

the
MISSIONARY SENDING
model

THE SYSTEM FOR
NURTURING, SENDING,
AND SUPPORTING
NAZARENE
MISSIONARIES

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A
MOVEMENT
OF GOD
THROUGH
THE PEOPLE
OF GOD

*"As the Father has sent Me,
I am sending you."*

JOHN 20:21

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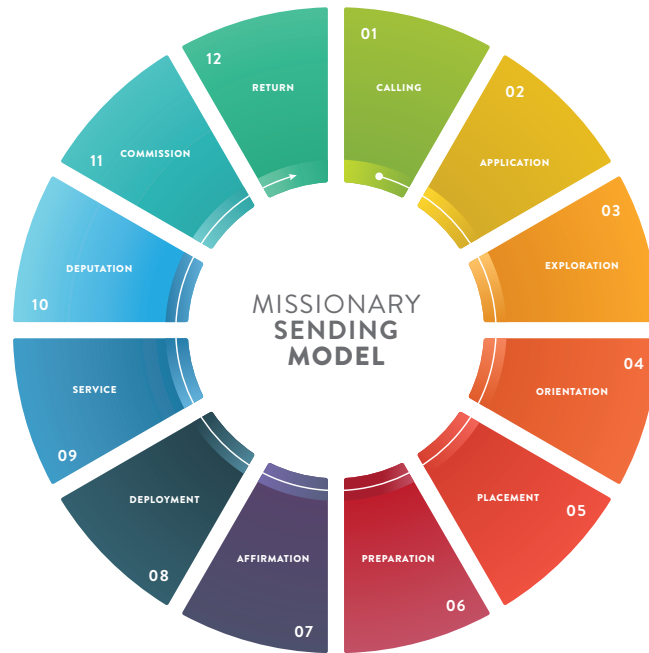
NAZARENE MISSIONS IS WOVEN INTO THE FABRIC OF OUR IDENTITY as a holiness people.

Our churches support the call of the Holy Spirit to missions through deputation services, shared stories of God's movement, and special offerings.



NAZARENE MISSIONS PARTNERS WITH LOCAL CHURCHES and districts to nurture the call in our missionaries.

The Missionary Sending Model allows our missionaries to see their service from the moment they receive the call to their return home. The Missionary Sending Model spans all tenures, assignments, locations, and ministry types.



01 CALLING

- The church and district provide opportunities to inspire, foster, and nurture the call to serve in Nazarene Missions.
- The local NMI president engages early and guides the candidate through the sending process.

02 APPLICATION

- The candidate engages with church leaders and the local NMI president to establish interest in missionary service.
- Using the Nazarene Missions guidelines, the candidate meets with the local church board to request recommendation.
- The candidate receives official application forms from Nazarene Missions.

03 EXPLORATION

- The local church, guided by the NMI president, walks beside the candidate to help him or her discern a call, prepare for service, and develop needed skills.
- Nazarene Missions provides tools and resources to support the local church in this process.

04 ORIENTATION

- The candidate attends a Nazarene Missions orientation event.
- The candidate, pastor, and local and district NMI presidents are notified of next steps, which may include further assessment and development.

05 PLACEMENT

- Nazarene Missions notifies the local pastor, local and district NMI presidents, and the district superintendent of the candidate's placement.
- Missionary assignments are established as globally funded (global) or locally funded (sponsored) prior to placement of candidates.

06 PREPARATION

- Nazarene Missions provides training to prepare the missionary for effective service.
- The local and district NMI presidents encourage the local church and district to support the missionary throughout his or her time in missionary service.

07 AFFIRMATION

- The local and district NMI presidents prepare a sending service to affirm the missionary in the local church and on the district.
- Each local church and district will receive an affirmation service liturgy developed by the Board of General Superintendents.
- The local church and district host the affirmation service.

08 DEPLOYMENT

- Nazarene Missions works with field leaders to ensure the missionary completes field training and successfully begins his or her assignment.
- Field training includes but is not limited to team bonding, cultural awareness, discipleship training, language acquisition, security, and field-specific training.

09 SERVICE

- As determined by a missionary's assignment, Nazarene Missions provides contractual support: funding, insurance, and member care.
- The local church and local and district NMI presidents keep the relationship strong between the missionary, the district, and local churches through prayer and connection.

10 DEPUTATION

- Globally funded missionaries are equipped with resources to prepare them for deputation services.
- Sponsored missionaries, although not sent on deputation by Nazarene Missions, are connected to their local churches for financial support throughout their assignment.

- Missionaries participate in home assignment, a time intentionally set aside to build, develop, and renew relationships with churches and districts in order to engage in missions and encourage World Evangelism giving.

- Nazarene Missions works closely with missionaries to ensure that each presentation reflects excellence.

- Nazarene Missions helps facilitate missions awareness by effectively communicating about missions with districts and local churches.

- The local and district NMI presidents help prepare the sending community to welcome, support, and encourage missionaries during their time of home assignment.

11 COMMISSION

- Nazarene Missions notifies the local sending community, including the local pastor, local and district NMI presidents, and district, of the commissioning service led by the Board of General Superintendents. Those being commissioned are recognized and sent by the Church of the Nazarene.

12 RETURN

- Nazarene Missions helps prepare the church, local and district NMI presidents, and district to welcome, support, and encourage returning missionaries, including retiring missionaries.
- Global missionaries participate in a debriefing and are supported in their transition to their passport countries.
- Sponsored missionaries complete a final evaluation, and Nazarene Missions follows up with each missionary as needed for further debriefing.

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