaries

**Designated Giving** is a vehicle for specific Nazarene Missions initiatives. Designated giving (Approved Specials) allows every member to give directly to specific needs within the Nazarene Missions organization as defined by the Church of the Nazarene.

### **World Evangelism Church of Excellence**

Churches that give at least 5.7 percent or an additional \$1,500, whichever is less to WEF. (This giving parallels the former "Award of Excellence.") WEF giving beyond 5.5 percent invests in new world areas and new works in the U.S.A. and Canada.

## Nazarene Missions International Fast Facts

### 2024 NAZARENE FAST FACTS

NMI is the global missions advocate in every local church, nurturing a spirit of missions, and mobilizing into action, impacting people around the world.

#### WE ADVOCATE

Each local NMI president is a member of their local church board who actively participates in the efforts of their local church to ensure that our neighbors know that Jesus loves them.

- The local NMI president also serves as the advocate to encourage their church to participate in ensuring that everyone, living in every place and speaking every language, also knows that Jesus loves them. • 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.\*

#### WE NURTURE

NMI nurtures a spirit of missions in the local church, working hand in hand with pastors to ensure that every person in each local church has a deep passion to share Jesus with others in our communities and around the world.

This spirit of missions is so alive it fuels all that we do. We will not stop until everyone, everywhere, has heard the Good News.

#### WE MOBILIZE

NMI mobilizes into action by focusing on five key areas of impact::

##### 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. 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. NAZARENE.ORG/NMIGWP

##### 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. 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.\*

### 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.
- 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>

"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."

### WE IMPACT

- NMI supports those called to go and serve as Nazarene missionaries, and NMI provides a place of service for those called to stay and support missions through their local church.
- Since 1915, Nazarene Missions International has served Christ and his mission through the Church of the Nazarene in making Christlike disciples in the nations. •
- **NMI Central** is a weekly publication that focuses on a different country each week by telling stories of impact, calling the church to pray for specific requests from the focus country, and offering praise for God's activities through the Church of the Nazarene. NMI Central is free to subscribers and is distributed by email every Wednesday in multiple languages. [NAZARENE.ORG/NMI-CENTRAL](http://NAZARENE.ORG/NMI-CENTRAL)
- NMI membership is now equal to local church membership. In 2023, there were more than 2.5 million NMI members organized in 28,077 churches around the world.

Supported either directly or indirectly by World Evangelism Fund (WEF). \* Represents data for the fiscal year 1 October 2022 through 30 September 2023 [www.nazarene.org/nmi](http://www.nazarene.org/nmi)



## **NC District Nazarene Mission Teams (Formerly Work & Witness**

**Coordinator: Pastor Steve Creech [sbondcreech@gmail.com](mailto:sbondcreech@gmail.com)**

When we go on a district work & witness trip we have to provide “project money” in advance funds to purchase the materials that will be use for the project we will be working on. The project money can be anywhere from \$10,000.00 up.

**\*\*\*\*Note: Our W&W projects are registered.**

**\*\*\*\*NOTE We have established the months of March and October as work and witness offering month. We ask that each church send an offering -earmarked “District W&W Project Money”.**

**Note: This DOES count toward 10% credit.**

Your treasurer can mail these earmarked funds to:

### **NC DISTRICT NMI TREASURER**

**Make checks payable to:** NC District NMI – earmarked “District W&W Project Money”  
**Mail to:** Walter Irons, 6823 Fenning Dr., Charlotte, NC 28227

## **Ten Percent Giving**

To learn more about 10% giving visit this link: <http://nazarene.org/stewardship/tenpercent>

## **Ten Percent Mission Specials Ministries**

The majority of Nazarene ministries are Ten Percent approved, including JESUS Film, Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, registered Work and Witness projects, and registered Compassionate Ministry Centers. To be sure, the ministry you give toward is approved, you can use the following sites to locate needs you would like to donate toward. Some ministries not listed above may also be Ten Percent Specials. If you are unsure about the status of a ministry, please email or call us at 800-544-8413 to find out more.

When a church meets its Funding the Mission giving goals, it is recognized as a World Evangelism Church. When a church also gives ten percent of its total income to mission work via donations to the World Evangelism Fund and Mission Specials, the church reaches its Ten Percent goal and is recognized as a Mission 10 church.

Some generous churches contribute more than 10 percent to the shared global mission. These churches receive recognition in five percent increments beyond the Mission 10 status (mission 15, 20, 25, etc.).

