

# **Nazarene Missions International Constitution**

## **Article I. Name**

The name of this organization shall be Nazarene Missions International (NMI) of the Church of the Nazarene.

## **Article II. Purpose**

The purpose of this organization shall be to mobilize the church in mission through praying, discipling, giving, and educating.

## **Article III. Structure**

### **Section 1. Local**

The local Nazarene Missions International (NMI) shall be an organization of the local church and shall work cooperatively with the pastor and Church Board through the Local NMI Council.

A local NMI may choose to have one or more groups to further the purpose of NMI (e.g., Sunday school classes/Bible studies/small groups, children's church, youth groups, chapters, special missions emphasis focus, etc.). Such groups and the appointment/election of officers shall be authorized by the Local NMI Council with approval by the pastor and the respective related leaders.

### **Section 2. District**

The district Nazarene Missions International (NMI) shall be an organization of the \_\_\_\_\_ District and work cooperatively with the district superintendent, District Advisory Board, and other district-related leaders through the District NMI Council.

All local NMI organizations within the boundaries of \_\_\_\_\_ District shall constitute the district NMI.

### **Section 3. Global**

The global Nazarene Missions International (NMI) shall be an organization of the Church of the Nazarene and work cooperatively with the Global NMI Council, the Global Mission Office, the Global Mission Committee of the General Board, and the general superintendent in jurisdiction.

All district and local NMI organizations shall constitute the global NMI.

## **Article IV. Membership**

- A. Members: Any person who is a member of the Church of the Nazarene and supports the Nazarene Missions International (NMI) purpose may be a member of NMI in that local church.
  - 1. Voting and holding office shall be limited to members who are 15 years of age or older, except in children's and youth groups.
  - 2. Unless otherwise stated in this constitution, reference to "members" means NMI members who are members of the church.
- B. Associate Members: Any person who is not a member of the Church of the Nazarene and supports the NMI purpose may be an associate member of NMI.

## **Article V. Councils and Officers**

### **Section 1. Local Council**

- A. Purpose: The Local Council shall promote the purpose of Nazarene Missions International (NMI) in the local church.
- B. Composition
  - 1. The Council shall have four officers: a president, a vice president, a secretary, and a treasurer.
  - 2. Council members shall be responsible to mobilize the church in mission through praying, discipling, educating and giving. A council member may hold more than one position but only have one vote.
  - 3. The Executive Committee shall be the pastor (ex officio), NMI officers, and two other council members.
  - 4. Any District NMI Council member shall be an ex officio member of the Local NMI Council with the approval of the Local NMI Council.
- C. Nominations, Elections, Appointments, and Vacancies
  - 1. Nominations: The Council shall be nominated by a committee of not less than three and no more than seven members of the NMI. The pastor shall appoint the nominating committee and serve as the committee chairman. All nominees shall be NMI members of the local Church of the Nazarene.
  - 2. Elections: In churches with more than 100 active members, the local annual meeting shall elect a minimum of 6 council members; president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and two other members. In churches with fewer than 100 active church members, the local annual meeting shall elect a minimum of four officers. These elected leaders shall begin serving on the first day of the new church year after the election. Churches with fewer than 50 active members shall elect two officers: a president and vice president. If a local church has a unified treasurer who accounts for church funds, including NMI monies, and who has been elected by the Church Board, that person shall be the NMI treasurer as an ex officio member of the Local NMI Council with all rights and duties, unless

otherwise specified by the Local Council.

