



Being and Making Disciples Amongst the Children by His Grace

**DISTRICT NMI/NDI CONVENTION 2024
REPORTS**

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CONVENTION GREETINGS

To: District Superintendent, Pastors, District NMI Presidents and local leaders

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

It is my wish that God is blessing your life, family, and ministry.

First, I want to thank God for what he has done to support the NMI ministry in your district as the organization “for mobilizing the local church in missions in the Church of the Nazarene and the denomination’s representative for missions on the district and in the local church”.

I am also grateful for your support of the WEF which is the cornerstone that supports world evangelization in the 164 areas where the Church of the Nazarene has ministry.

It is my wish that during this time of conventions and other activities that are being carried out in your district and local churches, God will be glorified and that each plan will be carried out according to His purposes.

I pray that God's grace, goodness, and mercy be with you every day.

In the love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,
Ana Maria Crocker de Diaz



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CONVENTION GREETINGS

I greet this Trinidad and Tobago District NMI Convention today in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Special greetings to your DS, Rev. Rian Williams and all distinguished ministers of the Gospel. Greetings to Sis. Leigh Hope and her dedicated NMI Council. Greetings to you, brothers and sisters- fellow members of the COTN. What a privilege it has been working on your behalf for these past years. I thank God for the excellent leadership of your District President.

We give God thanks for what this district has accomplished in recent times despite the global pandemic with its deaths, economic reversals and emotional trauma. God's business, which is the expansion of His Kingdom on earth, must continue amidst life's challenges. Thanks for your prayers, your offerings and your many efforts to connect with missionaries as well as those on this, your home district.

Making Christlike disciples in the nations of the world, including T&T, is the goal of the NMI as it continues to reach out and embrace new ways of accomplishing this. Don't settle for what worked in the past. Forge ahead so that the youth will find a place in our global thrust. Involve them as much as possible for they are the present and future Kingdom builders. PRAY, GIVE EDUCATE and ENGAGE our youth and children. Encourage them to answer the call to go or to become senders of those called to go.

It is my prayer that your convention inspires as well as educates. May God bless you all as you continue to build God's Kingdom. God bless you all.



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ABOUT THE THEME

Engaging children in missions is integral to the work of NMI. As a local church and as a District, we need to be very intentional about working alongside our children in missions.

“Being and making disciples amongst the children” can look different in different churches.

A good environment to begin engaging children in missions is within your local NDI. **Work with your local NDI President to share a mission lesson** with the varying age groups during your Sunday School sessions. Let’s make sure that these lessons are fun and interactive and that children have something to take home. Having a souvenir from each lesson, will help the children to remember the lessons months and years after.

Mission education amongst the children is vital. This is how they will know that becoming a missionary, locally or abroad, is possible, because there are others who have done it. **Mission Education is also important because education paves the way for them to pray and give.** When an educational lesson is done, children can **identify different ways in which the missionary they learnt about needs help.** They can pray for these things. Develop a culture of praying for missions and missionaries in your local Sunday School. **Children can also feel inspired to give,** not just money, but of their time and talents to share this same story with their peers.

Giving them some hands-on experience of doing a mission just seals all that they learn and opens their heart to be attentive to God’s call on their lives. So engage them in your church compassionate ministries initiatives, evangelism initiatives, Mission education lessons and missions services as well. **Let’s engage our children in missions!**

REPORTS

DISTRICT NMI PRESIDENT

Mr. Chairman, District Superintendent, Rev. Rian Williams, District NDI President, Sis Cindy Ann Collymore, District NYI President, Sis. Peaches Dinnoo, Pastors, former District NMI Presidents, District NMI Council Members, local NMI Presidents, NMI delegates and friends, thank you for being here today as I account for the stewardship of this Council that you elected to serve you in missions. I stand before you with a great sense of humility, gratitude and contentment as I deliver this report to you.

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DISTRICT NMI/NDI CONVENTION 2023

Our year began with the joint District NDI/NMI Convention on Saturday March 4, 2023. Thank you to St. James COTN for being such gracious hosts, providing breakfast for delegates and allowing us to partner with you for our outreach. Thank you to the worship leaders of the Santa Cruz COTN and to the speaker, Rev. Dr. Gregson Francis, PhD, for their excellent ministry. To all those who played a role in our Convention, especially the technical team, thank you!

Our theme for 2023 was “Being and Making Christlike Disciples in the Cities”. During the afternoon session of the Convention, we took a hands-on approach to this theme by partnering with the St. James COTN’s Hope Kitchen, in meeting a need in the capital and environs. Twenty (20) volunteers, consisting mostly of young persons, were able to reach out to approximately fifty (50) persons, with a meal and prayer. The feedback was heartwarming as lives were touched, both volunteers and recipients. Thank you to all our delegates who participated in the Convention. You made it a success.



Create an environment for
missions to thrive in your local
church!

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PRAYER

1 Thessalonians 5:16 encourages us to pray without ceasing. As you pray, remember missions and missionaries.

Under the leadership of Min. Eva Woods, the District NMI encouraged active participation in prayer. As a District, we observed Regional and Global Prayer Initiatives including 40 days of prayer prior to Pentecost (*Regional: April 19, 2023 – May 28, 2023*), 40 days of prayer for the cities (*Regional: January 1 - February 9, 2024*) and Nazarene Global Week of Prayer (*Global: February 25, 2024 – March 2, 2024*). A children's edition was included in this year's Global week of prayer resources and I hope that we got our children involved. On Wednesdays, we would send out NMI Central, which is a weekly publication highlighting what is taking place in different countries, along with their prayer requests, and we sent out our Regional Prayer Line to our churches.

We were able to host two district prayer meetings. On Saturday June 1, 2023 under the theme "We are Better Together", one hundred and forty-one (141) households met online to prayer for our District, nation and our world. Rev. Cheryl Ann Cardinez delivered a powerful word. On Saturday November 25, 2023, under the theme "With Reverent Submission", sixty-six (66) persons gathered in person and seventy-six (76) households joined us online for our second District Prayer Meeting at the Felicity COTN. Our speaker was District Superintendent, Rev. Rian Williams and prayer was emphasized for the Persecuted Church.

Thank you to Pastor Darren Dinnoo for working alongside us to plan these two meetings. Thank you to Felicity COTN for being wonderful hosts and to our speakers, worship teams and technical teams. To all Pastors and leaders who prayed and supported our prayer meetings, may God bless you!

My heartfelt gratitude to you, Sis Eva, for your faithful, dedicated and distinguished leadership in NMI in our District over the past twenty-one (21) years. We love and appreciate your ministry, but more importantly, we love and appreciate you!

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GIVING

2 Corinthians 8:7 "See that you also excel in this grace of giving". As you give to different ministries, remember that our missionaries need your love gift to WEF to do their work without added burdens.

GIVING (CONTINUED)

- **World Evangelism Fund (WEF)**

Just as Tithes and Offerings support the work of the local church, your giving to WEF supports the work of the Global church. As local churches encourage their members to give tithes to do the work of the church in their community, NMI encourages local churches to give 5.5% to WEF so that Christlike disciples can be made in the nations. We are working towards becoming a Zero Zeroes District - a district where there are no churches with zero contributions to WEF each year.

In 2023, **twenty-two (22) churches** gave **\$150,713.33** to the World Evangelism Fund. (*Bethany, Canaan, Cochrane, Cocorite, Couva, Cumuto, D'Abadie, Dibe, Dow Village, El Bethel, El Socorro, Five Rivers, Guanapo, La Platta, NHC, NWC, Point Fortin, San Fernando, Sangre Grande, St. James, Tunapuna, Vance River*). **Eight (8)** of these churches were able to meet their 5.5% WEF goal - *Cocorite, Couva, Cumuto, Dibe, Dow Village, El Bethel, San Fernando, Sangre Grande*. I wish to thank all of these churches! Attached to our reports is a fact sheet about WEF as well as stories of how the Church is growing because of your giving to WEF.

In 2023, we were able to transfer **US \$68,393.00 (TT\$ 465,072.12)** to the Global COTN for WEF. Thank you to Caribbean Nazarene College (CNC), for your continued partnership with us in making these transactions.

- **Alabaster**

Alabaster giving is the lifeline through which the construction aspect of our global mission effort is accomplished. Giving to Alabaster allows the WEF to remain intact for other uses.

Last year, the global Church of the Nazarene celebrated 75 years of Alabaster giving and began a year-long emphasis on Alabaster from June 2023 - June 2024. Videos were produced and released monthly, highlighting Alabaster stories across the world. We shared these with our local churches.

In 2023, **fourteen (14) churches** contributed \$38,300.00 to Alabaster, compared to \$20,480.00 received in 2022. Thank you to these churches. (*Canaan, Cochrane, Couva, Dibe, Dow Village, El Socorro, Guanapo, La Platta, NWC, Sangre Grande, Santa Cruz, St. James, Tunapuna, Vance River*)

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GIVING (CONTINUED)

- **Fundraising**

As we continue on giving, the District NMI held a few fundraisers last year. Our main fundraiser, however, was our Emancipation Day "Freedom in Christ" Boat Cruise. This cruise sailed from The Anchorage, Chaguaramas, with ministry by gospel artistes, DJ Christchild, Blessed Messenger and Jaron Nurse. Other highlights were the 360 photo booth and the fashion show. We sold ninety-nine (99) tickets to Nazarenes and non-Nazarenes. We broke even, however, the cruise was well enjoyed and was a great time of fellowship for those who attended. We endeavor to make this an annual fundraiser. Thank you to Rev. Louise Frederick-Bobb for the fantastic work done in this area.

- **District NMI Operation**

Twenty-four (24) churches paid their DNMI Budget in 2023. Thank you! (*Arima, Canaan, Cochrane, Cocorite, Couva, Cumuto, D'Abadie, Dibe, Dow Village, El Bethel, El Socorro, Felicity, Five Rivers, Guanapo, Lowlands, Holiness Centre, Oropune, Piarco, San Fernando, Sangre Grande, St. James, Tunapuna, Valencia, Vance River*). Thank you for empowering us to serve you better and equip you with the resources and tools needed for NMI to be vibrant in your churches. The Treasurer's Report will provide details of our receipts and payments in 2023.

As I share on the DNMI's operation, allow me to thank our Vice President, Sis Selina Dass for holding down the fort in my absence and for her teachable spirit and commitment to NMI. I also want to express thanks to our Secretary, Sis Janice Bastaldo for her faithful, timely service in preparing minutes, submitting forms to the Regional Office, making calls on my behalf and so much more. To our Treasurer, Sis Cecilia Hutson, who makes herself available and executes her service with professionalism and excellence, thank you!

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ENGAGING CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Mark 9:37 "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me." Welcome children and youth in missions!

- **Children Ministry**

NMI continues to invest in our District's children and youth. Opportunities are provided for them throughout the year at the local and District levels to get involved. **We need you to encourage them to be a part of these activities.** Two of our main activities with children as a District this year were our children's Cross Cultural Orientation (CCO) and our Alabaster Box making competition. I thank Sis Carol Garner-Dupigny for her commitment and efforts in this area.

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ENGAGING CHILDREN AND YOUTH (CONTINUED)

On April 13, 2023, we visited our District Children's Bible Camp in Arouca to open the eyes of our children to mission work and missionaries. We shared the story of our Bajan missionary, Danielle Miller - The Girl from the Pine and had a time of crafting. Sis Keisha Alexis-Blaise delivered the story so well that she kept the fifty-three (53) campers and four (4) additional children attentive and interacting.

In the month of August, we promoted our Alabaster Box Making Competition for children. We received twenty-one (21) submissions from children in five churches (Arima, Canaan, NWC, Dibe and La Platta). The submissions were judged by our Care and Connection missionaries, the Radis and our missionaries assigned to CNC, the Manswells. The winners of the competition, receiving book vouchers of \$500, \$350 and \$250 respectively were David Collymore (Dibe), Sumaiya Wadi (Arima) and Zhayne-Calil Cowie-Clarke (Canaan). Congratulations to all our children who took part. I am sure they enjoyed doing the boxes and the end results were really impressive! Thank you to the District NDI, Sis Keisha Alexis-Blaise, the Radis, the Manswells, our entrants and the parents and local Presidents who worked with their children to participate.

- **Mission Mobilization (MM)**

Mission mobilization outreaches are open to everyone, however, a particular emphasis is placed on getting youth to volunteer to serve in these missions. On Saturday August 22, 2023, our MM Coordinator, Sis Deanedra Joseph-Francis spearheaded our District Back to School Drive, engaging sixteen (16) youthful Nazarene volunteers. This event ministered to approximately forty (40) children at church and ninety (90) children in the community and was sponsored by generous Nazarenes across our District. Thank you to all those who volunteered to serve and those who participated through sponsorship. Thank you to the La Platta COTN for allowing us to do this initiative and to Sis Joseph-Francis for her efforts in this area.

Three persons from our District attended the Cross Cultural Orientation from April 8-10, 2023 to be trained in Cross Cultural Ministry and one person participated in a mission trip to St. Lucia in July 2023.

- **Genesis Initiative**

Genesis is an Initiative of the Mesoamerica Region to plant churches in the cities on our Region. Young people are being called to serve in the cities. Let us support them.

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ENGAGING CHILDREN AND YOUTH (CONTINUED)

In the month of January, NMI emphasized the Genesis initiative. We highlighted former Genesis Missionary and friend to our District, Cleon Cadogan, by producing a Mission Education lesson and video. Churches were encouraged to promote Genesis, pray for and collect an offering for the initiative. Some of our churches took the initiative to invite Cleon to share in their NMI Sessions. Thank you to all our churches who collected the Genesis offering over the past years. Let us continue to pray and give to this great work.

