

## Nazarene Youth International Charter

*"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity." 1 Timothy 4:12*

### I. Our Mission

The mission of Nazarene Youth International is to call our generation to a dynamic life in Christ.

### II. Our Members

Membership in Nazarene Youth International includes all persons participating in Nazarene youth ministry who choose to embrace our stated vision and values.

### III. Our Vision

The Church of the Nazarene believes that young people are an integral part of the Church. Nazarene Youth International exists to lead young people into a lifelong relationship with Jesus Christ and to facilitate their growth as disciples for Christian service.

### IV. Our Values

We value *Young People* ... significant in the kingdom of God.

We value the *Bible* ... God's unchanging truth for our lives.

We value *Prayer* ... vital interactive communication with our heavenly father.

We value the *Church* ... a global holiness community of faith, diverse in culture but one in Christ.

We value *Worship* ... life-changing encounters with an intimate God.

We value *Discipleship* ... a lifestyle of becoming like Christ.

We value *Community* ... building relationships that help bind us together and to God.

We value *Ministry* ... extending God's grace to our world.

We value *Witness* ... sharing God's love in word and deed.

We value *Holiness* ... a work of grace whereby God, through the working of His Holy Spirit, enables us to live a life representing Christ in who we are and in everything we do.

These values are important dimensions of the holy life and are to be reflected in the life and ministry of NYI at every level of the church. (Please refer to the Articles of Faith in the Manual of the Church of the Nazarene for more information on these values.) In reflecting these values, we acknowledge the following Guiding Principles.

## V. Our Guiding Principles

- ***NYI exists for youth.***  
Nazarene Youth International exists to attract, equip, and empower young people for service in the kingdom of God and to facilitate their integration into the Church of the Nazarene.
- ***NYI focuses on Christ.***  
Christ is central to who we are, the Word of God our authoritative source for all we do, and holiness our pattern for life.
- ***NYI is built on relational ministry to youth in the local church.***  
Effective ministry to young people in the local church is critical to the health and vibrancy of NYI. Relationships and incarnational ministry form the foundation for Nazarene youth ministry, guiding young people toward spiritual maturity in Christ.
- ***NYI develops and mentors young leaders.***  
NYI provides opportunities for emerging leaders to develop and utilize their gifts within an environment of nurture and support, assuring strong leadership for the Church of the Nazarene. Leadership training, accountability, and mechanisms for evaluation and modification of ministry are vital functions of NYI.
- ***NYI is empowered to lead.***  
Relevant youth ministry requires that responsibility for ministry and organizational decisions reside with NYI leadership and the appropriate governing bodies at every level. A sense of belonging and ownership, a passion for service, and input in decision-making are key ingredients for the empowerment of young people through NYI.
- ***NYI embraces unity and diversity in Christ.***  
NYI is committed to understanding and celebrating differences and diversity in language, color, race, culture, socioeconomic class, and gender. Our differences do not diminish unity but enhance our potential and effectiveness. Sharing the good news of Jesus Christ in culturally relevant ways must always be a high priority.
- ***NYI creates networks and partnerships.***  
A climate of cooperation characterizes our relationships at every level of NYI. Networking within the church enhances the development and deployment of young people for service; NYI actively participates in such cooperative endeavors.

## VI. Our Ministry Framework

The Nazarene Youth International Charter provides the foundation for organizing, planning, and implementing youth ministry at every level of the Church of the Nazarene. Standard ministry plans are provided that local, district, and regional NYI groups are encouraged to adapt in response to youth ministry needs in their own ministry situation. Ministry plans at every level must be consistent with the NYI Charter and the *Manual* of the Church of the Nazarene.

## VII. Revisions

The NYI Charter may be amended through resolutions approved by the Global NYI Convention, according to the Global Ministry Plan.

## LOCAL MINISTRY PLAN

### I. Membership and Ministry Focus

#### Section 1 - Composition and Accountability

1. Local NYI membership consists of those who affiliate themselves with an NYI group by participating in its ministries and joining the local group.
2. The local NYI maintains an accurate roster of all active members.
3. The local NYI is accountable to its membership, the local church board, and the pastor.
4. The local NYI reports monthly to the church board and to the annual church meeting.

#### Section 2 - Ministry Focus

1. The traditional ministry focus of the local NYI is to youth ages 12 and older, college/university students, and young adults. A local NYI Council may modify the ministry focus as seen fit with the approval of the pastor and local church board.
2. For the purposes of representation and programming, the local NYI council establishes age divisions in response to local youth ministry needs.

### Leadership

#### Section 1 – Officers

1. The officers of the local NYI are a president and up to three persons elected by the annual NYI meeting with assigned ministry responsibilities according to local church needs. These officers serve on the Executive Committee.
2. Local NYI officers must be members of the local church whose NYI they serve, active in local youth ministry, and leaders in personal example and service.
3. In churches not having an organized NYI (no local NYI Council), the pastor, with church board approval, may appoint the NYI president so that the church may begin to reach young people for Christ and respond to their spiritual growth needs.

#### Section 2 – Elections

1. Officers are elected annually by the members of the local NYI at the annual meeting and serve until their successors are elected and assume their ministry roles.
2. A nominating committee nominates the officers for NYI. A Nominating Committee is appointed by the pastor and consists of NYI members, as well as the pastor and the NYI president. All nominees are to be approved by the pastor and church board. Persons nominated as local NYI president must have reached their 15<sup>th</sup> birthday at the time of their election.
3. Officers are elected by majority vote of the NYI members present at the annual NYI meeting. When there is only one nominee for a position, a “yes” and “no” ballot is used, with approval by two-thirds majority vote. Only those who are also members of the local Church of the Nazarene may vote for the president.
4. An incumbent officer may be reelected by a “yes” or “no” vote when such vote is recommended by the NYI Council to the nominating committee, approved by the pastor and

church board, and approved by two-thirds majority vote at the annual NYI meeting.

5. A vacancy occurs when an officer moves his/her membership from the church, resigns, or is removed from office by two-thirds majority vote of the council due to neglect of duties or inappropriate conduct. Should a vacancy occur among officers, the NYI Council fills the vacancy by two-thirds majority vote if there is one nominee or by majority vote if two or more nominees. If the vacancy occurs in the office of NYI president, the pastor, youth pastor, or his/her designee chairs the meeting for election.

### **Section 3 – Responsibilities**

1. The responsibilities of the NYI president include:
  - a. Chairing the NYI Council to cast a vision for youth ministry in the church.
  - b. Facilitating the development of youth ministry and working with the NYI Council to define the ministry focus in response to the needs of their young people.
  - c. Serving on the church board and submitting a monthly report to the board. A local church board may establish prior to the annual election a minimum age for the NYI president to serve on the church board; should the president be younger, alternate representation for NYI on the church board may be appointed by the NYI Council, subject to the approval of the board.
  - d. Submitting an annual report of ministry and finances to the annual church meeting.
  - e. Recommending the budget for the local NYI, as approved by the NYI Council, to the church board.
  - f. Serving as an *ex officio* member of the Sunday School Ministries Board to coordinate youth Sunday School in the church.
  - g. Serving as a delegate to the District NYI Convention and the District Assembly. Should the president be unable to attend, a representative elected by the NYI Council and approved by pastor and the church board may provide alternate representation.
2. The responsibilities of other NYI officers include:
  - a. Developing and designating leaders for various local NYI ministries.
  - b. Being role models and spiritual guides for youth both within and outside the church.
  - c. Defining and assigning titles and youth ministry responsibilities in response to local church needs.
  - d. Distributing the following responsibilities to insure accountability and effectiveness:
    - (1) Keeping a correct record of all meetings of the NYI Council and attending to all matters of correspondence for the local NYI.
    - (2) Disbursing, receiving, and keeping records of NYI funds according to church board policy.
    - (3) Compiling an annual financial report of all moneys raised and disbursed to submit to the annual church meeting.
    - (4) Working with the NYI president to create an annual budget to present to the council and to the church board for approval.
  - e. Cooperating with the president in every way possible to facilitate the local NYI ministry.
  - f. Carrying out other ministries as assigned by the NYI Council.