- a. President
    - (1) The nominating committee shall submit one or more names for the office of president, subject to the approval of the Church Board.
    - (2) Incumbent nominees may be reelected by a yes/no ballot when such election is recommended by the nominating committee and approved by the pastor.
    - (3) The president shall be elected by a majority vote by ballot of the members present and voting for a term of service of one or two church years. The NMI Council and the pastor shall recommend the length of the term of service.
  - b. Each of the remaining officers shall be elected by ballot for a term of service of one or two church years, the length of the term to be recommended by the NMI Council and the pastor, by
    - (1) A plurality vote; or
    - (2) A yes/no vote, when such a vote is recommended by the nominating committee and approved by the pastor.
  - c. Additional council members, whose length of service shall be one church year, may be:
    - (1) Elected to specific responsibilities, or
    - (2) Elected to the Council as a whole with responsibilities to be determined later, or
    - (3) Appointed by the Executive Committee.
  - d. Delegates and alternates to the District Convention shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting by a plurality vote. Alternates may be elected on a separate ballot, or at the recommendation of the Local Council on the same ballot as the delegates. (See Article VI, Section 2, A.3. for determining the number of delegates.)
3. Appointments: In consultation with the pastor, additional council members may be appointed by the Executive Committee to a term of service of one church year and shall begin serving on the first day of the new church year or at any time after the appointment is made.
4. Vacancies
- a. President: The Executive Committee shall nominate one or more names with the approval of the Church Board. Election shall be by ballot with a majority vote of the NMI members at any regular or called meeting.
  - b. Other Executive Committee members: The Executive Committee shall nominate one or more names. Election shall be by ballot by a plurality vote of the local NMI members at any regular or called meeting. If a local church has a unified treasurer, that vacancy shall be filled by the Church Board.
  - c. Other council members: The Executive Committee shall fill any vacancy by appointment.

#### D. Duties of Council Members

1. President
  - a. Directs the work of NMI in the local church.

- b. Presides at all regular and special meetings of NMI.
  - c. Promotes, or delegates responsibility for, all emphases not assigned by election or council action.
  - d. Prepares an annual budget for approval by the Local NMI Council and Church Board.
  - e. Submits annually written reports to the local NMI, the annual church meeting, the pastor of the local church, and the district NMI secretary.
  - f. Serves as an ex officio member of the Church Board, Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries International Board, District NMI Convention, and District Assembly. In the case where the pastor's spouse serves as the local president, if he or she so desires not to serve on the Church Board, the vice president is authorized to serve on the Church Board in the president's place. In the case where the spouse of the local president is a member of the church board (or the spouse is the pastor of the church), if the local president chooses not to serve on the Church Board, the vice president is authorized to serve on the Church Board in the president's place.
2. Vice President
    - a. Performs all duties of the president when the president is absent.
    - b. Serves in other areas as assigned by the Local NMI Council.
  3. Secretary
    - a. Conducts the correspondence of the NMI, keeps statistical records, and records the minutes of all business meetings.
    - b. Keeps a complete list of all NMI members.
  4. Treasurer
    - a. Keeps an accurate account of all funds collected and expended.
    - b. Ensures all offerings are sent to the designated treasurers in a timely manner.
    - c. Furnishes the Council and, where applicable, the local church treasurer with all reports.
  5. Executive Committee
    - a. Appoints additional council members or fills vacancies on the Council.
    - b. Transacts business between council meetings.
    - c. Nominates one or more names for president if a vacancy occurs between annual meetings.
  6. Other Council Members
    - a. Promote the emphases and/or responsibility to which they are assigned (see *NMI Handbook*).

## **Section 2: District Council**

- A. Purpose: The District Council shall promote the purpose of Nazarene Missions International within the district.
- B. Composition
  1. The Council shall have four officers: a president, a vice president, a secretary, and a treasurer.

2. Council members shall be responsible to mobilize the church in mission through praying, discipling, giving, and educating. A council member may hold more than one position but have only one vote.
3. Executive Committee shall be the district superintendent, NMI officers, and three other council members.

