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DEAR FRIENDS,

Welcome to the May/June issue of *Holiness Today*, which serves both as an abridgement of quadrennial reports and an interactive guide to the 30th General Assembly and Conventions. I will confess that as our team gathered the information for this edition, I became more and more impressed. The Church of the Nazarene—*you and your faith communities*—are doing the work of Christ across the globe!

Our denominational magazine has a role to play in giving voice to your stories. Nazarenes have a history of being a highly connectional tribe. *We are family.* *Holiness Today* is a vehicle with the potential to unite and identify us in a world permeated with conversation about the issues that divide us. *Holiness Today* is committed to fostering spiritual formation in the Nazarene community of faith.

Thank you for the privilege of serving as general editor and giving me a peek at your ministries. I thank the Lord for the leaders I serve alongside and for you, our readers.

May God give us wisdom for these days!



BONNIE PERRY
General Editor



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GENERAL ASSEMBLY & CONVENTIONS
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WELCOME TO THE 30TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY!

The Board of General Superintendents welcomes you to the 30th General Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene. This is a significant time for us to come together as God's people. For the first time in the history of the Church of the Nazarene, the General Assembly was delayed by two years because of a global pandemic. Not only have we experienced a pandemic but also social and financial unrest, as well as wars and natural disasters. Yet, in the midst of challenges, we can come together in this season and declare, "Jesus is Lord."

The theme of this gathering is "Jesus is Lord." We believe that this is more than a statement of belief; it is a declaration of our faith and an expression of our commitment to the person and work of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

As we enter the next quadrennium of the church, we remain committed to the mission of "Making Christlike Disciples

in the Nations." Our core values knit us together as a people who are focused on the mission. In a world of ever-increasing secularism, post-Christianity, and biblical illiteracy, we firmly embrace that we are a Christian people. Jesus Christ is the One who provides a model for us to follow as He calls all people to come and follow Him, for He is the way, the truth, and the life.

We are also uniquely, a holiness people. We are not called to simply be cultural Christians but to embrace the deeper and transformational walk with Jesus Christ that leads to entire sanctification. The hope of transformation, in this lifetime, is a message that our world desperately needs to hear. If we will embody our calling as a holiness people, we can serve as instruments of hope to those in need of good news. This means that we are also a missional people sent to our neighbors and around the world to bring this message of hope and holiness through preaching, teaching, and healing ministries.

General Assembly also brings about leadership transition. We are grateful for the faithful work and ministry of Dr. Eugenio Duarte and Dr. David Graves, both of whom will be retiring this year. They have both served since 2009 and are each leaving their unique imprint on the life of the church. We thank God for their dedicated service to the church.

We all remain committed to this journey of grace, where we are learning together what it means to be Christlike disciples. At this

gathering, we are praying for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit and grace upon God's people who are called Nazarenes.

In prayerful anticipation,

The Board of General Superintendents

Eugénio Duarte
David Graves
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DR. EUGÉNIO DUARTE

Retiring General Superintendent

Served 2009–2023

Nazarene history was made when Eugénio Duarte was elected to the Board of General Superintendents. At the time of his election as the 37th general superintendent at the 27th General Assembly in 2009, Duarte was serving as the regional director of the Africa Region. A native of the island of Brava in the Cape Verde Islands, Duarte became the first citizen outside of the USA/Canada Region to be elected to the highest office within the Church of the Nazarene.

Dr. Eugénio Duarte was elected a general superintendent on Tuesday, January 30, 2009 on the 7th ballot at the 27th General Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene in Orlando, Florida, USA. Those who witnessed his historic election can easily recall a crowd of delegates immediately swarming Duarte in celebration, lifting him off his feet, and erupting into song as those gathered in the auditorium stood and clapped. When Duarte was finally able to make his way to the stage, he was followed by fellow African delegates waving a Cape Verde flag and taking photographs. He was warmly greeted by the other general superintendents, many of whom were shedding tears of joy as they watched this historic moment unfold.

That was fourteen years ago. Since then, Duarte has travelled the world in service to the Lord and his church. Duarte retires from the Board of General Superintendents at the 30th General Assembly in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA, in June 2023, having completed three terms of service.

Duarte accepted Christ under the ministry of the Church of the Nazarene at the tender age of 12. He received his call to preach shortly after his conversion, was mentored by his pastor, and was ordained by General Superintendent Orville Jenkins Sr. in 1981. Duarte studied at the Seminario Nazareno de Cabo Verde and earned a Master of Arts from Azusa Pacific University, California, USA. In 2012, he earned a master's in business administration from Northwest Nazarene University, Nampa, Idaho, USA. He was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity by Africa Nazarene University in May 2006.

Prior to his election as the regional director for Africa, Duarte served as the Africa West and French Equatorial field strategy coordinator, where he facilitated the expansion of the church into Sierra Leone and the Réunion Islands and developed a strategy to enter Guinea Bissau. Duarte also served as strategy

coordinator for the Africa Lusophone Field, directing the start of Nazarene work in Equatorial Guinea, and as strategy coordinator for Central Africa. Before that, he was a teacher and the director of the Seminario Nazareno de Cabo Verde, superintendent of the Cabo Verde District, and pastor of the Porto Novo and Mindelo Churches of the Nazarene.

When he was able to take the podium after his historic election in 2009, Duarte declared to the celebratory crowd in Orlando, "This is what being a missional church gives you." By this statement, of course, Duarte was not referring to himself. He was referring to the gift of multicultural leadership. However, looking back across 14 years of service on the Board

of General Superintendents, the missional church that elected him can only express its deep gratitude for the gift of the life and ministry of Eugénio Duarte. "[Since] I have been a part of the Church of the Nazarene," he told the crowd, "it has always been the case that the church teaches me how to serve. That's all I know. That's all I came to do. I am willing to serve." To him, to his dear wife, Maria Amélia, and to the entire Duarte family, the international Church of the Nazarene expresses its heartfelt thanks, not only for Duarte's willingness to serve, but to serve with humbleness, faithfulness, and Christlikeness.

Ryan Giffin is the manager of Nazarene Archives.





DR. DAVID GRAVES

Retiring General Superintendent

Served 2009–2023

On the day he was elected to the Board of General Superintendents, David Graves expressed feelings of both humility and deep love for his church. “I’m very humbled by your vote of confidence in me,” he told the delegates to the 27th General Assembly. “I feel unworthy. I have a great love for God and a great love for the family called the Church of the Nazarene.”

That was fourteen years ago. Since then, Graves has traveled the globe serving the Nazarene family he loves.

Dr. David W. Graves was elected the 38th general superintendent of the Church of the Nazarene on Wednesday evening, July 1, 2009. He was elected on the 22nd ballot at the 27th General Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene in Orlando, Florida, USA. He retires from the Board of General Superintendents at the 30th General Assembly in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA, in June 2023.

Graves was born a fourth-generation Nazarene. One of his great aunts on his father’s side was affiliated with the work of pioneer holiness minister J. O. McClurkan, the inaugural president of Trevecca Nazarene University. On his mother’s side of the family, one of his great uncles made the trip in a horse and buggy all the way from Kansas to the second General Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene

in Pilot Point, Texas, in 1908. This is the General Assembly that the Church of the Nazarene points to for its founding. When his great uncle returned from Pilot Point to Kansas, he told his family, “We have found our church.” Generations later, that man’s great nephew, David Graves, was elected to that church’s highest elected office.

Graves has always approached his ministry as a general superintendent with a pastor’s heart. “All my life,” he told the General Assembly of 2009, “the only thing I ever wanted to hear was someone to call me ‘pastor.’ There is no higher honor than to preach the Word of God and for someone to call me ‘pastor.’” This love for shepherding and leading the local church was heavily influenced by his father, the Rev. Dr. Harold B. Graves Sr., who served for many years as a Nazarene pastor and then as the district superintendent of the San Antonio District and the Southwestern Ohio District.

David Graves grew up in a parsonage family. He has spent most of his ministerial life leading local churches. He was ordained an elder in the Church of the Nazarene by General Superintendent William Greathouse on the North Carolina District in 1980. From 1979 to 1981, he served as pastor of First Church of the Nazarene (now Cornerstone Community Church of the Nazarene) in Monroe, North Carolina. From there he was called

to Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, where he pastored Broken Arrow First Church of the Nazarene from 1981 to 1986. He then moved to Marion, Ohio, to serve as senior pastor of Marion First Church of the Nazarene from 1986 to 1989. From Marion, he was called to serve as senior pastor of Grace Church of the Nazarene in Nashville, Tennessee, where he pastored from 1989 to 1993. His next pastoral assignment took him to Springdale Church of the Nazarene in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he served from 1993 to 2001.