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EDUCATING

The District NMI Council understands the importance of Mission Education in local churches as a primary tool to inspire others to get involved. As such, we continuously resource our local churches with stories and general information.

- **Telling the Story**

To tell the story, we have produced twelve mission education lessons for the period under review. These were done by local authors, highlighting mission work in the Caribbean and by Caribbean people and are designed for use in children ministry, youth ministry and adult ministry. In addition, we encourage everyone to subscribe to NMI Central, as they would provide stories weekly and in May 2023, they began to produce a monthly kids segment called Kids Kaleidoscope. We also continued to tell the story regularly on social media. We are currently on Facebook (NMI T&T), YouTube (NMI T&T) and in 2023, we joined Instagram with the handle @nmittdistrict. We also continue to update our website with resources (www.dnmitt.com).

Thank you to our churches who used the Mission Education lessons and gave feedback. My gratitude extends to Rev. Donnamie Ali for being the editor of our Mission Education lessons and to our authors Sis Janice Bastaldo, Sis Selina Dass, Sis Carol Garner-Dupigny, Bro Leonard Grant, Sis Shelly Ann Hope, Rev. Donnamie Ali, Sis Lenetta Cowie-Clarke and Sis Shannon Rampersad. Thank you to our video editors, graphic designers, and broadcast team for all their work in 2023 and a big Thank you to Sis Shannon Rampersad for her dedication to the task and availability to do more when called upon.

- **Local NMI Leaders Training**

To keep our Presidents up to date and to provide training for new persons, we held a workshop on May 20, 2023 at the Dow Village Nazarene Victory Chapel for Pastors, local NMI Presidents and local NMI Councils. The sessions were interactive and those in attendance had a lot of fun, more than was planned, whilst learning about NMI. We

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EDUCATING (CONTINUED)

explored the basics, practical applications, expectations and challenges. **Seventy two (72) persons** attended the workshop in person and there were six (6) Persons who joined us virtually from Tobago. This workshop displayed the creativity of our NMI leaders and I thank them for being a part. Thank you to the Dow Village Nazarene Victory Chapel for being great hosts and to Sis Selina Dass and Sis Janice Bastaldo for their assistance in planning and preparing for this workshop.

- **Missional Rally**

We were back in person for our missional Rally this year. What a wonderful time we had. It was held on September 24, 2023 under the theme "Love Poured Out". Thank you to the 141 persons who joined us at the Arima COTN for this Rally. Features of this Rally included worship by the Santa Cruz COTN, a drama piece by the Dibe COTN youths which focused on Alabaster creating spaces for people to worship, heal and learn, the announcement of the winners of our Alabaster Box making competition, the Alabaster Box Display, greetings from our Global NMI President, Sis Christine Trent-Mosuela and our Regional NMI Coordinator, Sis Ana Crocker de Diaz, a wonderful rendition of "I Speak Jesus" by the Guanapo COTN, Alabaster videos from across the world, writing cards of affirmation to our Pastors, the Alabaster Jar exchange, the preached word by Rev. Dr. Anthony Manswell, celebrating the Manswell's 20 years of Missionary Service in Trinidad and Tobago, tokens and giveaways and much more. It was a time of inspiration, encouragement, education and fun. To everyone who took part and attended, I am so thankful for each of you.

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MISSIONARY CARE

3 John 5 "Dear friend, you are faithful in what you are doing for the brothers and sisters, even though they are strangers to you." Even though we don't know our missionaries personally, let us be faithful in praying, giving and educating about them.

- **Care And Connection (C&C)**

In 2023, we were assigned to C&C missionaries – the Radziszewskis (Radis) who are currently serving in Argentina. We introduced them to our District via a live interview in January 2023 and on June 10, 2023, we had the pleasure of meeting the Radis in person at Global NMI Convention. They are such loving, wonderful, amazing people. We presented gifts for our missionaries (past and present) at the Global NMI Convention and liaised with them and prayed for them throughout the year. I must thank our Genesis & Care and Connection Coordinator, Sis Shelly Ann Hope, for her dedicated service over the past year! Her contributions have been invaluable.

MISSIONARY CARE (CONTINUED)

We said farewell to the Radis last year and welcomed new C&C missionaries this year - the Mutowas of South Africa. We released a video of our interview with them a week ago. Show it in your churches and share it so that everyone can know who they are and begin praying for them.

On a local level, we saw a significant increase in participation in the programme. **Twenty eight (28)** of our 31 churches did the work of connecting with and hosting their C&C Pastors virtually. Thank you Pastors and Presidents! I encourage you to continue this good work in 2024. New Care and Connection assignments have been assigned and can be found in your packages.

- **Spanish Ministry Coordinators**

Tim and Neli Bertrand: In April 2023, Tim and Neli Bertrand, of the US and Mexico (serving in the Kansas District), were deployed to serve as Spanish Ministry Coordinators based at the Arima Church of the Nazarene. Tim and Neli are sponsored missionaries, meaning they raise their own funds to take care of their needs over a two year period. My family and I were happy to be a part of their special welcome on April 16. We quickly introduced them to our District on May 8 through a live interview on Facebook and YouTube. At our District workshop in May, we invited them to share with us on the World Evangelism Fund and how important it is to the COTN. A love offering was collected for the couple at this workshop in excess of \$2000. As the welcoming district, we connected with them during the year to ensure they were comfortable and felt cared for.

- **Missionaries to CNC**

Revs. Anthony and Barbara Manswell: In January 2003, our District welcomed the Manswells to serve as missionaries to Caribbean Nazarene College (CNC). 2023 marked 20 years of faithful, loving missionary service by this family so we wanted to share a bit of their journey and celebrate their impact on our District. We interviewed the couple on May 22 and invited Dr. Anthony Manswell to preach at our Missional Rally, where we took the opportunity to recognize their tremendous contributions. The Manswells also judged our Alabaster competition in 2023.

- **Missionaries to Spain**

Matthew Lawrence and Family: We received wonderful news in January 2024. Our very own Matthew Lawrence and his family are being deployed as missionaries to Spain, where they will work with the migrant population through compassionate care and sports Evangelism. They are currently on home assignment raising funds for the ministry and will begin their ministry in Spain in May 2024.

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MISSIONARY CARE (CONTINUED)

As Matthew's home district, we felt it was necessary for us to show our love and support for this young man and his family in a tangible way. Our churches were asked to collect an offering for him in February 2024 and the total collected will be shared with you at the next opportunity.

- **Missionaries to Dominica - Work and Witness**

Every year, we send missionaries to do a short term mission trip in the Caribbean. During the pandemic, the team was unable to go. However, last year, our District Work and Witness Team completed their three year stint to Dominica from August 10-21, 2023, following a sending service at the Couva COTN on August 6, 2023. All glory to God! On this trip, the team of sixteen (16) persons worked on the manse of the Bioche COTN and were able to complete the outer walls, inner walls and ring beams. The team also did outreach in the community at night. I continue to applaud this team, ably led by Bro Courtney Greene, for their countless sacrifices and selfless service to others. Thank you to our District Work and Witness Team.

At Global NMI Convention 2023, Work and Witness was rebranded and is now a part of Nazarene Mission Teams.

Let us continue to keep our own missionaries, their families and their ministries in our prayers. Reach out to them from time to time and give them some encouragement.

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GLOBAL NMI CONVENTION

What an experience! This year it was a little bit different. Some of the meetings that are usually held in Indiana were held virtually on April 11 and April 14. These were the first Plenary session and our legislative and caucus meetings.

I must begin by saying thank you to you delegates who elected this wonderful team of Sis Eva Woods, Sis Shelly Ann Hope and Sis Shannon Rampersad to be alongside me on this journey. We represented our District well. We were in sync, on a mission and it was recognised by our leaders. On June 8, 2023, we travelled together to Indianapolis with our matching T-shirts, which we had everyday. Highlights for the team were

1. The opportunity to carry the Trinidad and Tobago flag during the flag parade. Sis Shelly Ann and Sis Shannon took turns carrying the flag.
2. Meeting the newly elected Global NMI President, Sis Christine Trent-Mosuela and giving her some souvenirs.
3. Representing the Caribbean Field in ethnic wear during the Mesoamerica Region's report (Sis Shannon).

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GLOBAL NMI CONVENTION (CONTINUED)

4. Participating in the adoption of 4 resolutions, the most important of which approved the inclusion of Regional NMI Coordinators to serve on the Global NMI Council.
 5. Attending all plenaries and worship services.
 6. Fellowshiping with the Radis and the Murillos.
 7. Meeting countless persons who shared with us of their lovely visits to Trinidad and Tobago.
 8. Learning that the church is growing by leaps and bounds in all our regions thanks to your giving to the World Evangelism Fund. We shared the stories we heard on our Facebook page. Check it out!
- We returned full, inspired and encouraged to continue serving with excellence in missions. Thank you for this great opportunity.

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STATUS OF LOCAL NMIS: REBUILDING THE WALLS

My greatest desire is to see NMI vibrant and alive in all our churches. As I present my final report to you, I urge you to create an environment in your churches for missions to thrive. NMI cannot thrive in your church if it does not have a space to do so.

Nazarene churches should be actively praying for missions and missionaries, because we understand that we are a global church, called to fulfil the Great Commission. Nazarene churches should be giving to the World Evangelism Fund, so that our missionaries' needs, theological institutions' needs and ministry needs can be met and the lost can be reached. Nazarene churches should be educating about missions, because our members, young and old, are much more likely to accept the call to be a missionary once they have heard how others have done it. Nazarene churches should be raising up a new generation of missionaries, both local and global, through engagement in missions from a tender age, because the harvest is ripe and the labourers are few. Again, create an environment for missions to thrive in your local church.

Our Zonal Coordinators were few this year, however, they did well. Thank you Sis Selina Dass (East and South Zone) and Bro Quincy Crooks (Tobago) for a job well done! I took up the challenge of working with the North Zone.

Our District NMI Council shares a good relationship with our Pastors and Presidents. We appreciate them very much. We know that different churches have different challenges. However, barring the challenges that were faced over the years, reports from our local churches continue to be encouraging. Reports received show that thirty (30) of our churches prayed for missions, twenty-three (23) of our churches submitted offerings to the District NMI (not including District Budget), twenty-four (24) of our churches educated on missions through

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STATUS OF LOCAL NMIS (CONTINUED)

Mission Education Lessons, videos or special speakers, twenty-three (23) of our churches engaged children and youth in missions.

In light of these challenges, this year, we have assigned persons to work with each church on an individual basis to build NMI in the local church. Thank you to all Pastors who have already happily agreed to facilitate our team this year and they look forward to working with you.

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PROJECTION 2024

Our focus for 2024 will be ***"Being and making Christlike Disciples amongst the children"***. The calendar has been sent out. This year, our District will be hosting Jamaican missionary to Africa, Carlos Gordon from May 25-31, 2024.

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TRIBUTE, THANKS AND TESTIMONY

If I made this journey seem easy and seamless, that was God. This road was never an easy one. The journey was great, though filled with countless challenges. It got lonely many times. Leading NMI at the local level and district level is a lot, but God. I thank the One who called me to this task eight years ago, for His infinite power, sufficient, overflowing grace, His sustenance, provision, added strength and companionship has kept me to this day.

When I was first elected a local NMI President in early 2006, I never imagined at any time that God would choose me to lead our District in this area. I end my journey as District NMI President, today, with a sense of gratitude and contentment. Human help and support was necessary and I thank God for blessing me with adequate help along the way. Allow me today to say thanks today to my support.

1. My family - Kendun, Mackensi and Noelle are my companions in life, adding joy and peace, providing care and extra love on days most needed. They weather the storms with me.
2. My parents - My mom has been my guide, advisor and prayer support from Day 1. My dad was my resource person, help, transport and so much more. Six months ago, he went to be with the Lord. My mother in law, who is also rejoicing in heaven, was a source of encouragement and prayer and my father in law continues to be a pillar of love and care.
3. My siblings - I believe there is no family quite like mine. The love that we share surpasses all others. My sisters are precious, treasured gems who continue to wholeheartedly support me in life and ministry.

TRIBUTE, THANKS AND TESTIMONY (CONTINUED)

4. Alisa Drayton and Pastor Fife – They're no longer Nazarenes but I am grateful for the confidence they had in me, allowing me to lead from a tender age.
5. Revs. David and Donnamie Ali – A couple I love and admire, confidantes and advisors, who have provided opportunities for me to share on missions at the Field Level, Regional Level and Global Level.
6. Rev. Rian Williams – our District Superintendent for his words of wisdom, exemplary leadership and confidence.
7. Rev. Dexter Daly – one who challenged me to look at things differently, deeply, to discover ultimate reasons and to share God's global vision.
8. All District NMI Presidents who laid the foundation for me – Sis Wincie Forde, Sis Una McKenzie, Sis Leonie Chapman, Sis Lucille Noray, Sis Marcia Quimby, Rev. Donnamie Ali and Bro Leonard Grant.
9. District NMI Council Members – past and present. I have loved all the Councils that I have worked with over the years, but this one, has my heart. To work with people who are trustworthy, loyal and loving is valued.
10. Local NMI Presidents whom I have had the pleasure of working with – I appreciated your calls and show of support.
11. All Pastors, thank you for your respect, consideration and appreciation. There were some of you who supported me fully and I appreciate you.
12. Dibe and Dow Village – all my Pastors and church members
13. Nazarenes who have covered me with prayer every time you thought of me – my dear friends, Sis Pearl, Sis Trudy, Sis Darling, Rev. Baptiste and others who only had words of encouragement every time they saw me.
14. Each of you, for every smile, every greeting, every call, every show of love, thank you.