C. Nominations, Elections, Appointments, and Vacancies

1. Nominations: The Council shall be nominated by a committee of not less than five (5) members of the NMI. The District Executive Committee shall appoint the nominating committee. The district superintendent shall serve as the committee chairman for the nomination of the district president. Upon approval of the district superintendent, the district NMI president may serve as chairman of the nominating committee for other nominations. All nominees shall be NMI members of a local Church of the Nazarene on the district where they will serve.
2. Elections: The president and at least four additional council members, one of which will be designated as vice president, shall be elected by ballot at the annual District Convention. (These four council positions do not include the secretary and treasurer. See Article V, Section 2, C.2.c.) The term of service shall be one or two convention years. A convention year is from the adjournment of the District Convention to the adjournment of the next District Convention.
  - a. President
    - (1) The nominating committee shall submit one or more names for the office of president except when the District Council recommends a yes or no ballot for an incumbent standing for another term.
    - (2) Incumbent nominees may be reelected by a yes/no ballot when such election is recommended by the District Council and approved by the district superintendent.
    - (3) The president shall be elected by a two-thirds favorable vote of the members present and voting for a term of service of one or two convention years or until the successor has been elected. The District NMI Council and the district superintendent shall recommend the length of the term of service.
    - (4) In the case of a president serving 10 or more consecutive years on one district stepping aside, the District NMI Council and the district superintendent can recommend the election, by a yes/no ballot on a single name, of an "interim president" to serve one year. The interim is eligible to be recommended for election immediately after the interim presidency year has concluded.
  - b. Vice president shall be elected by ballot in one of the following ways:
    - (1) To the specific responsibility with two names submitted for the office; or
    - (2) To the Council as a whole with specific council positions to be determined by the Council; or
    - (3) A yes/no vote upon the recommendation of the nominating committee and approval of the district superintendent.
  - c. Secretary and treasurer shall be elected by ballot by
    - (1) The District Convention. With the recommendation of the nominating

committee and approval of the district superintendent, election may be by a yes/no ballot for one or two convention years; or

- (2) The newly elected District Council upon the recommendation of the nominating committee and approval of the district superintendent. With the recommendation of the nominating committee and approval of the district superintendent, election may be by a yes/no ballot for one or two convention years.
  - (3) If a district has a unified treasurer who accounts for district funds, including NMI monies, that person shall be the NMI treasurer as an ex officio member of the District NMI Council with all rights and duties, unless otherwise specified by the District Council.
- d. Three council members, in addition to the officers, shall be elected by ballot for one or two convention years with responsibilities to be determined by the Council. The nominating committee and the district superintendent shall recommend the length of the term of service.
  - e. Additional council members, including NMI zone or area coordinators, may be
    - (1) Elected to specific responsibilities; or
    - (2) Elected to the Council as a whole with responsibilities to be determined later by the Council; or
    - (3) Appointed by the Executive Committee or District Council as determined by the Executive Committee.The term of service shall be one or two convention years. The nominating committee and district superintendent shall recommend the length of the term of service.
  - f. Youth representatives
    - (1) The District Convention may elect by ballot one and not more than two youth members to the District Council; or
    - (2) The newly elected District Council may elect one and not more than two youth members to the District Council.
    - (3) Nominations may be requested from the District Nazarene Youth International Executive Committee.
    - (4) Term of service shall be for one convention year.
  - g. The three Executive Committee members other than the officers shall be elected by ballot by the District Council for a term of service of one convention year or until their successors are elected.
3. Appointments: In consultation with the district superintendent, additional council members may be appointed by the Executive Committee or District Council as determined by the Executive Committee.
  4. Vacancies
    - a. President: The Executive Committee shall nominate two names. Election shall be by ballot with a majority vote of the District Council present and voting. The person elected shall serve until the adjournment of the next District Convention.
    - b. Other council members: The Executive Committee or District Council shall fill any vacancy by appointment. The newly appointed council members shall serve until the adjournment of the next District Convention.

- c. Unified treasurer: If a district has a unified treasurer, that vacancy shall be filled by the District Advisory Board.

#### D. Duties of Council Members

1. President
  - a. Directs the work of NMI on the district.
  - b. Presides at all meetings of the District Council, Executive Committee, and the District Convention.
  - c. Promotes, or delegates responsibility for, all emphases not assigned by election or council action.
  - d. Prepares an annual budget for approval by the district finance committee.
  - e. Submits annually a written report to the District NMI Convention and to the Global NMI Council regional representative.
  - f. Serves as an ex officio member of the district committee referenced in *Manual* paragraph 207.
2. Vice President
  - a. Performs all duties of the president when the president is absent.
  - b. Serves in other areas as assigned by the District NMI Council.
3. Secretary
  - a. Conducts the correspondence of the NMI and records the minutes of all business meetings.
  - b. Sends report forms annually to local NMI presidents.
  - c. Compiles statistical records and submits an annual report to the district president, global NMI director, Global Council representative, and where applicable the regional NMI coordinator for Global Mission regions.
4. Treasurer
  - a. Keeps an accurate account of all funds collected and expended.
  - b. Remits funds to designated treasurers in a timely manner.
  - c. Furnishes regular itemized reports to the District Council and prepares an annual report for the District Convention.
  - d. Arranges with appropriate district personnel the annual audit of the district NMI treasurer's books.
5. Executive Committee
  - a. Appoints additional District Council members or fills vacancies on the Council.
  - b. Transacts business between council meetings.
  - c. Nominates two names for president if a vacancy occurs between annual conventions.
6. Other Council Members
  - a. Promote the emphases and/or responsibilities to which they are assigned (see *NMI Handbook*).