Additionally, Nazarene Missions International recognizes churches that meet their World Evangelism Fund goal at 5.7% as World Evangelism Churches of Excellence.

[stewardship@nazarene.org](mailto:stewardship@nazarene.org) Call toll free: 1-800-544-8413 Fax: 913-577-0875

## World Mission Broadcast

To learn more about WMB visit: <http://www.nazarene.org/wmb>

Welcome! Join us as we take the gospel to the world through radio, television, and Internet programs. On the air since 1944, World Mission Broadcast (WMB) reaches even the most remote parts of the world, with words of hope and holiness ... and lives are changed.

**Note: Our district has established June as WMB offering month**

### For more information contact:

<p>Karla Edwards  <a href="mailto:wmb@nazarene.org">wmb@nazarene.org</a>          Phone: 913-577-2905</p>	<p>World Mission Broadcast          17001 Prairie Star Parkway          Lenexa, KS, USA 66220</p>
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### Link to the 2017 NMI Constitution

[https://www.dropbox.com/sh/2kf6621rrzsoxtv/AACRkeJG4U2oQfliC2H-BH-La/Constitution/8.5x11?dl=0&preview=NMI Constitution-2017-English.pdf&subfolder\\_nav\\_tracking=1](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/2kf6621rrzsoxtv/AACRkeJG4U2oQfliC2H-BH-La/Constitution/8.5x11?dl=0&preview=NMI%20Constitution-2017-English.pdf&subfolder_nav_tracking=1)

## JESUS Film Harvest Partners

General Address: 15055 W. 116th Street Olathe, KS 66062

Phone: 913-663-5700 [www.JFHP.org](http://www.JFHP.org)

Click here to donate: <https://jfhp.org/donate>



As of March 21, 2024, the stats on their website were:

### 26 YEARS OF IMPACT



**93,737,028**

Evangelistic Contacts



**19,268,473**

Decisions for Christ



**9,444,377**

Discipleship Follow-ups



**137,875**

Preaching Points

Link to printable document to share with your churches:

English: <https://www.jfhp.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/JFHP-Half-Sheet-ENGLISH-1.pdf>

Spanish: <https://www.jfhp.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/JFHP-Half-Sheet-SPANISH-1.pdf>

Visit their website for more information: <https://jfhp.org/>

**NOTE: The Jesus Film Harvest Partner Slides that were presented at the breakout session at the 2024 District Assembly. (Photos are removed for safety of the JFHP teams) will be posted on the NMI page located on our district website.**

#### **Nazarene Compassionate Ministries**

To learn more about Nazarene Compassionate Ministries visit: <https://www.ncm.org/>

**For specific ways to pray** visit: <http://nazarene.org/nmi/prayer>

**Alabaster Offering** To learn more about Alabaster visit: <http://nazarene.org/special-offerings>

**Visit our NC District page:** [www.ncnaz.org](http://www.ncnaz.org)

**Here you will find links to get more information on the following:**

- **NC District NMI Council for 2021-2022- Contact information**
  - **A link to this document**
- **LINKS Missionaries Names-** (Their personal information and pictures will emailed to all pastors and NMI presidents. (For security we are not posting this information online)

**World Areas:** The Church of the Nazarene has been global from its founding. The Church of the Nazarene is organized into six regions in **165 world areas,- 30,747 Churches and 2,724,006 members (at the time this document was created)**. Each week, Nazarenes worship in more than **212 languages or tribal languages**. To learn more about the church across the world, visit the different regional websites. **For more information:** <https://nazarene.org/>

## End of Year Reporting

There are 3 forms and a brief story of what your church did for missions this year. These forms and stories need to be returned to the District NMI Secretary at the end of the church year either by mail or email.

You can find these forms @ [www.ncnaz.org](http://www.ncnaz.org) > click on Programs> click on NMI> Click on Overview

1. Local NMI President's Report Form
2. Local NMI Council Address Form
3. Delegates for District NMI Convention
4. In the email share a story of what your church did for Missions this year.