### **Section 4 – Paid Staff**

1. When a youth pastor is employed in a church, the pastor, in consultation with the church board and NYI Council, assigns the responsibility for NYI to the youth pastor. In that case,

the youth pastor carries out some of the duties otherwise designated to a local NYI president. However, the importance of the NYI president remains, in providing vital lay leadership, support, and representation for local youth ministry. The pastor, youth pastor and NYI Council work together to define the roles and responsibilities of the two positions and how they work together for the benefit of the church's youth ministry.

2. A youth pastor may not serve as the NYI president.
3. The youth pastor serves *ex officio* on the NYI Council, the Executive Committee, and the NYI Nominating Committee.
4. The youth pastor may serve as the pastor's designee for NYI-related responsibilities.
5. If a church has multiple paid staff that minister to specific age divisions within NYI, it may develop officers for each age division under staff leadership and determine from among those officers how NYI is to be represented on the church board.

### **III. Council**

#### **Section 1 – Composition**

1. The Local NYI Council is composed of the NYI officers, other elected or appointed youth member-at-large and ministry leaders as deemed necessary, and the pastor and/or youth pastor, who collectively cast the vision for local youth ministry.
2. NYI Council members must be members of the local Nazarene Youth International. Local church membership is strongly encouraged and NYI Council members should be expected to become church members.

#### **Section 2 – Elections**

1. A NYI Nominating Committee nominates local NYI members to be elected to the NYI Council.
2. The NYI membership then elects the members of the NYI Council from submitted nominations by majority vote at the annual NYI meeting.
3. A vacancy occurs when a council member moves his/her membership from the local NYI, resigns, or is removed from office by two-thirds majority vote of the council due to neglect of duties or inappropriate conduct. Should a vacancy occur among council members, the NYI Council fills the vacancy by two-thirds majority vote if there is one nominee or by majority vote if two or more nominees.
4. If a church has fewer than seven NYI members, the pastor may appoint the members of the NYI Council so that youth ministry may be developed and young people are reached for Christ.

#### **Section 3 – Responsibilities**

1. The NYI Council is responsible for planning and organizing the total ministry for youth within the local church and, through its officers and directors, initiates and directs ministries and activities to reach young people for Christ and to respond to their spiritual growth needs, in harmony with local church leadership.
2. The NYI Council defines the ministry focus of the local NYI in response to local youth ministry needs, and develops and assigns titles and job descriptions for ministry directors.
3. The NYI Council gives leadership to the youth area of the Sunday School by promoting

growth in enrollment and attendance for youth, nominating and providing training for youth Sunday School teachers and leaders, and recommending curriculum and resources to be used, in cooperation with the Sunday School Ministries Board.

4. The NYI Council cooperates with the District NYI Council in promoting district, regional, and global NYI ministries to young people of the church.
5. The NYI Council establishes and communicates the process for submitting revisions to the local ministry plan.

#### **Section 4 – Committees**

1. The NYI Executive Committee consists of elected NYI officers and the pastor or youth pastor. The Executive Committee may conduct the business of the NYI Council when necessary. All actions of the Executive Committee are communicated to the remaining members of the council and are subject to the approval of the entire council at its next meeting.
2. The NYI Council may establish specific ministry or age division committees in response to youth ministry needs.

#### **Section 5 - Paid Staff**

1. The pastor designates the responsibilities of a youth pastor, in consultation with the church board and the NYI Council.
2. The NYI Council and youth pastor work in cooperation and harmony with each other.
3. If a church has multiple paid staff who minister to specific age divisions within NYI, it may develop NYI councils or committees for each of these age divisions under staff leadership. The church may decide whether a coordinating council for the various groups is used.

### **IV. Meetings**

#### **Section 1 – Local NYI Meetings**

1. A variety of local NYI gatherings help provide effective ministry to young people.
2. The local NYI group participates in district, regional, and global NYI gatherings that further enhance youth ministry in the church.

#### **Section 2 – NYI Council Meetings**

1. The NYI Council meets regularly to fulfill the mission and vision of NYI.
2. Meetings of the council may be scheduled or called by the president or pastor.

#### **Section 3 - Annual Meeting**

1. The annual meeting of the local NYI is held within sixty days of the District NYI Convention and in harmony with the *Manual* of the Church of the Nazarene.
2. NYI officers and council members and delegates to the District NYI Convention are elected at the annual NYI meeting.
3. The NYI local ministry plan may be revised by two-thirds majority vote at the NYI annual meeting.

## **V. Ministries**

### **Section 1 – Evangelism**

The NYI develops and implements a variety of ongoing ministries and special events to reach young people for Christ.

### **Section 2 – Discipleship**

The NYI develops and implements a variety of ongoing ministries and special events to nurture and challenge young people to grow as disciples of Christ, in personal devotion, worship, fellowship, ministry, and leading others to Christ.

### **Section 3 – Leadership Development**

The NYI develops and implements a variety of ongoing ministries and special events to mentor and equip young people to be leaders for Christ and His church.

## **VI. Revisions**

### **Section 1 - Provision**

1. This local ministry plan provides a standard format for the organization, function, and leadership of NYI at the local level. A local NYI group may adapt the plan in response to local youth ministry needs, consistent with the Nazarene Youth International Charter and the *Manual* of the Church of the Nazarene.
2. Any area not covered by this ministry plan is under the authority of the local NYI Council.

### **Section 2 - Process**

1. The NYI Council establishes and publicizes the process for adapting and revising the local ministry plan and must approve proposed revisions prior to their being brought to the annual NYI meeting.
2. Proposed revisions to the local ministry plan must be distributed to NYI members prior to the NYI annual meeting.
3. Revisions must be approved by a two-thirds majority vote of all NYI members present and voting at the annual NYI meeting and are subject to church board approval.
4. All changes in the local ministry plan become effective no later than 30 days following the NYI annual meeting. The revised plan must be posted in written form prior to taking effect.

## **DISTRICT MINISTRY PLAN**

### **I. Membership and Ministry Focus**

#### **Section 1 - Composition and Accountability**

1. All local NYI groups and members of NYI within the boundaries of a district form the district Nazarene Youth International.
2. The district NYI is accountable to its membership, the district superintendent, and the District Advisory Board.
3. The district NYI reports annually to the District NYI Convention and the District Assembly through the district NYI president.

#### **Section 2 - Ministry Focus**

1. The traditional ministry focus of the district NYI is to youth ages 12 and older, college/university students, and young adults. A District NYI Council may modify the ministry focus as seen fit, with the approval of the district superintendent and District Advisory Board.
2. For the purposes of representation and programming, the District NYI Council establishes age divisions according to youth ministry needs on the district.

