

**FLORIDA  
DISTRICT NMI  
LOCAL PRESIDENTS  
RESOURCE**



**2021-2022**

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This booklet is designed 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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### LOCAL NMI COUNCIL

For information on how to run a NMI council, please go to <http://www.nazarene.org/nmi>, click on 'ABOUT NMI' then 'HOW DO I?' Under the questions, 'How should I run by local NMI Council', there is a link to the current NMI Constitution.



**NAZARENE  
MISSIONS  
INTERNATIONAL**

### TWO IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER:

1. It is ok to ask questions if you are confused or overwhelmed.
2. It is ok to call/text Rev. Eric Skelton, our Florida District NMI President, and keep his number on speed dial.

**806-346-7327**

## AWARDS

The following awards are given to churches at the annual Florida District Advance. We encourage every local church to become a



### **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.

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## EDUCATION

The adult and children's teaching material is a great way to share what is going on in the Nazarene world.

For easy ordering and download: [www.livingmission.com](http://www.livingmission.com) or

[www.thefoundrypublishing.com/nmi-resources.html](http://www.thefoundrypublishing.com/nmi-resources.html)

Click on the tab **NMI Missions Books**

The *Living Mission, Connecting the Dots*, adult planner and lessons book has plenty of information to use in an hour setting or to use in a three minute 'mission moment' on a Sunday morning. Here are a few topics covered in Living Mission: Medical Missions, Monthly Emphasis, and God's call to Mission is for Everyone.

The Children's Passport to Missions has twelve mission lessons about missions in action in USA, Canada and the Caribbean. Lessons could be taught during Wednesday night gatherings, one Sunday morning a month or even for Vacation Bible School. Use the material the way that fits your church schedule the best.

NMI missions reading books are helpful in teaching past and current stories of Nazarene missionaries. Create a book station for easy check in and out or designate one person to be responsible for handing out the books. Visit [www.thefoundrypublishing.com/nmi-resources.html](http://www.thefoundrypublishing.com/nmi-resources.html) to find access to the newest NMI Missions books.

## **WORLD EVANGELISM FUND**

The World Evangelism Fund fuels the Church of the Nazarene's mission by combining each person's and church's gift together to fund ministries everywhere. Every church is asked to give a portion (5.5%) of their yearly funds for the purpose of making Christlike disciples in the nations.

### **PRAY**

- for the effectiveness of missionaries and ministries
- for Nazarene ministries to reach more people for Christ
- for God to lead you and others toward a life of generosity

### **ACT**

- by being a voice for the World Evangelism Fund at your church
- by giving to your church or at [nazarene.org/give](http://nazarene.org/give)
- by participating in the mission: sharing God's love and the gospel with others



The global church suggests that you raise the 5.5% support through the following idea. These are helpful in raising awareness and support for our global church through education. Some people will not give to Faith Promise, but will give to a single offering such as the Easter or Thanksgiving offering. Give the opportunity for the Lord to work in your church families hearts by educating them about the great work the Church of the Nazarene is doing globally.

## **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?

## MISSIONARY CARE

<http://www.nazarene.org/nmi/honors>



Due to the high cost of medical expenses, Missionary Health Care only begins to cover insurance costs for missionaries. The balance of funds must be taken from the World Evangelism Fund. Funds received for Memorial Roll and Distinguished Service Award are used to help offset medical insurance for missionaries, freeing World Evangelism Fund dollars for other uses globally.

### **Memorial Roll: \$75**

The Memorial Roll, established in 1919, is a way to honor deceased friends and loved ones. Churches or individuals may place as many names on the Memorial Roll as they desire, and those memorialized need not be members of the church.

### **Distinguished Service Award: \$125**

The Distinguished Service Award (DSA) is a tribute to church people who are living and for their service to the church. Although the DSA is given through NMI, it need not be given in the area of missions. A church may wish to honor anyone in the church for their efforts.

**Note:** *The DSA may only be given by a church or a group within the church. Individuals may not give this award.*

*Dear \_\_\_\_\_,*

*Please accept our sincere condolences at the passing of your love one, \_\_\_\_\_.*

*The Church of the Nazarene has a program called the Memorial Roll, a record of people who have been memorialized by gifts to the Missionary Health Care Plan.*

*It is a significant way to honor the deceased; being a member of the local church is not a requirement. \_\_\_\_\_ Church of the Nazarene has a Memorial Roll plaque showing the names of those from our congregation who have been honored in this way. The plaque hangs in our church Foyer.*

*Our local NMI council has recently honored \_\_\_\_\_, as a previous member of \_\_\_\_\_ Church, by ordering and purchasing a Memorial Roll certificate in \_\_\_\_\_ name at no cost to you.*

*Enclosed is a Memorial Roll certificate from the global Church of the Nazarene. Please know that by honoring \_\_\_\_\_ with the memorial Roll, health care assistance has been provided to our Nazarene missionaries globally.*

*May God's richest blessing be yours,*

## DEPUTATION

The Church of the Nazarene funds its missions 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 don't 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.

