

**FLORIDA
DISTRICT NMI
LOCAL PRESIDENTS
RESOURCE**

2024-2025



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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 help the local church and pastor **tell the missions story**. Every church should participate in these five key areas of impact, regardless of their size, location or language. Each of these is outlined in the Booklet with suggestions on how to engage your congregation.

***Prayer, World Evangelism Fund, Alabaster,
Engaging Children and Youth, and Care & Connect.***

These items are stepping stones to deeper involvement in missions support through the Church of the Nazarene. They are a means to increase involvement. The goal is for each church to participate in these five areas, and then add any additional areas of connection, to match the interests and the needs of each local congregation.

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

LOCAL NMI COUNCIL

For information on how to run a NMI council, please go to www.nazarene.org/nmi, click on 'FAQ' and 'LOCAL NMI LEADERS', there is a link to the current NMI Constitution.

There are also downloadable resources under the Resources Tab.

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. Pam Tooley, our Florida District NMI President, (352) 460-7353 and keep her number on speed dial.

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1.) PRAYER

Help your Church to Pray for Missions.

Here are some things to pray for:

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

Some places to find Prayer Requests:

- District Website: www.floridanaz.org
- Florida District NMI Facebook : **FloridaNMI on Facebook**
- NMI Central (weekly updates from Nazarene Missionaries around the World).

Scan the QR code to sign up.

Or Click HERE: <https://tinyurl.com/mrx87pvv>



Missions Prayer Ideas:

- Post the NMI Central requests on your Church Website
- Share the NMI Central prayer requests with Youth Group
- Share the NMI Central requests in Children's Church
- Host a special Missions Prayer Meeting (or set a specific time during or before church services).
- Join with the Global Church in Global Week of Prayer Last Week in February

"the Global Week of Prayer may be used all year long to nurture a spirit of missions in everyone through prayer. Click [here](#) for resources in 20 languages."

<https://nazarene.org/NMIGWP>

- Host a prayer walk for the persecuted Church
- Start a Prayer Chain
- Post Missions prayer request on a Prayer Bulletin Board

2.) WORLD EVANGELISM FUND

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. Every church is asked to give a portion **(5.5%)** of their yearly funds for the purpose of making Christlike disciples in the nations.

This can be mailed in to General Treasury (Address on Last Page), or can be electronically given through the Funding the Mission Website. If you have not already done so—CREATE and account at ftm.nazaren.org

Ways to encourage your congregation GIVE to Missions:

- Announce missions events in your area
- Host a missionary for a missionary service
- Host a monthly Missions Lesson or Sunday School.
- Sign up for the NMI CENTRAL newsletter (scan QR Code)
- Take up an EASTER and THANKSGIVING offering for Missions
- Have a FAITH PROMISE event (with activities & missionary speaker).



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, bi-weekly, or monthly.

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

- a. Discuss your specific responsibilities for the Faith Promise emphasis.
- b. Who will be the speaker? Who will book the speaker?
- c. Set the date and plan a Faith Promise emphasis (based on Speaker Availability).
- d. Length of Faith Promise emphasis: Saturday? Sunday morning only? Sunday morning & evening? Saturday night & Sunday morning? (Examples: Friday evening youth rally, Saturday men's breakfast, women's lunch, etc)

Ask about access to the church calendar, Facebook, text alerts, and Website information and deadlines for submitting mission information for the announcements or other promotional information.

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. Churches that give at least 5.7%, or \$1,500 or more beyond 5.5%, whichever is less, to the World Evangelism Fund become a **World Evangelism Church of Excellence**

3.) ALABASTER OFFERING

Did you know that in 2023 the church of the Nazarene Celebrated the 75th Birthday of the Alabaster Offering?

The Alabaster Offering provides funds for property and buildings around the world. While we understand the church consists of the people of God and not a building, buildings erected for the purpose of ministry help provide a sense of permanence, functionally enhance ministry efforts, and convey an attitude that the Church of the Nazarene intends to "put down roots."