### **II. Leadership**

#### **Section 1 - Officers**

1. The officers of the district NYI are the president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer.
2. District NYI officers must be members of a local Church of the Nazarene within the bounds of the district at the time of their election, be active in local and district youth ministry, and be viewed as leaders in personal example and ministry.
3. District NYI officers serve without salary. Financing for the administrative expenses of district NYI officers is allocated as a part of the district NYI budget.
4. Should a district not yet have an organized NYI (no District NYI Convention), the district superintendent may appoint a district NYI president so that local churches may be assisted in reaching young people for Christ and in responding to their spiritual growth needs.

#### **Section 2 - Elections**

1. District NYI officers are elected by the District NYI Convention to serve for a one-year term, from the close of the convention until their successors are elected and assume their ministry roles. At the recommendation of the district NYI Nominating Committee and with the approval of the district superintendent, an officer may be elected for a two-year term.
2. A district NYI Nominating Committee nominates the officers of the district NYI. The nominating committee is appointed by the District NYI Council and consists of at least four district NYI members, and also includes the district superintendent and the district NYI president. All nominees must be approved by the District NYI Council and district superintendent.

3. Officers are then elected by ballot by majority vote at the annual NYI Convention. When there is only one nominee for a position, a “yes” and “no” ballot is used, with approval by two-thirds majority vote. If recommended by the nominating committee, the convention may vote to allow the District NYI Council to appoint the district NYI secretary and treasurer.
4. An incumbent officer may be reelected by a “yes” or “no” vote when such vote is recommended by the District NYI Council, with the approval of the district superintendent and approved by two-thirds majority vote of the District NYI Convention.
5. A vacancy occurs when an officer moves his/her membership from the district, resigns, or is removed from office by two-thirds majority vote of the council due to neglect of duties or inappropriate conduct. Should a vacancy occur in the office of district NYI president, the vice-president assumes the responsibilities of president until the next District NYI Convention. Should a vacancy occur among other officers, the District NYI Council fills the vacancy by two-thirds majority vote if there is one nominee or by majority vote if two or more nominees.

### **Section 3 – Responsibilities**

1. The responsibilities of the district NYI president include:
  - a. Giving leadership and direction to district NYI, working in cooperation with NYI and district leadership.
  - b. Chairing the District NYI Council to cast a vision for youth ministry on the district.
  - c. Facilitating the development of youth ministry on the district and working with the District NYI Council to define the district NYI ministry focus according to needs.
  - d. Presiding at the District NYI Convention.
  - e. Encouraging the development of NYI ministry in each local church within the district.
  - f. Representing the interests of NYI on all appropriate district boards and committees.
  - g. Submitting an annual report to the District NYI Convention and District Assembly.
  - h. Presenting an annual budget to the District Finance Committee (or appropriate district body) and to the District NYI Convention for approval.
  - i. Serving as a delegate to the Global NYI Convention. Should the president be unable to attend, a representative elected by the District NYI Council and approved by district superintendent and district advisory board may provide alternate representation.
  - j. Serving as a member of the Regional NYI Council, if so designated by the ministry plan of the region.
2. The responsibilities of the vice president include:
  - a. Cooperating with the president in every way possible to carry out effective youth ministry on the district.
  - b. Performing the duties of the president in his/her absence.
  - c. Carrying out other duties as assigned by the District NYI Council and Convention.
  - d. In case of a vacancy in the office of district NYI president, fulfilling the functions of president until a successor is elected and installed.
3. The responsibilities of the secretary include:
  - a. Keeping a correct record of all the proceedings of the District NYI Council, the Executive Committee, and the District NYI Convention.
  - b. Attending to all matters of correspondence for the district NYI.
  - c. Notifying the global NYI Office and regional NYI president of the names and addresses of the various district NYI officers and ministry directors as soon as possible after

- election.
- d. Carrying out other duties as assigned by the District NYI Council and Convention.
- 4. The responsibilities of the treasurer include:
  - a. Disbursing, receiving, and keeping record of district NYI funds.
  - b. Compiling an annual financial report of all moneys raised and disbursed to submit to the annual District NYI Convention.
  - c. Working with the president to create an annual budget to present to the appropriate bodies.
- 5. Other responsibilities may be assigned to officers according to district youth ministry needs.

**Section 4 - Paid Staff**

1. When a district employs a youth pastor, the district superintendent, in consultation with the District Advisory Board and District NYI Council, assigns the responsibility for the district NYI to the district youth pastor. In that case, the district youth pastor carries out some of the duties otherwise designated to a district NYI president. However, the importance of the district NYI president remains, in providing additional leadership, support, and representation for district youth ministry. The District NYI Council and district superintendent work together to define the roles and responsibilities of the two positions and how they work together for the benefit of the district youth ministry.
2. A district youth pastor may not serve as the district NYI president.
3. The district youth pastor serves *ex officio* on the District NYI Council, the Executive Committee, and the District NYI Nominating Committee.
4. The district youth pastor may serve as the district superintendent's designee for NYI-related responsibilities.

**III. Council**

**Section 1 - Composition**

1. The District NYI Council is composed of the officers of the district NYI, other elected or appointed youth members-at-large and ministry leaders as deemed necessary by the council, and the district superintendent and/or district youth pastor.
2. Only NYI members who are members of the Church of the Nazarene on the district may serve as District NYI Council members.

**Section 2 - Elections**

1. The district NYI Nominating Committee nominates district NYI members to be elected to the District NYI Council.
2. The District NYI Convention then elects the members of the District NYI Council from submitted nominations by majority vote.
3. A vacancy occurs when a council member moves his/her membership off of the district, resigns, or is removed from office by the council by two-thirds majority vote due to neglect of duties or inappropriate conduct. Should a vacancy occur among council members, the District NYI Council fills the vacancy by two-thirds majority vote if there is one nominee or by majority vote if two or more nominees.
4. The nominating committee may authorize the District NYI Council to appoint district ministry directors.

**Section 3 - Responsibilities**

1. The District NYI Council is responsible for planning and organizing the total ministry for youth within the district and, through its officers and directors, initiates and directs ministries and activities to reach young people for Christ and to respond to their spiritual growth needs, in harmony with district leadership.
2. The District NYI Council defines the ministry focus of district NYI in response to district youth ministry needs and develops and assigns titles and responsibilities for district NYI ministry directors.
3. The District NYI Council encourages and equips local churches across the district for effective youth ministry.
4. The District NYI Council gives leadership to the youth area of the district Sunday School by promoting growth in enrollment and attendance for youth and by providing training for youth Sunday School teachers and leaders in cooperation with the District Sunday School Ministries Board.
5. The District NYI Council promotes regional and global NYI ministries and programs to local NYI groups.
6. The District NYI Council makes recommendations to the District NYI Convention concerning the ministry of NYI. The convention may revise these recommendations prior to adoption.
7. The District NYI Council establishes and communicates the process for amending the district ministry plan.

**Section 4 - Committees**

1. The NYI Executive Committee consists of elected district NYI officers and the district superintendent and/or district youth pastor. Should the secretary and treasurer be appointed members of the council, the council may elect by majority vote two other District NYI Council members to serve on the Executive Committee. All actions of the Executive Committee are communicated to the remaining members of the council and are subject to the approval of the entire council at its next meeting.
2. The District NYI Council may establish specific ministry or age division committees in response to district youth ministry needs.