In 2001, Graves was elected by the General Board of the Church of the Nazarene to serve as the director of Sunday School Ministries (now Nazarene Discipleship International). In this role, Graves provided leadership for the development of local church discipleship ministries around the world. He served the church in this capacity until 2006, when he returned

to the pastorate to serve as senior pastor of College Church of the Nazarene in Olathe, Kansas. Graves was serving as pastor to this congregation on the campus of MidAmerica Nazarene University when he was elected to the Board of General Superintendents in 2009.

Graves’s ministry as a general superintendent has taken him all over the world. He has served the global family of the Church of the Nazarene for fourteen years in this capacity. During his tenure, he has served with passion and dignity. He has been faithful to the call. His great love for God is evident, and his great love for the family called the Church of the Nazarene is as clear today as it was then. To him, to his beloved wife, Sharon, and to their entire family, the Church of the Nazarene extends its deepest gratitude.

Ryan Giffin is the manager of Nazarene Archives.



AT HOME OR ON-SITE ... YOUR GUIDE TO THE 30TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY!

Whether you are attending the 30th General Assembly in person or watching from home, *Holiness Today* wants to provide you as interactive an experience as possible.

In the pages that follow, you will find links to messages from your Board of General Superintendents, to worship services, to times of prayer, and to other GA happenings. We've even included sermon notes pages—as you watch and listen, you can keep a record of what you find meaningful. As you browse this issue, we hope you enjoy the short features we've included, which give you the history, context, and flavor of what General Assembly means in the life of the Church of the Nazarene.

Please don't miss the quadrennial highlights from regional leaders around the world and the summaries of what God is doing among our brothers and sisters everywhere! Look for QR codes throughout the issue to serve as a portal to audio and video enhancements to your HT journey. And, subscribe to the HT social media channels to see live updates from General Assembly.



Learn more at ga2023.nazarene.org.

SCHEDULE

Wed, 7 June	Thu, 8 June	Fri, 9 June	Sat, 10 June	Sun, 11 June	Mon, 12 June	Tue, 13 June	Wed, 14 June	Thu, 15 June
		Registration						
GNEC Conference								
		NMI Convention						
		NYI Convention						
		NDI Convention						
		Exhibit Hall						
		Corporate Worship Services						
		GA Kids						
		GA Committees and Plenaries						
		Love Your Neighbor Project						



If you are planning to attend any portion of the in-person event in Indianapolis, please pre-register using this QR code. Badges will be required for entry into all convention, exhibit, and worship spaces.



WHAT IS GENERAL ASSEMBLY?

by STAN INGERSOL

The Church of the Nazarene is an international body, comprised of people of many languages, cultures, and nations. General Assembly is one of the structures that holds us together. It has been a focal point of our unity from the outset, when three smaller Wesleyan denominations merged at the First and Second General Assemblies.

Today, delegates gather from every inhabited continent and many island nations to participate in the Church of the Nazarene's highest legislative body. There, worship services and official proceedings are interpreted simultaneously in multiple languages. One visitor, seeing the many different people and hearing many different languages being spoken, exclaimed: "This looks like the United Nations!"

The General Assembly elects the general superintendents, members of the General Board, and members of other key boards of the global church. It passes legislation that changes the provisions of the church's *Manual* and approves resolutions that declare the church's collective judgement on current moral and social issues. The Nazarenes are formed as a *connectional* church, so that General Assembly decisions on matters of doctrine and polity are binding on congregations and districts throughout the denomination.

The Nazarene founders came largely from the Methodist Episcopal Church. Phineas Bresee, first general superintendent, and Benjamin Haynes, first general editor, were delegates to Methodist General

Conferences before their Nazarene years. Bresee adapted Methodist Episcopal polity for his church in the western United States, and Haynes stated categorically that the General Assembly and *Manual* were derived from the Methodist General Conference and *Discipline*.

Across a century, the important work of General Assembly has created Nazarene Publishing House (1911); the Woman's Missionary Society, now NMI (1915); the General Board, and the Nazarene Young People's Society, now NYI (1923).

The 1944 Assembly, where nearly half of the delegates were women, planned for Nazarene global expansion in the post-World War era, authorizing the Spanish Department, Nazarene Theological Seminary, and the Nazarene Radio Commission.

The 1980 General Assembly confirmed *internationalization* as the future structure going forward—a conscious decision to be a global church, instead of breaking into national churches as older denominations had always done.

Clearly, momentous decisions are made at the General Assembly!

With other conventions held in conjunction, General Assembly has become a large gathering marked by deliberation, celebration, worship, rich Christian fellowship, and even renewal.

Stan Ingersol is the former manager of Nazarene Archives.



GENERAL SECRETARY QUADRENNIAL HIGHLIGHTS

I have served as your general secretary since 1 March 2019 and I am the seventh person to serve as the general secretary. I followed Dr. David Wilson, who served from 2007-2019. My primary responsibility is to manage the corporate affairs of the denomination, which includes:

- Prepare for the General Board sessions and General Assemblies
- Organize the General Assembly appointed committees
- Hold in trust all legal documents
- Oversee legal affairs, provide risk management
- Catalogue and preserve minister credentials
- Record and preserve general statistics
- Collect and serve as the custodian of historical material
- Preserve all permanent records and decisions made by the General Court of Appeals

MINISTRIES OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE

GENERAL EDITOR AND HOLINESS TODAY

(Bonnie Perry, Jordan Eigsti, Nate Gilmore, Shanti Thomas)

- Ensure theological coherence of denominational materials
- Create and distribute the *Holiness Today* magazine
- Oversee book publishing
- Facilitate *Global English Manual*
- Support Board of General Superintendents (BGS) initiated projects

LANGUAGE SERVICES

(Emily Aguilar, Rachel Ricápito)

- Translate denominational documents
- Interpret denominational meetings and events
- Prepare a Nazarene lexicon to improve accuracy and consistency of multilingual projects
- Ensure alignment of translation strategies with Global Nazarene Publications

LEGAL SERVICES

(Michael Thompson, Zachary McKnight)

- Offer legal services to Global Ministry Center
- Prepare and review Global Ministry Center contract
- Implement NazareneSafe training designed for the protection of children and youth
- Provide legal resource to district superintendents
- Issue 501c3 letters to churches in the USA
- Create powers of attorney for missionaries and some General Board representatives
- Facilitate state business registrations in the USA

MEETING AND EVENT SERVICES

(Kelsey Main, Amanda Dotson, Tracy Fischer, Rene McFarland, Michelle Mellette, Susan Metcalf)

- Offer logistical support to the General Board, USA National Board, and the General Assembly
- Offer logistical support to the District Superintendents' Conference and Leaders Conference
- Offer logistical support to committees and commissions created by General Assembly
- Offer registration support to meetings and events sponsored by Global Ministry Center
- Facilitate Global Ministry Center hotel contracts
- Offer general meeting/event consultation support to Global Ministry Center ministries

NAZARENE ARCHIVES

(Ryan Giffin, Jolyn Stark)

- Process historical content submitted for archival management
- Manage Pilot Point, Texas, monument
- Digitize materials for broader access to Nazarenes worldwide
- Promote Nazarene Heritage via the Nazarene Archives Facebook page and Twitter
- Offer research support for requests such as district history, biographical information, denominational ministries, and significant events

- Preserve archival material in climate-controlled environment

RECORDS

(Jeffrey Gray, Daniel Fulton, Annie Neely)

- Help clarify *Manual* items to global, regional, field, and district leadership
- Train district superintendents, secretaries, and office personnel through the annual District Personnel Workshop and resource material through the District Admin Resource Center website
- Facilitate translation help for the *Manual of the Church of the Nazarene*
- Manage ministerial record database management
- Create ordination certificates and minister ID cards
- Audit District Journal

