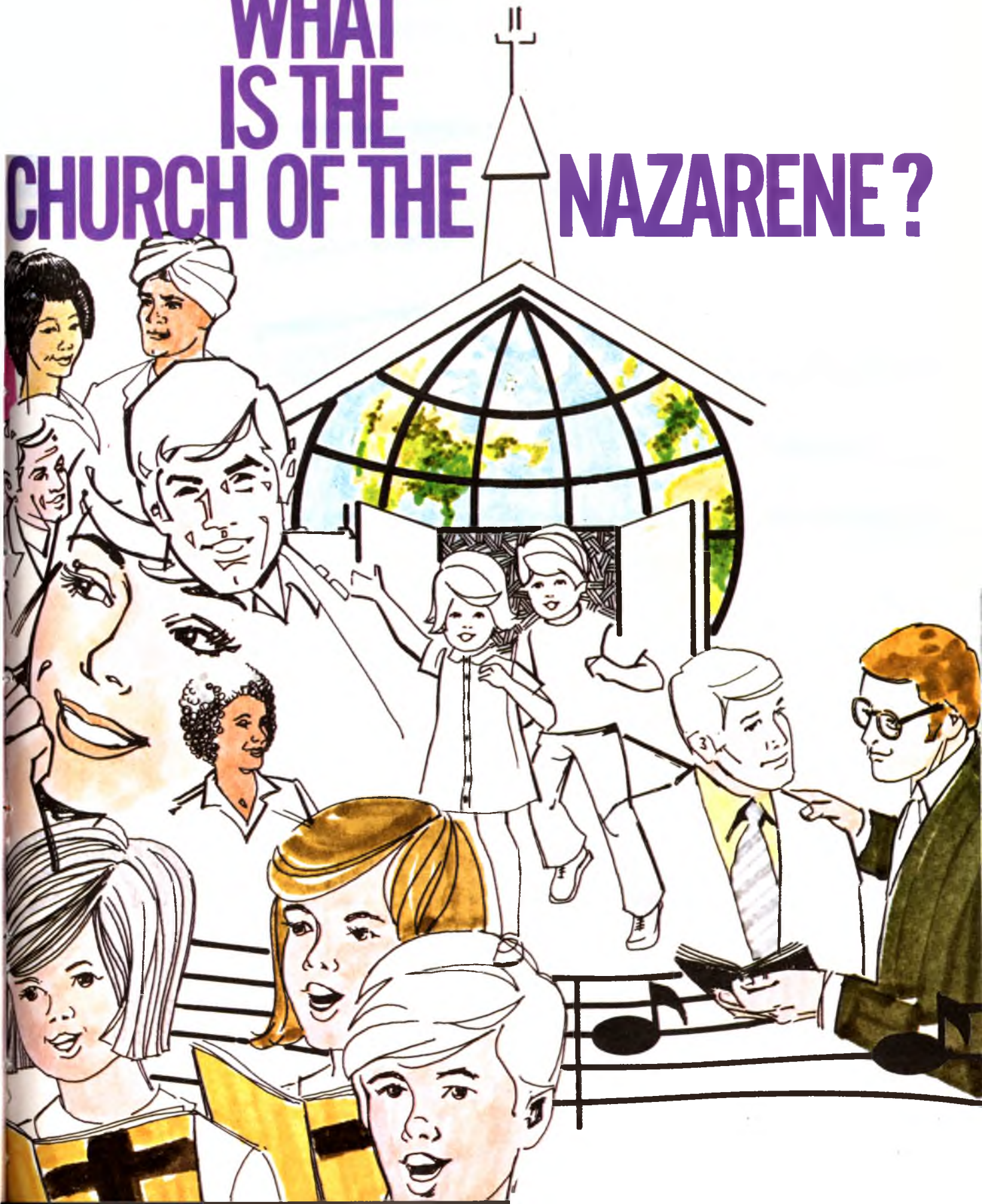


HERALD OF HOLINESS

**WHAT
IS THE
CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE?**





THE BOARD OF GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS extends a warm welcome to the thousands of Nazarenes who are converging on Dallas, Tex., for what may well be the largest convocation in the history of our church. This General Assembly graphically demonstrates several outstanding characteristics of the Church of the Nazarene.



WELCOME . . . **to the 19th General Assembly**

OURS IS TRULY AN INTERNATIONAL CHURCH

Delegates and visitors will represent the more than 60 world areas where the church has established itself. If full delegations are present from all world missions and overseas home mission districts, they will comprise *one-fourth of the total number of delegates*. Although all assembly sessions will be conducted in the English language, simultaneous translations will be made into a number of other languages.