**NOTE: All church reports are due to be emailed or mailed by May 4, 2025.**

**If possible, email your report to our District NMI Secretary Miriam Irons.**  
[nc.nmi.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:nc.nmi.secretary@gmail.com)

**If you cannot email the reports, you can snail-mail them to Miriam to:**

**NC NMI District Secretary  
6823 Fenning Dr.  
Charlotte, NC 28227.**

**Reminder emails will be sent. Please know that YOUR report matters. Thank you in advance for fulfilling your role of NMI president or if your church does not have an NMI president-pastor thank you for sending in these much-needed reports. We need a report from the president or the pastor. If your church didn't send in a report, all emails will be sent to the pastor.**

### **Quick Links for navigating the Global Nazarene Missions International website:**

- **Nazarene Missions International website:** <https://nazarene.org/who-we-are/organization/ministries/nazarene-missions-international>
- **Who we are:** <https://nazarene.org/who-we-are/organization/ministries/nazarene-missions-international/who-we-are>
- **History:** <https://nazarene.org/who-we-are/organization/ministries/nazarene-missions-international/who-we-are/nmi-history>
- **Resources:** <https://nazarene.org/who-we-are/organization/ministries/nazarene-missions-international/who-we-are/nmi-resources>
- **Impact:** <https://nazarene.org/who-we-are/organization/ministries/nazarene-missions-international/areas-impact/nmi-areas-impact>
- **Prayer:** <https://nazarene.org/who-we-are/organization/ministries/nazarene-missions-international/nmi-prayer>
- **Alabaster:** <https://nazarene.org/alabaster>
- **Engaging Children and Youth:** <https://nazarene.org/who-we-are/organization/ministries/nazarene-missions-international/areas-impact/engaging-children-youth>
- **World Evangelism Fund (WEF):** <https://nazarene.org/wef>
- **LINKS:** <https://nazarene.org/who-we-are/organization/ministries/nazarene-missions-international/nmi-links>
- **Distinguished Service Award (DSA):** <https://nazarene.org/who-we-are/organization/ministries/nazarene-missions-international/nmi-distinguished-service-award>
- **Memorial Roll:** <https://nazarene.org/who-we-are/organization/ministries/nazarene-missions-international/nmi-memorial-roll>

- **DSA/Memorial Roll History:** <http://app.nazarene.org/NMICertificate/>

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

- **Missions Books:** <https://nazarene.org/who-we-are/organization/ministries/nazarene-missions-international/nmi-missions-books>

- **Children's Curriculum:** <https://nazarene.org/who-we-are/organization/ministries/nazarene-missions-international/nmi-childrens-curriculum>

- **Children's Missions Books:** <https://nazarene.org/who-we-are/organization/ministries/nazarene-missions-international/nmi-childrens-mission-books>

- **FAQ General NMI Questions:** <https://nazarene.org/who-we-are/organization/ministries/nazarene-missions-international/nmi-faqs>

- **FAQ For Local Leaders:** <https://nazarene.org/who-we-are/organization/ministries/nazarene-missions-international/nmi-faqs-nmi-leader>

- **To subscribe to the Prayer Mobilization Line:** <https://nazarene.org/who-we-are/organization/ministries/nazarene-missions-international/nmi-prayer> Scroll towards the bottom and enter your email in the Prayer Mobilization link.

## Crisis Care Kits/ School Pal Paks

CCK's and SPPs are under "Gifts in Kind" with Nazarene Compassionate Ministries

For more information click here: <https://www.ncmi.org/gifts-in-kind>

- Please read all this information for a clear understanding of CCK's and SPP's and why we must stick to the required instructions. These boxes have the potential to go around the world.
- There will be explanation of how we collect these and an explanation of the required check to cover \$15.00 for each box you bring.

**Gifts in Kind** <https://www.ncmi.org/gifts-in-kind>

Gifts-in-Kind (GIK) is a type of charitable giving in which, instead of giving money to buy needed goods and services, the goods and services are given. As Christians, we give because sharing with others is at the core of the Gospel.

A GIK shipment involves sending a 40-foot container, and in some instances, a 20-foot container, to Nazarene ministries overseas. The container, loaded with GIK items, is transported by truck to a nearby port, then loaded onto a sea vessel and shipped overseas. Containers can be purchased and will remain in the country of destination to be used by the recipient organization. The recipient organization is called the Consignee.

### **GIK SHIPPING STANDARDS**

As a program, Gifts-in-Kind has earned an excellent reputation with several countries' governments that are skeptical of most donating programs. This program deals with an impressive amount of red tape in clearing shipments with different government's customs offices, but has been successful in building relationships and trust. Because of this reputation, we require high standards of quality of the donated goods. In this section you will find many guidelines we ask that you abide by. Please know this is not to be overly picky, but to convey a message of love to the person who will eventually receive it as a gift from his brothers and sisters in Christ.

