

BIBLE SCHOOLS & SEMINARIES

Educational Mission Statement

Education in the Church of the Nazarene, rooted in the biblical and theological commitments of the Wesleyan and Holiness movements and accountable to the stated mission of the denomination, aims to guide those who look to it in accepting, in nurturing, and in expressing in service to the church and world consistent and coherent Christian understandings of social and individual life. Additionally, such institutions of higher education will seek to provide a curriculum, quality of instruction, and evidence of scholastic achievement that will adequately prepare graduates to function effectively in vocations and professions such graduates may choose.



International Ministry, Bible Schools and Seminaries




Nazarene educational institutions around the world are training preachers, teachers, evangelists, nurses, and vocational and lay leaders. These institutions are located in the following world regions:

-  Africa
-  Asia-Pacific
-  Caribbean
-  Eurasia
-  Mexico / Central America
-  South America
-  USA / Canada

The success of our evangelistic efforts in many world areas depends largely on our effective national ministry. These choice leaders, preachers, and teachers are used of God to build His kingdom in their own areas. **They depend upon a constant source of power provided by a praying church around the world.**

Emphasis

The emphasis for our Bible Schools and Seminaries occurs in July. It is a great time to:

-  highlight the importance of our educational work in preparation of our international ministry
-  encourage giving to the NMI International Student Scholarship Fund, which provides scholarships for ministerial students in world mission regions. Its purpose is to assist students in need attending campus-based Nazarene theological schools so that their education can be completed as debt-free as possible.
-  Cards with the names of schools, countries, and /or school leaders (available at www.nazarene.org/iboe) could be given to individuals as well as remembering these in a special prayer time.

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 Purchase pencils in bright colors.

 Using a fine-tip permanent marker, write the names of the various Nazarene educational institutions in world mission regions on the pencils. (The names and countries of the schools are listed on the Educational Institution brochure—X-32, may be purchased from Nazarene Publishing House, 1-800-877-0700, or on the International Board of Education web site <www.nazarene.org/iboe>.)

 During your missions service, call the children and youth to the front of the sanctuary.

 Ask if anyone can guess how many Nazarene educational institutions of higher learning there are outside of the United States and Canada. (The answer is 46.) Give a prize to the person who guesses the closest number.

 Tell the children and youth that each pencil represents an educational institution, and name some of the countries where there are schools. Explain that the Church of the Nazarene has schools worldwide, training students to be pastors, nurses, teachers, evangelists, and other jobs.

 Give each teen/child a pencil. Ask them to take the pencil with them as they head “Back to School” this year, and challenge them to pray for the students and teachers in Nazarene schools around the world whenever they use the pencil.

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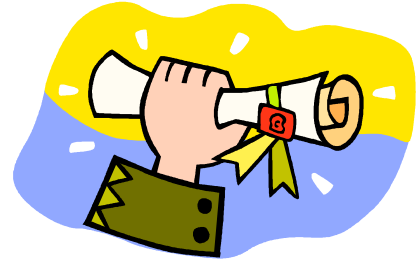
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Invest in the Future

Contribute to the International Student Scholarship Fund



- Pray for those who are training for ministry around the world.
- Choose one of the educational institutions for which your church can pray, or divide up the list among your congregation, having groups of people praying for different schools. A brochure listing the Nazarene educational institutions is available from Nazarene Publishing House (item number—X-32; cost—15 cents each). To contact Nazarene Publishing House, call 800-877-0700 or check out their Web site www.nph.com.
- Provide scholarships for ministerial students in world mission regions through the NMI International Student Scholarship Fund.

Purpose: To assist students in need who are attending campus-based Nazarene theological schools in world mission regions, so their education can be completed as debt-free as possible.

(For information in participating in this much needed offering, see the instructions at the bottom of this page.)

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Coffee Break or Prayer Break?

Many people look forward to that morning cup of coffee. In fact, some use a coffee break to give them a little “boost” in the afternoon. Why not spend that coffee break as also a time of prayer—a prayer break? Use that time to pray for the pastors who minister internationally or the students, faculties, and staffs of Nazarene Bible schools and seminaries. Intercede for those who are seeking an education to invest their lives in service to God or those already in ministry around the world. **Consider this:**

- A coffee break brings physical and mental rest, but a prayer break brings soul rest.
- A coffee break brings human fellowship, but a prayer break brings divine fellowship.
- A coffee break brings no special power, but a prayer break puts us in touch with the Powerhouse of Heaven.
- A coffee break helps the individual, but a prayer break helps others.

NWMS Council Tidings (Adapted)

To include the fund in your will or trust, you or your advisor may contact Church of the Nazarene Foundation at 866-273-2549 for the appropriate wording.

In Canada, send checks made payable to:
elsewhere,

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20 Regan Road, Unit 9
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Brampton, ON L7A 1C3

In the United States and

send checks made payable to:
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