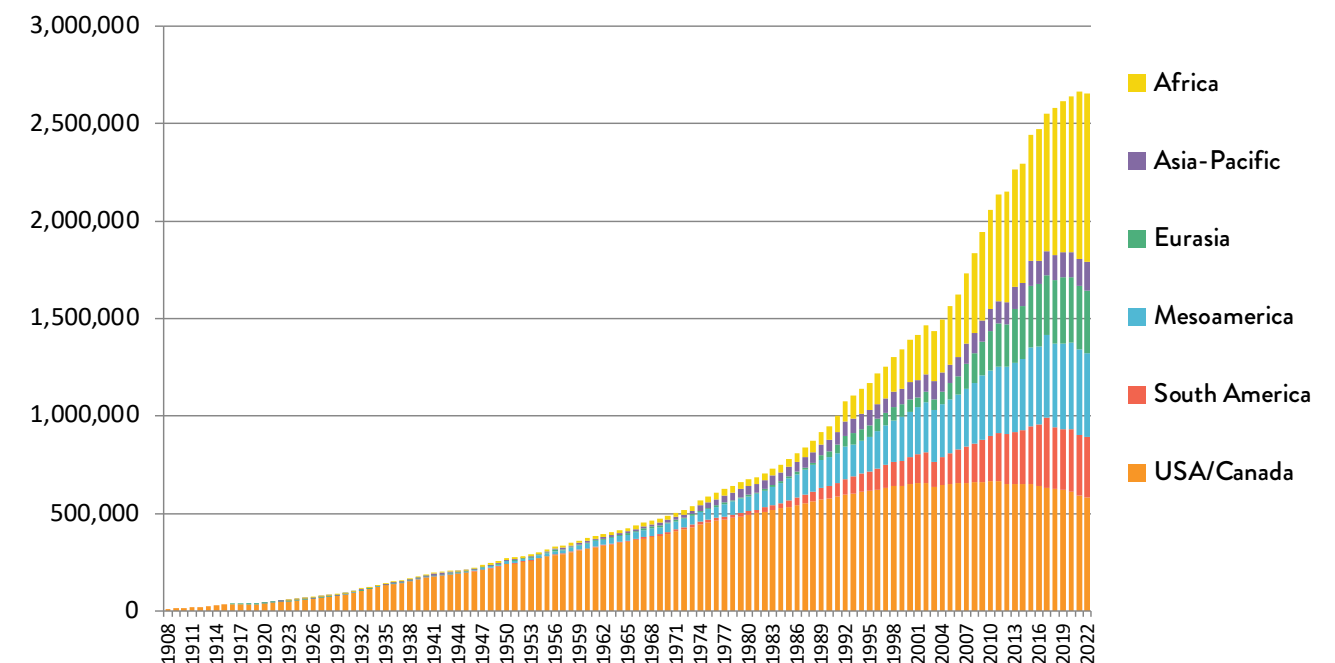
- Issue Ministry Affidavits and verify Credential History Forms
- Manage 30th General Assembly delegate registration data
- Offer legislative support to the General Board, General Assembly, and Board of General Superintendents

RESEARCH SERVICES

(Rich Houseal, Laura Lance)

- Facilitate the Annual Pastor's Report
- Compile the Annual Church Statistical Reports
- Offer research support to denominational ministries
- Create mapping and demographic resources through <https://www.nazarene.org/research>
- Train new district superintendents in order to provide district demographics and history

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE TOTAL MEMBERSHIP BY REGION



Gary W. Hartke

GARY HARTKE
General Secretary

THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE IS TO MAKE CHRISTLIKE DISCIPLES IN THE NATIONS



GLOBAL MISSIONS QUADRENNIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Despite the uncertainty, economic challenges, and other conflicts we faced during the years of a global pandemic, our unfailing, unchanging, unstoppable God has relentlessly affirmed His goodness and faithfulness. The Lord continues to lead us to new places to share His good news, and as a result, the Church of the Nazarene has officially recognized its work in five new world areas since the last General Assembly:

AFRICA REGION

- Central African Republic (2020)

ASIA-PACIFIC REGION

- Mongolia (2017)
- Singapore (2017)

EURASIA REGION

- Luxembourg (2021)

MESOAMERICA REGION

- Curaçao (2017)

- The growth of the church is also reflected in the expansion and multiplication of districts. At the end of 2022, there were a total of 501 districts globally, which is an increase of 22 districts since 2017.
- The Nazarene Missions project was a serious evaluation of our missional method. After this thoughtful, prayerful time, God led us to several updated, clear thoughts about who Nazarene missionaries are, who sends them, and how missions work within the Church of the Nazarene. This kind of clarity helps us stay focused amid many competing priorities. Yet as we move forward, our mission remains unchanged: Making Christlike disciples in the nations. May His eternal Kingdom grow as we faithfully fulfill what He has called us to.
- At the close of this quadrennium, 489 missionaries served through 2022.
- The World Evangelism Fund is the key financial resource to mobilize the church for missions. It is fuel for the movement of God through our denomination to see souls won for eternity.

There were 131 more churches giving to WEF in 2022 than there were in 2017, but the overall percentage of churches giving to WEF has decreased slightly. We must continue to share in each local church about how Nazarenes globally work together through WEF. This is our story together.

- The direct support of individual churches and donors, above and beyond WEF giving, has enabled the Church of the Nazarene to send those God is calling to missionary service. Between 2018 and 2022, direct giving to missionaries more than doubled. Anecdotal evidence suggests that the more people become involved in supporting a missionary directly, the better they understand the need for a strong World Evangelism Fund to support missions.
- As the COVID-19 pandemic raged globally, Nazarenes were uniquely equipped to respond locally because of the vast network of Nazarene churches already engaging their communities. In many places, churches and child development centers, already well-connected within communities, played a key role in assessing needs and distributing relief aid. Many disaster-response programs were able to redirect their activities to food distribution, hygiene supply and training, and other relief efforts. Young Nazarenes stepped in to help their churches utilize technology in order to continue worshiping and learning together.

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Verne Ward

VERNE WARD
Global Missions Director

AFRICA REGION

QUADRENNIAL HIGHLIGHTS

762,781 MEMBERS
4,989 ORGANIZED CHURCHES

- The Africa Region has had a net gain of 137,065 full members since 2017. The region's full membership stands at 762,781, a net gain of 22%. Total membership, including fellowship members, is currently 862,859 people.
- There was a net gain of 397 organized churches in these years, bringing the total of organized churches to 4,989. The Africa Region currently has 3,648 new churches growing and developing towards full organization.
- African leaders have shown a passionate commitment to the mission of Christ in this continent, and the kingdom of God is growing thanks to their faithful discipleship.

- The region has 2,052 ordained elders and deacons and 3,204 licensed ministers. This gives the region a total of 5,256 ministers.
- The church is growing exponentially in Africa into areas previously unreached by the church. To better support these new churches and outreach to where the church is not yet, the region is redistributing resources to regional hubs in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire; Nairobi, Kenya; and Johannesburg, South Africa.



DANIEL GOMIS
Africa Regional Director

ASIA-PACIFIC REGION

QUADRENNIAL HIGHLIGHTS

131,800 MEMBERS
1,621 ORGANIZED CHURCHES

- There are 1,691 ordained elders and deacons along with 1,058 licensed ministers, bringing the region to a total of 2,749 ministers.

- The Asia-Pacific Region has had a net gain of 21,636 full members since 2017. The region's full membership stands at 131,800, a net gain of 20%. Total membership, including fellowship members, is currently 148,603 people.
- There was a net gain of 206 organized churches in these years, bringing the total of organized churches to 1,621. The Asia-Pacific Region currently has 533 new churches growing and developing towards full organization.
- Strategically Engaged Nazarene Teams (S.E.N.T.) – the purpose of this initiative is to equip, enable, and enhance disciple multiplication by the estimated 10,000 Asia-Pacific members of the Church of the Nazarene we believe God has "sent" to work outside of their passport country. This year, meetings/training/workshops/posts have reached over 1,000 with our Facebook page growing to over 500 followers. In the Philippines, workers from other nations who did not know Christ have encountered our leaders' teaching about Jesus and experienced transformation; they now attend a Nazarene church while waiting to be deployed. Individuals located in 15 nations around the globe have met with us to discuss their personal needs, strengthen their relationship with Christ, and learn to make disciples where God has placed them. The full launch of S.E.N.T. is planned for 2023 in the Middle East, East Asia, and North America.



MARK LOUW
Asia-Pacific Regional Director

EURASIA REGION

QUADRENNIAL HIGHLIGHTS



- There are 829 ordained elders and deacons who serve alongside 1,137 licensed ministers, bringing the total number of Nazarene ministers in the region to 1,966.
- There was a net gain of 14 organized churches in these years, bringing the total of organized churches to 6,759. The Eurasia Region currently has 1,133 new churches growing and developing towards full organization.