I pray that the journey ahead for the new council will be smoother as each of us commit to creating an environment for missions to thrive in our churches.

I speak Jesus today over every delegate and your families, over every situation you and your loved ones are facing and I declare healing and life, in the Holy and precious name of Jesus. Amen.

REPORTS

DISTRICT NMI TREASURER

TREASURER'S REPORT – JANUARY 1ST 2023 TO DECEMBER 31ST 2023

Mr. Chairman/District Superintendent, Rev. Rian Williams, District NMI and NDI Presidents Sis. Leigh Hope and Sis Cindy Ann Collymore respectively, Council Members of both NMI and NDI , Pastors, Delegates and Friends. I greet you in the Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. It is a privilege for me to present my report for the period 1st January 2023 –31st December 2023.

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RECEIPTS

In 2023, the Trinidad and Tobago District NMI raised income in the sum of **Two Hundred and Sixty Nine Thousand, Four Hundred and Eighty Dollars and Fifty-Four Cents (TT \$269,480.54)** which represented an increase of Twenty Three Percent (23%) over receipts for the corresponding period in 2022. Of that sum, **One Hundred and Fifty Thousand, Seven Hundred and Thirteen Dollars and Thirty-Three Cents (\$150,713.33)** represented receipts toward World Evangelism Fund (WEF) a decrease of two percent (2%). However, it should be noted that a few churches paid their WEF budgets at the end of December 2023 and same will be reported on in 2024 since the payments were not captured during this reporting period.

02

PAYMENTS

Payments for 2023 amounted to **Five Hundred and Forty Nine Thousand, Two Hundred and Seventy-Two Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents (TT \$549,272.75)**. Of that sum, Four Hundred and Sixty Five Thousand and Seventy Two Dollars and Thirteen Cents (\$465,072.13) or approximately **(US \$68,393)** represented transfers of funds to the Global NMI.



I pray a Malachi 3:10-12 blessings on all our churches in 2024 and beyond.

DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT

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PAYMENTS (CONTINUED)

Presently, Five Hundred and Ninety Five Thousand, Six Hundred and Thirty-Two Dollars and Fifty-One Cents (TT \$595,632.51) which represents World Evangelism Fund (WEF) is in the account of the District NMI for transmission to the Global NMI.

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THANKS

I want to take this opportunity to thank the President of CNC, Dr. Orlando Seale for partnering with the District NMI to facilitate the aforementioned transfers as well as his continued support for future partnerships.

I take this opportunity to express my thanks to the outgoing District NMI President, Sis. Leigh Hope for her effective leadership and for the teamwork and synergy that existed within our Council. A special thank you for your dedicated and distinguished service as District NMI President for the past eight years.

A heartfelt thanks to all churches that were able to pay their respective budgets in 2023 and I pray a Malachi 3:10-12 blessings on all our churches in 2024 and beyond.

In closing, I want to reiterate to all church treasurers to indicate on the back of the cheques or in the space provided at the front, the purpose for the remittances so that the funds can be appropriately assigned.

Additionally, some churches have commenced online transfers, therefore please send me an e-mail at cecil_hutson@hotmail.com or WhatsApp message on 720-8948 so that the funds can be appropriately assigned since the bank statement does not always reflect the details.

Thank you and God's richest blessings to everyone.

BALANCE SHEET 2023

Current Assets	2022			2023
RBC as at December 31, 2022	1,354,588.58			1,074,235.14
UTC	38,792.40			39,304.63
Cash in hand	0.00			49.00
Total Assets	1,393,380.98			1,113,588.77
FINANCED BY:		Receipts 2023	Expenses 2023	Balance 2023
Approved Offerings				
World Evangelism Fund (Easter, Thanksgiving, P&F, Faith Promise)	909,991.31	150,713.33	465,072.13	595,632.51
Alabaster Offering	363,807.91	38,300.00	0.00	402,107.91
Links Offering	10,431.59	100.00	1,166.00	9,365.59
World Mission Broadcast	799.60	0.00	0.00	799.60
Missionary Health Care	16,349.71	0.00	0.00	16,349.71
Volunteer Ministries / Genesis	13,225.00	2,754.00	0.00	15,979.00
Compassionate Ministries	8,575.26	0.00	0.00	8,575.26
Special Funds				
100th Anniversary Initiative	1,501.76	0.00	0.00	1,501.76
Work and Witness	15,843.04	0.00	0.00	15,843.04
Vacation Bible School	911.80	0.00	0.00	911.80
NCM Child Sponsorship	2,237.00	0.00	0.00	2,237.00
Haiti Fund	1,110.00	0.00	0.00	1,110.00
Mission Support Fund	200.00	150.00	0.00	350.00
Danielle Miller	3,456.73	2,000.00	5,453.10	3.63
St. Vincent Fund	1,900.00	0.00	0.00	1,900.00
Ukraine	2,647.00	0.00	0.00	2,647.00
Operational Funds	40,393.27	75,463.21	77,581.52	38,274.96
	1,393,380.98	269,480.54	549,272.75	1,113,588.77

OPERATIONAL FUNDS – INCOME & EXPENSE STATEMENT

	Income	Expense	
Balance Brought Forward			40,393.27
Income			
Donations	16,283.38		
District Budget	13,800.00		
Interest - RBC & UTC	5,399.83		
Convention Refund	1,130.00		
Fundraising	22,406.00		
Events (Convention, Rally, PM)	16,444.00		
	75,463.21		115,856.48
Expenses			
Convention & Rally 2023		12,481.00	
Website Renewal		537.14	
Auditor Honorarium		1,500.00	
Fundraisers		22,102.00	
Alabaster Competition		1,100.00	
Global NMI Convention		38,119.38	
Maximum Missions		500.00	
Transaction Charges		178.00	
Love Gift - Deanedra		1,050.00	
Incidentals		14.00	
Total Expenses		77,581.52	
Balance at 31/12/2023			38,274.96

CHURCHES CONTRIBUTIONS

CHURCH	BUDGET	ALABASTER	Other	GENESIS	WEF	TOTAL
Arima	900.00					900.00
Bethany			600.00		1,473.00	2,073.00
Canaan	900.00	1,612.00			2,519.00	5,031.00
Cochrane	400.00	3,579.00	2,000.00		6,941.00	12,920.00
Cocorite	300.00				10,795.24	11,095.24
Couva	350.00	2,515.00			6,228.00	9,093.00
Cumuto	700.00				14,364.09	15,064.09
D'Abadie	400.00				3,075.32	3,475.32
Dibe	350.00	1,459.00	1,000.00		10,864.75	13,673.75
Dow Village	350.00	866.60	3,500.00	521.00	13,642.93	18,880.53
El Bethel	300.00				2,178.72	2,478.72
El Socorro	350.00	1,066.00			3,386.75	4,802.75
Felicity	800.00					800.00
Five Rivers	700.00				2,000.00	2,700.00
Guanapo	400.00	2,316.00			3,276.00	5,992.00
Laventille						
La Platta		520.00		229.00	600.00	1,349.00
Lowlands	900.00					900.00
NHC	700.00				2,041.44	2,741.44
NWC		2,000.00		2,004.00	8,003.00	12,007.00
Oropune	300.00					300.00
Piarco	700.00					700.00
Petit Valley						
Point Fortin					3,512.00	3,512.00
San Fernando	350.00				7,163.64	7,513.64
Sangre Grande	800.00	12,605.40			23,312.00	36,717.40

CHURCHES CONTRIBUTIONS

CHURCH	BUDGET	ALABASTER	Other	GENESIS	WEF	TOTAL
Santa Cruz		1,512.00				1,512.00
St. James	\$ 900.00	3,348.00			14,650.00	18,898.00
Tunapuna	1,600.00	2,552.00	250.00		5,178.00	9,580.00
Valencia	350.00					350.00
Vance River		2,349.00			5,508.45	7,857.45
Total	13,800.00	38,300.00	5,350.00	2,754.00	150,713.33	217,917.33
Churches Contributions						217,917.33
Bank Interest						5,399.83
Convention Refunds						1,130.00
Donations						5,064.00
Boat Cruise Tickets						19,800.00
WEF Contribution (GNMI del)						6,119.38
Offerings/Sales						19,050.00
Total income 2023						269,480.54

REPORTS

DISTRICT NMI VICE-PRESIDENT

Blessings, greetings and the favour of God upon each and every one. It has been a privilege to serve as DNMI Vice President this year, under the excellent leadership of Sis Leigh Hope.

I have indeed learned a lot and was given the opportunity to:

1. Chair district council meetings.
2. Be a part of the zonal planning committees for zonal crusades and executing of the east zone crusade.
3. Be a part of the planning committee for District prayer and fast.
4. Be a part of the planning and executing of the Missions Mobilization (Back to School Drive) event at the La Platta COTN.
5. Create mission lessons with a local theme.

There is still much that I need to learn and am indeed willing to. So thank you, Sis Leigh and the district council members for giving me the opportunity to serve in this arm of the church.



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DISTRICT NMI SECRETARY

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COMPOSITION OF COUNCIL

The District NMI Council comprised of twelve members during the past year.

- Leigh Hope - President
- Selina Dass - Vice President/ East & South Zone Coordinator
- Janice Bastaldo - Secretary
- Cecilia Hutson - Treasurer
- Min. Eva Woods - Prayer Coordinator
- Shannon Rampersad - Education Coordinator
- Carol Garner-Dupigny - Children's Coordinator
- Rev. Louise Frederick-Bobb - Giving Coordinator
- Quincy Crooks - Tobago Zone Coordinator
- Courtney Greene - W&W (now Nazarene Missions Teams) Coordinator
- Shelly-Ann Hope - Care and Connection Coordinator
- Deandra Joseph-Francis - Missions Mobilization Coordinator

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HIGHLIGHTS

During the year, the council held four (4) meetings to plan and execute all Mission programs carded for 2023.

Some highlights were:

- Our 1st Mission Boat Cruise
- Sending our NMI delegates to our Global Convention
- W&W trip to Dominica
- Missional Rally
- Alabaster Box Making Competition
- NMI Workshop
- Back to School Drive in La Platta

03

THE EXPERIENCE

Working with the NMI team for the past year has been a privilege, as we have built relationships with many church members and created a support system among ourselves. To God be the glory for what He has entrusted to us as we continue to toil in His vineyard.



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DISTRICT NMI PRAYER COORDINATOR

The year 2023 had its ups and downs but we continued to be faithful. I want to thank Covenant keeping God for his divine favour upon my life and that of the N.M.I council.

I truly want to thank the District N.M.I for the wonderful opportunity to attend General Assembly 2023 and brethren, I must say that it was an amazing experience for it was literally a glimpse of heaven when all the saints gathered in one accord with one aim and purpose and that was to praise our Almighty God and soon coming King.

God continues to be faithful. He is kind, forgiving, patient and loving. The N.M.I continues to work with the District Impact Mentorship Prayer Coordinator Rev. Hargreaves, District Chairman Rev. Babooram, District NMI President Sis Leigh Hope, our District NMI Council and Pastor Darren Dinnoo to plan and put together two District Prayer Meetings. The first prayer meeting was held Saturday 3rd June, 2023 and the second prayer meeting was held on Saturday 25th November 2023. These two prayer meetings were well attended via zoom and in person.

To God we give the glory and praise for he continues to be truthful to us. Let us remain focused, mission minded and prayerful especially for our churches, families and our nation. I'm closing I declare Psalm 91 over our lives.



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DISTRICT NMI CHILDREN'S COORDINATOR

Thanks to God for His everlasting love and mercy on my life.

The year 2023 was indeed one to again be thankful for as we were able to have more sessions in person coming out of the Covid-19 pandemic. Engaging children in the activities of N.M.I is vitally important and necessary to their development, and the continuity of the Mission. Involvement in Missions is an opportunity for our children to grow.

Our Cross-Cultural Orientation learning and fun sessions was held at the children's bible camp on Tuesday 12th April 2023 with the theme "TEAM MISSIONS". We sought to encourage our children to join the team and help spread Jesus' message of love and forgiveness. Sis. Keisha A. Blaise of the Five Rivers Nazarene Church shared the Danielle Miller story with them. We all had a great time of fun learning together.

We continued our "Back to School", compassionate giving in the months of July and August. The churches are encouraged to assist the children of the church and community with preparation for the new school term. Most of all praying with and for them, that God would keep them safe, and bless their education.

Our second "Mission Possible" contest was in the form of an "Alabaster Box Making" competition, celebrating 75 years of Alabaster on the global scene. We engaged our children in an exercise of research, as they revisited the story of the woman with the Alabaster Box of precious ointment that anointed Jesus.

The winners for this contest was announced at the N.M.I Rally at the Arima Church of the Nazarene. Our winners were: David Collymore – Dibe in first place, Sumaiya Wadi – Arima in second place, and Zhayne-Calil Cowie-Clark from Tobago in third place.

We as a council continue to encourage the adults to gather our children, keep them close, teach them and let them lead when it's time.



Our children are extra precious and need us to love, teach and support them as they do Missions with us.