**Section 5 - Zone NYI**

1. In cooperation with district leadership, the District NYI Council may authorize various zones within the existing structure of the district to organize for leadership of NYI, in order to coordinate and maximize NYI ministry across the district.
2. A zone NYI council may be created to have responsibility for specific ministries and activities on the zone.
3. A president or representative from each zone may serve on the District NYI Council, if so specified by the District NYI Convention.

**Section 6 - Paid Staff**

1. The district superintendent designates the responsibilities of a district youth pastor, in consultation with the District Advisory Board and District NYI Council.
2. The District NYI Council and district youth pastor work in cooperation and harmony with

each other.

## **IV. Meetings**

### **Section 1 – District NYI Meetings**

1. A variety of district NYI gatherings help provide effective ministry to young people.
2. The district NYI also encourages and enhances local NYI ministry by meeting with local NYI groups across the district to resource them for effective ministry.
3. The district NYI participates in regional and global NYI gatherings that further enhance effective youth ministry across the district.

### **Section 2 – District NYI Council Meetings**

1. The District NYI Council meets regularly to fulfill the mission and vision of district NYI.
2. Meetings of the council may be scheduled or called by the district NYI president or district superintendent.

### **Section 3 - District NYI Convention**

1. The annual District NYI Convention provides for inspirational sessions and programs to advance youth ministry across the district. Reports are received, leadership is elected, and any legislative business pertaining to the work of NYI is transacted at the Convention. Delegates to the Global NYI Convention are also elected consistent with the NYI Global Ministry Plan.
2. The District NYI Council arranges for and oversees the District NYI Convention, in cooperation with the district superintendent. The Convention convenes at a time and place designated by the District NYI Council, with the approval of the district superintendent and within ninety days of the District Assembly.
3. The District NYI Convention is composed of the members of the District NYI Council, the district superintendent, local pastors, other assigned ordained ministers of the district who participate in NYI ministry, and local NYI delegates.
4. All local NYI delegates to the District NYI Convention must be members of the Church of the Nazarene that they represent.
5. The number of local NYI delegates for each church is determined by the membership figures on the most recent local Pastor's Report prior to the District Assembly. District NYI leadership encourages local churches to make suitable arrangements for the expenses of delegates attending the District NYI Convention.
6. The local NYI delegation to the District NYI Convention for churches with 30 or fewer NYI members consists of:
  - a. The pastor and youth pastor or any full-time paid pastoral staff who participate in NYI ministry;
  - b. The newly-elected local NYI president;
  - c. Up to four elected delegates, with at least half being within the district-established NYI ministry focus.
  - d. Local churches may add an additional delegate for each successive 30 local NYI members and/or final major part of those 30 members (i.e., 16-29 members). At least half of any additional delegates must be also within the district-established NYI ministry focus.
7. The pastor of any local church or director of an approved Nazarene Compassionate

Ministries Center not having an organized NYI may appoint one delegate.

Number of members	Number of delegates*	Number of members	Number of delegates*
5-45	4	136-165	8
46-75	5	166-195	9
76-105	6	196-225	10
106-135	7	226-255	11

\* Number of elected delegates from a local NYI does not include *ex officio* delegates (NYI president, pastor, youth pastor, District NYI Council members from a local church, etc.).

## V. Ministries

### Section 1 – Evangelism

The district NYI develops and implements a variety of ongoing ministries and special events to reach young people for Christ.

### Section 2 – Discipleship

The district NYI develops and implements a variety of ongoing ministries and special events to nurture and challenge young people to grow as disciples of Christ in personal devotion, worship, fellowship, ministry, and leading others to Christ.

### Section 3 – Leadership Development

The district NYI develops and implements a variety of ongoing ministries and special events to mentor and equip young people to be leaders for Christ and His church.

## VI. Revisions

### Section 1 - Provision

1. This district ministry plan provides a standard format for the organization, function, and leadership of NYI at the district level. The district NYI may adapt and revise the plan in response to youth ministry needs on the district, consistent with the Nazarene Youth International Charter and the *Manual* of the Church of the Nazarene.
2. Any area not covered by this ministry plan is under the authority of the District NYI Council

### Section 2 - Process

1. The District NYI Council establishes and publicizes the process for adapting and revising the district ministry plan, and must approve proposed revisions prior to their being brought to the District NYI Convention.
2. Proposed revisions to the district ministry plan must be distributed in written form to local NYI groups prior to the District NYI Convention.
3. Revisions must be approved by a two-thirds majority vote of all delegates and members present and voting at the District NYI Convention and are subject to the approval of the district superintendent and District Advisory Board.
4. All changes in the district ministry plan become effective no later than 60 days following the Convention. The revised document must be distributed in written form prior to taking effect.

## REGIONAL MINISTRY PLAN

### I. Membership and Ministry Focus

#### Section 1 - Composition and Accountability

1. All local NYI groups, district NYI ministries, and members of NYI within the boundaries of a region form the regional Nazarene Youth International.
2. The regional NYI is accountable to its membership and to the Global NYI Council. Where applicable, the regional NYI may also be accountable to the regional director and Regional Advisory Council.
3. The regional NYI reports to the Global NYI Council on an annual basis and, where applicable, to the regional director and Regional Advisory Council on a regular basis.

#### Section 2 - Ministry Focus

1. The traditional ministry focus of the regional NYI is to youth ages 12 and older, college/university students, and young adults. A Regional NYI Council may modify the ministry focus as seen fit, with the approval of the districts on the region and, where applicable, the regional director.
2. For the purposes of representation and programming, the Regional NYI Council establishes age divisions according to youth ministry needs on the region.

### II. Leadership

#### Section 1 - Officers

1. The officers of the regional NYI are the president and up to three other persons elected by the Regional Caucus at the Global NYI Convention, with titles and ministry responsibilities assigned according to regional needs. These officers serve on the Executive Committee.
2. Regional NYI officers must reside on and be members of the Church of the Nazarene within the bounds of the region at the time of their election, be active in youth ministry, and be viewed as leaders in personal example and ministry.
3. Regional NYI officers serve without salary. Financing for the administrative expenses of regional NYI officers is allocated as a part of regional funds.
4. A regional NYI president may serve in his/her position no more than two full terms.

#### Section 2 - Election

1. Regional NYI officers are elected by the Regional Caucus of the Global NYI Convention, and approved by the convention. The officers serve for a four-year term, from the close of the General Assembly until the close of the following General Assembly.
2. A regional NYI Nominating Committee nominates the officers of the regional NYI. The nominating committee is appointed by the Regional NYI Council and consists of at least four regional NYI members, including the regional NYI president and regional director (where applicable). At least two names are submitted to the caucus for each position. The Regional NYI Council and regional director (where applicable) must approve all nominees.

3. The regional NYI president is elected by majority vote of the Regional Caucus at the Global NYI Convention and approved by majority vote of the convention, according to the NYI Global Ministry Plan. Other officers are elected by majority vote by ballot of the Regional Caucus.
4. An incumbent regional NYI president who is eligible to be elected for a second term may be re-elected by a “yes” or “no” vote, when such election is recommended by the Regional NYI Council, approved by the regional director (where applicable), and approved by two-thirds majority vote by ballot of the Regional Caucus at the Global NYI Convention.
5. A vacancy occurs when an officer moves his/her membership off of the region, resigns, or is removed from office by two-thirds majority vote of the Regional NYI Council due to neglect of duties or inappropriate conduct. Should a vacancy occur among officers, the Regional NYI Council fills the vacancy by two-thirds majority vote if there is one nominee or by majority vote if two or more nominees. In the case of such a vacancy in the office of regional NYI president, the region elects a new president consistent with the NYI Global Ministry Plan.