### Section 3: Global Council

- A. Purpose: The Global NMI Council shall promote the purpose of Nazarene Missions International.

## B. Composition

1. The Global NMI Council shall be composed of the director of Global Mission, the global NMI director, global NMI president, and one representative from each region in the Church of the Nazarene.
2. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the director of Global Mission, the global NMI director, the global NMI president, the global NMI vice president, the global NMI secretary, and one other council member.

## C. Nominations, Elections, and Vacancies

### 1. Nomination and Election of Global Director

- a. The global director shall be nominated by the director of the Global Mission Office in consultation with the general superintendent in jurisdiction for the Global Mission Office.
- b. The Global Council shall approve the nominated global director by a majority vote by ballot.
- c. The Global Mission Committee of the General Board shall approve the nomination by a majority vote by ballot and recommend the nominee to the Board of General Superintendents.
- d. The Board of General Superintendents shall elect the global director.

### 2. Nomination and Election of Global President

- a. A nominating committee composed of the global director, three regional representatives from the Global Council, and five non-Global Council members shall be appointed by the Executive Committee. No two members of the nominating committee may be from the same region.
- b. The global director shall serve as chairman of the nominating committee.
- c. The committee shall submit the names of two and not more than three persons for global president. The nominees shall be approved by the Board of General Superintendents.
- d. From these nominees the Global Convention shall elect a global president by a two-thirds vote by ballot.
- e. The global president shall serve for a four-year term, from the close of the General Assembly until the close of the following General Assembly.
- f. The global president shall be limited to two full terms of service. A term of service shall be one quadrennium. If a person is elected to fill a vacancy in the office of global president, that person is also eligible to serve two full terms.

### 3. Nomination and Election of Global Council Members

- a. Each District NMI Council may submit one or two names to the Global NMI Office from its region as the regional representative for a nominating ballot.
  - (1) These persons shall be members and residents of the region they will represent, except in the case where the council member moves from that region within six months prior to the Global Convention.
  - (2) This provision does not apply to anyone whose home residence is just across a regional boundary from the place of church membership.
- b. From these names on the nominating ballot, each region in caucus at the



- Global NMI Convention shall choose by ballot two nominees. The two with the highest number of votes shall be declared the nominees; however, the two nominees shall not be from the same district. If this happens, the person with the second highest number of votes is replaced by the person with the next highest number of votes from a different district.
- c. The region in caucus shall then elect one person by a majority vote to represent the region on the Global Council.
  - d. Council members shall serve for a four-year term, from the close of the General Assembly until the close of the following General Assembly.
  - e. The term of service shall be limited to two consecutive full terms. A term shall be one quadrennium. If a person is elected to fill a vacancy of a Global Council member, that person is also eligible to serve two consecutive full terms. A person may be elected to serve again after not serving for at least one full term.
4. Nomination and Election of Executive Committee
- a. The Global Council shall in its first meeting nominate and elect a vice president, a secretary, and one additional member for the Executive Committee.
  - b. Election shall be by ballot by a majority vote of those present and voting.
5. Nomination and Election of NMI Representative to General Board
- a. The Global Council shall nominate one member of the Council to represent NMI on the General Board of the Church of the Nazarene.
  - b. The General Assembly shall elect the NMI representative by ballot.
6. Vacancies
- a. If a vacancy occurs in the office of global president between Global Conventions, a new global president shall be elected from nominees selected by the Executive Committee in consultation with the general superintendent in jurisdiction by a two-thirds vote of the Global Council. The person will perform the duties of the global president until adjournment of the next General Assembly. The question of calling for an election to fill the vacancy shall be decided by the Global Council in consultation with the general superintendent in jurisdiction.
  - b. If a vacancy occurs on the Council between Global Conventions, each District Executive Committee on the region concerned shall be requested to submit one nominee from the region to the Global Executive Committee. From these names, the Global Executive Committee shall present two names as nominees. The vacancy shall then be filled by a majority vote by the district NMI presidents on the region. The question of calling for an election to fill the vacancy shall be decided by the Global Council Executive Committee in consultation with the general superintendent in jurisdiction.
  - c. If a vacancy occurs in the office of global director, the same process will be followed for the nomination and election of the global director (see Article V. Section 3.C.1).
  - d. If a vacancy occurs in the Executive Committee between Global Conventions, the Global Council shall nominate two people. The vacancy shall be filled by a majority vote by ballot of the Global NMI Council.