DISTRICT EDUCATION COORDINATOR

I greet you all in Jesus' name. In my role as Education Coordinator for the year 2023, I was able to do the following:

- Worked alongside the team in providing video and audio assistance when needed
- Update the NMI's Facebook Page with recent news, monthly emphases, articles and upcoming events
- Launched an Instagram Page, with the handle @nmittdistrict
- Attended and represented our District at General Assembly 2023.
- Provide churches with any educational documents or videos needed
- Update the District NMI Trinidad and Tobago Website www.dnmitt.com
- Assisted in any form or manner at our virtual events
- Provided an education lesson to the District Mission Education thrust

I want to extend my gratitude to the District for affording me the opportunity to attend General Assembly 2023. It was my first time attending this wonderful event and it was great learning more about the Church of the Nazarene and hearing the wonderful news of what the church is doing in their respective regions. I recommend anyone to attend this assembly once they are able to, the energy and love in the environment was amazing!!

I would like to thank all Presidents, pastors and church members who responded to our emails in a timely manner as well as to those who re-shared posts to educate their church members via Whatsapp, Facebook Groups & Pages.



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DISTRICT WORK & WITNESS COORDINATOR

Reporting once again to you of a very successful District Mission Trip to Bioche COTN, Dominica over the period August 10 – 21, 2023.

A sending off service was held on August 6, 2023 at the Couva COTN for the Team that was embarking on this Mission. Rev. Hazel-Ann Job-George brought the Word.

On this Mission we collaborated with the Barbados District and the District Superintendent of Dominica, Rev. Pascal Hilton to complete of the Church Manse at the Bioche COTN. This was a project that was initiated in 2017 but was curtailed because of hurricane Maria. The Barbados leg of the Mission was not fulfilled as their team had the unfortunate experience in that the airline that they were to travel on was rendered redundant. On Thursday 10, August 2023, the team comprising of sixteen (16) members travelled to Dominica. Four (4) other members joined the team later.

The Team was supported by the members of the Bioche COTN which provided technical and hospitality service for us. The work entailed the construction of the outer walls and inner walls up to the ring beam. We give God the praise for what He has done, for the task at hand was a great one because of the time frame. Again, to God be the glory as the members of the Bioche Church rallied their members and together we were able to completed the desired work.

We were also able to complete several outreach services which was well attended by the community and I give thanks to our Pastors who God used to present the Word.

The District Work and Witness Team plans to continue the work in the region and we are looking to plan for the next three (3) years 2024–2026 as God will lead us.



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DISTRICT NMI GIVING COORDINATOR

Blessed good day, Mr. Chairman, Pastors, Presidents and all members.

I must raise a Hallelujah to our Almighty Jehovah, our Redeemer and soon coming King of Kings. I thank Him for extending His grace to me, while serving in the capacity of District NMI Council, Giving Coordinator.

Our fund raising event took the form of our "Freedom Celebration" Boat Cruise - Celebrating our Freedom in Christ on Emancipation evening, August 1st, 2023. Many thanks and more blessings to our DJ Christ Child and artistes Blessed Messenger and Jaron Nurse. We want to also thank all who supported and are looking forward to our 2024 grand fundraiser.

The team that came together to plan this event put a lot into its planning and much thanks and God Blessings to you also. It was all, only made possible through prayer and God's guidance.

As our District continue on its mission of raising funds for the support of all Gospel spreading efforts, I urge you to continue your whole hearted support to NMI.



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EAST ZONE COORDINATOR

Greetings and blessings to each of you and your families in the name of Jesus. It has been an honour to serve as East Zone Coordinator for another year and I give God praise and thanks that the churches in the East have continued to teach, preach and live mission.

In 2023, churches were in the physical space, but attendances and regularity were still at a low. Most churches were unable to re-establish Nazarene Mission lessons physically, but the lessons were shared virtually via WhatsApp, zoom meetings and Google meet.

The East Zone WhatsApp chat is very much vibrant and engaging, as local presidents shared and invited other presidents to their local church events and fund raisers. We continued to share concerns, questions and successes.

The local presidents and their council continued to:

- share mission lessons and monthly emphasis,
- pray for missionaries, missions, families, communities and each other
- collected the various offerings,
- assisted in back to school drive and monthly hampers for the needy.

This year, I had the opportunity to visit Nazarene Holiness Centre, La Platta COTN, Arima COTN, Guanapo COTN and Tunapuna COTN. Thank you very much for the invites and I pray more invites will come in the new year.

This coming year, I pray that the NMI lessons can be done physically as we venture to re-build and rise in each of our churches.

Thank you to all NMI presidents, your hard working councils and encouraging pastors. I want to thank Almighty God for covering me, the District NMI President and District Council members for teaching and encouraging me and finally, my Pastor and church family for all their support.



I give God praise and thanks that the churches in the East have continued to teach, preach and live mission.

SOUTH ZONE COORDINATOR

I greet you in the name of Jesus the Christ, our Lord and Savior, it has been a privilege to serve as South Zone Coordinator for this year. The South Zone WhatsApp chat was used to send prayer requests, mission lessons, monthly emphasis and all other mission related topics. I was unable to visit any churches in the South Zone, but made myself available to assist where needed, virtually.

There were new presidents this year, we thank God they made themselves available in this part of the vineyard. As we embark on rebuilding and rising in our local churches, let us remember that mission is the heart beat of the church.

The South Zone presidents, where possible, continued to:

- Share mission lessons and monthly emphasis,
- Pray for missionaries and mission,
- Connect with their links, now Care and Connect pastors,
- Assist in the back to school drive and monthly hampers to the needy,
- Attend district events via online platforms.

Thank you to all NMI presidents, your hard working councils and encouraging pastors. I want to thank Almighty God for covering me, the District NMI President and District Council members for teaching and encouraging me and finally, my Pastor and church family for all their support.



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TOBAGO ZONE COORDINATOR

I would like to thank God Almighty, NMI Presidents and their teams, the Pastors of our Churches and our congregations for all the hard work, dedication and support that has been given to Missions and Mission Education.

We have strived as one body spreading the word of God through Ministry, ensuring that people understand the importance of Missionaries and the work that they do and how their contributions help our Missionaries to successfully fulfil their mandate set by God. The Lessons provided for education and developed by our local District personnel has made it even more personal and heartwarming.

On the Tobago Zone, we did the monthly lessons and emphases, we prayed for both our local and international missionaries, connected with our care and connection families and supported and attended District events both in person and online.

Moving forward in 2024, I look forward to improving mission education in the churches and working alongside the NMI Presidents, Pastors, and everyone involved.

God bless and thank you



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DISTRICT NMI CARE & CONNECTION COORDINATOR

God is Great! He has proven Himself as All Sufficient in 2023.

On January 21st at 10 am we met our Care and Connection Missionaries the Radziszewskis (Radis). What an awesome time we had getting to know this family and the call upon their lives to serve! Although it was a virtual meeting, it was a very interactive one as persons were afforded the opportunity to ask the Radis questions. At this event, Carlos Radi introduced us to one of his favourite drinks, that symbolizes family and togetherness.

In June, I had the pleasure of representing our District at the Global NMI Convention in Indiana. Thank you so much church for that opportunity! While at the convention, we surprised Robin and Carlos with a gift from the District. What a great way to connect with them! Even though we were only allotted this family for one year, I believe the connections built will last. Continue to pray for the Radis!

A special mention must be made of the Manswells, though they are not our Care and Connection missionaries, they are missionaries assigned to CNC. On May 22nd, we had a great time interacting with them and learning about their twenty years of ministry at CNC. Mention must also be made of the Bertrands who joined us in April 2023 to serve as Spanish Ministry Coordinators.

Local Care and Connection 2023 was the second of the two year assignment for our local pastors. Thanks to all churches who endeavoured to sustain the connections with their Care and Connection Pastors. New assignments have been done for 2024.

We are all connected to each other through Jesus Christ.



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RESOURCES

GLOBAL CARE AND CONNECTION ASSIGNMENTS



COSMAS & ANDRONICA MUTOWA

Rev and Mrs. Mutowas have three children, Nomsa Tricia, Daniel, and Panashe. Cosmas received God's calling in 1982 and did theological education in Swaziland where he obtained a Bachelor of Theology degree offered by Canadian Nazarene College (Ambrose University). He graduated in 1988 and then took up pastoral work back home in Harare, Zimbabwe for two years, after which he was ordained in the year 1990. He was then asked to join the teaching

staff of Nazarene Bible College where he taught and served as College treasurer. In 1993, he was appointed to serve as Vice Principal, a position he held until he left for Kenya to attend Africa Nazarene University. At ANU, he studied a Master of Arts in Religion and received the degree in the year 1999. Rev. Mutowa later completed his second Masters Theology degree (Compassionate Ministry and Humanitarian/Development Practices) from NTC, Manchester, United Kingdom. Andronica has a diploma in Theology from Swaziland Nazarene Bible College and a Bachelors of Commerce in Financial Management from the University of South Africa. Andronica is a third Generation Nazarene.

Cosmas has served in various ministries of the church including coordinating Extension education in Zimbabwe, coordinating Nazarene Communication work in Zimbabwe (after attaining an advanced Christian broadcaster's diploma). He also pastored a multi-cultural church in Harare, for 9 years, as well as served the church in the Nazarene Compassionate Ministries as country coordinator for Zimbabwe.

In 2006, the Mutowas were appointed to serve as Regional missionaries in Malawi where Cosmos' role was that of Mission Coordinator for Malawi. While in Malawi Cosmos was asked take additional responsibility as Interim President of Nazarene Theological College of Central Africa.

Cosmas served on the Regional Advisory Council for Africa Region and as member of General Board of the Church of the Nazarene. Cosmas served at the Africa Regional Office from 2008 to 2020 as Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Africa Regional Coordinator and as Executive Director for Helping Hands Africa. Andronica is serving as Africa Region Secretary and does Pensions, Insurance, and credentials. Cosmas is currently serving in the Nazarene Compassionate Ministries International Office as NCM Education and Church Engagement Coordinator. The Mutowas are based in Johannesburg, South Africa.

LOCAL CARE AND CONNECTION ASSIGNMENTS 2024-2025

CHURCH	CARE AND CONNECTION FAMILY
Arima	Revs. Farouk & Vilma Mohammed
Bethany	Pas. Uthmaan Thompson
Canaan	Rev. Dexter Daly & Min. Kim Daly
Cochrane	Revs. Mark & Ruth Lawrence
Cocorite	Rev. Kernan Lee
Couva	Pas. Steve Massiah
Cumuto	Pas. Sharon Joe-Jackman
D'Abadie	Rev. Clifton Dupigny
Dibe	Pas. Fazim Gyan
Dow Village	Rev. Nazim Mohammed
El Bethel	Rev. Albert Best & Min. Teckla Best
El Socorro	Revs. Neil & Christine Thompson
Felicity	Rev. Patricia Derry
Five Rivers	Rev. Keryl Boye
Guanapo	Rev. Cuthbert Gordon
Nazarene Holiness Centre	Pas. Darren Dinnoo
Nazarene House of Praise	Rev. Michael Foderingham
Nazarene Worship Centre	Rev. Chaitram Babooram
Laventille	Revs. Rian & Alvilene Williams
La Platta	Rev. Paul Bunsee
Oropune	Rev. Earl Sampson
Petit Valley	Rev. Matthew Daniel
Piarco	Rev. Dr. Victor George
Point Fortin	Rev. Wayne Rock
San Fernando	Rev. Dr. Gregory Francis
Sangre Grande	Rev. Hazel Ann Job-George
Santa Cruz	Rev. Arnold Hargreaves
St James	Revs. David & Donnemie Ali
Tunapuna	Rev. Carlyle George
Valencia	Rev. Glenroy Noel
Vance River	Rev. Alicia Baptiste

NMI BUDGET SHEET 2024

CHURCH	BUDGET 2024
Arima	\$900
Bethany	\$700
Canaan	\$900
Cochrane	\$400
Cocorite	\$300
Couva	\$350
Cumuto	\$700
D'Abadie	\$400
Dibe	\$350
Dow Village	\$350
El Bethel	\$300
El Socorro	\$350
Felicity	\$800
Five Rivers	\$700
Guanapo	\$400
Nazarene Holiness Centre	\$350
Nazarene House of Praise	\$900
Nazarene Worship Centre	\$800
Laventille	\$300
La Platta	\$300
Oropune	\$300
Petit Valley	\$300
Piarco	\$700
Point Fortin	\$900
San Fernando	\$350
Sangre Grande	\$800
Santa Cruz	\$800
St James	\$900
Tunapuna	\$800
Valencia	\$350
Vance River	\$400

NMI CALENDAR 2024

**Sunday February 25, 2024 -
Saturday March 2, 2024**

Global Week of Prayer

Saturday March 2, 2024

District NMI / NDI Convention 2024
Theme: Being and Making
Christlike Disciples Amongst the
Children by His Grace

Tuesday April 4, 2024

CCO Children's Camp

**Wednesday April 10, 2024 -
Sunday May 19, 2024**

40 days of Prayer prior to
Pentecost

**Saturday May 25, 2024 -
Friday May 31, 2024**

Host Carlos Gordon

Saturday June 01, 2024

District Prayer Meeting #1

Saturday July 13, 2024

Global Missions Event - Outreach
to Spanish migrant community
(tentatively)

July

Youth Competition (Spoken Word
- TBD)

August

Children Competition (TBD)

Sunday September 22, 2024

Missional Rally 2024

Saturday October 19, 2024

Regional Care and Connection
Appreciation (Virtual)

Saturday November 30, 2024

District Prayer Meeting #2



WORLD EVANGELISM FUND (WEF)



The World Evangelism Fund goes with the mission of the Church of the Nazarene: Making Christlike disciples in the Nations.

This is the financing with which the Church of the Nazarene operates all its missionary efforts, from the operation of the Global Ministry Center to the districts and churches around the world.