We trust that representatives of our church from Latin America, Africa, Asia, Europe, the United States, and other world areas will sense that all are important members of the General Assembly and will take full advantage of its privileges and responsibilities. Though our colors and cultures may differ, we are all brothers and sisters in the family of God, and therefore we are one in the bond of Christian love.

WE ARE A GROWING CHURCH

Since the last General Assembly, our denomination has entered eight new world areas. Approximately 200 new churches have been organized. More than 168,000 new Nazarenes have joined our ranks during this quadrennium, the largest number in our history.

To those of this great group who are attending their first General Assembly, we give a very special welcome. *You are a part of a dynamic, evangelistic church* that is committed to going into all the world and making disciples of all nations.

NAZARENES ARE HOLINESS PEOPLE

Our distinctive doctrine of entire sanctification with its accompanying emphasis upon holy living will be much in evidence during the General Assembly. We will endeavor to find more effective ways to relate our message to our day. Holiness evangelism will be certified as our primary mission.

But we urge you to *demonstrate holiness to the people of Dallas personally* while we are guests in this great city. As we accept the gracious hospitality extended to us by hotels, restaurants, and other concerns, let us show our appreciation by being generous in our expressions of gratitude (including our gratuities). May the fruit of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, and all the rest—be evidenced in our words and actions. Nothing will make a greater impact for Christ and the church.

WE ARE A FRIENDLY PEOPLE

Acts 2:42 tells us that four things characterized the Early Church—"the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, . . . breaking of bread, and . . . prayers." *Part of the genius of our church has always been its warm Christian fellowship.* This has been demonstrated in the local church and at district activities. And General Assembly is no exception. For thousands of Nazarenes it is like "old home week." Many a waitress in Miami in 1972 was heard to exclaim, "These Nazarenes have the best time!" May it always be so. Let our fellowship and breaking of bread at this Assembly be an eloquent witness of our fraternity in the faith.

THE HEARTBEAT OF THE CHURCH IS STRONG

General Assembly is the heart of the church. Every area of church life is represented by lay leaders, pastors, evangelists, missionaries, educators, and district and general church leaders. *Best of all, God is*

with us! His presence guarantees that the public services will be high peaks of inspiration and challenge. Lubricated by the oil of the Holy Spirit, the business sessions will demonstrate unity in essentials and charity in nonessentials. Again we will affirm our dedication to the time-honored doctrinal truths and ethical standards which have justified our existence as a church. With Nazarene songwriter Bill Gaither we say,

*"Let the church be the church
Let the people rejoice."*

Armed with this fresh certainty of the vitality of the church under the dynamic leadership of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us go from this General Assembly to our worldwide assignments to wage holy warfare to the praise of His glory.

Eugene L. Stowe
EUGENE L. STOWE, *Chairman*
BOARD OF GENERAL
SUPERINTENDENTS



THE QUADRENNIAL THEME . . . 1976-80

"LIFTING UP CHRIST"

It has become traditional for each General Assembly to adopt a theme for the coming quadrennium. For the past four years we have proclaimed that it was "The Time for Truth." Each of the auxiliaries has emphasized its own particular theme in addition to this general one.

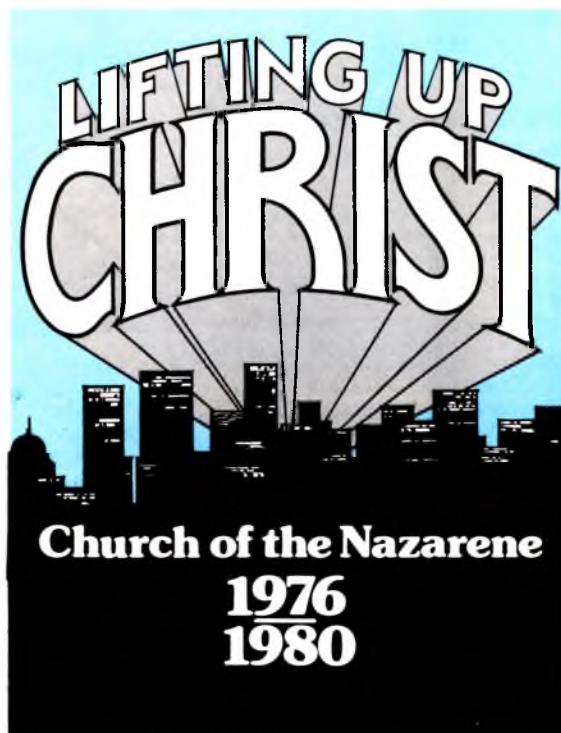
Now something new is about to happen. In the General Conventions and General Assembly the entire church will unite behind one great theme—"Lifting Up Christ." What more compelling task than this? What more basic motivation?