Use of Alabaster funds

Alabaster funds are to be used for churches to purchase a property to build a building or purchase an existing church or commercial property to convert to a church gathering space. Alabaster funds can be used to even cover costs to rent a church meeting space, for medical facilities, schools, Bible colleges, or homes for pastors or missionaries.

Collecting an Alabaster Offering:

Historically, Alabaster offerings were taken on the Last Sunday of February and the Last Sunday of September. You do not have to keep to this tradition, but it is an easy way to remember to make sure that Alabaster offerings are collected at Least once per year by ALL CONGREGATIONS.

If you wish to use Pre-Printed Alabaster Boxes they can be purchased by the Foundary (www.thefoundrypublishing.com).

Alabaster IDEAS:

- Host a 75th Birthday Party for Alabaster Offering
- Show videos (Search Nazarene Alabaster Offering on YouTube or Vimeo).
- Have a Lego "church building" competition
- Decorate Alabaster Boxes
- Make Alabaster Boxes in Sunday School
- Encourage your students to help distribute boxes
- Have a competition (different Sunday School Classes, Caravans, etc.?)



4.) ENGAGING CHILDREN & YOUTH

Did you know that more than 50% of all Missionaries state that they were called as Children? We need to do what we can to make sure the students in our congregations hear about Missions. One place to find resources is in the NMI Central (QR code below to enroll). Once a month the Kaleidoscope section links to Children's worksheets and lessons on specific Missions Area. We encourage each Missions President to engage with the Youth and Children's work and additionally appoint a Children & Youth representative for your NMI council to keep this important aspect of the NMI mission at the forefront of all of your plans.

You can sign up here: [NMI CENTRAL](#)

On the FIRST Wednesday of the Month—the NMI Central email includes **KIDS KALEIDOSCOPE** link (near bottom of the page) to download coloring sheets, puzzles and children's stories that spotlight the region of emphasis for the month.

NMI missions reading books for children are no longer being published. If you have these available in your church from past years, they can still be used to engage children in the missions work around the world.

Engaging Children & Youth IDEAS:

- Write out cards for your Care & Connect Missionaries
- Put together Crisis Care Kits and/or Back to school packs (www.ncm.org)
- Have Missionary Guests for VBS and Youth Retreats
- Host a Work & Witness Day—in your Community (Help around the houses of some of the Seniors in the Church) with a Devotional or Zoom Call with a Missionary
- Have an “Urban Center” day—Help at a homeless Shelter in your local area.
- Have a “field trip” to The Jesus Film Project in Orlando (at Cru Headquarters).
- Help your Youth plan a Work & Witness. There are many “cross-cultural” opportunities even within your local community.
- Host an “around the world” event at your local ZOO. You can download stories from different world areas while you visit animals from different world areas.



5.) CARE & CONNECT—Families

Here are our Care & Connect families for & ways you can connect:

- ❑ Pray for our Care & Connect Families
- ❑ Connect via Email or mail (when available)
- ❑ Support via [give.nazarene](https://give.nazarene.org) and/or gift cards, cards & gifts when possible

Enoch & Renny: (Creative Access)

give.nazarene.org/pledge/enochandrenny

Send email to: Prtooley@gmail.com (to forward)



Alan & Astrid Chong: (Mesoamerica)

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5.) Care & Connect—Deputation

The Church of the Nazarene funds missions through the World Evangelism Fund (WEF). 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 project funds and tell the mission story. These trips are called deputation, or home assignment.

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:

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

Be mindful of dietary concerns when hosting a missionary family. It is better to ask first thing when planning a missions service.

Food, rest and fun are essential elements for guests to leave ready to carry on with their God-given work.