THE WORLD EVANGELISM FUND PROVIDES:

- 1** Full-time missionaries with salaries, health insurance, pension and other needs such as housing and ministry trips.
- 2** Literature in more than 90 languages, including resources for pastors and Bible-based teaching materials for children, youth and adults.
- 3** Support to ministries in the Global Ministry Center, including the work of the General Board of Superintendents, Nazarene Youth International – NYI, Sunday School International Ministries and Discipleship, Global Mission, Nazarene Missions International – NMI, the International Board of Education and Stewardship Ministries.
- 4** Support to start new churches around the world and develop training resources to equip pastors and church leaders.
- 5** Serves as a support base for ministries such as Nazarene Compassionate Ministries – NCM, JESUS Film Harvest Partners.

THE WORLD EVANGELISM FUND IS SUPPORTED BY THE GENEROSITY OF NAZARENES AROUND THE WORLD, GIVING GENEROUSLY AND SACRIFICIALLY SO THAT, TOGETHER, WE CAN CONTINUE THE MISSION OF MAKING CHRISTLIKE DISCIPLES IN THE NATIONS.

HOW TO DETERMINE WHAT TO SUBMIT TO WEF

The total for WEF is calculated as 5.5% of your church's previous year's Tithes and Offerings only.

Collect your Easter, Thanksgiving, Prayer and Fasting and Faith Promise Offerings and submit it to the District NMI. If you do not collect the 5.5%, we encourage churches to put in the extra funds to make up the 5.5%.

Alternatively, the church can give the 5.5% as a District budget.

STORIES & ENCOURAGEMENTS

from Regional Reports at Global NMI Convention 2023

- Charity Shunnaman is a missionary in Thailand assigned to Myanmar. Millions have been moving from Myanmar to Thailand due to civil war. The Banchelon Bethesda COTN set in heart of Bangkok district became a safe place for persons making the transition. A diaspora church pastor was concerned about Myanmar kids in Thailand and their life on the move. They couldn't go to school. So the church started a new mission called "New creation Centre" - a safe place for kids down the street. The church did not have any budget for this but all their needs were provided and children came. Teachers volunteered. The children are not Christians yet but the door is opening wider.
- In one of the remote districts of Papua New Guinea, there is a large youth population. This area is so remote, you can only use light or small aircraft to get to it. It's a rugged terrain. Youths in this area walked for 2-3 days through the forest for a 5-day youth congress. At this congress, thousands repented and gave life to Christ. The fire in the youths continued. When they returned home, they uprooted their cannabis plantations and threw away idols and witchcraft items. They threw away their gambling cards, fathers sought forgiveness from their children and youths sought forgiveness from their parents. Praise the Lord!
- The Asia-Pacific Region has begun the SENT initiative - Strategically Engaged Nazarene Teams for overseas workers across the world. Overseas workers are trained and equipped to start churches wherever their job takes them. In the past 2 years, the Micronesia field started has 4 districts!!! The Melanesia Field started 3 districts in 2 years! The 6 year old COTN in Mongolia has seven organized churches with over 30 preaching points.



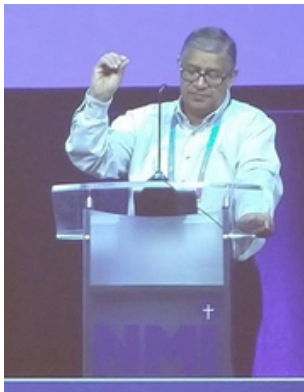
"NMI is not just a ministry in the Region. It is an essential ministry!!"

"What if instead of celebrating mature trees, we celebrated small seeds, instead of things we can measure, we celebrate stories we can tell".

- Asia Pacific Regional Director, Marc Lowe

In South America, church planting Pastor, Pastor Manuel, would take 8-9 hours by boat each day to get from one place to another to plant a church. He planted a church in 2019 and four years later, the congregation is at 400 persons and they have since planted 20 more churches.

We now have about 25 Nazarene Churches in the Amazon!!



“Like a mustard seed” is an idiom to designate something small & insignificant. There is unparalleled and consistent successful expansion in the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom of God cannot be stopped. There is unmatched security and protection in the Kingdom of God.

- *South America Regional Director, now General Superintendent, Christian Sarmiento*

The COTN in Africa started in Brava, Cape Verde 120 years ago. It was started in Africa by Africa. In 1980, the COTN was in 9 African countries. Today it is present in 44 countries.

Seven of the world's most neglected countries can be found in Africa. The world can neglect them but the church can not!



Even a small grain of rice needs two fingers to be held.

If you want to know what God is doing, look at the children. When God is moving in a genuine and powerful way, you see it when you look at the children."

- *Africa Regional Director, Daniel Gomis*

- Pastor Jodi Combi, who began ministry at Medford Life Path, started with about 10 persons over 70 years old. In four years, that church grew over 100 persons.
- Dr. Pascal Permis from Indiantown, Florida, was part of a Haitian church-planting church, which grew from 2 Haitian churches to 35 on the South Florida District.
- Pastor Craig Coulter of Oro Valley, Arizona. His church had been there for over 20 years. Now they are bringing in 100 new Nazarenes every quarter. This past Easter, they had over 10,000 persons.
- Oxford is a small town in Canada of about 1000 persons. 100 persons were coming to the church. Pastor Jodi Getson pastored Oxford Naz with about 100 members. When COVID hit, she set up a studio and started a Facebook ministry. The church doubled, and then it exploded. From 100 people in-person to 10,000 on Facebook. During the pandemic, 1,500 persons across the world were doing devotions together. Reports were received of people getting saved after hearing Pastor Getson and starting Nazarene churches in their living rooms all across the world.



The Lord Almighty is infinitely powerful and the God of Jacob is intimately personal.

- USA/Canada Regional Director, Stan Reeder

Despite the war in Ukraine, the COTN in that area is three times larger now than it was before the war. \$3.5M US dollars was given from Nazarene Compassionate Ministries to provide relief.

A border crossing ministry was set up in Poland to help people transition. The COTN was there from Day 1, carrying bags and helping however they could.

An Arab Learning Center, in partnership with European Nazarene College, was set up in Cyprus, to train Arab leaders across the world to help the Arab population come to Christ. Cyprus was strategically chosen because everyone can get a visa to go there.



If you don't have a passion for missions, you need to get another job.

Culturally transformative mission and evangelism is not a one size fits all, but one God saves all.

Our missionaries are ON FIRE for Jesus!
- Eurasia Regional Director, Jim Ritchie

MONTHLY EMPHASES

MONTH	EMPHASIS	SUMMARY
January	The Genesis Initiative	Each January, NMI promotes the Genesis Special Offering whose goal is the equivalent of \$1US per member in each local church.
February	Local Mission Support	During this month, we encourage prayer for such persons and the collection of an offering that can assist such persons in answering their call.
March	Mobilization - The Call	Our challenge as a church is to guide the new generation of children and youth as they grow up, so that they become adults committed to the Great Commission...
April	World Evangelism Fund (WEF)	This is the financing with which the Church of the Nazarene operates all its missionary efforts, from the operation of the Global Ministry Center to the districts and churches around the world.
May	Mobilization - Opportunities to Serve	The purpose is to involve people in missions, especially in evangelism to urban missions.
June	Telling the Story	Telling the story infuses passion for the mission. When the followers of Christ know what is at stake and hear how others obey God's call to mission, they are challenged to participate as well.
July	Children & Youth	If we want the younger generations to participate in the life of the church, we must experience a transcultural transformation in our own lives.
August	Mobilization - The Church Sending	Our District Work and Witness Team has been sent since 2010. Join the team!
September	Alabaster	The funds are only used for the following: church buildings, chapels, homes for missionaries and national leaders, hospitals, schools, and other buildings related to the church around the world.
October	Care and Connection	Care and Connection includes the care of missionaries through this program, deputation and other opportunities such as Memorial Roll and Distinguished Service Award.
November	The Persecuted Church	Do emphasize the need to pray for the Persecuted Church in your local churches and set aside time to do so.
December	World Evangelism Fund (WEF)	<i>See April</i>



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REPORT

DISTRICT NDI PRESIDENT

REPORTING PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2023 – DECEMBER 31, 2023

District Superintendent, Rev Rian Williams, District NMI President, Sis Leigh Hope, Feature Speaker Rev. Patricia Derry, Pastors, District leaders, Local NDI Presidents Delegates, Members and Friends. Allow me to present my 12th and final report as the chair for this fundamental ministry of the Church of the Nazarene the Nazarene Discipleship International (NDI) formally the Sunday School & Discipleship Ministries International (SDMI). This report covers the period January–December 2023.

01

CARIBBEAN FIELD LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

In September 2022 I was appointed to serve as part of our Caribbean field’s planning committee. Its main purpose was to plan and implement the field leadership conference Refocus the Journey.

The conference ran from February 9th – 15th and had three main areas of focus. On the first night which was led by Rev. Scott Rainy our global NDI President. During this session Participants were able to hear his testimony, and its impact on the development of the Journey of Grace. The church of the Nazarene’s global Director Rev. Scott Rainy was able to outline the reason for the church’s decision to move in this particular direction, as well as explain a bit of what it entailed. God’s saving grace His prevenient grace and His sanctifying grace.

The second night’s focus was led by our regional Director, Rev. Monte Cyr, who was able to encapsulate the information from the day before as well as give an in-depth display of materials available to the region that aligns with the Journey of Grace, as well as other materials, available to our region, field and Districts for use in the NDI ministries



Although we may be plagued with challenges, we have the unique opportunity – To either grow our churches through the children’s ministry or through the adult ministry.

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CARIBBEAN FIELD LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (CONTINUED)

and all interested in disciple making. All materials, available cater to children youth and adults.

The final day of the workshop was led by our Field Coordinator Bro. Clovis St. Romain who presented a proposed blueprint for our Caribbean field to adopt as we move forward in streamlining our approach and building the NDI ministry on our respective Districts.

The conference was well received across the field as we had an approximate attendance of 250 participants on a nightly basis, including participants from Trinidad and Tobago District.

Ten of the 14 Districts on the field participated, and each reported it was well received on their local Districts.

Subsequently, I was appointed to serve on the Caribbean Field Strategic planning committee in February 2023 to assist in the refining of the documents that were expected to be the blueprint for our Field as we forge forward. The PRESS document is one that was approved for implementation on our District by the District Council and fine-tuned in some areas to better fit the needs of our District.

02

DISTRICT NDI CONVENTION 2023

Our District convention was held on the 4th of March 2023 in conjunction with the NMI department as has been the custom over the years. I would like at this time to say a heartfelt thank our hosts - the pastor and members of the St. James church who went above and beyond to ensure that we had all that was needed to have a successful convention including supplying the convention attendees with complimentary breakfast. Allow me to say thank you to the District NMI President Sis. Leigh Hope and her Council for their consistent support in the execution of these events.

The theme of our convention was Equipping for the Journey. After a very impactful worship lead by the worship team from the Santa Cruz Church which set the tone for the morning's proceedings our feature speaker Dr. Gregson Francis did an excellent job of ministering to and inspiring all in attendance. Using the story of the woman at the well, the convention was reminded that, like Jesus we too are to give our lives to the service of God so that the unsaved may come to know the Father through Jesus Christ His son.

During our business session after receiving reports from our leaders. The convention elected the following two members to serve on the District Council for 3 years.

- Bro Terrance Christopher
- Sis Natasha Charles

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DISTRICT NDI CONVENTION 2023 (CONTINUED)

One member, Sis Debra Roberts, was elected to serve for two years. This was required since prior to the District convention, one of the seats on the Council became vacant.

The afternoon session of the convention was used as an opportunity to expose the delegates to a comprehensive workshop. The session was aptly led by Sis Cheryl Douglas and Sis Michelle Lewis Francis. Special thanks to them both for a well-executed session. The workshop focused on some of the different ministries that fall under both adult and children's ministries departments. All those in attendance were exposed to different strategies on how to implement and improve the following adult ministries in their local assemblies.

- Marriage and family life
- Women's Ministries
- Primetime Ministries

Attendees were also encouraged to once again ignite the ministries for the children in their church communities. It was aimed at guiding them to the support systems and resources that are available to develop or improve their local ministries. Topics included:

- Who are we reaching and why?
- What are the various Children's Ministries within the Church of the Nazarene?
- How can we develop these programs at our local churches?
- Where can we find tools and resources for developing local Children's ministries?

The District Council met after the convention and the following appointments were made.

- Sis Michelle Lewis-Francis was appointed as the Children's Ministries Director
- Sis Natalie Morales was appointed to serve as the District NDI secretary.

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STATUS OF NDI

During our efforts as a District in 2023, we tried to ensure the NDI's Five core principles - Fervent Prayer, Compassionate Outreach, Comprehensive Biblical Learning, Intentional Mentoring, and Equipping Authentic Relationships, were met in all that we did in both Children's Ministries and Adult Ministries.

In an attempt to assess the health and varying needs of the NDI ministry on our District, a document to be completed by our local presidents and in the absence of such the pastors of the churches was sent out. We got responses from 18 of our churches through this

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STATUS OF NDI (CONTINUED)

initiative. The results of this revealed that of the churches that responded, most local assemblies have a functional NDI ministry.

They are however operating at varying levels of success. Where there is a strong children's ministry, the adult ministry aspects are weak and vice versa. There are however a few assemblies that are strong in both areas of ministry. We encourage pastors and local presidents to take heart. As you may have realised the NDI department serves as an umbrella under which there are discipleship opportunities for persons aged one to a hundred and one. Although we may be plagued with challenges, we have the unique opportunity - To either grow our churches through the children's ministry or through the adult ministry. Use the resources that are at your disposal and know that *"The things which are impossible with men are possible with God"*. (Luke 18:27)

04

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

SEA Greetings

We were able to send out special greetings of encourage to our SEA students both before and after the exam through our Sunday School departments. This also included a special pray for them that was adapted by Sis Maria Thomas. Mention must be of our SEA students who were also a part of our quiz ministry. They did not neglect the study of his word and he did not neglect them as was reflected in their exam results.