Jesus promised that if He were lifted up from the earth on His cross, He would draw all men to Him. Since He descended from the Cross and has ascended into heaven, He has delegated to His disciples the responsibility of lifting Him up before the world. The uplifted Christ still draws men and women to himself.

Let every department, organization, and agency of the church on the general and district levels commit its full strength to this glorious mission—"Lifting Up Christ."

Let every local church give itself to this fundamental commission—"Lifting Up Christ."

Let every Nazarene minister and layman across the world be caught up in this thrilling privilege—"Lifting Up Christ."





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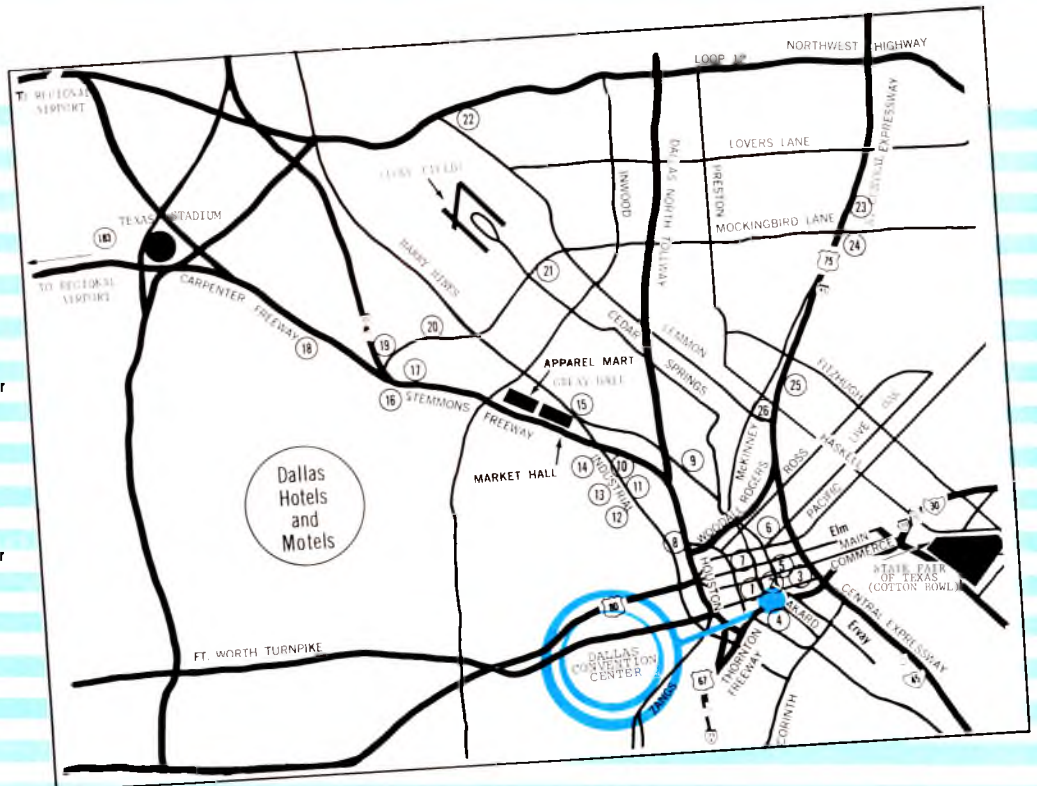
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 - 8 Hyatt House
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 - 18 Le Baron Hotel
 - 10 Marriott Motor Motel
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 - 4 Ramada Inn Convention Center
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 - 6 Sheraton-Dallas
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 - 3 Statler Hilton
 - 17 Stemmons Inn
 - 9 Town House
 - 15 Travelodge Market Center



THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 807 official delegates of the Nineteenth General Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene represent 586,532 church members, among 1,213,878 church school scholars and constituents, in 6,736 congregations, in addition to 1,371 mission stations and preaching points around the world.