To find a missionary for your church
Contact Tim Alford
(deputation coordinator):
seekinghisglory69@gmail.com

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

TIPS:

- * *Alternative menu choices (considering allergies and/or vegetarian or vegan options).*
- * *Ask your visitor if they would like access to a kitchen for private meals.*
- * *Ask your visitors if there are any groceries or personal care items they need.*
- * *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.*

5.) Nazarene Missions Teams (Formerly Work and Witness)

Teams are how we **GO** to others to connect with missionaries and the church in other places. Trips are typically scheduled for 7-10 days. People from your congregation (or from multiple congregations) travel together to another country or area to engage in cross-cultural relationships, worship together in a new way, and work together on a project for the growth and health of the local church. Projects have been carefully selected by the local leaders.

Several types of projects are available through Nazarene Missions Teams:

<https://nazarene.org/teams>

- Sports Projects
- Construction Projects
- Evangelism Projects
- Compassionate Ministries Projects
- Jesus Film Projects
- Medical Mission Projects
- Technology Projects
- Emergency Response Projects
- Education Projects
- Or any combination of the above

Search the [Find a Project](#) site. Once you have identified the project for your team, contact the Site Coordinator by clicking the button on the project page to send them a message of your proposed available dates for the team.

Identify the project → Assemble your team → Send in Project Funds & Travel Insurance → Plan for training & devotionals → **GO!** → Share your experience with your church

Nazarene Missions Teams video - <https://vimeo.com/752991918/4668627541>

Beginning in 2024, the Florida District is partnering with the country of Nicaragua – working together in mutual relationships, pastoral health and training, and church planting efforts. Ask how you can be involved!



Nicaragua is located in the center of the Americas. In Nicaragua, The Church of the Nazarene includes four districts and about 200 local churches.

NMI President Responsibilities List

- ❑ Meet with your Pastor
- ❑ Set up a council (Pastor & at least 2 additional people)
- ❑ Schedule AT LEAST quarterly council meetings
- ❑ Set an NMI budget (if NMI funds are handled by church treasurer, they should serve on NMI Council—5.5% of overall church income should go to **WEF**).
- ❑ Subscribe to NMI Central weekly email.
- ❑ Check out the www.floridanaz.org—NMI Page
- ❑ Connect to the FLORIDA DISTRICT NMI Facebook page.
- ❑ Create an account in “Funding the Missions” (5.5% of church income to **WEF** monthly).
- ❑ Plan at least Once/Month activity to **PRAY** for missions & missionaries
- ❑ Collect at least ONE **ALABASTER** Offering
- ❑ Update your church’s Memorial Roll.
- ❑ Give NMI report at your Church Board meetings (budget, activities, etc.)
- ❑ **ENGAGE** with Children’s and Youth teachers and Leaders to schedule **at least 4** activities during the year geared for Youth and Children (Kaleidoscope, Feed the homeless, local missions trip, Missions lessons, special speaker, etc.).
- ❑ Host at least 1 Local Outreach event that includes **engaging** with children & youth
- ❑ **CONNECT** with a missionary by hosting a deputation service or joining with your Mission Area to host a joint service.
- ❑ Email to **CONNECT** with our Care & Connect families (See www.floridanaz.com and give.nazarene.org).
- ❑ Find out if any of your students have a call to Missions & **ENGAGE** them with a mentor (Contact Pam Tooley for info).
- ❑ Become a **Missions Priority One Church** by engaging in all 5 Areas of Impact for Missions (see below).

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and Care & Connect***

New NMI President Workshop—2024

“Everywhere you Look...God is at Work”

For the next 5 min. Complete as many of the following as possible: Get name, & Phone # or email of your new friend so you can stay in contact.

Same Birth Month as mine: _____

Lives within 30 Miles of me: _____

Has been an NMI Pres. >5 years: _____

Been on a missions trip in last 2 years: _____

I WILL pray for this year: _____

On District NMI Council: _____

Has been a Missionary: _____

Will pray for me/my church this year: _____

Where to find INFORMATION:

Facebook: **Florida District NMI**

Funding the Mission:

www.ftm.nazarene.org

District Webpage:

www.floridanaz.com

Nazarene Missions International:

www.nazarene.org/nmi

Make Checks to:
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