- Ukraine - the situation has been complicated, yet God is continuing to show His faithfulness. By the end of 2022, ministry inside Ukraine was led largely by lay church leaders, and they were supported by finance, coordination, and pastoral Zoom calls weekly, sometimes daily. There is concerted ministry to support Nazarenes in both Ukraine and Russia and the millions who have fled the conflict and crossed borders to seek refuge elsewhere.



285,665 MEMBERS
6,759 ORGANIZED CHURCHES

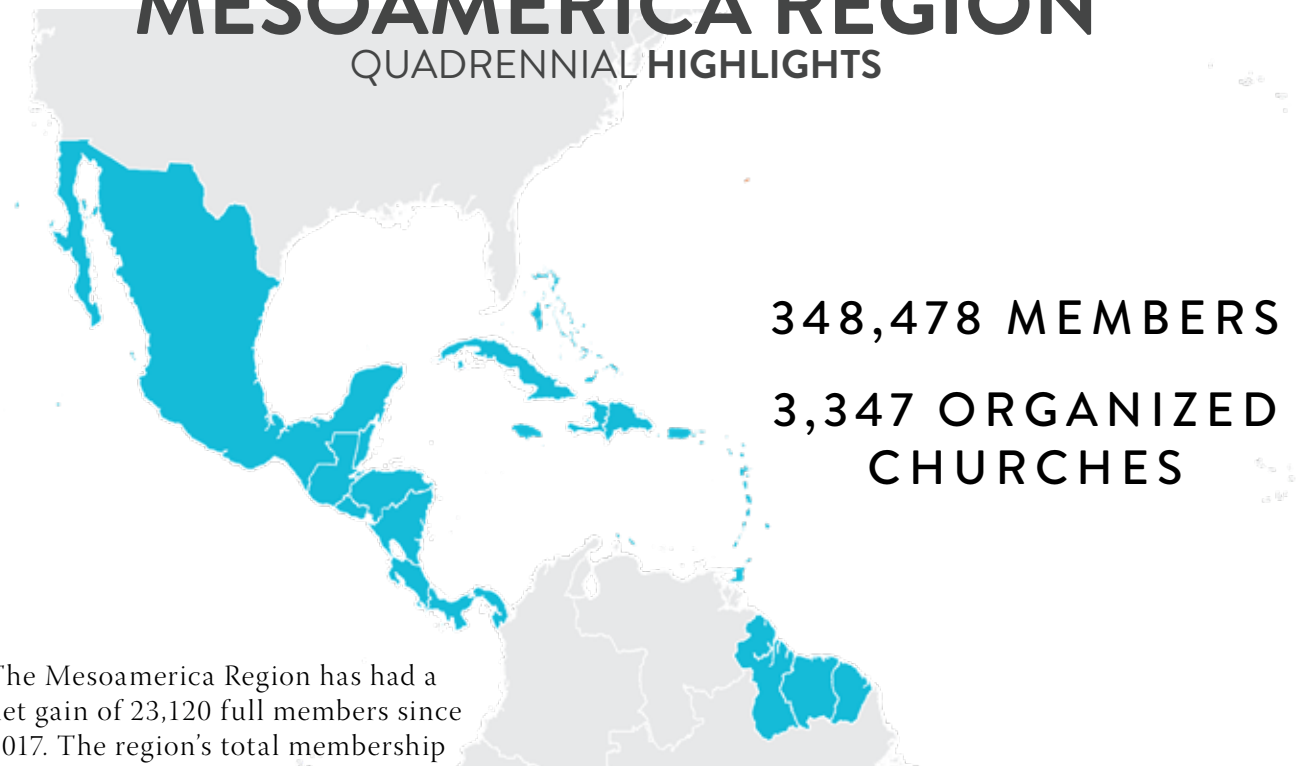
- The Eurasia Region has had a net gain of 6,194 full members since 2017. The region's full membership stands at 285,665, a net gain of 2.2%. Total membership, including fellowship members, is currently 317,419 people.
- Regional priorities:
More Mission
More Discipleship
More Compassion
More Education
More Next Generational Leadership
More Local Leadership and Sustainability
More Global Connectedness



JIM RITCHIE
Eurasia Regional Director

MESOAMERICA REGION

QUADRENNIAL HIGHLIGHTS



348,478 MEMBERS
3,347 ORGANIZED CHURCHES

- The Mesoamerica Region has had a net gain of 23,120 full members since 2017. The region's total membership stands at 348,478, a net gain of 7%. Total membership, including fellowship members, is currently 431,774 people.
- There was a net gain of 215 organized churches in these years, bringing the total of organized churches to 3,347. The Mesoamerica Region currently has 386 new churches growing and developing towards full organization.
- There are 1,878 ordained elders and deacons serving alongside 1,569 licensed ministers, meaning there are 3,447 Nazarene ministers serving in the Mesoamerica Region.
- Nazarene Compassionate Ministries is focusing on helping the local church respond to needs such as providing clean water and the needs of immigrants in places like Central America and Mexico's Southern and Northern borders, as well as many other projects.



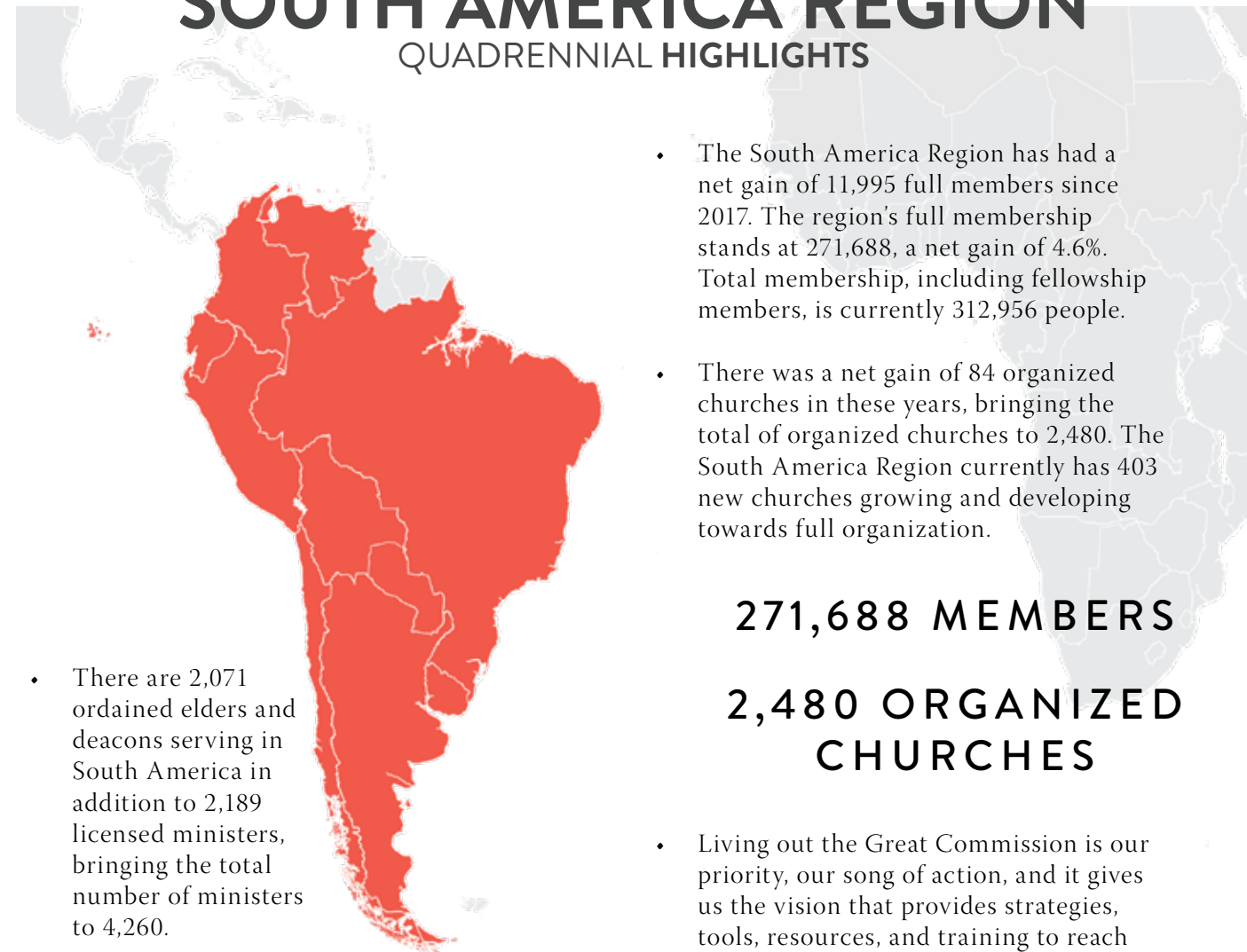
- Impact Mentoring – This is a region-wide mentoring project to give leaders the knowledge and tools to mentor others. While the goal was to train 2,500 leaders in 2021 and 2022, by the end of 2022, 3500 people completed both levels of training. This training will continue and reach even local churches, with the goal of facilitating the development of the church to respond to new social paradigms.



