

NMI – Beyond WEF: Exploring “Other” Ways to Give to Missions

The Church of the Nazarene (COTN) is active in 165 world areas, divided among 6 regions, having 30,700+ churches and over 2.7 million members.

Ways to Support Nazarene Missions International (NMI):

1. **Praying:** ALL NMI giving presupposes prayer! It is the foundation for everything that we do for God. “You can do more than pray *after* you have prayed, but you cannot do more than pray *until* you have prayed.”
2. **Learning:** Keep NMI before your church.
 - a. Bulletin
 - b. Slide in church announcements
 - c. Mission service
 - d. Mission Moment/Minute
 - e. Bulletin board/displays
 - f. Video clips
 - g. Missionary profiles
 - h. Links
3. **Financial Giving:** The funding model for missions in the COTN is centralized. This promotes consistency in mission funding.
 - a. **WEF:** funds half of all mission activity of COTN
 - i. 5.5% of each local church’s annual income (less giving to specials)
 - ii. Goes through General Treasurer’s office (via Funding the Mission.org)
 - iii. Forms and supports the infrastructure of NMI: legal, federal requirements; literature; missionary salaries; ministries; education; administration

CAUTION: None of the following should be substituted for WEF giving!

They are ADDITIONAL ways that we can support Nazarene efforts to reach the world with the gospel. Since all NWIL churches are meeting their WEF goals, challenge your church to support NMI in new ways. No church can do everything, but allow God to stretch your church’s giving into new areas.

- b. **Alabaster:** Purchases buildings and properties or rental facilities for ministry
**COTN recognizes that the people are the church, but a facility signals to the community permanence and an attitude of investment—“putting down roots”
- c. **Nazarene Compassionate Ministries (NCM):** formed in 1984 from various compassion programs of the COTN
**Compassion has been at the heart of the COTN since its inception, domestically and internationally.
**NCM funds ministries focusing on 9 areas of ministry:
 - i. *Holistic child development*
 - ii. *Emergency relief*
 - iii. *Anti-trafficking*
 - iv. *Economic development*

- v. *Food security*
 - vi. *Clean water*
 - vii. *Health care*
 - viii. *Refugee & immigrant support*
 - ix. *Women & girls support*
 - d. **World Mission Broadcast (WMB):** begun in 1944
 - **Includes radio, TV, streaming, social media, apps, Bluetooth...and more as the technology develops
 - **Especially useful in creative access areas (CAA)
 - e. **Jesus Film Harvest Partners (JFHP)**
 - **Partnership began in 1997 with Campus Crusade for Christ (now Cru)
 - ** In the past 26 years, the Jesus Film has been shown in 141 countries leading to 93,737,028 contacts resulting in 19,268,473 decisions for Christ
 - **Every \$3 results in one conversion; one conversion every 43 seconds
 - **\$23 million raised in 2023 (95% to ministry; 2.5% to resource development; 2.5% administration)
 - f. **Missionary Health Care**
 - i. *Distinguished Service Award (\$125)*
 - ii. *Memorial Roll (\$75)*
 - iii. *Children's Memorial Roll (\$75)*
 - g. **Child Sponsorship** (through NCM)
 - **New feature: Sponsor Login to view "your" child's information & photo; download profile card; write a letter online; make payments
 - h. **Crisis Care Kits (CCK) & School Pal Paks**
 - i. **LEVEL, Work & Witness, Encuentro, Short-term Missionaries**
 - **It's not always an international trip!
 - **Look for details in NWIL Convention Booklets and in the eVoice.
 - j. **Deputation Offerings & "Direct" Missionary Support**
 - **Money should always go through church and General Treasurer for tax purposes.
 - **Every missionary has a page with brief history, picture, etc.
4. **Going:** Nurture the call
- a. In yourself and others, especially children and youth
 - b. Esteem missionaries

For further information, see the list of resources below. Also, you may contact me via phone, text, or email if you have questions.

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Resources

- COTN general website <https://nazarene.org>
- NMI: <https://nazarene.org/who-we-are/organization/ministries/nazarene-missions-international> (913) 577-0500 or email at info@nazarene.org
- Page with many options for giving (170 specific projects/ministries/needs under “Support Nazarene Missions”). It gives links to WMB, JFHP, Compassion, and more <https://nazarene.org/give>
- PDF Downloadable booklet with QR codes for giving links to various ministries, including descriptions of the ministries:
<https://resources.nazarene.org/index.php/s/R6pwMxjeJLcTwkn>
- NCM <https://ncm.org> (800)310-6362 or email at info@ncm.org
- NCM workplace giving (e.g., United Way campaign) <https://ncm.org/workplace-giving>
- Specific NCM programs <https://give.ncm.org//category/global-programs>
- NCM featured projects <https://give.ncm.org/category/project-types/featured-projects>
- Child Sponsorship <https://cs.ncm.org>
- World Mission Broadcast <https://nazarene.org/wmb>
- NMI Central to subscribe to weekly prayer email for missions:
<https://nazarene.org/who-we-are/organization/ministries/nazarene-missions-international/nmi-resources/nmi-central>
- Alabaster <https://nazarene.org/alabaster>
- WEF <https://nazarene.org/wef>
- Links page <https://nazarene.org/who-we-are/organization/ministries/nazarene-missions-international/care-and-connection>
- Distinguished Service Awards <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>
- Children’s Memorial Roll <https://nazarene.org/who-we-are/organization/ministries/nazarene-missions-international/nmi-memorial-roll>
- NCM Magazine <https://ncm.org/magazine>
- Jesus Film Harvest Partners <https://www.jfhp.org>
- Nazarene Missionary Profiles <https://give.nazarene.org/category/missionaries>