### **Section 3 – Responsibilities**

1. The responsibilities of the regional NYI president include:
  - a. Giving leadership and direction to the regional NYI, working in cooperation with NYI and regional leadership.
  - b. Chairing the Regional NYI Council to cast a vision for youth ministry on the region.
  - c. Facilitating the development of youth ministry on the region and working with the Regional NYI Council to define the regional NYI ministry focus according to needs.
  - d. Presiding at the Regional Caucus at the Global NYI Convention.
  - e. Encouraging the development of NYI ministry on each district or field within the region.
  - f. Representing the interests of regional NYI on appropriate regional boards and committees and, when applicable, to multi-regional committees.
  - g. Submitting an annual report to the Regional NYI Council, regional director and Regional Advisory Council (where applicable), and the Global NYI Council.
  - h. Recommending an annual budget to the Regional NYI Council and the Regional Office (where applicable).
  - i. Serving as a delegate to the Global NYI Convention and a member of the Global NYI Council, except in the USA, where two representatives elected from among the regional NYI presidents serve as members of the Global NYI Council. Should the president be unable to attend, a representative elected by the Regional NYI Council and approved by regional director (where applicable) may provide alternate representation.
  - j. Serving as a liaison between the regional NYI and Nazarene institutions of higher education on the region to promote communication, cooperation, and ministry partnership.
2. The responsibilities of regional NYI officers include:
  - a. Developing and designating leaders for the various regional NYI ministries.
  - b. Defining and assigning titles and youth ministry responsibilities according to regional needs.
  - c. Distributing the following responsibilities to insure accountability and effectiveness:
    - (1) Keeping a correct record of all meetings of the Regional NYI Council and attending to all matters of correspondence for the regional NYI.
    - (2) Disbursing, receiving, and keeping records of regional NYI funds, according to

- Global NYI Council, General Board, and regional office policies.
- (3) Assisting the president in compiling an annual financial report of all moneys raised and disbursed to submit to the Global NYI Council and other appropriate bodies.
  - (4) Working with the president to create an annual budget to present to the Regional NYI Council and to the regional director (where applicable) for approval.
  - (5) Notifying the NYI Office and the regional office (where applicable) of the names and addresses of the various regional NYI officers and ministry directors as soon as possible after election or appointment.
- d. Cooperating with the president in every way possible to facilitate regional youth ministry.
  - e. Carrying out other ministries as assigned by the Regional NYI Council or Regional Caucus.

#### **Section 4 - Paid Staff**

1. When a region employs a regional NYI coordinator, the regional director, in consultation with the Regional Advisory Council and Regional NYI Council, assigns the responsibility for the regional NYI to the regional NYI coordinator. In that case, the regional NYI coordinator may carry out some of the duties otherwise designated to a regional NYI president. However, the importance of the regional NYI president remains, in providing additional leadership, support, and representation for regional youth ministry. The Regional NYI Council and regional director work together to define the roles and responsibilities of the two positions and how they work together for the benefit of the regional youth ministry.
2. A regional NYI coordinator may not serve as regional NYI president.
3. The regional NYI coordinator serves *ex officio* on the Regional NYI Council, the Executive Committee, and the Regional NYI Nominating Committee.
4. The regional NYI coordinator may serve as the regional director's designee for NYI-related responsibilities.

### **III. Council**

#### **Section 1 - Composition**

1. The Regional NYI Council is composed of the officers of the regional NYI and other elected or appointed youth members-at-large and ministry leaders as deemed necessary by the council, and, where applicable, the regional director and/or regional NYI coordinator.
2. Only those NYI members who are members of the Church of the Nazarene on the region may serve as Regional NYI Council members.
3. When applicable, representatives from Nazarene colleges or universities responsible for shared ministry with the regional NYI may also serve on the Regional NYI Council.

#### **Section 2 - Elections**

1. A regional NYI Nominating Committee nominates regional NYI members to be elected to the Regional NYI Council.
2. The Regional Caucus at the Global NYI Convention then elects by majority vote the members of the Regional NYI Council from submitted nominations. The Regional Caucus may authorize the Regional NYI Council to appoint regional ministry directors.
3. A vacancy occurs when a member moves his/her membership off of the region, resigns, or is

removed from office by two-thirds majority vote of the council due to neglect of duties or inappropriate conduct. Should a vacancy occur among council members elected or appointed by the council, the Regional NYI Council fills the vacancy by two-thirds majority vote if there is one nominee or by majority vote if two or more nominees. If a vacancy occurs among members representing a district on the region, the vacancy is filled according to that district's ministry plan.

### **Section 3 - Responsibilities**

1. The Regional NYI Council is responsible for planning and organizing the total ministry for youth within the region and, through its officers and directors, initiates and directs ministries and activities to reach young people for Christ and to respond to their spiritual growth needs, in harmony with regional leadership.
2. The Regional NYI Council defines the ministry focus of regional NYI in response to regional youth ministry needs, and develops and assigns titles and responsibilities for regional NYI ministry directors.
3. The Regional NYI Council encourages and equips districts across the region for effective youth ministry.
4. The Regional NYI Council gives leadership to the youth area of Sunday School regionally by promoting growth in enrollment and attendance for youth and providing training for youth Sunday School teachers and leaders in cooperation with Sunday School Ministries.
5. The Regional NYI Council promotes global NYI ministries and programs to regional membership.
6. The Regional NYI Council directs the expenditure of funds provided to the region through NYI events and partnerships.
7. The Regional NYI Council makes recommendations to the Regional Caucus at the Global NYI Convention concerning the ministry of NYI. The council also appoints up to two persons to serve the region as members of the Resolutions Committee at the Global NYI Convention, consistent with the Global Ministry Plan.
8. The Regional NYI Council establishes and communicates the process for amending the regional ministry plan.

### **Section 4 - Committees**

1. The NYI Executive Committee consists of the elected regional NYI officers and the regional director and/or regional NYI coordinator (where applicable). The Executive Committee may conduct the business of the Regional NYI Council when it is impractical or impossible to convene the entire council. All actions of the Executive Committee are communicated to the remaining members of the council and are subject to the approval of the entire council at its next meeting.
2. The Regional NYI Council may establish specific ministry committees in response to regional youth ministry needs.
3. In countries where there are a number of districts, a region may organize national NYI leadership to coordinate and facilitate youth ministry in that country.

### **Section 5 - The Field NYI**

1. Where applicable and in cooperation with regional church leadership, the Regional NYI Council may organize for leadership of NYI on the various fields within the existing

structure of a region, in order to coordinate and maximize NYI ministry across the region.

2. A field NYI council may be created to have responsibility for specific ministries and activities on the field.
3. A president or elected representative from each field may serve on the Regional NYI Council, if so specified by the Regional Caucus.

**Section 6 - Paid Staff**

1. The regional director designates the responsibilities of a regional NYI coordinator, in consultation with the Regional Advisory Council and the Regional NYI Council.
2. The Regional NYI Council and regional NYI coordinator work in cooperation and harmony with each other.

**IV. Meetings**

**Section 1 – Regional NYI Meetings**

1. A variety of regional NYI gatherings help provide effective ministry to young people on the region.
2. The regional NYI also encourages and enhances district NYI ministry by meeting with district NYI groups across the region to resource them for effective ministry.
3. The regional NYI participates in global NYI gatherings that further enhance effective youth ministry across the region.