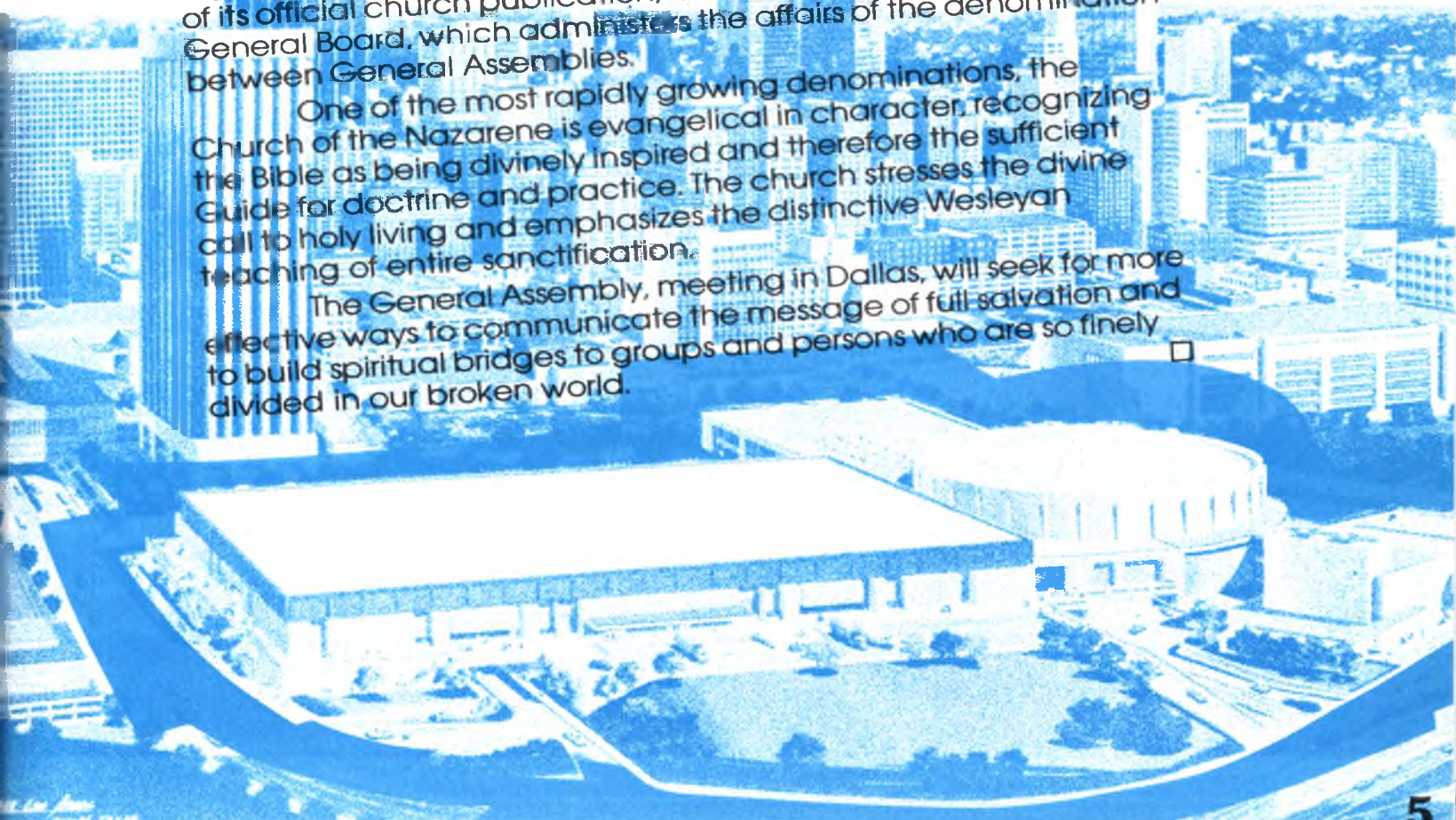
Church government for Nazarenes is representative, combining features of both episcopal and congregational forms of administration. The General Assembly is the governing body of the church, meeting every four years. Being international in character, its members are elected from various geographical districts and world areas.

Half of the elected delegates are laymen and half are ministers. Approximately 25 percent come from outside the continental United States. Visitors at the General Assembly this year number from 30,000 to 35,000.

The General Assembly, as the supreme lawmaking body of the Church of the Nazarene, convenes to elect its general superintendents, general officers (secretary, treasurer, and editor of its official church publication, the "Herald of Holiness"), and a General Board, which administers the affairs of the denomination between General Assemblies.