CARLOS SÁENZ
Mesoamerica Regional Director

SOUTH AMERICA REGION

QUADRENNIAL HIGHLIGHTS



- The South America Region has had a net gain of 11,995 full members since 2017. The region's full membership stands at 271,688, a net gain of 4.6%. Total membership, including fellowship members, is currently 312,956 people.
- There was a net gain of 84 organized churches in these years, bringing the total of organized churches to 2,480. The South America Region currently has 403 new churches growing and developing towards full organization.

271,688 MEMBERS

2,480 ORGANIZED CHURCHES

- There are 2,071 ordained elders and deacons serving in South America in addition to 2,189 licensed ministers, bringing the total number of ministers to 4,260.
- We mourn the loss of 2,015 Nazarenes who died due to the COVID-19 pandemic. They are with the Lord and will be missed by their communities where they served and faithfully made disciples.

- Living out the Great Commission is our priority, our song of action, and it gives us the vision that provides strategies, tools, resources, and training to reach the lost. It also keeps us focused on church development through evangelism and planting churches in every corner of the ten countries in South America.
- The South America Region has launched a unique training program for 28 new district superintendents in the last three years. The training time has been a great blessing for implementing the vision of making Christlike disciples in every district of our region and implementing the SAM Region's vision of *Living out the Great Commission*.



CHRISTIAN SARMIENTO
South America Regional Director

USA/CANADA REGION

QUADRENNIAL HIGHLIGHTS



573,857 MEMBERS

4,476 ORGANIZED CHURCHES



- The USA/Canada Region has had a net loss of 57,279 full members since 2017. The region's full membership stands at 573,857 a net loss of 9%. Total membership, including fellowship members, is currently 579,154 people.
- There was a net loss of 172 organized churches in these years, bringing the total of organized churches to 4,476. Yet new churches are being planted and God is growing His kingdom. The USA/Canada Region currently has 751 new churches growing and developing towards full organization.
- Half-Million Mobilization – The region is implementing the results of a year-long Call to Pray, Call to Speak, Call to Act. Following this mobilization of a half-million Nazarenes, the vision from the Holy Spirit is: Mobilizing all Nazarenes in unity, Blessing their community, Bringing people to Jesus, and Becoming Christlike disciples.

- Just as our Lord has been faithful these past years to bring His church through the pandemic, and just as His Spirit has given us a clear and simple vision for our future, we believe our gracious heavenly Father will mobilize us step-by-step, year-by-year, into the glorious days that He has in store for His beloved!
- There are 11,828 ordained elders and deacons serving alongside 2,225 licensed ministers, meaning there are 14,053 Nazarene ministers serving in the USA/Canada Region.



STAN REEDER
USA/Canada Regional Director

GLOBAL EDUCATION AND CLERGY DEVELOPMENT QUADRENNIAL HIGHLIGHTS

	2017	2023
IBOE Institutions	52	51
Students	51,555	45,124
Ordained Elders	17,848	19,104
Ordained Deacons	820	975
District Licensed Ministers	10,006	11,382
Total Credentialed Clergy	28,674	31,461
Locally Licensed	11,704	14,714
Total Credentialed and Locally Licensed	40,378	46,175

STATISTICAL TRENDS

- Global Education (GE): Numbers of students have dropped by 11.2% globally, and church support has dropped by almost 3%.
- Global Clergy Development (GCD): All numbers have risen, total credentialed and licensed ministers by 14.4%; however, the need for clergy is still very high on the growing regions, esp. Africa.

GLOBAL EDUCATION

- Continued emphasis on resourcing our leaders and institutions globally (continuing education for leaders, importance of systems like WHDL and GNECsis)
- Wesleyan-Holiness Digital Library (WHDL): collection of more than 16,000 items with resources in more than 103 languages (for pastors, students, faculty)
- Global Nazarene Education Consortium Student Information System (GNECsis): Fully operational in 18 institutions with another 5-6 in the process of employment
- Partnership with ICETE (International Council of Evangelical Theological Education) in areas of leadership and faculty development, quality assurance and accreditation, sharing of resources and best practices globally

GLOBAL CLERGY DEVELOPMENT

- Purpose: to prepare, resource, and support Nazarene clergy wherever they live and whatever language they speak
- Attention on clergy wellbeing, mainly during COVID-19 pandemic through various initiatives, especially releasing the book, *Guide to Flourishing* in English and Spanish
- Improvements to the Lifelong Learning Registry (LLR) with 8,500 users and 4,500 Nazarene-sponsored learning events in the past six years
- Supporting the Regional Course of Study Advisory Committee (RCOSAC) on all six regions in the validating process of course of study programs

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

AFRICA (8 IBOE INSTITUTIONS)

- 1 liberal arts university with graduate programs, 1 undergraduate liberal arts university, 1 undergraduate theological college, and 5 certificate and diploma Bible colleges
- The 2 universities (Africa Nazarene University, Kenya and Southern Africa Nazarene University, Eswatini) are growing.
- The COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the fragile situation of many of the educational institutions and the need for future changes in the areas of administration, education delivery (online and traditional, formal and non-formal, borderless), and collaboration.
- Growing need for education being delivered in French and Portuguese (growing fields on the region)

ASIA-PACIFIC (13 IBOE INSTITUTIONS)

- 1 liberal arts university, 2 graduate seminaries and theological colleges, 8 undergraduate seminaries and theological colleges, 2 specialized training schools
- Re-envisioning theological education on the region by creating the Association of Nazarene Educational Systems of Asia Pacific for administrative collaboration, educational delivery, quality assurance, leadership and faculty development, and curriculum development

EURASIA (5 IBOE INSTITUTIONS)

- 1 graduate theological college, 1 undergraduate theological college, 2 certificate and diploma Bible college, 1 specialized training school
- Strong collaboration of the four institutions focusing in theological education in the area of faculty development, quality assurance, delivery systems, student information systems, curriculum development
- Broadening programs to meet needs in ministerial preparation (lay and clergy)

MESOAMERICA (8 IBOE INSTITUTIONS)

- 1 graduate seminary, 1 liberal arts college, 4 undergraduate seminaries, 2 certificate and diploma Bible colleges
- Collaboration between schools and regional ministries (NDI, NMI, NYI, NCM, Evangelism)
- Emphasis on quality missional review of all institutions for strategic alignment with regional developments
- Collaboration with South America Region in area of Regional Sourcebook and online education

SOUTH AMERICA (6 IBOE INSTITUTIONS)

- 6 undergraduate seminaries (3 of which offer a collaborate graduate degree)
- Strategic alliances with regional ministries (NMI, NDI, NYI)
- Collaboration with Mesoamerica Region on Regional Sourcebook and online education
- 3 of the institutions have created the South American Postgraduate Consortium (CONASUP) to offer a masters in ministry program together

USA/CANADA (11 IBOE INSTITUTIONS)

- 1 graduate seminary, 9 liberal arts universities and colleges with graduate programs, 1 undergraduate theological college
- Development of new non-degree course of study has started
- Improvements on campus facilities in the liberal arts universities as well as development of new programs and degrees
- Revitalization in spiritual life among students

FOCUS POINTS IN NEXT QUADRENNIUM

- Continued emphasis on relationship between educational institutions and districts and local churches
- Borderless approach to education (traditional and non-traditional, degree and non-degree, global and contextual, distance and campus)
- Global and regional collaboration in areas of administration, programs, resources
- GECD to be in strategic relationship to all ministries and on all levels of the denomination to fulfill the mission of the church to make Christlike disciples in the nations



Klaus Arnold

KLAUS ARNOLD
Global Education and Clergy Development

NAZARENE DISCIPLESHIP INTERNATIONAL QUADRENNIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Both during and after the long and arduous months of the global pandemic, we learned much about the church. The resulting delay in our general convention and assembly provided an unprecedented six years to imagine new ways of discipleship across the Church of the Nazarene.

