

June 24-28, 2009 Global Mission Conference General NMI Convention



Orlando: Global Praise, Worship, Challenge, Encouragement...and Business

by Philip Weatherill

Orlando will be inspirational. Thousands of Nazarenes from around the globe will gather for celebration and global mission vision.

An essential part of our time together will be to consider proposed changes to our NMI Constitution. Changes to our Constitution should facilitate our conduct of the four NMI objectives and therefore encourage us in achieving the Great Commission. Such changes should inspire us all in our efforts to reach the world.

The proposed constitutional changes were e-mailed to district presidents in May. Delegates, please carefully and prayerfully consider the wording and come to Orlando ready to participate. As a preview, some of these proposed constitutional changes will:

- Change the word “general” to become “global.” This change would reflect the specificity and worldwide application of NMI.
- Modify how local and district NMI councils are structured, moving away from job-orientated councils to councils focused around the four NMI objectives. Council members will still promote the various programmes within NMI. The proposed change reflects the purpose and passion of global mission, rather than the programme in itself.
- Consider the possibility of those who have served for eight years on the General NMI Council being able to serve again after an appropriate break of service. These resolutions recognize benefit in limiting the time a person can serve on the General NMI Council. But they also make it possible to involve again those who commence service at a younger age.
- Allow the General NMI Council to determine the practical arrangements for the General NMI Convention. The Global NYI has already implemented change to host the NYI Convention at other international sites via video conference. After discussing this in depth, the General NMI Council is not proposing a specific change at this time. The proposed constitutional change will allow flexibility in the future whilst not committing to the nature of any change at this time. This flexibility would allow for NMI to learn of, but also to be ready to benefit from, technological changes that may occur in the next few years.
- State succinctly the purpose of NMI as represented in the four objectives of praying, discipling, educating, and giving.
- Remove the word “auxiliary” from our Constitution. This proposed change is to reflect the integral role of NMI in the church and its cross-functional activities with many ministries of the Church.
- Other proposals seek to clarify the election of delegates to the General NMI Convention, to calculate membership, and to remove text describing offerings that would be better placed in the *NMI Handbook*.



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We anticipate an inspirational time in Orlando. Perhaps the people of Orlando will comment positively that there has never been a Convention of this nature in Orlando before. The business that needs to be done should not detract from the praise, worship, challenge, and encouragement. Change should enable us all to fulfill the Great Commission more efficiently and remove any restrictions to our implementation of the Great Commission.

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Buddy Plan Giving

Most delegates outside the U.S.A./Canada must cover a large portion of their costs for airfare, lodging, and food from personal funds. The Buddy Plan assists these NMI delegates with additional support. Depending on the amount given, we also hope to assist some non-delegate emerging leaders from nations outside U.S.A./Canada who participate in the NMI convention. They will receive no allowance from their district.

Thank you to those churches who have participated.

Buddy Plan Giving by District

Canada	3,498.70	USA North Central	14,438.87	USA Southeast	14,221.09
Canada Atlantic		Dakota	1,080.00	Alabama North	975.00
Canada Central	1,156.20	Iowa	1,560.00	Alabama South	600.00
Canada Pacific	987.50	Joplin	5,629.58	Central Florida	1,650.00
Canada Quebec	81.00	Kansas	2,500.00	East Tennessee	3,432.06
Canada West	1,274.00	Kansas City	1,061.99	Georgia	1,500.00
Canadian Executive Board		Minnesota	1,000.30	Kentucky	1,075.00
		Missouri	1,000.00	Mississippi	441.98
USA Central	13,836.98	Nebraska	607.00	North Carolina	
Chicago Central	456.82			North Florida	
Eastern Michigan	400.00	USA Northwest	9,439.67	South Carolina	1,254.68
Illinois	1,000.00	Alaska	500.00	Southern Florida	985.00
Indianapolis	2,929.98	Colorado	1,388.05	Tennessee	2,307.37
Michigan	2,500.00	Intermountain	1,500.00		
Northeastern Indiana	1,500.00	Northwest	3,000.00	USA Southwest	14,066.99
Northern Michigan	1,430.37	Oregon Pacific	1,000.00	Anaheim	500.00
Northwest Indiana		Rocky Mountain	500.00	Arizona	3,931.25
Northwestern Illinois	2,006.81	Washington Pacific	1,551.62	Central California	815.45
Southwest Indiana	1,113.00			Hawaii Pacific	862.14
Wisconsin	500.00	USA South Central	22,938.33	Los Angeles	100.00
		Dallas	4,450.00	New Mexico	682.04
USA East Central	10,970.15	Louisiana	1,111.00	Northern California	5,793.11
Central Ohio	2,624.05	North Arkansas	2,250.00	Sacramento	750.00
East Ohio	1,449.00	Northeast Oklahoma	1,500.00	Southern California	
Eastern Kentucky	1,000.00	Northwest Oklahoma	2,506.81	Southwest Latin American	133.00
North Central Ohio	1,919.90	South Arkansas	5,318.00	Southwest Native American	
Northwestern Ohio	1,000.00	South Texas	1,800.00	Western Latin America	500.00
Southwestern Ohio	2,159.15	Southeast Oklahoma	1,008.00		
West Virginia North	718.05	Southwest Oklahoma	875.00	Report reflects giving from July 1, 2005–June 11, 2009.	
West Virginia South	100.00	Texas-Oklahoma Latin	150.00		
		West Texas	1,969.52		
USA Eastern	8,926.95				
Maine	315.00				
Metro New York	679.00				
Mid-Atlantic	380.00				
New England	1,337.79				
Philadelphia	1,684.45				
Pittsburgh	2,000.00				
Upstate New York	693.35				

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