**Section 2 – Regional NYI Council Meetings**

1. The Regional NYI Council meets regularly to fulfill the mission and vision of regional NYI.
2. Meetings of the council may be scheduled or called by the regional NYI president, regional director (where applicable), a global NYI officer, or the Director of NYI.

**Section 3 - Regional Caucus**

1. A Regional Caucus is convened during the Global NYI Convention. The caucus provides for inspirational sessions and programs to advance youth ministry across the region. Reports are received, leadership is elected, and any legislative business pertaining to the work of NYI on the region is transacted at the caucus. The caucus also places in nomination up to two names for each youth member-at-large on the Global NYI Council, consistent with the Global Ministry Plan.
2. The Regional NYI Council, in cooperation with the Global NYI Council, arranges for and oversees the Regional Caucus.
3. The Regional Caucus is composed of the members of the Regional NYI Council, the regional director and/or regional NYI coordinator (where applicable), and the delegates from the region to the Global NYI Convention who are elected, consistent with the Global Ministry Plan.
4. The caucus convenes during the Global NYI Convention at a time and place designated by the Global NYI Council. When approved by the Regional NYI Council, the regional director (where applicable), and the Global NYI Council, a caucus may be convened by postal or electronic means within six months prior to the Global NYI Convention in order to conduct regional NYI business when circumstances prohibit a majority of elected delegates from

attending the Global NYI Convention.

## **V. Ministries**

### **Section 1 – Evangelism**

The regional NYI develops and implements a variety of ongoing ministries and special events to reach young people for Christ.

### **Section 2 – Discipleship**

The regional NYI develops and implements a variety of ongoing ministries and special events to nurture and challenge young people to grow as disciples of Christ in personal devotion, worship, fellowship, ministry, and leading others to Christ.

### **Section 3 – Leadership Development**

The regional NYI develops and implements a variety of ongoing ministries and special events to mentor and equip young people to be leaders for Christ and His church.

## **VI. Revisions**

### **Section 1 - Provision**

1. The regional ministry plan provides a standard format for the organization, function, and leadership of NYI at the regional level. A regional NYI may adapt and revise the plan in response to youth ministry needs on the region, consistent with the Nazarene Youth International Charter and the *Manual* of the Church of the Nazarene.
2. Any area not covered by this ministry plan is under the authority of the Regional NYI Council.

### **Section 2 - Process**

1. The Regional NYI Council, in cooperation with the regional director (where applicable), establishes and publicizes the process for adapting and revising the regional ministry plan and must approve proposed revisions prior to their being brought to the Regional Caucus.
2. Proposed revisions to the regional ministry plan must be distributed in written form to district NYI councils prior to the Regional Caucus at the Global NYI Convention.
3. Revisions must be approved by a two-thirds majority vote of all delegates and members present and voting at the Regional Caucus and are subject to the approval of the regional director and Regional Advisory Council (where applicable).
4. All changes in the regional ministry plan become effective no later than 90 days following the Global NYI Convention. The revised document must be distributed in written form prior to taking effect.

# GLOBAL MINISTRY PLAN

## I. Membership and Ministry Focus

### Section 1 - Composition and Accountability

1. All local NYI groups, district and regional NYI ministries, and their members constitute Nazarene Youth International at the global level.
2. The global NYI is accountable to NYI membership, the responsible general superintendent for NYI, and the Sunday School Ministries and NYI Committee of the General Board.
3. The global NYI reports annually to the General Board through the Sunday School Ministries and NYI Committee and reports quadrennially to the Global NYI Convention and to the General Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene.
4. The Director of NYI is responsible for general coordination and supervision for the development of youth ministry for the Church of the Nazarene through Nazarene Youth International.
5. NYI offices around the world work together with the Global NYI Council for the effective implementation of youth ministry globally for the Church of the Nazarene.

### Section 2 - Ministry Focus

1. The ministry focus of Nazarene Youth International is to youth ages 12 and older, college/university students, and young adults. Regional, district, and local NYI councils may modify the ministry focus as seen fit, consistent with the ministry plan for that level.
2. For the purposes of representation and programming, Nazarene Youth International at the global level establishes three divisions — early youth, senior youth, and college/university/young adult — in order to provide effective youth ministry globally.

## II. Leadership

### Section 1 - Officers

1. The elected officers of the global NYI are a president and a vice president.
2. Global NYI officers must be members of NYI and the Church of the Nazarene, be active in youth ministry, and be leaders in personal example and ministry.
3. Global NYI officers serve without salary. Financing for the administrative expenses of global NYI officers is allocated as a part of NYI funds.
4. A global NYI officer may serve in his/her position no more than one full term.

### Section 2 - Elections

1. Global NYI officers are elected by the Global NYI Convention. The elected officers serve for a four-year term, from the close of the General Assembly until the close of the following General Assembly.
2. The various regional caucuses at the Global NYI Convention nominate the global NYI officers. A caucus may submit up to two nominees for each position, selected by majority vote of the caucus. The officers are then elected by majority vote by ballot of the Convention from the nominations submitted by each regional caucus.

3. A vacancy occurs in the position of global NYI president or vice president when he/she resigns from office or is removed from office by two-thirds majority vote of the Global NYI Council due to neglect of duties or inappropriate conduct. In the case of a vacancy among the global NYI officers during a quadrennium, such vacancies are filled according to the following sequence:
  - a. The Executive Committee of the Global NYI Council, serving as a nominating committee, submits two or more nominees to the responsible general superintendent for NYI;
  - b. After consultation with the Board of General Superintendents, the responsible general superintendent brings a ballot of approved nominees to the Global NYI Council;
  - c. Election is by two-thirds majority vote of the members of the Global NYI Council.

### **Section 3 - Responsibilities**

1. The responsibilities of the global NYI president include:
  - a. Providing vision and leadership to NYI in collaboration with the Director of NYI and NYI and church leaders at every level.
  - b. Presiding at the meetings of the Global NYI Convention and the meetings of the Global NYI Council.
  - c. Advancing the interest of the global NYI and the work of NYI around the world.
  - d. Representing NYI as a member of the General Board of the Church of the Nazarene, with the approval of the General Assembly following election.
  - e. Representing NYI as a member of the General Assembly at the close of his/her term.
  - f. Carrying out other duties as assigned by the Global NYI Council and Convention.
2. The responsibilities of the global NYI vice president include:
  - a. Cooperating with the president in every way possible to carry out effective youth ministry globally.
  - b. Ensuring accurate records of all proceedings of the Global NYI Convention and all meetings of the Global NYI Council are kept for submission to the General Board through the Sunday School Ministries and NYI Committee and to the General Assembly.
  - c. Chairing the Global NYI Council, providing alternate representation on any boards or councils, and fulfilling any designated duties in the absence of the global NYI president.
  - d. Conducting the election of a new global NYI president in the event of a vacancy, or assisting a region in the election of a new regional NYI president. Should there be a vacancy in the office of global NYI vice president, the global NYI president fulfills this function.
  - e. Carrying out other duties as assigned by the Global NYI Council and Convention.
  - f. Chairing the meeting of the newly elected USA regional NYI presidents at the Global NYI Convention to elect two USA representatives to the Global NYI Council.

