



NMI RELATES...

...at the *general* level. The General Nazarene Missions International (NMI) is the organization for mobilizing the local church in mission in the Church of the Nazarene. NMI is the denomination's representative for missions on the district and in the local church. The General NMI Council represents the concerns of local churches, regions, and districts. The general NMI president presides at General NMI Council meetings and at the General NMI Convention. The general NMI director is the executive officer of the NMI organization and is responsible for the work of NMI throughout the districts around the world and the General NMI Office.

MISSION STATEMENT

To mobilize the church in mission through prayer, education, giving, and interactive experiences.

NMI OBJECTIVES

- To encourage people to pray for all efforts of world evangelization
- To inform people of the world's needs and what the church is doing to meet those needs
- To challenge children and youth to learn about and participate in the mission of the church
- To raise funds for mission outreach

WHAT DOES NMI HAVE TO DO WITH MISSIONARIES?

1. NMI provides the support system for missionaries. For example:

World Mission Department	Nazarene Missions International
Screens applications and appoints candidates	Provides missionaries with prayer support and personal items through LINKS
Assigns missionaries to the fields	Raises money for buildings through Alabaster; formulates Work & Witness teams on district/local levels; promotes offerings for Nazarene Compassionate Ministries and World Mission Broadcast
Sends salaries to missionaries	Helps raise the World Evangelism Fund. Through Missionary Christmas Fund, presents Nazarene missionaries with a monetary Christmas gift and sends <i>Holiness Today</i> , <i>Mission Connection</i> , and <i>Come Ye Apart</i> airmail, as well as Day-by-Day books
Processes missionaries' requests for medical assistance	Collects funds to help defray health care costs through Memorial Roll, Distinguished Service Awards, Gifts from the Heart, and Missionary Health Care offerings
Receives prayer requests from the fields	Alerts members of requests through Prayer Mobilization Line (816-444-PRAY, E-mail, and the NMI Web site), and <i>Holiness Today</i>
Responds to educational needs of missionaries' children	Helps raise money to offset those educational needs through World Evangelism Fund
Trains missionaries for effectiveness in ministry	Informs churches through NMI reading books, resource packets, <i>Global Glimpses</i> , <i>Mission Connection</i> , <i>HeartLine</i> , <i>International Mission Education Journal</i> , NMI page in <i>Holiness Today</i> and <i>El Heraldo de Santidad</i> , <i>Grow</i> , NMI Web site, and audiovisuals
Determines deputation for missionaries	Welcomes missionaries home on furlough and invites them for deputation services in the local churches, helping equip them to return to the field.
Arranges for missionaries on furlough and those who are delegates to attend General NMI Convention	Responsible for and involves the missionaries in the General NMI Convention
Determines retirement of missionaries	Helps provide assistance for retired missionaries through LINKS, Missionary Christmas Fund, Missionary Health Care (formerly Medical Plan) deputation funds, and World Evangelism Fund

2. NMI provides the delivery system for global awareness (formerly called mission education):

General Level

- a. Produces inspiring, informative books about missions
- b. Encourages the reading of these books
- c. Produces global awareness materials for all age levels
- d. Produces global awareness audiovisuals
- e. Informs through *Global Glimpses*, *International Mission Education Journal*, *HeartLine*, *Holiness Today*, *Grow*, *El Heraldo de Santidad*, and the NMI Web site
- f. Opens communication channels and prayer opportunities between missionaries and local churches (LINKS)

Local/District/Regional Levels

- g. Invites missionaries for deputation services in local churches
- h. Encourages and supports missionaries' presence at district children and youth camps
- i. Prepares congregations for missionaries on deputation through prayer and publicity and encourages interaction and financial support
- j. Challenges young people to be involved in missions and to be open to a missionary calling
- k. Provides chain of communication to local/district/regional/general levels
- l. Puts global awareness into effect through global awareness resource materials, NMI reading books, *Mission Connection*, *Holiness Today*, *International Mission Education Journal*, *Global Glimpses*, *El Heraldo de Santidad*, audiovisuals, newsletters, and the NMI Web site
- m. Presents an informative and inspiring annual district convention and quadrennial regional conference

In summary, NMI is involved cooperatively in the life cycle of a missionary (along with the World Mission Department, the district, the region, and the local church).

NMI helps produce missionaries.

NMI assists in sending missionaries to the field.

NMI supports missionaries on the field.

NMI educates individuals and congregations as to the missionaries' work on the field.

NMI welcomes missionaries when they return for home assignment.

NMI helps equip missionaries to return to the field.

NMI prays for missionaries at home and abroad.

NMI helps provide for retirement needs.