We follow the GIK Standards set by Accord (formerly known as AERDO). Accord serves Christian organizations and churches to achieve the highest standards, principles and effectiveness in their relief and development efforts. ([Click here to review the Accord GIK Standards](#))

The Gifts-in-Kind program is one of the many ways we as a church body reach out in compassion to provide hope and help to the needy. It is a program made possible by your donations and willingness to volunteer. Thank you for helping us to be the hands and feet of Jesus around the world.



## CRISIS CARE KIT PREPARATION

1. Gather **NEW** items in quantities listed below. Assemble Crisis Care Kits (CCKs) and seal the Ziploc bags. Include only those items listed below. **Deviating from this list can cause an entire shipment to be rejected in customs.** Set the CCKs in groups of six (6) to determine the number of banana boxes needed.
2. Pack contents below into a clear 2-gallon OR 2.5-gallon plastic Ziploc bag and seal:
  - 1 medium-size bottle of shampoo (12-18 oz.), please tape flip-tops closed
  - 2 bars of soap (bath-size or larger)
  - 1 medium toothpaste (4.0-6.4 oz.)
  - 3 toothbrushes (in original packaging)
  - 1 box of Band-Aids (30 or more)
  - 1 fingernail clipper
  - 1 sturdy hair comb
  - 2 hand towels
  - 4 pocket-size packages of facial tissue
  - 1 Beanie Baby-size stuffed toy
3. Obtain the banana boxes from your local grocery store. **Please ship CCKs solely in banana boxes, as they provide uniformity, eliminating wasted space in shipping.**
4. Cut the heavy brown paper (usually found in the banana box) in half and place inside the bottom of the box. Tape the other half over the hole in the lid. (Plain cardboard may be used in the same way if your banana boxes are missing the paper.)
5. Fill each box with **six (6) CCKs—no more, no less.**
6. **Do not insert money or literature** (including anything with the church's name on it, notes, etc.) in the CCKs or banana boxes.
7. Using strong packing tape, cover all holes in the top and the bottom of the box. Then tape the box securely shut. Please leave box handles open; this makes it easier to load and unload.
8. When addressing the box, please put the name and address of the church (or individual donor) on the box in the "From" section and the address of the warehouse in the "To" section.
9. **Do not wrap banana boxes** in brown paper or contact paper or put filled banana boxes inside another box.
10. **Bring the boxes to our MAC (District Convention) and the boxes and required check will be collected at the appointed collection point and time.**
11. **Bring a check from your church: Make your check payable to NC District NMI and "Earmark it CCKs/SPPs":**  
**The check must be presented to those collecting the boxes to cover \$15.00 for each CCK box you bring to the district MAC (District Convention)**

- The \$15.00 covers the following: The 12.00 storage fee required by the warehouse that helps ship these boxes anywhere in the world as needed and \$3.00 helps cover the district cost of delivering the boxes to the warehouse.
- Include the **name and address of your church** with the check.
  - Our treasurer will write one check for the storage fee and send a list of the churches that participated. Ten Percent Credit will be allowed for the \$12.00 shipping donation only. **Do not put the money in the CCKs or banana boxes.**

### SCHOOL PAL-PAK PREPARATION

1. Gather **NEW** items in quantities listed below. Assemble School Pal-Paks (SPPs) and seal the Ziploc bags. Include only those items listed below. Deviating from this list can cause an entire shipment to be rejected in customs. Set the SPPs in groups of ten (10) to determine the number of boxes needed.
2. Pack contents below in a clear 1-gallon Ziploc bag and seal:
  - 2 composition notebooks (such as Mead brand), no larger than 9¾" x 7½". (**No spiral-bound notebooks will be accepted.**)
  - package of #2 pencils (quantity—10-12 pencils)
  - package of black pens (quantity—10-12 pens)
  - pink erasers, 2-3" long
  - rulers (6" or 12", with metric measurements)
  - package of colored pencils (quantity—12-15)
  - pair of blunt-nosed scissors
  - hand-held pencil sharpener