- e. If a vacancy occurs in the NMI representative to the General Board, the Global Executive Committee shall submit two nominees after consultation with the general superintendent in jurisdiction and the approval of the Board of General Superintendents. The Global NMI Council shall elect the General Board representative by a majority vote.

#### D. Duties

##### 1. Global Council Members

- a. Cooperate with the global NMI director in developing NMI policy and program.
- b. Promote the total program of the NMI in the geographic region they represent.
- c. Submit a report of the NMI work in the region to each Global Council meeting.
- d. Nominate one member of the Council for election by the General Assembly as the NMI representative on the General Board.
- e. Act on any legislation passed by the General Assembly relevant to regional representation.
- f. Elect a vice president, a secretary, and another member from the Council to the Executive Committee.

##### 2. Global Director

- a. Serves as the executive officer of NMI.
- b. Advances the mission interests of NMI throughout the districts around the world in cooperation with the Global Council.
- c. Interprets the *NMI Handbook and Constitution*.
- d. Directs the personnel and business of the Global Office.
- e. Serves as editor-in-chief of all NMI publications.
- f. Directs the compilation and maintenance of records and reports.
- g. Makes an annual financial and statistical report to the Global Council, the Global Mission Committee, and the General Board.
- h. Prepares a condensed report of business transacted in each meeting of the Council for approval by the Global Mission Committee of the General Board.
- i. Directs the organization and program of the Global Convention in collaboration with the Global Council.
- j. Prepares the Global Convention report, both financial and statistical, with a condensed version through the Global Mission Office for the General Assembly.
- k. Serves as an ex officio member of the General Assembly.
- l. Initiates and maintains a current Internet Web site with broad capabilities on behalf of and in cooperation with the Global NMI Council.

##### 3. Global President

- a. Presides at the meetings of the Global Council, Executive Committee, and the Global Convention.
- b. Promotes the purpose and programs of NMI.

##### 4. Vice President

- a. Performs the duties of the president when the president is absent.

##### 5. Executive Committee

- a. Transacts business between council meetings.

- b. Nominates two names for global president if a vacancy occurs between Global Conventions.
- c. Nominates two names for a vacancy on the Executive Committee.
- d. Appoints the nominating committee for global president.

## **Article VI. Meetings**

### **Section 1. Local Meetings**

#### **A. Monthly**

There shall be one or more meetings for mission information, inspiration, and prayer held each calendar month.

- 1. Meetings may take the form of mission services, mission speakers, mission lessons, mission activities and events, mission moments, NMI emphases, etc.
- 2. The NMI president and the Council shall work in cooperation with the pastor in planning mission education and involvement for the local church.

#### **B. Annual**

- 1. The annual meeting shall be held no later than 30 days prior to the District Convention to elect the Executive Committee/Council for the next church year and the delegates to the District Convention.
- 2. Voting and election to the Local Council shall be limited to NMI members who are 15 years of age or older.

#### **C. Council Meetings**

The Local Council shall meet at least quarterly to plan, report, evaluate, inform, inspire, and carry out the work of the local organization. A majority of council members shall constitute a quorum.

#### **D. Electronic Meetings and Communications**

- 1. All NMI Conventions, councils, committees, subcommittees, and task forces shall be authorized to meet by telephone conference or through other electronic communications media if all the members can simultaneously hear each other and participate in the meeting.
- 2. Unless members indicate otherwise, all communications required of this Constitution may be sent electronically.