NAZARENE DISCIPLESHIP AS “A JOURNEY OF GRACE”

After two years of praying, listening, and planning, The Board of General Superintendents launched a global discipleship framework called “A Journey of Grace” in February 2021. This new paradigm will likely guide our denomination’s discipleship efforts for a generation. The framework is uniquely Nazarene, defining the discipleship journey through the lens of God’s grace:

- Through prevenient grace, God prepares the path before us. His hand reaches out and beckons us to Him, drawing us into a deeper relationship with Him. This grace both precedes our response and enables our response.
- Through saving grace, Jesus rescues us from sin and leads us into the truth that sets us free. We receive the gift of saving grace by repenting of our sins and trusting Jesus as our Savior and Lord. He redeems us, makes us a new creation, and adopts us into His family.
- Through sanctifying grace, the Holy Spirit empowers us to live a life fully consecrated to God. Sanctifying grace begins the moment we experience salvation. Initial sanctification is followed by spiritual growth in grace until, in a moment of full consecration and complete surrender on our part, God purifies and cleanses the heart.

As Nazarenes, we might say that discipleship happens from grace to grace to grace. It is the journey that each of us is blessed to walk. At the same time, every believer is called to join Jesus in

His mission. The task of making disciples calls us to walk with others from grace to grace to grace.

CORE PRINCIPLES

Following the release of the Nazarene discipleship framework, SDMI leaders around the world developed five core principles that drive discipleship in the local church. These principles, practices, and behaviors of a disciple-making church are fervent prayer, compassionate outreach, comprehensive biblical learning, intentional mentoring and equipping, and authentic relationships. By practicing these five principles, Nazarenes will be empowered to make Christlike disciples in the nations.

NEW BYLAWS AND A NEW NAME

Using the core principles as a guide, an SDMI team from five countries crafted a new set of bylaws to guide the polity and actions of local churches with regard to discipleship. These bylaws were presented to and approved by the General Board in February 2022. The new bylaws included a new name, Nazarene Discipleship International (NDI). This new name defines our disciple-makers (Nazarenes), our primary goal (Discipleship), and our boundaries (International).

PRIORITIES

More important than all the changes of the last six years is what has not changed: the Great Commission. Making disciples is not confined to a church building. Jesus commissioned us to make disciples as we go from nation to nation. His promise is His presence, “and surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age” (Matthew 28:20b).

Let us continue to join Jesus in His mission, our co-mission, to make disciples from grace to grace to grace.



Scott R. Rainey
SCOTT RAINEY

Nazarene Discipleship International Director



QUADRENNIAL HIGHLIGHTS

How does Nazarene Missions International support the Church of the Nazarene in making Christlike disciples in the nations?

NMI has a strong Identity Statement:

WE ARE THE GLOBAL MISSIONS ADVOCATE IN EVERY LOCAL CHURCH, NURTURING A SPIRIT OF MISSIONS, AND MOBILIZING INTO ACTION, IMPACTING PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD.

To be an **advocate** is to be a supporter, a believer, an activist. It is our unique role, as a member of every local church board, to actively participate in the efforts of our local church to ensure that our neighbors know that Jesus loves them. We also serve as the advocate to encourage our churches to participate in ensuring that everyone living in every place, and speaking every language, knows that Jesus loves him or her.

NMI is intentional in **nurturing** a spirit of missions in the local church, working to ensure that every person in each local church has a deep passion to share Christ with each one’s community and around the world. This spirit of missions is so alive that it fuels all that we do. We will not stop until everyone, everywhere has heard the good news.

NMI **mobilizes** into action by focusing on five key areas of impact. We encourage people to pray for all missions efforts of the Church of the Nazarene. For 27 years, we have led the global church, bringing Nazarenes together from around the world to pray for the mission of God during the Global Week of

Prayer. 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. We provide care and connection between missionaries and local churches of the Nazarene. We support Nazarene missionaries from the earliest days of their call, nurturing a spirit of missions, commissioning them for service, and supporting them throughout their missionary service; and we welcome them home and celebrate their faithfulness when their service is completed. 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. We lay the foundation through Alabaster offerings for places where people worship, heal, and learn by encouraging global participation each year.

Because we are advocating, nurturing, and mobilizing, we are impacting people around the world. NMI shares stories of impact and ways for the church to participate in prayer, giving, and involvement through a weekly publication, NMI Central – **nazarene.org/nmi-central**. This free-to-subscribers publication is distributed by email every Wednesday in English, French, Portuguese, and Spanish.

NMI truly is the global missions advocate in every local church, nurturing a spirit of missions, and mobilizing into action, impacting people around the world. NMI takes this unique role very seriously, serving Christ and the church, in making Christlike disciples in the nations.



Lola Brickey
LOLA BRICKEY

Nazarene Missions International Director



QUADRENNIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Nazarene Youth International is a ministry of the Church of the Nazarene, serving as the arm of Jesus Christ to love young people, to lead them into a relationship with Him as their Savior and Lord, and to establish them as His disciples who are fully involved in His mission.

NYI IDENTITY

Mission of NYI: Calling our generation to a dynamic life in Christ.

Core Strategies: Evangelism, Discipleship, Leadership Development.

The NYI Vision: A global movement of young disciples making disciples.

GLOBAL NYI CONVENTION

In June 2017, 746 NYI delegates participated in the 24th Global NYI Convention in one of nine locations around the world. A total of 256 of the 479 districts were represented (53%).

Pilar, Argentina	22 Delegates
Manchester, England	57 Delegates
Guatemala City, Guatemala	18 Delegates
Port au Prince, Haiti	20 Delegates
Hyderabad, India	48 Delegates
Manila, Philippines	91 Delegates
Johannesburg, South Africa	22 Delegates
Port of Spain, Trinidad, Tobago	7 Delegates
Indianapolis, USA	461 Delegates

NAZARENE YOUTH CONFERENCES

- USA/Canada, 2019, *Love God, Love Others* — 8,834 participants
- South America, 2021, *AVIVA*, online conference — 650 devices connected
- South America, 2021, *Influencers*, online conference — 450 devices connected



DAVID GONZALEZ
Nazarene Youth International Director

THIRD WAVE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

- In January 2019, the Third Wave conference was held in Hyderabad, India.
- A total of 249 participants represented the six regions.
- Following, approximately 50 field, regional, and global NYI leaders participated in a two-day leadership conference known as the Field Youth Coordinators Conference.

TIMOTHY AWARD

- A total of 132 Timothy Awards were presented throughout the quadrennium to outstanding youth leaders who are investing their lives into our young people.

NYI MEMBERSHIP

- NYI membership globally was 400,294 in 2022.
- The number of churches reporting at least one youth was 18,796.
- 79.40 % of the 23,674 organized churches reported at least one youth.

YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP RESOURCES

- *The Journey* Resources (12 languages):
 - A special edition of the book *Way, Truth, Life* by Dr. David Busic.
 - Youth and Young Adult Ministry Leader's Guide — Content for six weekly sessions
 - *The Journey* Travel Log — A six-week devotional. Audio versions in English, Spanish, and Portuguese.
 - *The Journey* Weekly Videos
- The Journey event was an online gathering streamed on YouTube. 60,000+ participants.
- Engaging Youth Series. A three-book series, *Engaging Youth*, available in English, Spanish, Portuguese, French, and Hindi.