One of the most rapidly growing denominations, the Church of the Nazarene is evangelical in character, recognizing the Bible as being divinely inspired and therefore the sufficient Guide for doctrine and practice. The church stresses the divine call to holy living and emphasizes the distinctive Wesleyan teaching of entire sanctification.

The General Assembly, meeting in Dallas, will seek for more effective ways to communicate the message of full salvation and to build spiritual bridges to groups and persons who are so finely divided in our broken world. □



GENERAL OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH



DR. B. EDGAR JOHNSON

THE THREE GENERAL OFFICERS of the church, elected by the General Assembly, are amenable to the Board of General Superintendents and the General Board.



DR. NORMAN O. MILLER

THE GENERAL SECRETARY of the church also serves as secretary of the General Board. Duties of the office are varied: preparing journals of the General Assembly and General Board, verifying and recording statistics, preserving all official general church documents, gathering historical material pertinent to the growth of the church, coordinating the arrangements for the General Assembly and General Board meetings, auditing district assembly statistical charts.

THE GENERAL TREASURER of the church also serves as treasurer of the General Board and its several departments. The office keeps custody of all funds belonging to the general interests of the church, provides regular fiscal reports to various boards and departments, secures financial reports from all general institutions of the church, and oversees, with the Investment Committee, all invested funds.



DR. JOHN A. KNIGHT

THE EDITOR of the *HERALD OF HOLINESS* gives oversight to the official publication of the church. This semimonthly publication has a circulation of over 200,000. The periodical is designed to emphasize Christ's call to holy living, prepare devotional and informative literature which assists personal spiritual growth, and provide news of the growth of the church and items of interest to the Nazarene family and the general evangelical reader.



At 2 p.m., Thursday, October 8, 1908, at Pilot Point, Tex., the union of the Church of the Nazarene was consummated. Keeping the official record at that historic gathering was the secretary of the General Assembly. As responsibilities increased, the secretary of the General Assembly became the general secretary of the Church of the Nazarene.

The general secretary's duties are defined in the *Manual*. His responsibilities, however, are expanded by direction of the General Board and special assignment from the Board of General Superintendents. Among these duties the general secretary serves as the representative to various religious and civic organizations.

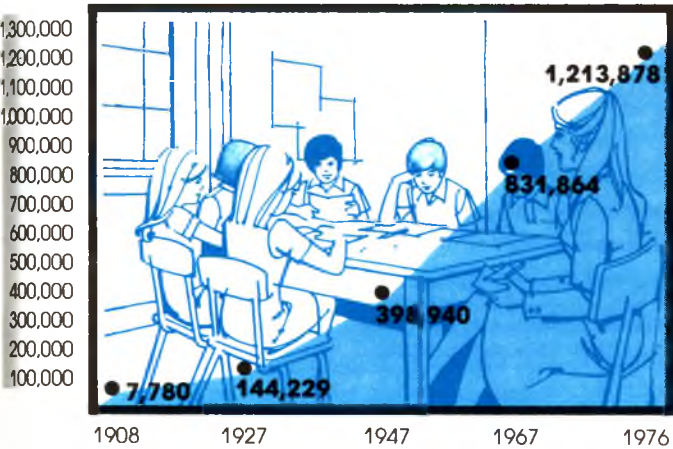


Able men of God have served the Church of the Nazarene as general secretary. Among them have been: E. J. Fleming, 1918-40; C. Warren Jones, 1940-44; S. T. Ludwig, 1944-64; and the current general secretary, B. Edgar Johnson.

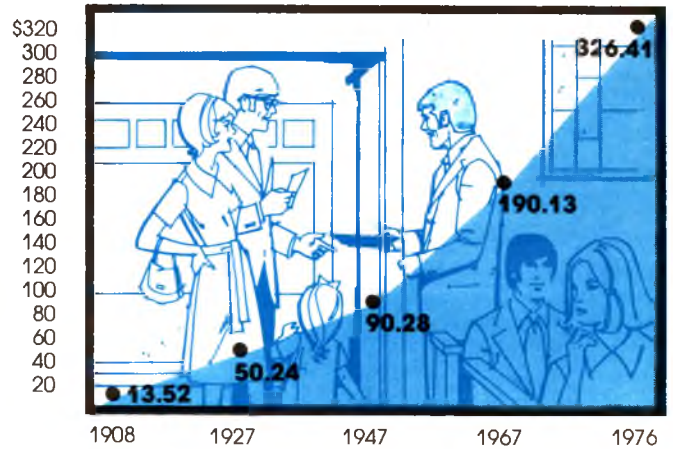
As he has played an important role in Nazarene history, the general secretary will continue to fill a vital role as the Church of the Nazarene fulfills her mission of "lifting up Christ" before a needy world.