These contents will give each student a notebook, 5-6 pencils, 5-6 pens, an eraser, and a ruler. Two students will share the colored pencils, scissors, and sharpener.
3. Obtain 12"x12"x12" boxes from any office supply store such as Office Depot, Office Max, Staples, or a UPS store.
4. Fill each box with **10 Pal-Paks—no more, no less.**
5. **Do not insert money or literature** (including anything with the church's name on it, notes, etc.) in the Pal-Paks or boxes.
6. Using strong packing tape, tape the box securely shut.
7. When addressing the box, please put the name and address of the church (or the individual donor) on the box in the "From" section and the address of the warehouse in the "To" section.
8. **Do not wrap boxes** in brown paper or contact paper or put filled boxes inside another box.
9. **Bring a check from your church: Make your check payable to NC District NMI and "Earmark it CCKs/SPPs"**

**The check must be presented to those collecting the boxes to cover \$15.00 for each box you bring to the district MAC (District Convention)**

- **The \$15.00 covers the following:** The **10.00 storage fee for SPP** required by the warehouse that helps ship these boxes anywhere in the world as needed and **\$5.00 helps cover the district cost of delivering the boxes to the warehouse.**
- Include the **name and address of your church** with the check.
  - Our treasurer will write one check for the storage fee and send a list of the churches that participated. Ten Percent Credit will be allowed for the \$12.00 shipping donation only. **Do not put the money in the CCKs or banana boxes.**

**HOW YOU CAN RAISE THE PER BOX SHIPPING COSTS**

- Have a line item in your NMI budget.
- Take a special offering.
- Have fundraisers to cover cost. This would be a great project for teens.
- Encourage your church family to share the need with friends, neighbors, and relatives outside of the church.
- Check with business people.
- Pass out Quarter and Dime Coin Collectors ( Quarters \$10.00 a roll and Dimes are \$5.00 per roll)

**Partners in Ministry**

North Carolina's CCK's and SPP's go to: Fawn Grove, PA.

**[Fawn Grove Compassion Center \(FGCC\)](#)**

(accepts Crisis Care Kits, School Pal-Paks, and many other items.)



### **Standards and Goals 2024-2025**

It is important that the Nazarene Missions International (NMI) work effectively in helping to carry out the Great Commission. Standards and Goals can help keep us moving in the right direction. Standards set up a rule for measuring. Goals encourage reaching ahead. May we strive to meet and exceed the goals established this year for God's eternal glory.

We, your committee on Standards and Goals, recommend the following:

I. Each local church has an organized Nazarene Missions International

A. Enroll all church members participating in the mission program of the local church as active members and enroll as associate members those people who are currently active in the mission program of the local church but are not members of the local congregation.

**II. B. Create a mission's event in your local church for children and teens for local missions and foreign missions.**

C. Elect a local Work and Witness coordinator and participate in district Work and Witness projects and, if possible, plan a Work and Witness trip from your local church.

D. Elect or appoint a Mission Call Director who actively seeks out, encourages, and gives purposeful direction to children, youth who feel there is a possible call of God on their lives for missionary service. This Director will report the names and contact information for such individuals to the District Mission Call Director and the local pastor. **(District Mission Call Coordinator is Bettyanna Bremmer)**

**Each church pays its World Evangelism Fund (WEF) in full and strives to earn the Award of Excellence.**

A. This is achieved through accomplishing one or a combination of the following:

1. Thanksgiving Offering
2. Easter Offering
3. Prayer and Fasting Offering
4. Faith Promise Offering
5. Any offering designated as WEF Offering

B. Award of Excellence: overpay the WEF by 3% or \$1,000.00 (whichever is less)

#### **MISSION PRIORITY ONE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Prayer-The church will pray for missions.
2. Global Awareness- The church will use mission's resources and participate in activities to develop global awareness.
3. Children and Youth- the church will provide opportunity for its children and youth to experience missions and to respond to God's call.
4. Giving- The church will pay World Evangelism fund in full.

III. Each local church fulfills the following financial responsibilities:

**A. Pay the North Carolina District budget in full**

**B. Send in LINKS offering by September 30 (we are the only District assigned to our LINKS missionaries for one year)**

C. Participate in the Medical Plan through:

1. Memorial Roll
2. Distinguished Service Award
3. Special Medical Plan Offering in May
4. Gifts from the Heart

**D. Participate in World Evangelism Broadcast Offering (June emphasis)**

**E. Participate in the Alabaster offering (September and February)**

F. Participate in the Compassionate Ministries Offering (December emphasis)

G. Participate in the District Work and Witness Project Offering (April emphasis)

H. Participate in the Nazarene District Disaster Response Offering (October emphasis) (This offering goes toward NDR for our district as we participate in helping in areas affected by a disaster.)