### **Section 2. District Meetings**

#### **A. Convention**

- 1. There shall be an annual District Convention to report, pray, inform, inspire, present plans, and conduct business pertaining to the organization.
- 2. The time and place of the Convention shall be decided by the District Council in consultation with the district superintendent and shall be held within 30 days of the District Assembly.

3. Membership
  - a. Only members of the respective district shall be eligible to serve as ex officio or elected delegates.
  - b. Ex officio members of the Convention shall be District NMI Council; district superintendent; all assigned ministers and full-time salaried associate ministers of local churches; lay members of the District Advisory Board; the local NMI presidents of the assembly year just ending, and newly elected NMI presidents or newly elected vice presidents if the newly elected president cannot attend; Global NMI Council member; retired assigned ministers; retired missionaries, missionaries on home assignment, and missionary appointees; and any former district presidents who reside on the district that they served.
  - c. Elected delegates from each local church shall be NMI members (15 years of age or older). The number of elected delegates shall be based on the following formula: two delegates (excluding associate members) from each local NMI of 25 members or fewer, and one additional delegate for each additional 25 members or major portion thereof. Membership shall be based on the NMI membership reported at the local NMI annual meeting when elections take place. The local NMI nominating committee shall nominate delegates. Delegates may be elected at the local annual meeting or appointed by the Executive Committee of the Local NMI Council when approved by the local annual meeting.
  - d. Each church eligible for four or more delegates to the Convention according to the formula Article VI, Section 2.A.3.c shall consider designating at least one of its delegates who is at least 15 years of age and no older than 30 years of age. The church may have a special election for such youth candidates when delegate voting takes place.
4. The delegates present shall constitute a quorum.

#### B. Council

The District Council shall meet at least biannually to transact business in the interim between the annual District Conventions. A majority of council members shall constitute a quorum.

#### C. Electronic Meetings and Communications

1. All NMI Conventions, councils, committees, subcommittees, and task forces shall be authorized to meet by telephone conference or through other electronic communications media if all the members can simultaneously hear each other and participate in the meeting.
2. Unless members indicate otherwise, all communications required of this Constitution may be sent electronically.

### **Section 3. Global Meetings**

#### A. Convention

1. There shall be a Global Convention of Nazarene Missions International

immediately preceding the General Assembly to report, pray, inform, inspire, present plans, and conduct business pertaining to the organization. A majority of registered delegates shall constitute a quorum. When gathering the Global Convention in multiple sites, once a quorum is established, it is considered present until adjournment of the Convention, even in the event a connection with one or more sites is lost.

2. The time and place of the convention shall be decided by the Global Council in consultation with the general superintendent in jurisdiction. The Global NMI Council shall approve official locations and shall ensure implementation of practical arrangements.
3. Membership
  - a. Ex officio members of the Global Convention shall be members of the Global Council; regional NMI coordinators of Global Mission regions; district NMI presidents, or in the event a district president cannot attend, the district vice president may be allowed to represent that district.
  - b. Delegates and alternates to the Global Convention shall be elected by ballot at a District Convention. Alternates may be elected on a separate ballot or at the recommendation of the District Council on the same ballot as the delegates. Delegates and alternates may be elected by a plurality vote by ballot on approval by a two-thirds vote of the District Convention upon recommendation of the District Council. (See Article VI, Section 3.A, 3.c. for determining the number of delegates and time of election).
  - c. Elected delegates to the Global Convention shall be based on the following formula: two delegates from each Phase 3 and Phase 2 district of 1,000 or fewer NMI members, excluding associates, and one additional delegate for each additional 700 members or major portion thereof. Membership shall be based on the NMI membership reported at the District Convention when elections take place. The district NMI nominating committee shall nominate delegates. (See *Manual* paragraph 200.2 for definition of district phases.) The District NMI Council shall determine the number of alternates the District Convention shall elect.
  - d. Phase 3 and Phase 2 districts eligible for four or more delegates to the Global Convention according to the formula in Article VI, Section 3.A.3.c shall consider designating at least one of their delegates who is at least 15 years of age and no older than 30 years of age. The district may have a special election for such youth candidates at its District Convention
  - e. One global missionary delegate for every Global Mission region of 50 or fewer missionaries, or two global missionary delegates for each region with 51 or more missionaries shall be nominated and elected from and by the assigned global missionaries serving in that region, by a method approved by the global NMI director's office.
  - f. Delegates are to be elected by ballot by the District Convention within 16 months of the Global Convention or within 24 months in areas where travel visas or other unusual preparations are necessary.
  - g. Any elected delegate shall be residing at the time of the Global Convention on the district where he or she held membership at the time of election. If any

