

Fast Facts

- The Church of the Nazarene ministers in **163 world areas**. In February, the 2020 General Board approved official entrance into the following world area: Africa Region—**Central African Republic**.*
- In 2019, there were **586 missionaries** originating from **67 world areas**. Of these missionaries, **360 served as global deployed** and **226 were sponsored deployed**. Last year, **86 new missionaries** were added. Within the missionary families, there are **312 missionary kids**.*
- Churches numbered **30,875 churches (0.53 percent increase)** with **2.61 million members** (increase of 1.45 percent from last year).*
- **487 districts** have been established around the world in 2019 with **29,723 clergy**.*
- **5 graduate seminaries/theological colleges, 13 liberal arts colleges/universities, 30 undergraduate seminaries/theological/Bible colleges, 2 nurses training colleges, 1 teacher training college, and 1,411 education centers (extension)** had a 2019 combined **enrollment of 51,342 students** globally.*
- People were treated at **community-based clinics and health care centers** all over the world with concentrated efforts in India, Papua New Guinea, and Eswatini (formerly known as Swaziland).*
- **196 retired missionaries** received pensions.*
- **NMI membership was 1,062,516** (an increase of 2.27 percent), and the **number of organized local NMIs have risen by 1.78 percent to 18,764**.
- **JESUS Film Harvest Partners (JFHP)** reports that World Evangelism Fund (WEF) helped provide infrastructure for **773 JFHP teams** to share God's love. In 2018–2019, the teams reported **3 million evangelistic contacts**. Of these contacts, **685,338 indicated decisions for Christ** with **409,585 initial discipleship follow-ups**. The teams started **8,770 preaching points** in 2019.
- NMI and others partnered with local churches to help raise **US \$37.6 million through the World Evangelism Fund** during the 2019 fiscal year (FY).*
- Churches globally gave **US \$25.98 million for Approved Mission Specials**.
- In 2019, **85 districts gave 5.5 percent of their income and beyond to the World Evangelism Fund**. WEF giving beyond 5.5 percent helps open new work, sustains works opened in recent years, and helps send new missionaries that God calls.¹
- **Missionary Health Care** provided **US \$429,257 in medical assistance** for Nazarene missionaries.
- Nazarenes gave **US \$325,628 to World Mission Broadcast (WMB)**, providing radio, television, and Internet programs to share the gospel globally.
- Nazarenes gave **US \$3.85 million in deputation** offerings for missionaries, up 2.81 percent from FY 2018.

¹ "New work" refers to new world areas, a geographical area, or new entities such as institutions. Pioneer areas or Phase 1 districts are considered new work. When a district reaches Phase 2, it is no longer a "new work."

- NMI has more than **205 districts worldwide participating in Links**, creating personalized connections between local churches, districts, and missionaries around the world. Each connection is vital in continuing to share about the impact of missions.
 - Nazarenes gave **US \$2.54 million for Alabaster** (up 1.55 percent) to fund construction projects in 2019. The Alabaster Offering is used in all six global regions. No Alabaster funds are used for administrative costs.
 - **International Student Scholarship Fund** (NMI 80th Anniversary project) provided **66 scholarships** for students outside the USA/Canada to attend Nazarene theological institutions.
 - NMI partnered with **Nazarene Compassionate Ministries** to give **more than US \$3.98 million** for disaster response and compassion projects around the world and to support **11,750 children** through Child Development Centers and Pastor's Kid programs.
 - NMI assisted **Work & Witness** in raising approximately **US \$1.2 million** to deploy **429 teams**, an **average of 8.25 teams per week**. **6,409 people** participated in Work & Witness in 2019, donating the equivalent of **342 years of labor**.
 - Nazarene churches around the world operated **1,379 pre-school, primary, and secondary schools** with a **total enrollment of 153,328 students**.
- * Supported either directly or indirectly by World Evangelism Fund (WEF).

Denominational statistics for 2019

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