Children's Bible Camp

We were finally able to utilise our deposit made to the Victory Heights Camp site in 2020 for Children's Bible Camp in 2023. This year the camp was held from the 9th - 13th of April. The theme of the camp was Keepers of the Kingdom. This camp saw the return of some senior counsellors as well as the debut of some young and not so young ones. It presented the campers with an opportunity to embrace the fact that they can be a part of God's kingdom through salvation in His Son, Jesus. That they can be equipped with the armor of God and can stand strong in today's battle for truth. It was wonderful to see our children embrace that it's okay to be different and to stand out in their schools, homes, communities, and churches for God. Other highlights of the camp included:

- **Sports night** - A fun time was had by campers and counsellors alike.
- **Quiz** - Our first in person meet since 2020. Special mention must be made of the Tobago contingent that was able to make it for the meet. Many of whom were adorned with their 2021 world Quiz medallions and other quiz awards. They were truly an encouragement the campers that were not quizzing, as was seen by some of our very youngest campers as they tried to imitate them during the session.

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES (CONTINUED)

- **Cross Cultural Orientation** – As usual we had another interesting and informative session from NMI team who presented on our Caribbean missionary Sis Danielle Miller.
- **Banquet Night** – Our campers enjoyed a fun final evening as they bade farewell to each other and another year at camp.

I want to express sincerest thanks to Sis Curlanne Archie our Camp Director and Sis Michelle Lewis our Children's Ministries Director for the execution of a successful camp. To our cooks, nurse, lifeguard, counsellors, and workers who all provided yeoman's service at this ministry event. To our pastors and church leaders who showed their support to the ministry through prayer and in person visits to the camp. To our members who donated sweets and treats for the campers and counsellors on a hot day and cool night. We say thank you. A mother's support is one that to me is incomparable. Special mention must be made of Sis Archie who transformed our common 'water hole' to the banquet hall for our meal together on our final night. This gift of love will never be forgotten.

Children Bible Camp is a ministry that reaches the families in our District and beyond, as evidenced by the representation from thirteen (13) Nazarene and three (3) non-Nazarene churches. We hope these numbers increase to represent a wider cross section of our churches on our District. We encourage you to invest in this ministry by volunteering your service, sponsoring a child, donating toward meals, stationary and other supplies. We ask that you let the Holy spirit be your guide, as we prepare for Children's Bible camp 2024 "God of the Impossible".

QUIZ

During the year under review, the Bible Study was focused on the 1 & 2 Samuel (2022-2023) and the new cycle of Matthew (2023-2024). The ministry saw the participation of fifty-two (52) quizzers representative of nine (9) participating churches (Arima, Canaan, Dibe, Guanapo, Lowlands Nazarene House of Praise, Nazarene Worship Centre, Point Fortin, Sangre Grande and St. James). We were happy to welcome Point Fortin who joined for the first time in September. We held four quiz meets including a District finals in July. Children were awarded medals and certificates for their participation in quiz meets.

This year we reentered the physical world of quizzing for the first time in three (3) years. An in-person quiz meet was held during the Children's Bible Camp Which took place over the school easter vacation. The teams from Tobago made a strong showing for this event and the quizzers had the opportunity to interact with their peers and other

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES (CONTINUED)

quizzers that they previously only saw through the screen. The District promoted and had the intention to fully participate in the World Quiz event held at the NDI global convention in Indiana.

Eight (8) quizzers along with coaches and parents from Arima, Canaan, Guanapo, and St. James, were set to go. However, due to setbacks associated with the visa application process and fundraising, this initiative was not fully realized. We were fortunate to have one representative in the person of Zoe Williams from the Arima Church of the Nazarene together with two other quizzers from the Barbados District, who represented the Caribbean. Congratulations to Zoe who was awarded a gold level award for her efforts. Both Rev. Williams and Zoe reported that they had memorable and impacting experiences during their World Quiz experience. The District NDI will continue to encourage our quizzers to participate in future local, regional and/or global quiz events.

Sincerest thanks to Rev Williams who has served in the capacity as District Quiz Director since our reintroduction of this ministry on our District. To the parents who allowed their children to be a part of the local quiz ministry, to all who have served as quiz masters, coaches, scorers, cheerleader of the ministry over the years we say a heartfelt thank you. This ministry has not only impacted us on the Trinidad and Tobago District but has served as a motivation to the other Districts on our Caribbean field. May God continue to bless us as we continue to meditate on his word.

05

NDI & MISSIONS

Meet the Bertrands

It was indeed a pleasure to be a part of the MNI's to meet the Bertrand's session in May. Although the intent was to simply bring greetings on behalf of the District NDI, it turned out to be quite a lengthy discourse. I hope that it served as a window that allowed those in attendance to get a clearer insight into who they are and their mission on our District.

Wayumi

Wayumi is a cross cultural orientation that is held by Ethnos 360. Ethnos 360, formerly known as New Tribes Mission (NTM), is an international, theologically evangelical Christian mission organization based in Sanford, Florida, United States. They held a cross cultural orientation in Trinidad and Tobago in April 2023. This was scheduled to take place at the Victory heights Camp site during the same time we were conducting our Children's Bible Camp. A delegation that represented the District NDI & NMI departments were able to visit this event.

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NDI & MISSIONS (CONTINUED)

The forests on the campsite were transformed to represent several unreached tribes across the world. Our contingent was able to witness a simulation of how the natives of the tribes lived and were given insights on how they could be reached.

06

ADULT MINISTRIES

Greeting

Greeting in the form of newsletters were sent out to churches to acknowledge International Women's Day, Mother's Day and Father's Day. These newsletters sought to highlight the importance of the roles and responsibilities of Christian men and women as set out in the bible for us to follow. Our hope is that these served as a means of encouragement to all who received same.

Rebuilding Adult Ministries: An online event

This event had approximately 56 persons from across the District in attendance. Rev. Cheryl Ann Cardinez, served as the feature speaker who spoke on the topic "Let it Go." Revs. David and Donnamie Ali, Pastor Darren Dinnoo, Bro Anderson Brumant, Sis. Berlinda Selman and Rev Angel Isaacs, also shared on Marriage and family life, Men's Ministry, Youth Ministry, Women's Ministry and Prime Time Ministries. Each of the presenters were well received, with some attendees asking for additional information to assist with rebuilding their respective local ministries.

Adult Retreat

During the year in review, we saw the return of Adult Retreat. The event was held at the GDM Campsite, Quinam, Penal, from October 6th - 8th, 2023, where we continued with the theme "Let it Go!" The goal was that at the end of the Retreat, attendees would leave Refreshed, Renewed and Refocused. Three dynamic speakers presented at the retreat.

- **Rev. Dr. Annette Joseph** who helped participants begin the process of letting go of past hurts, as well as develop skills to cope as they move forward in their relationship with the Lord and with others.
- **Sis. Sally Mayers** encouraged us to "Enjoy and not Endure, the Christian Walk." That we should not allow ourselves to be defeated by our situations as God always has a bigger plan.
- **Rev. Chaitram Babooram** brought a powerful word on Sunday. He reminded us that in order to restore we must reset. He invited all participants to RESET and REFOCUS in order for restoration to take place.

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ADULT MINISTRIES (CONTINUED)

Special thanks must be extended to Sis Cheryl Douglas and her team, Rev. Alicia Baptiste, Sis. Berlinda Selman who executed, in the words of a first time participant, 'a life changing experience'. During the weekend old friendships were rekindled and new bonds formed. We look forward to another awesome experience in October 2024.

07

GLOBAL NDI CONVENTION 2023

All honour and glory to God for the special time that was had by the Trinidad and Tobago delegation to the global NDI convention. We were able to proclaim with our brothers and sisters worldwide that Jesus is Lord! Our total representation at the convention was seven persons:

- Rev. Rian Williams – District Superintendent
- Sis Cindy–Ann Collymore – District NDI President
- Sis Cheryl Douglas – District Adult Ministries Director
- Sis Michelle Lewis Francis – District Children's Ministries Director
- Rev. Alvilene Williams – Elected Ministerial Delegate
- Sis Curlanne Archie – Elected Lay Delegate.
- Sis Zoe Williams – World Quiz participant.

Because of the adjusted structure of the convention this year all delegates were able to attend sessions virtually before the live sessions in Indiana in June. Due to challenges in procuring visas and some scheduling issues, unfortunately Sis. Lewis Francis and Sis Archie were unable to attend in person from the 9th to 12th June 2023.

While in Indiana we participated in the NDI plenary sessions, GA worship services, GA family events, GA Kids, and World Quiz. We also attended many different workshops addressing vital issues geared to toward reaching children youth and adults – essentials for the growth of the ministry. The common thread among all that was shared was the reminder that the call to "make Christlike disciples in the nations" has not changed. Despite the name change we were left with the understanding that our calling remains the same. It was truly a blessing to donate stationary items to the Love your Neighbour service project, geared toward the distribution of stationary to children in Indianapolis.

This experience at the Global NDI convention was one unlike any other I previously attended. Along with the changes in structure and the introduction of a family focused convention, there was yet another first-time experience for me. On Sunday 6th March During our NDI field caucus meeting, I was elected as the Caribbean field's nominee for possible service on the general board. The NDI (formally SDMI) only gained representation on the general board at the previous Global Assembly in 2017. The person previously sitting in that position was

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GLOBAL NDI CONVENTION (CONTINUED)

from the Mesoamerica Region and doing a fantastic job. So, it was quite unexpected when at our regional forum I was elected as the candidate to represent the Mesoamerica region. I must extend congratulations to Rev. Susan Booth, the Africa South Field NDI Coordinator who out of a pool of five other persons representing the world regions was the final selection as the NDI General Board Representative.

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ZONAL PRESIDENTS

Special mention must be made of our zonal presidents:

- North Zone – Sis. Natasha Charles
- South Zone – Bro. Terreance Christopher
- East Zone – Sis. Tashanique Mosely
- Tobago Zone – Sis. Debra Roberts

They were instrumental in the dissemination of information to the local NDI presidents on the zones under their purview. They also served as a crucial link with them as they were able to after liaising with the local ministries bring their concerns to the District Council and offer support where needed. Allow me to express sincerest thanks to you all for your labour of love. Please continue to allow God to use you for His glory.

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THANKS

Allow me to say thanks to

- Almighty God my ever-present source of strength.
- To my husband and family and my siblings, you continue to be my motivation and support to be the best that I can be.
- To my Pastors and church family at Dibe for their prayerful support of the ministry
- To the local NDI presidents and their support teams for keeping the NDI ministries on the Trinidad and Tobago District alive. Thank you for giving to the Lord.
- To the District NDI Council without whom none of the above mentioned would have been accomplished. Your continued support and hard work are indeed immeasurable.

REPORT

DISTRICT NDI TREASURER

TREASURER'S REPORT – JANUARY 1ST 2023 TO DECEMBER 31ST 2023

In this statement, please observe the financial position of the Nazarene Discipleship International for the year 2023:

ASSETS

	2023 (\$TT)	2022 (\$TT)	DIFFERENCE	INCREASE	DECREASE
Total Assets	38,938.91	53,184.55	(14,245.64)	-	26.79%

RECEIPTS

	2023 (\$TT)	2022 (\$TT)	DIFFERENCE	INCREASE	DECREASE
Total Receipts	15,417.96	3,626.01	11,791.95	-	-
Budgets	4,250.00	3,050.00	1,200.00	39.34%	-

PAYMENTS

	2023 (\$TT)	2022 (\$TT)	DIFFERENCE	INCREASE	DECREASE
Total Paid Out Cash & Cheques	34,777.20	3,050.00	31,727.20	-	-
Investment in Units	6,016.27	3,050.00	2,966.27	97.25%	-



Sincere thanks to all churches for payments made to the District Budgets. May the Lord bless you abundantly!

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

	Income	Expense	
Cash in Hand (January 1, 2023)			2,977.50
Receipts added to Cash in Hand			
Budgets collected at 31/12/2023	4,250.00		
Bible Camp - Net Receipts	6,011.69		
Sale of lunches - Convention	645.00		
Adult Retreat - Net Receipts	687.00		
Quiz - Net Receipts	3,463.00		
Interest	361.27		15,417.96
			18,395.46
Payments from Receipts and Cash in Hand			
Reinvestment in Units		(6,016.27)	
Purchase of Lunches		(550.00)	
Cash in Hand as at December 31, 2023			11,829.19

BALANCE SHEET 2023

Current Assets	
Cash in Hand	11,829.19
Trinidad and Tobago Unit Trust Corporation	21,996.12
Payment Duplicated - UTC	5,113.60
Total Assets	38,938.91
Current Liabilities	
Funds	
Delegates Fund	1,390.00
Camp Fund	14,400.88
Quiz	5,454.84
Sunday School Budget	6,790.54
Adult Retreat	2,414.65
Women's Ministries	8,488.00
Total Liabilities	38,938.91

BUDGETS FOR THE YEAR JANUARY 2023 – DECEMBER 2023

CHURCH	BUDGET		CHURCH	BUDGET
Arima	500.00		Laventille	100.00
Bethany	150.00		Lowlands	500.00
Canaan	500.00		NHC	100.00
Cochrane	200.00		NWC	450.00
Cocorite	100.00		Oropune	100.00
Couva	150.00		Petit Valley	300.00
Cumuto	500.00		Piarco	200.00
D'Abadie	150.00		Point Fortin	600.00
Dibe	200.00		San Fernando	200.00
Dow Village	150.00		Sangre Grande	450.00
El Bethel	50.00		Santa Cruz	450.00
El Socorro	100.00		St. James	600.00
Felicity	100.00		Tunapuna	400.00
Five Rivers	300.00		Valencia	150.00
Guanapo	400.00		Vance River	150.00

Projected Revenue \$8,300.00

Preferred mode of payment: CHEQUE

Name of Account: NAZARENE SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRIES

Initials of signatories must be affixed to any errors made on cheques.

