HOW CAN A DISTRICT NMI COUNCIL HELP OUR DISTRICT PARTICIPATE IN GOD’S MISSION?

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    • Help people to overcome inertia
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THE NMI IS BOTH **CENTRAL** AND **ESSENTIAL** TO THE MISSION OF THE NAZARENE CHURCH AT ALL LEVELS, LOCAL, DISTRICT AND GENERAL
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• God’s mission is achieved through the local church

• NMI happens in the local church
WHAT IS THE KEY TO SUCCESS OF THE NMI AT LOCAL AND DISTRICT LEVEL?

A Pastor committed to support NMI is key to the success of NMI in the local church.

A DS committed to support NMI is key to the success of NMI on the District.
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• FACILITATE

- To act as a transforming pipeline between the General NMI and the Local NMI.
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GENERAL NMI

DISTRICT NMI

LOCAL NMI
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EXAMPLE 1

- The Thanksgiving Offering
- Taken in the USA at the time of Thanksgiving (November)
  - Change it to be taken at a time when your culture has a time of thanksgiving
    - In the UK – Harvest Festival
- Raise the money your way
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EXAMPLE 2

• WORK and WITNESS
  - ‘My church is not large enough to be involved in Work and Witness’
  - ‘My church cannot raise the funds for a Work and Witness team’
WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE DISTRICT NMI?

• ANSWER: Work together
  - Organise a District Team funded by all churches on the District
    • Enables those from small churches to join in
    • Individuals can sponsor those from other churches
  - Start by working on a project on your District

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EXAMPLE 3

• YOUTH IN MISSION
  - ‘That is a North American programme – we could never do that’

WHY SHOULD WE?
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EXAMPLE 3

• YOUTH IN MISSION
  - Change the name?
  - Start small
  - Use youth teams for District projects
  - Let them catch the missions vision
  - Use adult sponsors to disciple and encourage
  - Slowly develop with adult support to international teams within the Region
  - Sub-team of an adult team

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To inspire the local NMI's on your District to motivate the churches to be involved in Nazarene missions by facilitating the use of General NMI programmes to 'do missions' in ways appropriate to the local churches on your District to achieve more than the Local NMI's can do alone.
WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE DISTRICT NMI?

To mobilise the church in mission through praying, discipling, giving and educating.

DO IT IN WAYS RELEVANT TO YOUR CHURCH / DISTRICT USING RESOURCES FROM GENERAL NMI.