1. Project Money goes entirely for materials/supplies to be used on the specific work assignment of the Work and Witness trip.
2. Mail to District NMI Treasurer by end of April in order to help fund the Project Money for the District Work and Witness trips each year.
3. That each church considers when providing its Work & Witness Project offerings the fact that the General church requires a minimum of \$10,000.00 per Work & Witness Project and that generally North Carolina attempts to have two District Work & Witness trips per year.
4. The district encourages each church to have a local mission/ missional area project each year. (The district will try to have one a year when possible)
5. H. If possible, each local church will host or co-host a missionary speaker each year and provide Deputation Offering in line with General NMI Handbook and Constitution recommendations.  
The following minimum offering scale is recommended:

1. Sunday Morning Service..... \$400-500
2. Sunday Evening Service.....\$250-\$350
3. Weekday Service..... \$225-\$325
4. Faith Promise Convention.....\$700-No limit
5. District NMI Convention.....\$1,000.00

IV. Each local church finds a way to give 10% of the total church income to World Evangelism. Recognizing the impact that churches around the world have found by using Faith Promise giving as one of the most effective and powerful way to raise this WEF completely and even overpay it, every church is encouraged to at least try the method of Faith Promise to raise WEF and 10% giving.

V. Each local church achieves Mission Priority One Award and North Carolina Honor Society status.

#### PROCEDURES THAT WILL AID AND ASSIST THE LOCAL CHURCH IN REACHING ALL GOALS

1. Participation by each church in an organized PRAYER and fasting program a. Utilizing the [Prayer Mobilization Line](#) by Internet by [clicking here](#) b. Join our district Facebook page by logging on to your Facebook account and then typing [NC District NMI](#)
2. Promotion of mission education. Utilize the calendar of Emphasis links for more information to share with your local church. For this year we encourage churches to purchase and read the two books we mentioned.
3. Annual subscription and reading of the Holiness Today magazine by every church family
4. Use of the current NMI Handbook.
5. Quarterly meetings of the Local NMI Council for planning, promotion and evaluation
6. Participation in available workshops, Missional Area, District and Southeast Regional meetings.
7. If possible, mission education shall be accomplished through monthly local NMI meetings promoting the monthly calendar emphasis, prayer and mission study. Use of a variety of mission education resources is recommended: mission education curriculum now named Living Mission, videos, deputation speakers, dramas, etc. Remember that the curriculum is only a guide and resource and does not have to be covered in detail monthly in order to accomplish true mission education in the local church. We encourage the freedom of each local NMI to provide exciting, interesting, innovative mission education in whatever forum works best for each local congregation. We encourage the regular use of mission spots in Sunday services to reach the greatest number of people.
8. Look for mission opportunities in your community, Ex: Salvation Army, Local homeless shelter.
9. Utilization of available NMI News services
  - a. [Holiness Today https://www.holinesstoday.org](https://www.holinesstoday.org)
  - c. [Missionary Profiles: for pictures, names, locations of missionaries on the field. https://give.nazarene.org/category/missionaries](https://give.nazarene.org/category/missionaries)
10. Promoting, hosting and attending services with missionaries on deputation and other mission speakers.

District Goal- each church is encouraged to prepare and send at least 1 or more boxes (each) of Crisis Care Kits (CCK's) and School Pal Paks (SPP's)

11. Participation is encouraged to utilize the District Calendar of Emphasis.
12. Participation is encouraged in district projects at district assembly. (Offering and items that may be requested)

**Note: all highlighted areas in Standards & Goals denote changes.**

## Global NMI Directory

For an expanded view of the directory visit: <http://www.nazarene.org/contact-information>

### Mailing Address and Phone Number

Global Ministry Center  
17001 Prairie Star Parkway  
Lenexa, KS 66220  
913-577-0500

<b>913-577-0500</b>	<b>EXT.</b>	<b>For general questions, e mail <a href="mailto:info@nazarene.org">info@nazarene.org</a></b>
<b>Global Mission Department</b>		<b>TOLL FREE</b>
<b>General Office</b>	<b>2900</b>	
<b>Mission Candidate Opportunities</b>	<b>2950</b>	
<b>Mission Corps</b>	<b>2950</b>	
<b>Nazarene Compassionate Ministries (NCM)</b>	<b>2880</b>	<b>800-310-6362</b>
<b>Nazarene Missions International (NMI)</b>	<b>2970</b>	
<b>Work &amp; Witness</b>	<b>2950</b>	
<b>World Mission Broadcast</b>	<b>2930</b>	
<b>Youth in Mission</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>(915)-562-6300</b>

### Missionary Profile Link ( Where can I find photos and information about a missionary?)

Having a missionary at your church and need some profile information to advertise. Click on the link enter in the last name and it will provide info you can use. Click here:

<https://give.nazarene.org/category/missionaries>

## Nazarene Disaster Response (NDR)

When a natural disaster strikes, Nazarene Disaster Response provides a way for local Nazarene churches to respond with assistance and resources for the community in need.