Thank you for your co-operation.

DISTRICT NDI SECRETARY

01

INTRODUCTION

In the year 2023, the NDI Executive Team held a series of important meetings to discuss various matters pertinent to its mission and operations. These meetings, though largely virtual, provided a platform for fruitful discussions and decision-making. Additionally, our communications efforts extended beyond our internal team, reaching out to various stakeholders. The NDI council consisted of the following:

President – Cindy-Ann Collymore

Vice President- Curlanne Archie

Secretary – Natalie Morales -Thomas

Treasurer – Steve Massiah

Adult Ministries Director – Cheryl Cuffie Douglas

Children’s Ministries Director – Michelle Lewis Francis

North Zone President – Natasha Charles

South Zone President– Terrance Christopher

East Zone President – Tashanique Mosely

Tobago Zone President – Debra Roberts

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EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

The executive team convened on the following dates: January 16, February 23, March 16, March 21, April 2 – Camp Counselor Meeting, May 23, September 12, November 23

Throughout these meetings, crucial topics were discussed, including but not limited to:

- Strategic planning for the year
- Programme development.
- The team was dedicated to maintaining regular communication and collaboration.
- Updates on: Global Convention, World Quiz, VBS planning process and other initiatives, such as International Women’s Day



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SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS

In addition to our regular meetings, special communications were forwarded on behalf of the president to acknowledge and celebrate important occasions:

- Greetings for Mother's Day
- Greetings for Father's Day

These messages aimed to foster a sense of community and appreciation not only among our members but to all Nazarenes.

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

NDI was active in keeping pastors across the country informed and engaged. We provided user-friendly communications regarding our adult retreat, which was held in October. These efforts ensured that our retreat was well-attended and successful, fostering connections and growth within our community.

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CONCLUSION

The year 2023 was marked by dedication and commitment from the NDI executive team. Despite the challenges of virtual meetings, we continued to collaborate effectively and make progress towards our goals. Our special communications and community engagement efforts further strengthened our relationships and outreach. As we move forward into 2024, we remain focused on our mission and look forward to continued growth and success.

REPORT

DISTRICT NDI CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

This is the stewardship report for NDI Children's Ministries for the district of Trinidad and Tobago. It reflects children-focused initiatives and activities led by myself, as well as other District Children's Ministry Leaders for the 2023 Church year.

01

NDI CONVENTION 2023 – EMPHASIS

The District NDI started our church year by intentionally joining our District Leadership in the rebuilding of the walls of our District in Discipleship. At our 2023 NDI Convention, special emphasis was placed on re-engaging our kids in our churches. In addition to hosting a kids-focus center with worship, story segments, crafts, and other activities during the Convention, I led a workshop session entitled "REACHING OUR KIDS EQUIPPING THEM FOR THE JOURNEY" that engaged delegates on:

- Who are we reaching and why?
- What are the various Children's Ministries within the Church of the Nazarene?
- How can we develop these programs at our local churches?
- Where can we find tools and resources for developing local Children's ministries?

This session encouraged local leaders to once again ignite the ministries for the kids in their church communities and hopefully, guided them to the support systems and resources that are available to develop or improve their local ministries.

We thank God for continually calling persons to serve in the District Children's ministries. This year we experienced vibrant and dedicated leadership in our District Children's Bible Quiz and Children's Bible Easter Camp.



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CHILDREN'S BIBLE CAMP

Sister Curlanne Archie, our 2023 Children's Camp Director, "counted it all joy" as she was joined by nineteen (19) counselors and two (2) auxiliary staff to lead a camp of fifty-three (53) campers, supported by Sis. Cindy-Ann Collymore and I.

Children's Bible Camp was held from April 9th to 14th 2023 at the Victory Heights Bible Camp site in Five Rivers Arouca. The theme for Children's Bible Camp 2023 was "Keepers of the Kingdom". This was a fitting theme for the many challenges that our children; and youth face today. The children learned that they can be a part of God's kingdom through salvation in his Son, Jesus; can be equipped with the armour of God to become 'Keepers of the Kingdom'; and can stand strong in today's battle for truth. It was wonderful to see our kids embrace that it's okay to be different and to stand out in their schools, homes, communities, and churches for God.

This camp was our first since the reopening of the country's COVID-19 pandemic. It was quite a unique experience with some new challenges of its own, but praise be to God, our camp was indeed a success.

We thank the counselors and staff who came from Nazarene Worship Centre, St. James, Dow Village, Sangre Grande, Vance River, Valencia, Five Rivers, and Point Fortin. We also thank the parents who entrusted us with their children, our church membership who visited and donated foodstuff, and our Corporate Sponsors (Universal Foods, J&A Express Meats Limited, Nestle Trinidad, and Kiss Baking Company) for their generous donations.

In planning for this camp, we launched by faith. Not truly knowing how many counselors and kids would attend in this post-COVID period. Our faithful God did it again. In addition to the physical and spiritual victories, we were also blessed with a financial breakthrough. We collected \$28,700 in camp fees, which was sufficient to cover our expenses of \$18,043 with a surplus of \$11,607. The excess allowed us to pay the \$3,200 downpayment for this year's 2024 Easter Camp.

We will cherish the experiences shared at this camp, which culminated with the traditional Banquet for the Kids. The Hall was nicely adorned by our dear Sister Archie (now deceased), whose unwavering love and service linger in our memories.

Thank you, Sister Curlanne, for your drive and overcoming spirit that keep you laboring in His vineyard.

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CHILDREN'S BIBLE QUIZ

Reverend Alvilene Williams, our District Children's Bible Studies & Quiz Events Director, championed our District Children's Bible quiz ministry, which stood the test of time through the COVID-19 period. She reported that Children's Bible Studies and Quiz Events in the Trinidad and Tobago District continue to thrive due to the dedication of coaches, students, and parents who remain committed to prioritizing the study of God's word in their local churches.

The books studied during the 2023 1 & 2 Samuel for the 2022-2023 cycle and Matthew for the 2023-2024 cycle. Fifty-two (52) quizzers represented nine (9) churches - Arima, Canaan, Dibe, Guanapo, Lowlands Nazarene House of Praise, Nazarene Worship Centre, Point Fortin, Sangre Grande and St. James - in the competition. We were happy to welcome Point Fortin who joined for the first time in September. We held four (4) quiz meets including a District final in July and awarded medals and certificates for their participation in quiz meets.

Another significant highlight was that for the first time in three (3) years, an in-person quiz meet was held during the Children's Easter camp. The Tobago quiz team made a strong showing for this event and the kids had the opportunity to interact with the other campers.

The district promoted and had the intention to fully participate in the World Quiz event held at the Nazarene General Assembly. Eight (8) quizzers along with coaches and parents from Arima, Canaan, Guanapo, and St. James, were set to go. However, due to setbacks associated with the visa application process and fundraising, this initiative was not fully realized. We were fortunate to have one representative in the person of Zoe Williams from the Arima Church of the Nazarene together with two other quizzers from the Barbados District, who represented the Caribbean. Reverend Williams and her daughter Zoe, reported that they had memorable and impacting experiences during their visit to the quiz meet. The NDI will continue to encourage our quizzers to participate in future regional and/or global quiz events.

A Pastry Sale was held at the 2023 NDI/NMI Convention to assist with expenses for quizzers who were to travel to the global event. We were able to raise \$3,055 from the sale. Due to the setbacks with the travel plans, all the funds were retained for local quiz ministry use.

We express special thanks to Reverend Alvilene, and Sister Tashanique, who assisted her during the past year in executing her responsibilities. We also appreciate our coaches whose labor of love has not gone

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CHILDREN’S BIBLE QUIZ

unnoticed. Further, we applaud Sisters Kersha Garner and Gellen Matthews-Yarde, who hosted the quiz competitions. Finally, we thank all the kids and supporting parents who participated. We know that the word of God will continue to be a lamp unto their feet and a light unto their path.

To those who’ve past the Children’s qualifying age group, we encourage you to quiz on! The District NYI also has a vibrant quiz program that would continue to engage you in learning God’s word through Bible Quizzing.

04

CORE PRINCIPLES OF NDI

The NDI District Board, NDI Ministry Directors, and other NDI ministry volunteers worked together to cultivate the NDI’s five (5) Core Principles that are essential to the discipleship process:

1. Fervent Prayer
2. Compassionate Outreach
3. Comprehensive Biblical Learning
4. Intentional Mentoring and Equipping
5. Authentic Relationships

The NDI President, Sister Collymore, worked closely with Ministry leads to support their ministry initiatives, ensuring that everything we did, was aimed at discipleship and evangelism. Her support was unwavering. At specific moments, she had to nudge various persons into action, however, this was done most sweetly and gently. Thank you, Sister Cindy, on behalf of all the leaders and volunteers, for your direct and indirect support during this year.

In conclusion, A survey of the NDI Board conducted at the beginning of 2023 revealed that NDI Ministries across the District are operating at varying levels (flourishing to struggling), and some churches do not have functioning ministries. Lots of opportunities continue to exist to expand the membership of the church and deepen the spiritual growth and education of our membership. This year more seeds have been planted and watered all on a trajectory for increase. I pray that God will continue to grant the NDI leadership the desire to keep evangelism and discipleship alive so that the Church may thrive as a district and at the level of the local congregations.

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THANKS

I thank God for His call to serve and for His guiding, ever-present Holy Spirit that never leaves me. He has been our source, our light, and our hope.

I thank my husband, Rev. Dr. Gregson Francis, my daughter, and my extended family for their support that allows me to serve. They assist me in keeping things together, especially in moments of overwhelming demands. Their Christian love and support reflect how God uses family to expand ministry in the church, for a church is made up of families. This is a little success tip for our leaders.

This year I take on the additional role of NDI President at my local church (Cumuto Nazarene), believing that God can make this ministry blossom and bare much fruit again. I look forward to continuing to serve the church universally, whenever and wherever the Holy Spirit leads.

REPORT

DISTRICT NDI ADULT MINISTRY

District Superintendent, Rev. Rian Williams, District NDI Director Sis. Cindy-Ann Collymore, council members, NDI Presidents and friends, greetings in the wonderful name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

It is my pleasure to submit my first report as the District Adult Ministries Director. The report reflects events for the period January to December 2023.

01

NEWSLETTERS

Newsletters pertaining to Women's International Day, Mother's Day and Father's Day were prepared and shared with churches. These newsletters sought to highlight the importance of the roles and responsibilities as set out in the bible for us to follow. Our hope is that these served as a means of encouragement to all who received same.

02

DISTRICT CONVENTION WORKSHOP

At the joint District NDI/NMI Convention, the NDI took the opportunity to share information with delegates, guests and friends on the various sub-ministries under the NDI. Thanks to Sis. Berlinda Selman, Rev. Angel Isaacs, Revs Farouk and Vilma Mohammed, who shared on Women's, Prime Time and Family Life Ministries respectively.

Other Ministries under this umbrella were also mentioned – Men's Ministry, Single Adults Ministry. We thank those who took time out to share.



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REACHING OUT

With the aim of rebuilding in mind, we sought to gather information from our local churches as to how their various inhouse Adult Ministries were functioning. We were able to reach approximately 95% of our NDI Presidents for feedback. Indeed, a number of our churches are in need of assistance to rebuild or start up some ministries. We are appealing to those strong assemblies to reach out and assist where they can.

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GLOBAL NDI CONVENTION 2023

In June of 2023, together with other Trinidad delegates, I was privileged to attend this Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. Everywhere one went the theme “Jesus is Lord!” was visible. There was no denying that Jesus was indeed Lord. Experiencing Nazarenes from around the world fellowshiping, greeting each other, just smiling and excited, was one to remember for all times. Christians coming together to share and learn, to worship and praise regardless of race, creed or colour, reminded me of the of the promised heaven. The workshops, both online and in person, were very informative, interesting and relevant.

Every effort was made to attend as many sessions as possible, since some did overlap. My role in the NDI is with the Adult Ministries as well as Children’s Ministries, and as such, I sought out workshops in these areas. The Journey of Grace was explained and received.

There were a few topics (Online) that really stood out to me, although all were great. Topics such as Discipleship as a Life Journey, Christian Couples Ministry, Holiness – a Lifestyle, (Africa), Discipling Children by Including Them (Mesoamerica), Mentoring Women, A Way of Praying (USA/Canada) and Discipleship with Children(Asia Pacific).

What I observed was that as far as Adult Ministries was concerned, there were no workshops geared towards Men’s Ministry. My prayer is that this will be addressed for the next General Convention.

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GETTING TO KNOW YOU (AN ONLINE EVENT)

Approximately 56 persons joined this online session as we sought to follow the District’s lead to rebuild.

Guest speaker for the evening was Rev. Cheryl Ann Cardinez, who spoke on the topic “Let it Go.” Thanks also for the input by the following: Revs David and Donnamie Ali, Pastor Darren Dinnoo, Bro Anderson Brumant, Sis. Berlinda Selman, Rev Angel Isaacs, who shared on topics pertaining to Marriage, Men’s Ministry, Youth Ministry, Women’s Ministry and Prime Timers Ministry. Everyone was well received, with some

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GETTING TO KNOW YOU (AN ONLINE EVENT)

attendees asking for additional information in an effort to rebuild their respective local ministries.

