



**Global Mission Conference**  
**Orlando, Florida, U.S.A.**  
**June 24-28, 2009**  
**Highlights**

Nazarene Missions International (NMI) expanded the 21st general NMI convention into a global mission conference on June 24-28, 2009 in Orlando, Florida, U.S.A.. The NMI conference collaborated closely with conventions for Nazarene Youth International (NYI), Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries International (SDMI), International Higher Education Council (IHEC), and General Assembly.

NMI commenced with a message from World Mission Director Dr. Louie Bustle, opened the second day with a message from President Rev. Eunice Brubaker, and concluded the third day with a message on Book-of-Acts holiness movements from Global NMI Director Dr. Daniel Ketchum. Nearly 1,000 persons responded in a closing covenant to live holy, pray daily, fast weekly, do justly, evangelize boldly, disciple diligently, and give extravagantly. The conference highlighted multiple prayer initiatives, features from each of six World Mission regions, global tracks around five themes, and mission workshops.

**Delegates** from six World Mission (WM) regions participated as follows: 67 from Africa, 54 from Asia Pacific, 62 from Caribbean, 35 from Eurasia, 58 from Mexico/Central America, and 46 from South America, for a total of 322 from WM regions. Another 688 delegates from the USA and Canada brought the total NMI delegates to 1,010. Almost half of these attended their first general convention. Almost half were under the age of 50. Nearly all responded that they were making disciples and were being disciplined.

**Rev. Jennifer Brown** was elected as the first global NMI president from a country other than the United States of America, marking history for NMI. Rev. Brown, a resident of Jamaica, has served as a local and district NMI president and as a member of the Global NMI Council. She holds a bachelor's and a master's degree, both from the University of West Indies. She teaches Spanish and English on the high school level, and serves as an ordained elder and associate pastor in the Church of the Nazarene.

"My motto has always been 'saved to serve.' I believe in servant leadership," Rev. Brown said in response to the election. "I am very positive about global mission and am excited about helping to make Christlike disciples in the nations."

Pending final approval by the Board of General Superintendents, the outgoing general NMI council agreed to new recognition levels for the World Evangelism Fund beginning with 2010 district assemblies as follows:

- **World Evangelism Church:** WEF giving at least 5.5% of current income, no deductions (guidelines to be provided by global treasury services)
- **World Evangelism Church of Excellence:** WEF giving at least 5.7% of current income or USD 1,500 (whichever is less; for new world areas)
- **World Evangelism Church of Distinction:** WEF giving at more than 5.7% of current income (can be directed in collaboration with WM regions or fields)

The **new global NMI council** includes several new regional representatives elected by regional caucuses. Joining President Jennifer Brown, Dr. Ketchum, and Dr. Bustle on the council are the following representatives and the region each represents:

- Mnisi Ezekiel Sanois—Africa
- Kim Ran—Asia-Pacific
- Tonya Kucey—Canada
- Donnamie Ali—Caribbean
- Rob Kegel—Eurasia
- Oswaldo Alonso—Mexico/Central America
- Haraldo Neves—South America
- Martha Bean—Central U.S.A.
- Lola Brickey—East Central U.S.A.
- Sandra Sisler—Eastern U.S.A.
- Eunice Brubaker—North Central U.S.A.
- Carolita Fraley —Northwest U.S.A.
- Cheryl Adams—South Central U.S.A.
- Tawanda Mills—Southeast U.S.A.
- Gerry Myers—Southwest U.S.A.

**Regional NMI coordinators** from WM regions include: Samantha Chambo (Africa), Pauline Sheppard (Asia Pacific), Mary Alice Smee (Caribbean), Heidi Bowes (Eurasia), Ana Maria Crocker de Diaz (Mexico/Central America), and Liliana Radi (South America).

The **quadrennial theme** adopted by NMI, NYI, SDMI, and general assembly is the statement of mission for the Church of the Nazarene: To Make Christlike Disciples in the Nations. The four annual sub-themes for NMI are:

- **Year One:** To Make Christlike Disciples in Our Jerusalem (family and local church)
- **Year Two:** To Make Christlike Disciples in Our Judea (neighborhood, city, and county/province)
- **Year Three:** To Make Christlike Disciples in Our Samaria (cross-culturally, state, and nation)
- **Year Four:** To Make Christlike Disciples in the Nations (globally)

**Prayer initiatives** created an authentic climate of harmony and hope throughout the global mission conference, simultaneous conventions, and general assembly. The gatherings were prefaced with a million hours of prayer around the world. Global 24/7 prayer rallied regions and ministry teams assigned to pray on specific days of conventions and assembly. Thousands interceded for conventions and assembly in a variety of methods and venues: two global prayer rooms, a global symphony of prayer open to all, circle prayer times throughout the NMI gathering, a prayer zone around the NMI delegation, a three-session global track on prayer, a special prayer feature three mornings from 7-8 a.m., and an informal prayer walk in and/or around the convention center. An intercessory prayer team prayed for each person immediately prior to his or her going to the platform during the global mission conference.

**Worship teams** from around the world led worship in many languages and reflected numerous cultures: Cali, Colombia House of Prayer; Africa Nazarene University in Nairobi, Kenya; and George Williamson of Scotland. The much-loved March of the Nations featured flags of 155 world areas in which the Church of the Nazarene has presence. For the first time, the March of the Nations included a flag processional

during the Wednesday opening general assembly worship and a flag recessional “sent out to the nations” during the Sunday evening closing general assembly worship.

**Resolutions** passed by the 21st general NMI convention included the following:

- Replace “general” with “global” for all leadership roles, the convention, and throughout the NMI constitution, expressing the scope of representation for all nations and generations.
- Simplify the purpose of Nazarene Missions International to “mobilize the church in mission through praying, discipling, educating, and giving” and to change the wording throughout the constitution to reflect this description.
- Eliminate the term “auxiliary” in reference to NMI. NMI is a core team ministry of the Church of the Nazarene. This action agreed with a general assembly resolution to remove the term “auxiliary” from the *Manual*.
- Change the term “NMI program coordinator” to “regional NMI coordinator.”
- Change the Executive Committee of the district NMI council to include the district superintendent, NMI officers, and three other council members.
- Change the Executive Committee of the Global NMI Council to include—in addition to the president—a vice president, a secretary, and one additional member.
- Limit members of the global NMI council to two full consecutive terms, and to allow a person to serve again after being out of office for at least one term.
- Clarify that the number of delegates to the district NMI convention is based on NMI membership reported at the local NMI annual meeting when elections take place and that delegates will be nominated by a local NMI nominating committee. Similarly, the number of delegates to the global NMI convention will be based on NMI membership reported at the district NMI convention when elections take place and that delegates will be nominated by a district NMI nominating committee.
- Add a provision for the global NMI council to approve official locations and implementation of practical arrangements with respect to the time and place of the global NMI convention. This will grant global flexibility for gathering in future years.
- Provide for the election of global NMI convention delegates and alternates by plurality ballot for districts where there may be a desire to do so.
- Provide replacement alternate delegates (appointed by the district NMI council) to the global NMI convention if elected delegates and duly elected alternates are unable to attend the convention.
- Change the term of service for the global NMI president and the global NMI council to be from the close of the general assembly to the close of the following general assembly, allowing for the new global NMI council to meet before general assembly.
- Allow missionary delegates to the global NMI convention to be nominated and elected by global missionaries serving on the same region. This action harmonized with a resolution later approved by the general assembly.