### **Section 4 - Paid Staff**

1. The responsible general superintendent for NYI and the General Board assign the responsibility for the global NYI to the Director of NYI. The Director of NYI is subject to the oversight of the Board of General Superintendents. The importance of the global NYI president remains, in providing additional leadership, support, and global representation for NYI. The Director of NYI and global NYI president, in consultation with the responsible general superintendent for NYI and the Global NYI Council, work

- together to define how they work together for the benefit of youth ministry.
2. The Board of General Superintendents elects the Director of NYI. When a vacancy occurs in the position, it is filled according to the following sequence:
    - a. The responsible general superintendent nominates the Director of NYI, in consultation with the Global NYI Council and Board of General Superintendents.
    - b. A ballot is then presented to the Global NYI Council for approval by majority vote. The ballot is then referred to the Sunday School Ministries and NYI Committee of the General Board for approval by majority vote, and finally to the Board of General Superintendents for election.
  3. The Global NYI Council approves by majority vote the nomination of the responsible general superintendent for NYI of an incumbent Director of NYI at the first scheduled meeting following the General Assembly, who is then approved by majority vote of the Sunday School Ministries and NYI Committee of the General Board and elected by the Board of General Superintendents.
  4. The director of NYI may not serve as an elected global NYI officer.
  5. The director of NYI serves *ex officio* on the Global NYI Council, the Executive Committee, the USA/Canada Committee, and other global NYI committees as appointed.

### III. Council

#### Section 1 - Composition

1. The Global NYI Council is composed of the global NYI officers, the Director of NYI, all regional NYI presidents from outside the USA, and two regional NYI presidents representing regions within the USA.
2. Three youth members-at-large also serve as members of the Global NYI Council. One member-at-large is to be between the ages of 12 and 14 inclusive at the time of election, one between the ages of 15 and 18 inclusive at the time of election, and one between the ages of 19 and 23 inclusive at the time of election.
3. Regional NYI coordinators and the NYI USA coordinator serve *ex officio* on the Global NYI Council. Other appointed persons as deemed necessary by the Global NYI Council may be appointed to serve as non-voting members of the council.
4. All Global NYI Council members must be members of NYI and the Church of the Nazarene.

#### Section 2 - Elections

1. Regional NYI presidents are elected by majority vote of the Regional Caucus at the Global NYI Convention and approved by majority vote of the convention. At least two names are submitted to the caucus for each position. When circumstances prohibit a majority of elected delegates from attending the Global NYI Convention, an election may be held by postal/electronic ballot of the elected delegates of a region within six months prior to the Global NYI Convention, when approved by the Regional NYI Council, the regional director (where applicable), and the Global NYI Council.
2. An incumbent regional NYI president who has served one term may be elected by a “yes” or “no” vote, when such a vote is recommended by the Regional NYI Council and approved by two-thirds vote of the Regional Caucus and by the Convention. No person may serve in the office of regional NYI president for more than two full terms.

3. Two regional NYI presidents from the USA are elected to serve on the Global NYI Council by majority vote by the newly elected USA regional NYI presidents at the Global NYI Convention. At least three names are placed in nomination at a special meeting of the USA regional NYI presidents chaired by the outgoing global NYI vice president.
4. The various regional caucuses at the Global NYI Convention nominate youth members-at-large to serve on the Global NYI Council. A caucus may submit up to two nominees for each position, selected by majority vote of the caucus. Council members-at-large are then elected by majority vote by ballot of the Convention from the nominations submitted. No person may serve as a youth member-at-large for more than one term.
5. The members of the Global NYI Council serve until the close of the following General Assembly.
6. A vacancy among Global NYI Council members occurs when a member resigns from office, is removed from office by two-thirds majority vote of the Global NYI Council due to neglect of duties, inappropriate conduct, or, in the case of regional NYI presidents, changes residence or church membership from their region or is removed by the Regional NYI Council. Should a vacancy occur among youth members-at-large, the Global NYI Council fills the vacancy by majority vote from two or more nominations submitted by the Executive Committee, acting as a nominating committee. In the case of a vacancy in the office of regional NYI president during the quadrennium, the region elects a new president as follows:
  - a. When a special meeting of the Regional NYI Council is possible, such a meeting for the purpose of election may be conducted. A regional NYI Nominating Committee appointed by the global NYI vice president submits at least two nominees to the Regional NYI Council for election by two-thirds majority vote. The global NYI vice president or his/her appointed designee, or the regional director (where applicable) chairs this special meeting.
  - b. When a special meeting is not practical, the global NYI vice president may conduct the ballot by postal, telephone, or electronic means.
  - c. A vacancy among the two regional NYI presidents representing the USA on the Global NYI Council is filled by majority vote of the USA regional NYI presidents.

### **Section 3 - Responsibilities**

1. The Global NYI Council, in collaboration with the Director of NYI and NYI staff, establishes procedures for global NYI programs and events and gives direction and support to the development of youth ministry resources for all levels of NYI, subject to approval of the responsible general superintendent for NYI and the General Board. These NYI ministry programs, events, and resources designed to reach young people for Christ and respond to their spiritual growth needs are facilitated through the Director of NYI and NYI leadership around the world.
2. The Global NYI Council provides a forum for the support and development of effective youth ministry programs, events, and resources at the regional level, consistent with the mission and vision of NYI.
3. The Global NYI Council provides an avenue for the representation of regional, district, and local levels of NYI by council members to the NYI staff. Council members also represent the global NYI by initiating contact with their region, districts, and local churches on behalf of the Global NYI Council and the Nazarene Youth International Office.
4. The Global NYI Council assists in the planning and administration of the quadrennial Global

NYI Convention.

5. The Global NYI Council gives input to the youth area of the Sunday School and helps promote growth in enrollment and attendance for youth and training for youth Sunday School teachers and leaders globally, in cooperation with Sunday School Ministries.
6. The Global NYI Council reviews the annual budget and expenditures of the NYI office provided through the General Board.
7. The Global NYI Council directs and reviews the expenditure of funds provided through NYI events and partnerships subject to the approval of the responsible general superintendent.

#### **Section 4 - Committees**

1. The Executive Committee consists of the elected Global NYI officers, the Director of NYI, and three other members of the council elected by majority vote of the council. The Executive Committee may conduct the business of the Global NYI Council when it is impractical or impossible to convene the entire council. All actions of the Executive Committee are communicated to the remaining members of the council and are subject to the approval of the entire council at its next meeting.
2. The Global NYI Council may establish specific ministry committees as necessary for advancing its work.
3. The NYI USA/Canada Committee meets annually to plan collaborative ministries and special events and to develop youth ministry resources for the USA and Canada, in consultation with and facilitated through the NYI staff designated to serve the USA and Canada. The USA/Canada Committee consists of all regional NYI presidents from the USA and Canada, the Nazarene Student Leadership Association student co-chair, the NYI USA/Canada coordinator, any Global NYI Council youth member-at-large or global officer who resides in the USA or Canada, and other youth members-at-large and ministry leaders as deemed necessary by the NYI USA/Canada Committee. Officers for the USA/Canada NYI Committee include a chairman, vice chairman, and secretary, elected by majority vote from among the three regional NYI presidents (USA and Canada) who serve on the Global NYI Council. The global NYI president and the Director of NYI serve *ex officio* on this committee and coordinate its work with NYI around the world. The USA/Canada Committee reports annually to the Global NYI Council.