GLOBAL TREASURY SERVICES

QUADRENNIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- During the 2022 fiscal year, World Evangelism Giving was \$37.5 million, along with \$31.4 million given for Nazarene Approved Missions Projects for a total of \$68.9 million. Over the past six fiscal years, we received cumulative World Evangelism Giving of \$225.2 million, with cumulative gifts for Nazarene Approved Missions Projects of \$169.1 million. This totals \$394.2 million over the six-year period. We are thankful for the generosity of faithful Nazarenes, which helps us fulfill our mission to make Christlike disciples in the nations!
- Financial accountability and transparency continue to be our highest priorities, and the Church of the Nazarene, Inc. is proud to be a fully accredited member of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability. In addition, the consolidated financial statements of the Church of the Nazarene, Inc., which include the financial records of our six regional offices, are audited each year by a qualified auditing firm. An in-depth report is reviewed by the Audit Committee of the General Board, each year.
- Giving to the Pensions and Benefits USA Fund for the six-year period from fiscal 2017 through fiscal 2022 totaled \$82.8 million. These gifts, along with additions to individual participants' defined contribution accounts, are provided in support of more than 22,000 ministers, church-employed laypersons, spouses, and widows who serve the church on the USA.
- Pensions and Benefits International works in partnership with the Global Missions office and

regional offices on guidelines and consultation services on retirement matters for clergy and lay employees of the global church outside the United States. The vast differences in the ever-changing laws of various countries make it unfeasible to manage a comprehensive global program under one enterprise; however, a legacy program has a total enrollment of more than 550 participants, annual contributions of more than \$200,000, and annual distributions of more than \$350,000. The cash value of this plan has grown to just under \$4 million.

- The Church of the Nazarene Foundation, led by Dr. Mark Lail, exists to propel resources into the work of Nazarene ministries. The Foundation provides a wide array of planned giving resources and tools for donors wishing to make a Kingdom impact, such as donor-advised funds, charitable gift annuities, endowments, and trusts. It also offers investment management accounts to churches and districts wishing to invest funds that may not need immediate deployment in ministry.
- Stewardship Development, led by Dr. Geoff Kunselman, strives to promote stewardship principles through education and relationship building within the denomination in collaboration with local pastors, district superintendents and other denominational leaders within the global regions. The stewardship office also resources the church with tools to teach and encourage the growth of generous disciples that accomplish the mission of the Church of the Nazarene.



KEITH COX
Global Treasurer

QUADRENNIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Following an announcement at the 2017 General Assembly, Nazarene Publishing House officially began doing business as The Foundry Publishing in North America.

CURRICULUM

ADULT

- Newly designed adult Sunday school curriculum under the Faith Connections brand (2018).
- Partnership with Ingram Content Group to distribute English *Faith Connections* adult curriculum worldwide.

YOUTH

- New youth and new young adult Sunday school materials titled *Faith for Life* (2018).

CHILDREN

- New children's curriculum, The Foundry Kids.
- New releases: *My Relationship with Jesus*, *My Baptism Story*, *Lead Team: A Leadership Program for Preteens*.
- New children's curriculum launched 2019, *Eureka!* (grades 1-6) and *Eureka! Jr.* (preschool-K).
- Nazarene churches celebrated the 75th anniversary of the Caravan program.
- New releases 2023: Children's Church Membership and Children's Catechism.

BOOKS

- *Manual*: Church of the Nazarene 2017-2021
- *Dialog Youth*, new series for small group.
- *The Wesleyan Theology Series* for laypersons
- *Shaped by Scripture*; Bible study.

- Completion of the *New Beacon Bible Commentary*. A total of 47 volumes were published over the last 14 years.
- Annual releases of church-wide initiatives for Advent and Lent.
- First ever 365-day devotional for children, *My Life with Jesus*, through The Foundry Kids.
- *Reading and Interpreting the Bible Series*.
- *Christian Theology*, Dr. T.A. Noble's systematic theology, Spring 2023 release.
- *Living in the Blessing*, Dr. Chic Shaver's yearlong devotional.
- Publication of 60 additional titles.

COLLABORATION WITH OUR MINISTRY PARTNERS AT THE GLOBAL MINISTRY CENTER

- Titles for Nazarene Youth Conferences in Phoenix (2019) and Tampa (2023).
- Assisted the BGS and NDI with the new discipleship framework, A Journey of Grace. The cornerstone of the emphasis is a book and video series by Dr. David Busic: *Way, Truth, Life: Discipleship as a Journey of Grace*.
- The Foundry was privileged to partner with Stan Reeder (USA/Canada Region) and *Holiness Today* magazine to publish the *Half-Million Mobilization Prayer Journal*.
- Nazarene Mission International discontinued adult and children's missionary reading book program.



- Working with Global Nazarene Publications and other publishers, 198 NPH, Inc. products were licensed for translation in 45 languages.

LILLENAS MUSIC

- In 2021, Lillenas ended outsourced marketing, sales, and distribution and all business operations returned to Kansas City. Marketing, print, call center, and distribution services were secured and a new full service website was quickly developed.
- COVID-19 halted music sales and development in 2020 and 2021.
- The Lillenas efforts resulted in a 2022 sales increase of 82% over the previous year's sales.
- Won Dove Awards in 2018 (*Angels Say What?*), in 2020 (*Top Anthem Collection*), and 2022 (*Give Me Jesus*).



PANDEMIC IMPACT

- The Foundry responded to COVID-19 by offering free digital Sunday school resources for two full quarters to churches.
- Sales of curriculum at all age levels, which declined 30% during the pandemic, have not returned to pre-pandemic levels.
- Order fulfillment and distribution systems continued providing service to both churches and individual customers during the pandemic without interruption.

ADMINISTRATION

- The corporate governance resolutions recommended by the Nazarene Publishing

House interim Board and the Board of General Superintendents were approved by the General Board and the General Assembly.

- The new structure was put in place following the publishing of the *Manual* and filing of corporate documents with government entities.
- The Church of the Nazarene, Inc. expects Nazarene Publishing House, Inc. (The Foundry) to operate as a self-sustaining missional business unit for the benefit and mission of the General Board of the Church of the Nazarene. The lines of responsibility and accountability are defined in the *Manual*, the Articles of Incorporation, and the Bylaws.
- A new board of directors for the Nazarene Publishing House, Inc. was appointed by the BGS and convened May 5-7, 2019, in Kansas City at the offices of The Foundry Publishing and replaced the interim board named in 2014.
- As one of the first official actions, the new board elected Mark D. Brown, the BGS-appointed CEO, as president and CEO of the company.

PROPERTY SALE AND NEW WORKING MODEL

- In October 2019, the remaining property on Troost Avenue in Kansas City, Missouri, was sold.
- The Foundry moved to a hybrid working model. Space was leased from the Global Ministry Center and in-house staff and offices were moved to the GMC in Lenexa.

Regardless of the challenges the publishing house has faced during this last six years, we are thankful that The Foundry has been able to support our churches as they return to a new, different, and maybe more creative ways of providing the Wesleyan-Holiness message to our communities and the world.



Mark Brown

MARK BROWN
The Foundry Publishing CEO

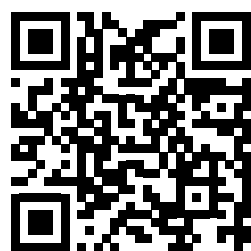


A WORD FROM . . .
T.A. NOBLE

. . .

WE APPROACH GOD
AS AN ASSEMBLY...
TO SEEK GOD'S FACE,
TO HEAR GOD'S WORD...
AND TO PRAY
FOR THE WORLD
AND FOR THE CHURCH

. . .



SCAN THE CODE
TO HEAR MORE
FROM T. A. NOBLE

JOIN US IN PRAYER FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY

30 DAYS OF PRAYER



Beginning May 10, join local ministry leaders from around the globe via video for 30 days of prayer. Together, we will ask for God's anointing on the NDI, NYI, and NMI conventions and on the General Assembly. Look for details by scanning the code or visiting facebook.com/NazareneOfficial.

PRAY FOR OUR REGIONS

- Be in focused prayer for the Africa Region on Friday, June 9.
- Be in focused prayer for the Mesoamerica Region on Saturday, June 10.
- Be in focused prayer for the Asia-Pacific Region on Sunday, June 11.
- Be in focused prayer for the Eurasia Region on Monday, June 12.
- Be in focused prayer for the USA/Canada Region on Tuesday, June 13.
- Be in focused prayer for the South America Region on Wednesday, June 14.

PRAY FOR OUR LEADERS

- safe travels for all in attendance
- wisdom for the teams of leaders planning and executing the GA logistics
- discernment for delegates dealing with resolutions and other GA business
- God's will in the election of two new general superintendents
- the anointing of the Holy Spirit on the Assembly and Conventions
- God's direction and watchcare, both now and in the future, for the Church of the Nazarene



Friday, June 9, 2023 — 6:30 p.m. EDT

Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you."

John 20:19-23

As I prepare to listen to this message, Lord, I pray that . . .

Lined writing area for prayer.

Reflections on how Dr. Duarte's words resonate with me . . .

Lined writing area for reflections.

Lined writing area for notes.