Thanks also to Sis. Rachel Hope, who facilitated our fun time game "Scavenger Hunt." All winners have since received their prizes.

06

ADULT RETREAT

After a hiatus of a few years, this adult camp was held with forty-two persons in attendance. The event was held at GDM Campsite, Quinam, Penal, from October 6th to 8th, 2023, where we continued with the theme "Let it Go!" Our goal was that at the end of the Retreat, attendees would leave Refreshed, Renewed and Refocused. Speakers at this Retreat were Rev. Dr. Annette Joseph who -

- Helped participants begin the process of letting go of past hurts, disappointments etc, that has been stealing their joy
- Develop skills to cope or be free from burdens they may be holding on too
- Discover creative ways to move forward in relationship with the Lord and others.
- Sis. Sally Mayers encouraged us to "Enjoy and not Endure, the Christian Walk"
- Joseph's life was used as an example to remind us that through a situation that seemed completely bad: filled with betrayal, sadness, lies and mistreatment, God always has a bigger plan.
- All things work together for our good.
- Trust the process. Don't allow ourselves to be defeated by the situation.

After these two powerful daytime sessions on Saturday, a time of fun and fellowship followed later in the night. Rev. Alicia Baptiste had the caterers come out of the kitchen and persons stand to their feet, when she rendered a special entitled "More Than Wonderful".

Rev. Chaitram Babooram brought the house down with a powerful word on Sunday. The acronym R.E.S.E.T. took on an entirely new meaning. He reminded us that -

- In order to Restore we must reset
- Examination is needed for extermination
- Substance is more important than structure
- There must be Elevation to be the exception
- For Transition, we need a tactition

He invited all participants to RESET and REFOCUS in order for restoration to take place.

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ADULT RETREAT (CONTINUED)

To quote one first time participant – Adult Retreat was nothing short of a life-changing experience! We look forward with anticipation, to another rewarding time from October 4th to 7th, 2024.

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THANKS

In closing, I must give thanks to the Almighty God for all that He has done for me and through me during the year under review. Thanks to Sis Cindy-Ann Collymore, our District Director, for allowing me the opportunity to serve in this capacity. Thanks to the Adult Retreat team (Sis. Collymore, Rev. Alicia Baptiste, Sis. Berlinda Selman) for the support given. Thanks to our caterers, Sis Berlinda Selman and Sis Maylene Garner; our sound engineer, Bro. Elon Collymore; our worship leaders and all who ably assisted to make this event the success that it was. Thanks to Sis. Elizabeth Goddard, for her training and godly advice. And finally, thanks to my dear husband, Bryan Douglas, whose support I can always count on. May God bless all of us as we continue on this Journey of Grace.

DISTRICT NDI CAMP DIRECTOR

Ephesians 6:10-11

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."

What a joy and great honour it was to direct Children's Bible Camp 2023. After being appointed camp director in 2020 it was indeed exciting and exhilarating to see this camp come to fruition.

The theme for Children's Bible Camp 2023 was "Keepers of the Kingdom". The children learned how they can be a part of God's kingdom through salvation in his Son and be equipped with the armour of God to become Keepers of the Kingdom, how to stand strong in today's battle for truth. A fitting theme for the many challenges that our children and youth face today. How wonderful it was to see them learn that it is ok to be different and stand out in their schools or homes or churches for God.

Children's Bible Camp was held on April 9th to 14th 2023 at the Victory Heights Bible Camp site in Five Rivers Arouca. This was our first camp since reopening of the country Covid 19 Pandemic and closure of schools. It was quite a unique experience with some brand new challenges of its own, but God be praised our camp was indeed a success.

Our camp boasted of 53 campers, 19 counselors and 2 Auxiliary staff members. It was indeed a great pleasure to work with young and older Nazarenes from across the district and we could not be happier to see how God used all of us in different ways. We had counsellors from NWC, St James, Dow Village, Sangre Grande, Vance River, Valencia and Point Fortin.

Our campers ranged from across the district with children attending from Nazarene and Non - Nazarene churches. We are grateful to God for every child who encountered God at this camp having an incident free camp and eagerly look forward to camp 2024.

Special thanks to all our parents who donated in donating food, special thanks to Universal Foods, J&A Express Meats Ltd, Nestle Trinidad and Kiss Baking Company for their generous donations.



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All praises to God for the opportunity as a district to evangelize to children in this way by providing a safe space for children to encounter God in a real and direct way.

DISTRICT NDI CAMP DIRECTOR

Thank you to the churches and superintendents that promoted our camp and mobilized campers and volunteers to be a part of it.

All praises to God for the opportunity as a district to evangelize to children in this way by providing a safe space for children to encounter God in a real and direct way. We look forward to camp 2024 and continued evangelism to our children.

DISTRICT NDI EAST ZONE COORDINATOR

I greet you in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I present to you the report of the East Zone Nazarene Discipleship International Ministry. The churches in the East Zone include Sangre Grande, Nazarene Holiness Centre, Valencia, La Platta, Cumuto, Arima, Guanapo, D'abadie, Five Rivers, Tunapuna and Piarco.

I was responsible for sending correspondence to the churches about training sessions, conferences, adult retreats, children's camps, and children's quizzes throughout my term. Special occasions including Mother's Day, International Women's Day, and SEA were also celebrated with greetings. Furthermore, NDI Presidents were contacted by phone or message to get their opinions on the ministry at their churches and to offer support where needed.

Given that the data from the Catchment Form showed how ministries were and are still recovering, I feel compelled to state that the Covid-19 Virus had a significant impact on churches. In spite of this, recognition is still due to the committed leaders who work hard to maintain the ministry.

In closing, I would like to thank God for his constant grace and mercies that have kept me through many trying times and secondly to my dear family for always being my support system.



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MINISTERIAL DELEGATE | GLOBAL NDI CONVENTION

It was an honor and privilege to attend the General NDI Convention and Assembly as a Ministerial Delegate for the Trinidad and Tobago District in June 2023. I was also there in my capacity as District Children's Bible Quiz Coordinator to be part of the Children's World Quiz held on June 10.

There are not sufficient words to describe the impact of attending a General Convention and Assembly. The worship gatherings are dynamic, filled with an atmosphere of expectant worship and impacting powerful ministry of the Word. Being surrounded by thousands of other believers, aligned with our Nazarene heritage is truly inspirational and feels like a taste of what heaven might be like.

As a delegate, I would have participated in a regional caucus meeting and virtual workshops prior to travel in June. At the Indianapolis Convention Centre from June 9 – 12, I would have attended workshops, plenary sessions and participated in World Quiz. I participated in a VBS workshop, where the development process and access for free VBS materials were explained. Another was geared towards Young Adult Ministry: creating space, curating discipleship, and cultivating leaders, where leaders shared on how they engaged the missing generation in our churches. There were so many other relevant and important workshops related to a variety of aspects of discipleship ministry, I wish I could have been present in more, but the schedule wouldn't permit.

I am happy I was able to bring my daughters along with me. While I attended services, they were able to participate in GA Kids, which included age-specific services for younger children. I witnessed the level of attentive and stage appropriate delivery of discipleship for the young children. Both girls were always excited to return to these sessions, it was the best Children's Church ever. I believe it has created a core memory that will be etched into their hearts and minds, strengthening their foundation and faith. To this day, I can still see how the message of those days remained alive in their minds.

Thank you to the Trinidad and Tobago District for affording me this opportunity to represent. By God's grace, I intend to make this journey in the next four years, though I will be attending as a visitor. I would highly recommend this experience for any Nazarene, our great disciple making Church.



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MINISTERIAL DELEGATE | GLOBAL NDI CONVENTION

General Convention 2023 began long before our arrival in Indiana, with online meetings with District NDI Presidents and delegates from the Caribbean Field Region.

At our online meetings, we were given an overview as to what to expect at General Convention 2023. One notable thing for me was that persons unable to attend physically were able to access the workshops online. It meant that more persons had access to information, that can then be shared with the wider community. Delegates were encouraged to access at least six (6) workshops before arrival but were free to avail themselves to more.

I found the topics for the online workshops to be very informative, interesting and relevant. My role in the NDI is with the Adult Ministries as well as Children's Ministries, and as such, I sought out workshops in these areas, although most came from fields outside the Mesoamerica Region.

There were a few topics that really stood out to me, although all were great. Topics such as Discipleship as a Life Journey, Christian Couples Ministry, Holiness – a Lifestyle, (Africa), Discipling Children by Including Them (Mesoamerica), Mentoring Women, A Way of Praying (USA/Canada) and Discipleship with Children (Asia Pacific).

Although I was able to complete thirteen (13) workshops, I did view many other topics. What I observed was that as Adult Ministries was concerned, there were no workshops geared towards Men's Ministry.

Being an attendee at the actual Convention was an awesome experience. It was my second (2nd) time attending General Convention. And the experience was just as beautiful. Everywhere one went the theme "Jesus is Lord!" was visible. There was no denying that Jesus was indeed Lord. Experiencing Nazarenes from around the world fellowshiping, greeting each other, just smiling and excited, was one to remember for all times. Christians coming together to share and learn, to worship and praise regardless of race, creed or colour, reminded me of the of the promised heaven.



The experience was truly amazing. I thank God and the Trinidad & Tobago NDI District for the opportunity.

MINISTERIAL DELEGATE | GLOBAL NDI CONVENTION

There were three (3) Plenary sessions. Again, for me the speakers and worship was amazing. After worship it was enough for me to return to the hotel room, but alas! that was not the only reason I was a delegate. I had to fulfill obligations. So, attending physical workshops was another aspect of Convention. There were twenty (20) available. I was able to attend five (5). Attendance at others were split between the (2) other delegates. Some I did attend online, prior to arrival. Careful decisions had to be made as to choose of workshops to attend. They were all so appealing! And not enough delegates to go around.

Workshops attended:

- Women's Worship Gathering
- A Road to the Marginalized: Reaching the Invisible
- Utilizing New Global Discipleship Resources
- Networking for Women's Discipleship Ministries
- Mental Health in Discipling Communities

Of all the workshops I attended, #1 above was most memorable. It spoke to the Journey of Grace – the way forward. It highlighted the fact that we are not "Lone Rangers," and therefore cannot go it alone.. we are all important to each other as we embark and continue on this journey.

But more than that, the speaker, Sis. Jenee Noreiga, shared about her life. A life of abuse, abuse, abuse and more abuse. As if this was not enough, there was jail, prison, drugs and babies. And a man who somehow stood by her side even though they got separated on several occasions. They did drugs together, separated. Had children, but separated every time. Went of to different jails, but somehow accidentally reconnected. She had her children taken from her, but somehow got them back. Promised to get off the streets and drugs, but went right back. Sis. Noreiga went on to share that the final straw was when after having her last child, she left the child in a car to go into a store to steal milk. She was caught. It was at this point she fell on her knees and cried out to God. But her arrest did not stop her. Although she cried out to God, upon her release, she went back to her old ways after just two (2) weeks. She had no where to go and no one to turn to. On her journey downhill, she kept remembering a nurse saying to her, "I love you." This was at the birth of her last child. The woman never condemned her, never judged her. One day whilst wondering around, she found herself in a shelter run by the Church of the Nazarene. And guess who welcomed her! Yes. The nurse, who continued to showm her love. Because of the love she received, Jenee Noreiga finally surrendered her life to God. She was saved. But it wasn't just the love and compassion of the nurse, it was the love of God that saved Sis. Noreiga.

BUT, what had me amazed was the revelation that God is real. Not that I didn't believe that he was real. I know that He is real. He always has a plan and He loves us regardless. But the testimony of Sis. Noreiga, just reconfirmed it.

MINISTERIAL DELEGATE | GLOBAL NDI CONVENTION

The March of the Nations was another memorable time for me, as well as the segment where representatives from the Mesoamerica Region took the spotlight. Sis. Shelly Ann Hope and Sis. Shannon Rampersad, respectively carried the national flag of Trinidad and Tobago.

World Quiz was yet another feature of Convention. Our representative, Sis. Zoe Williams copped gold in her age group.

The Quadrennial Address on June 12th, 2023 was delivered by Dr. Carla Sunberg, the lone female on the Board of General Superintendent, who began her presentation by reminding us that "The King was in the Room! And that Jesus was Lord!"

"GOOD MORNING! The sun never goes down the the morning, thus the sun of the Church of the Nazarene is just above the horizon." Dr. Sunberg reminded us of the words of Dr. Phineas F. Bresee as he described the Church. At the end of the address, all attendees were given a pair of sunglasses, with the words "Good Morning" inscribed on the side, to remind us that the sun never goes down on the Church of the Nazarene.

How can I conclude without mentioning the many visits to the Exhibit Hall. Tokens, memorabilia, keepsakes and so much more could be found in this area. But, for me the high point of visiting this area was being able to give to the call. NDI delegates were asked to contribute scissors and erasers towards a "Back to School" drive. Together with Sis. Cindy-Ann Collymore, our Trinidad & Tobago District NDI Director, we were able to do so.

Convention 2023 was indeed an extraordinary one. Who would have thought that coming out of a worldwide pandemic so many persons would have turned up. But God is bigger than any pandemic! To God be the Glory!

I hope that other delegates enjoyed and gained as much as I have from Convention 2023. The experience was truly amazing. I thank God and the Trinidad & Tobago NDI District for the opportunity.



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