#### **Section 5 - Paid Staff**

1. The Director of NYI is subject to the oversight of the Board of General Superintendents and reports to the Sunday School Ministries and NYI Committee. The Global NYI Council may recommend revisions to these duties to the responsible general superintendent for NYI.
2. The Director of NYI, in consultation with the Global NYI Council, designates the responsibilities of paid staff of NYI, including those assigned to serve the USA and Canada. The Global NYI Council and NYI Office staff work in cooperation and harmony with each other.
3. The Director of NYI, in consultation with the responsible general superintendent and the USA/Canada NYI Committee, designates an NYI USA/Canada coordinator. The USA/Canada coordinator works in cooperation and harmony with the NYI USA/Canada Committee.
4. Regional NYI coordinators outside of the USA and Canada work in cooperation and

harmony with the Global NYI Council, the Director of NYI, and their regional director.

5. The director of NYI may not serve as the Global NYI president.

## **IV. Meetings**

### **Section 1 – Global NYI Meetings**

1. To provide effective ministry to young people, global NYI ministry may involve a variety of gatherings for worship, teaching, training, fellowship, and evangelism. Global NYI leadership works together with regional, district, and local NYI leadership to plan ministry globally, related to specific groups, and geared to multiple regions, so that youth ministry in the Church of the Nazarene may be most effective.
2. Global NYI leaders and staff are actively involved with NYI on every level as a resource for effective ministry.

### **Section 2 – Global NYI Council Meetings**

1. The Global NYI Council meets annually to advance the mission and vision of NYI. The meeting is scheduled in connection with the annual meeting of the General Board.
2. The global NYI officers or Director of NYI may call special meetings as necessary, in consultation with the responsible general superintendent for NYI.

### **Section 3 – Global NYI Convention**

1. A quadrennial Global NYI Convention provides for inspirational sessions and programs to advance youth ministry around the world. Reports are received, leadership is elected, and any legislative business pertaining to the work of NYI is transacted at the Global NYI Convention.
2. The Board of General Superintendents sets the length of the Convention and the time it convenes, from recommendations of the Global NYI Council to the General Assembly Program Committee. The global NYI officers, Director of NYI, and NYI staff and coordinators oversee the convention, with the assistance of the Global NYI Council.
3. All delegates of the Global NYI Convention must be members of the Church of the Nazarene and Nazarene Youth International and 12 years of age or older at the time of the Global NYI Convention. Additionally, each district NYI delegate must be a member of and reside on the district he/she represents at the time of the convention.
4. The Global NYI Convention is composed of the global NYI officers and members-at-large, the Director of NYI, duly elected executive regional officers (no more than three), the regional and USA/Canada NYI coordinators, field, national, and district NYI coordinators, and district NYI delegates as follows:
  - a. Districts with 1,000 or fewer NYI members may send the following delegates:
    - (1) The district NYI president serving at the time of the Global NYI Convention;
    - (2) One ministerial delegate active in NYI leadership who is an assigned elder, deacon, or district-licensed minister;
    - (3) One lay delegate over the age of 23 at the time of the Global NYI Convention who is active in NYI leadership; and
    - (4) One youth delegate between the ages of 12 and 23 at the time of the Global NYI Convention who is active in NYI.

- b. In addition, a district may send an additional ministerial delegate, lay delegate, and youth delegate between the ages of 12 and 23 at the time of the Global NYI Convention, for each successive 1,500 NYI members and/or the final major part of 1,500 members (751-1,499 members).
  - c. The size of the district delegation is based on the district NYI membership report for the District Assembly in the calendar year immediately prior to the Global NYI Convention.
  - d. All district delegates are to be elected by ballot by majority vote at a session of the District NYI Convention within 18 months of the Global NYI Convention or within 24 months in areas where travel visas or extensive preparations are necessary. Alternate delegates may be elected after elected delegates on another ballot from the remaining nominations by plurality vote, with first alternate, second alternate, third alternate, etc., designated by the number of votes received. Delegates and alternates must be elected by December 31 of the year prior to the Global NYI Convention.
  - e. The student body president of each Nazarene university, college, or theological school, may also serve as a delegate, as a representative of the partnership of NYI with his/her institution. Should he/she be unable to serve or attend, a representative selected by the student government may provide alternate representation.
5. In the case of districts without an organized NYI (no District NYI Convention), Global NYI Convention representation may be comprised of one delegate of NYI membership age chosen by the District Assembly. Should a delegate withdraw prior to the convention, the District Advisory Board may appoint a qualified delegate.
  6. The bar of the Global NYI Convention may be set to enable all duly elected delegates to participate in the voting of the Global NYI Convention. This voting may take place by whatever means necessary.
  7. A caucus for each region is held during the Global NYI Convention and is composed of the Regional NYI Council, the regional director and regional NYI coordinator (where applicable), and elected district NYI delegates from that region.

Number of members	Number of delegates*	Number of members	Number of delegates*
4-1750	3	4751-6250	12
1751-3250	6	6251-7750	15
3251-4750	9	7751-9250	18

\* Number of elected delegates from a district NYI does not include *ex officio* delegates (district NYI president, regional NYI presidents and coordinators, global officers and members-at-large from a district, etc.).

## V. Ministries

### Section 1 – Evangelism

Nazarene Youth International at the global level develops and implements a variety of ongoing ministries and special events to reach young people for Christ.

### Section 2 – Discipleship

Nazarene Youth International at the global level develops and implements a variety of ongoing ministries and special events to nurture and challenge young people to grow as disciples of Christ

in personal devotion, worship, fellowship, ministry, and leading others to Christ.

### **Section 3 – Leadership Development**

Nazarene Youth International at the global level develops and implements a variety of ongoing ministries and special events to mentor and equip young people to be leaders for Christ and His church.

## **VI. Revisions**

### **Section 1 - Provision**

1. The Nazarene Youth International Charter and Global Ministry Plan provide the structure for organization, function, and leadership of NYI at the global level. The Global NYI Convention may revise the NYI Charter and Global Ministry Plan in response to youth ministry needs around the world through submitted resolutions. All amendments to the Global Ministry Plan must be consistent with the NYI Charter and the *Manual* of the Church of the Nazarene.
2. Any area not covered by the NYI Charter or Global Ministry Plan is under the authority of the Global NYI Council and the Director of NYI.

### **Section 2 - Process**

1. The Global NYI Council, in cooperation with the Director of NYI, establishes and publicizes the process for amending the Global Ministry Plan and the Nazarene Youth International Charter through submitted resolutions.
2. Any District NYI Council, Regional NYI Council, the Global NYI Council, or at least six sponsoring delegates to the Global NYI Convention may submit these resolutions. Resolutions must be in proper resolution form and received by the stated deadline.
3. The NYI office must receive all resolutions at least thirty days prior to the annual meeting of the Global NYI Council in the year of the Global NYI Convention.
4. Resolutions must be distributed in written form to Global NYI Convention delegates prior to the Global NYI Convention.
5. Resolutions are considered first by the Global NYI Council and by a Resolutions Committee of the Global NYI Convention, composed of up to two NYI delegates appointed from each region by the Regional NYI Council. Those resolutions receiving a majority vote of either body to recommend their approval are then considered by the Convention.
6. Resolutions must be approved by a two-thirds majority vote of all delegates present and voting at the Global NYI Convention.
7. All approved changes in the Nazarene Youth International Charter and Global Ministry Plan become effective no later than 90 days following the Global NYI Convention. The revised document must be distributed in written form prior to taking effect.