**WE ARE HIS AMBASSADORS.
OUR CREDENTIALS
ARE HIS PEACE AND
THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

From this evening's service, I will remember . . .

Lined writing area for service memories.

THE THEME
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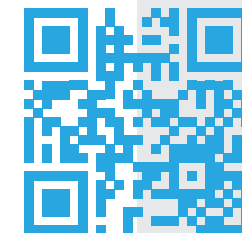


THE REGIONAL
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FOLLOW

Saturday, June 10, 2023 — 6:30 p.m. EDT

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Ephesians 4:11-13

As I prepare to listen to this message, Lord, I pray that . . .

Lined writing area for prayer.

Reflections on how Dr. Crocker’s words resonate with me . . .

Lined writing area for reflections.

**JESUS IS LORD OF
THE CHURCH!**

Lined writing area for notes.

From this evening’s service, I will remember . . .

Lined writing area for notes.

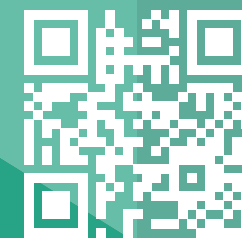
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WORSHIP

Sunday, June 11, 2023 — 10:00 a.m. EDT

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

Romans 12:1

As I prepare to listen to this message, Lord, I pray that . . .

Reflections on how Dr. Grave's words resonate with me . . .

**WORSHIP IS SOMETHING
GIVEN . . .
SOMETHING OFFERED.**

From this morning's service, I will remember . . .

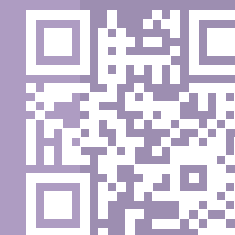
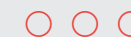
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COMMUNION**



THE REGIONAL
FOCUS IS
ASIA PACIFIC



FOLLOW GOD'S
EXAMPLE,
THEREFORE, AS
DEARLY LOVED
CHILDREN, AND
WALK IN THE WAY
OF LOVE . . .
EPHESIANS 5:1



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SHARE

Sunday, June 11, 2023 — 6:30 p.m. EDT

I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Matthew 16:18

As I prepare to listen to this message, Lord, I pray that . . .

Lined writing area for prayer.

Reflections on how Dr. Basic's words resonate with me . . .

Lined writing area for reflections.

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THE CHURCH NEEDS DARING PEOPLE WITH COURAGEOUS PLANS.

From this evening's service, I will remember . . .

Lined writing area for service memories.

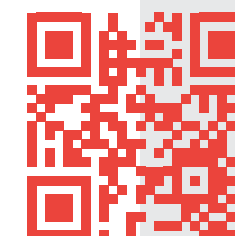
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JESUS IS LORD

Monday, June 12, 2023 — 10:30 a.m. EDT

QUADRENNIAL ADDRESS

*The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.*

Isaiah 9:2

As I prepare to listen to this message, Lord, I pray that . . .

Reflections on how Dr. Sunberg's words resonate with me . . .

GOOD MORNING!

From this morning's service, I will remember . . .

THE THEME
FOR THIS
MORNING'S
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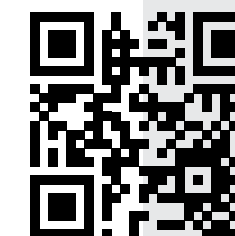


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LOVE

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*Blessed is anyone who does not
stumble on account of me.*

Luke 7:18-23

As I prepare to listen to this message, Lord, I pray that . . .

Lined writing area for prayer.

Reflections on how Dr. Chambo's words resonate with me . . .

Lined writing area for reflections.

**ARE YOU THE ONE WHO IS
TO COME, OR SHOULD WE
EXPECT SOMEONE ELSE?**

From this evening's service, I will remember . . .

Lined writing area for what will be remembered.

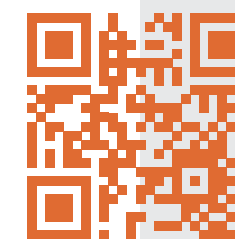
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FOR TONIGHT'S
SERVICE IS
COMPASSION



THE REGIONAL
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**SOUTH
AMERICA**



THE LOCAL
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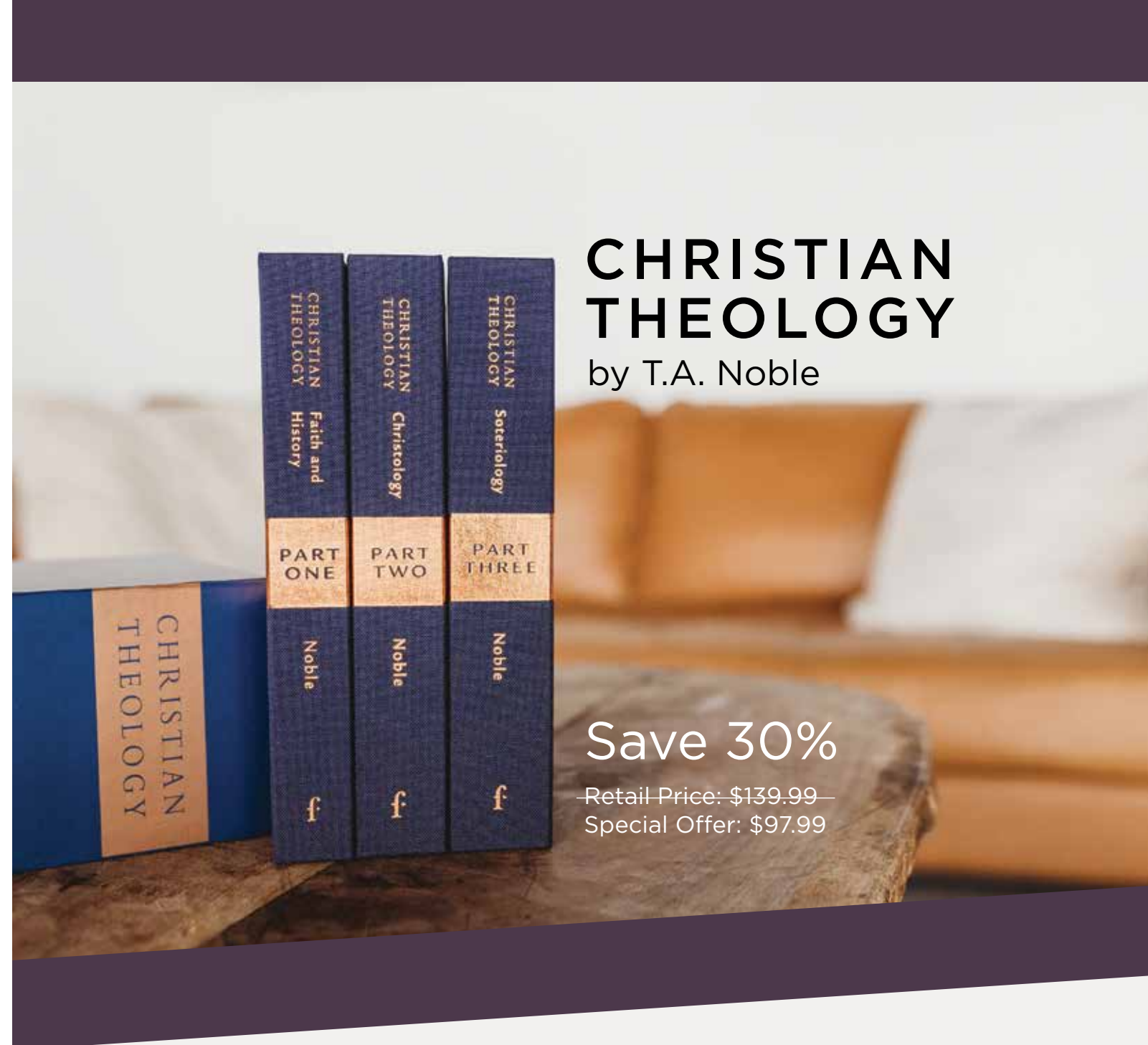


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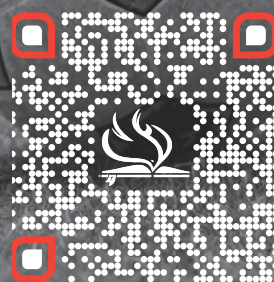
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(i.e., sports camp, VBS, art camp)



FOOD PREPARATION



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(i.e., basic home repairs, painting)

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