Our vision is to empower Nazarenes to respond to their community in practical and tangible ways in any instance of disaster. For more information visit the NDR website: <https://www.usacanadaregion.org/compassionate-ministries/nazarene-disaster-response>

Below are photos of one of our two trailers on our district. We have them on each end of the state.



**Reach out to Pastor Steve Creech (NC District NDR Coordinator) to volunteer with the NDR team. Email [sbondcreech@gmail.com](mailto:sbondcreech@gmail.com)**

**What is NDR?** Nazarene Disaster Response (NDR) Unlike other, large disaster response agencies (FEMA, the Red Cross), NDR relies on our churches and volunteers for effective disaster response. Is shorthand for the work of disaster preparedness, response, and recovery in the USA/Canada region. Under the jurisdiction of Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, NDR supports local churches and districts when they are affected by natural or man-made disasters. Training for disaster preparedness and response, mobilizing volunteers and experienced response teams during a crisis, and providing support in long term recovery efforts are among some of NDR's activities.

**What does NDR do?** Unlike other, large disaster response agencies (FEMA, the Red Cross), NDR relies on our churches and volunteers for effective disaster response. Our goal is to enable them—with training, leadership, relationships, and logistics—to serve each other and the world. In preparation for disasters, NDR hosts trainings, supports preparedness and mitigation activities, and maintains a database of active volunteers and experienced team leaders. During an active disaster response, NDR can provide support for mobilizing volunteers, funding for response activities, technical expertise and advice during complex emergencies, and coordination of work designed to recovery quickly from the impact of a disaster. Because we work through our churches, we have the capacity to assist those impacted for the long term.

NDR and NCM prioritize long term recovery programs designed to promote the well being of those affected, rather than more narrowly focusing only on immediate response.

**What happens during disaster response?** When a disaster occurs in the USA/Canada region, Nazarene Compassionate Ministries staff reaches out to the affected District Superintendents to assess the impact to our communities and congregations. These assessments sometimes indicate a significant impact that requires the church to be active in the recovery. During those times, NCM staff works with the district leaders to determine the scope of the response and how much assistance is needed. NCM will communicate to the broader church the need for funding, items, or volunteers, and will work with the Districts as they develop their plans.

**Does NDR accept volunteers?** You can volunteer by responding in your local community to a natural disaster; by preparing your church for disaster readiness and response; by joining an NDR project as a volunteer, or by receiving training and developing a church or district response team. [NazServe.org](http://NazServe.org) is a volunteer database that was developed in part to match up volunteers with NDR projects. Registering on the site is the best way to begin the volunteer process. You can also search for current projects.

### **Can my church get involved in NDR?**

Churches can create plans to prepare themselves for disasters and organize teams or encourage parishioners to sign up as NDR volunteers. If there is a nearby disaster, churches can reach out to victims and partner with local organizations who are responding. Churches can also host outside volunteers, assemble crisis care kits if requested, and operate as shelters for displaced people.

**How is money I donate to NDR used to help victims of disaster?** Money is sent to a central account, and is disbursed by request to churches or districts affected by disaster. Although NDR exists to serve all people (not just Nazarenes), only Nazarene entities are given funds for disaster response and rehabilitation. Funds for disaster response are typically spent on basic needs (food, water, and shelter), assisting with cleanup costs and debris removal, supporting skilled NDR teams in the field, and responding to the direct needs of those affected.

**Do donations to NDR count as 10% mission special giving?** Yes they do. To learn about 10% Specials, visit [Stewardship Ministries Page](#).

**What can I donate besides money?** In all disasters, the most useful and efficient way to contribute is to directly volunteer with or donate money to a trusted organization. Unless items are specifically needed and requested (clothing, hygiene items, construction materials, or any other miscellaneous items), **please do not send them!**



**NOTE: All revisions will be posted starting on this page:**