elected delegate moves off the district, the privilege of representing the former district is forfeited. This provision does not apply to anyone whose home residence is just across a district boundary from the place of church membership.

- h. In the event that the district president, district vice president, elected delegate, duly elected alternate delegate, or designated alternate delegates are unable to attend the Global Convention and this fact is identified after the last District Convention before the Global Convention, then replacement alternate delegates may be appointed by the District NMI Council, or in the event of no District NMI Council, the district NMI president with the approval of the district superintendent.

#### B. Council Meetings

1. The Global Council newly elected at the Global Convention may meet before the adjournment of the General Assembly for the purpose of organization and planning.
2. The Global Council shall meet a minimum of three times during the quadrennium to transact business pertaining to the organization. A majority of council members shall constitute a quorum.

#### C. Electronic Meetings and Communications

1. All NMI Conventions, councils, committees, subcommittees, and task forces shall be authorized to meet by telephone conference or through other electronic communications media if all the members can simultaneously hear each other and participate in the meeting.
2. Unless members indicate otherwise, all communications required of this Constitution may be sent electronically.

### **Article VII. Funds**

#### **Section 1. Raised by Local Churches**

##### A. World Evangelism Fund

1. All funds raised for the World Evangelism Fund shall be sent to the general treasurer.
2. World Evangelism Fund (WEF) shall be raised in the following manner:
  - a. Regular WEF offerings
  - b. Easter and Thanksgiving offerings
  - c. The WEF portion of faith promise giving
  - d. Prayer and Fasting offerings

##### B. Approved Mission Specials

1. Opportunity shall be given to contribute to Approved Missions Specials over and above WEF giving.
2. Additional Approved Mission Specials may be approved and authorized by appropriate personnel at Nazarene Global Ministry Center.

3. The Global NMI Council shall authorize all Approved Mission Specials that are promoted and raised through NMI from the global level.

C. Funds Exclusive

1. No part of the World Evangelism Fund and Approved Mission Specials shall be used for local or district expense or charitable purposes.

D. Local Expense

1. A local expense fund shall be provided for NMI as determined by the Local NMI Council and approved by the Church Board.
2. A portion of the local expense shall be designated for the expenses of the District Convention delegates.

## **Section 2. Raised by the Districts**

A. District Expense

1. A district expense fund shall be provided for NMI as determined by the District NMI Council and approved by the District Finance Committee.
2. A portion of the district expense fund shall be designated to pay for district delegate expenses to the Global Convention.
3. World Evangelism Fund and Approved Mission Specials shall not be used for district expense.

## **Section 3. Remuneration**

- A. The ministry of NMI shall be a love service to the church. No salaries shall be paid to leaders elected at any level, local, district, and global, with the exception of the global director, who is employed by the Church of the Nazarene, Inc.
- B. Adequate remuneration shall be provided for the expenses of council members at all levels—local, district, and global.

## **Article VIII. Policies and Procedures**

The Global NMI Council shall establish additional policies, procedures, and job descriptions for NMI to be contained in the *NMI Handbook* along with the NMI Constitution.

## **Article IX. Parliamentary Authority**

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*, when not in conflict with applicable law, the Articles of Incorporation of the Church of the Nazarene, the NMI Constitution, and any other rules of order that NMI may adopt, shall govern the organization.

## **Article X. Amendments**

The NMI Constitution may be amended by two-thirds favorable vote of members present and voting at a Global Convention of Nazarene Missions International and by the approval of the Global Mission Committee of the General Board.

**Passed by the Global NMI Convention, 21 June 2013**