

## TO MAKE CHRIST-LIKE DISCIPLES IN THE NATIONS

Nazarene Missions International

Chicago Central District

### 2023-2024 NMI Financial Standards and Goals

**We, your committee on finance, recommend for the 2023-2024 church year that our local churches do the following:**

1. Strive to achieve Mission Priority One status by paying the World Evangelism Fund (WEF) in full, by paying Links and Christmas Fund apportionments, and by taking offerings for Nazarene Compassionate Ministries (NCM), World Mission Broadcast (WMB) and Alabaster.
  - WEF, the key support of our world-wide mission's program, is presently set at 5.5% of the local church's current income. WEF has been traditionally raised by receiving offerings at Thanksgiving and Easter, by Prayer and Fasting contributions, through Faith Promise programs and other approved fundraisers.
  - Churches are encouraged to pay their Links and the Missionary Christmas Fund apportionments through Funding the Mission. Please make sure to talk with your church treasurer as they will have access to do this. Otherwise, payment shall be made to the Global Treasury Services. Churches should also remember their Links missionaries with personal gifts, cards and letters for their birthdays, anniversaries and other holidays, also now being processed as deputation gifts.
  - NCM offerings reach around the world to meet special needs, particularly in times of emergency, and provide support for pastors' children and child development centers.
  - WMB allows the gospel to go into areas that are often unreachable by missionaries.
  - Alabaster provides fund for the purchase of properties and the construction of buildings. Eighty percent is directed to projects outside the U.S. and Canada and twenty percent in the U.S. and Canada.
2. Strive to achieve the World Evangelism Church of Excellence Award by giving 5.7% of the local church's income, or \$1,500 above the standard 5.5% apportionment, to WEF.
3. Support the NMI children's project by participating in the global VBS offering, thus providing resources for Christian schools and child development centers.
4. Emphasize and support Missionary Health Care by doing one or more of the following:
  - Honoring individuals in your congregation with a Distinguished Service Award, \$125 each.
  - Honoring the deceased by including their names on the Memorial Roll, \$75 each for either adults or children.
  - Receiving a special offering for Missionary Health Care.
5. Collect funds for WEF and other special offerings:
  - February and September – Alabaster
  - May – Missionary Health Care
  - June – World Mission Broadcast
  - August – Missionary Christmas Fund and any Links not turned in at District Convention
  - Throughout the year – WEF (particularly at Easter and Thanksgiving), other special offerings, and payment for the costs of shipping and storage for Crisis Care Kits.
6. Global Treasury Services prefers most, if not all, payments be made through Funding the Mission. There are fees they pay to cash checks through the PO Box below. If you do have to write a check, please be sure to include a general church remittance form, as follows:
  - Made payable to: General Treasurer, Church of the Nazarene.
  - Addressed to: Global Treasury Services, P.O. Box 843116, Kansas City, MO 64184.

7. Help provide emergency supplies during disaster situations by collecting specific items for Crisis Care Kits. Churches should remit \$12.00 for each box to GTS for shipping and storage. The district council encourages churches to bring boxes at the time of the District Convention and include a check to CCD NMI for \$4 per box to shipping to storage facility.
8. Support missionaries on deputation by following the Global Church's financial guidelines whenever possible:
  - Give generously to our missionaries. "Outside of the Box" services are encouraged – pizza, youth group, Sunday School class, retirees lunch, etc.
  - Whenever feasible, churches should also consider paying for travel expenses.
  - Churches should check with the missionary on how they would prefer their deputation offering be handled – either through a check or Funding the Mission.
  - Churches who take a separate love offering or who pay for travel expenses shall give these directly to the missionary.
  - Churches who take a separate love offering understand they will not receive 10% giving credit for this, and that the missionary is able to spend this money in whatever way they deem necessary.
9. Have the local NMI treasurer's records audited at the end of each church year.

**The committee further recommends that the District NMI Council do the following:**

10. Recognize our district missionaries, active and retired, with a monetary gifts for birthdays (\$25), anniversaries (\$50), Christmas (\$100) and shall recognize their children, under age 21 or through college/university on their birthdays (\$25).
11. Allocate in each budget year the amount of \$2,500 for a reserve fund for Global NMI Convention.
12. Submit all records for a financial audit each church year either by an independent financial organization or by an NMI Council appointed committee.

Respectfully submitted,

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