As the person planning the meals for a guest, what can be done?

#### TIPS:

- \* *Alternative menu choices include ethnic foods, or any combination of soup, salad, sandwiches or chips and water to drink.*
- \* *Ask your visitor if they would like access to a kitchen for private meals.*
- \* *Offer breakfast rather than a late night snack. Even non-breakfast eaters are usually willing to chat over juice, coffee, or tea if they have gotten a good night's sleep.*
- \* *Hotels can be a good way to give the speaker a break. If both options are available, ask which is preferred. Travelers can get lonely. A mix of hotel and homestays is best.*
- \* *Ask your visitor what they would like to do.*
- \* *Each town has its own charm. Find yours and share it with those who are interested.*



## END OF YEAR REPORTS

Each NMI President will fill out a report of your church activity in the following areas:

*(\*Your Pastor and/or Church Treasurer will help you)*

Online Form will be sent to Presidents by Feb. 28, 2022. Reports will be due by March 31, 2022. Report forms will also be available on the Pastor's Dashboard.

- ◇ **Total church members and associates** (\*Members— Any person who is a member of the Church of the Nazarene and supports the NMI purpose may be a member of NMI in that local church. Voting and holding office shall be limited to members who are 15 years of age or older, except in children's and youth groups. Any person who is not a member of the Church of the Nazarene and supports the NMI purpose may be an associate member of NMI.
- ◇ **Did you do the following at any one time during the church year (Mar. 1, 2021-Feb. 28, 2022):**
- ◇ **PRAY:** Did your church pray for missions and missionaries throughout the world?
- ◇ **TEACH:** Did your church teach about Nazarene missions, missionaries and ministry on a global level to adults, youth and children? This may include teaching through media, printed materials, missions speakers, and special projects.
- ◇ **GIVE:** Did your church give of its resources (time, skills, finances, other) to make an impact on others from cultures beyond its local boundaries?
- ◇ **WEF:** Did your church give to the World Evangelism Fund? Amount given? Target Amount? Did your church meet or exceed its World Evangelism Fund target?
- ◇ **ALABASTER:** Did your church give to Alabaster? Amount given to Alabaster?
- ◇ **LINKS:** Did your church participate in Links, connecting and supporting a Nazarene missionary through communication and prayer?
- ◇ Amount given to non-Nazarene missions causes?
- ◇ Memorial Roll and Distinguished Service Award Recipients?
- ◇ New NMI presidents contact information (even if no change)
- ◇ Your Senior Pastor's name and contact info.

### QUESTIONS?

President: Pastor Eric Skelton:  
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[nazarene.org/nmi](http://nazarene.org/nmi)

## 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. The Florida district does not assign specific Links families to churches but encourages them to reach out to them individually. Missionaries can use gifts to help with their everyday needs, such as food, clothing, etc. Your Florida 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.**





## Florida District NMI Links Assignments

2019-2022

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### AJ & Chelsea Fry—Dominican Republic

Email: [j.chelsea.fry@gmail.com](mailto:j.chelsea.fry@gmail.com)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FryFamilyUpdate>



### Erika Contreras Medina, Argentina

Birthday: February 21

Email: [econtreras@samnaz.org](mailto:econtreras@samnaz.org)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/erikamedinamisiones/>

Language fluently spoken is Spanish.

### Joe & Cheryl Young, East Timor

Special Days: Wedding Anniversary: August 7

Birthdays: Joe—April 11, Cheryl—Nov. 23

Children: Jonathan—July 13, Hannah—Dec. 4  
Rebekah—June 16

Email: [info@steadfastpilgrims.com](mailto:info@steadfastpilgrims.com)

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/stdfstpilgrims>

Ministry Webpage: <http://www.steadfastpilgrims.com>

Languages fluently spoken are English and Indonesian.



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### Retired Links Missionaries

#### Mary Meighan

Birthday: August 4

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

#### Beverly Schmelzenbach

Birthday: February 9

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