OUR CHURCH'S GROWTH in Historical/Statistical Review

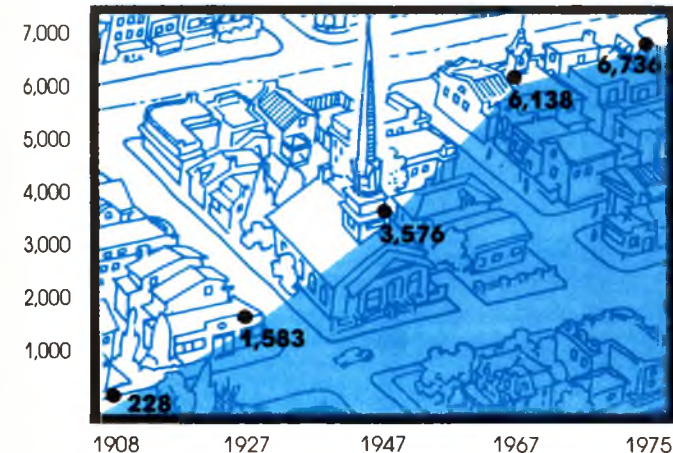
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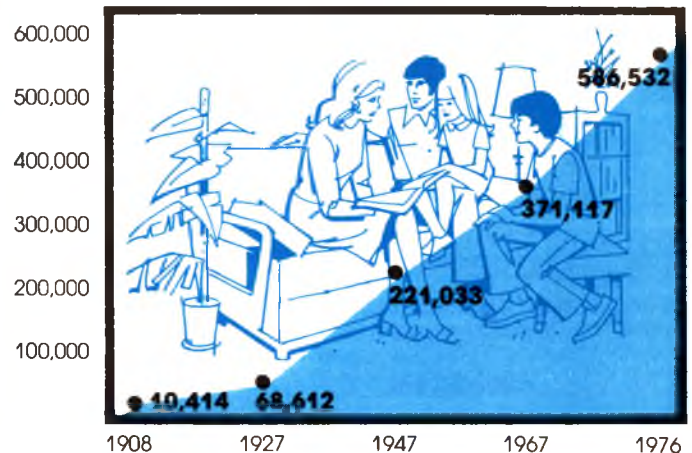
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NUMBER OF CHURCHES



CHURCH MEMBERSHIP





EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR HEADQUARTERS OPERATIONS
Paul Spear



EDUCATION AND THE MINISTRY
Edward S. Mann



CHURCH SCHOOL
Kenneth S. Rice



L BOARD THE GENERAL BOARD



This board is the official body chosen by the General Assembly to direct the affairs of the church during the quadrennium. Though it is subject to specially called meetings, its annual meeting is held each January, presided over by the general superintendents.

The board is composed of 35 elected members from the 7 geographical zones of the church. Equal representation of lay and ministerial membership is provided. In addition a representative from each of the following interests of the church sits on the board: Ministry and Education, Nazarene Young People's Society, and Nazarene World Missionary Society.

Eight departments make up the organization of the board: Church Schools, Education and the Ministry, Evangelism, Home Missions, Pensions and Benevolence, Publication, World Missions, and Youth. Each department is administered by an executive secretary, elected by the General Board.

Annually the board hears the reports of the general superintendents, the General Treasurer, and the executive secretaries of the several departments. The board reviews the programs and budgets presented by the various departments and establishes the General Budget upon recommendation of the Finance Committee.

The General Board approves appropriations of Nazarene Theological Seminary and the Nazarene Bible College. It elects three members-at-large on the General Stewardship Commission, a Board of Pensions, and executive secretaries.

The board also elects an executive administrator, who is responsible for coordinating operations at the general church headquarters.



YOUTH
Melvin McCullough



WORLD MISSIONS
Jerald D. Johnson



EVANGELISM
Donald J. Gibson



PUBLICATIONS
M. A. (Bud) Lunn



HOME MISSIONS
R. W. Hurn

PENSIONS AND BENEVOLENCE
Wessels



“EVANGELISM, MISSIONS, YOUTH”

“We are debtors to every man to give him the gospel in the same measure as we have received it.”—Dr. P. F. Bresee, founder, Church of the Nazarene.

While this is the mission of the whole church, the Departments of Evangelism, Home Missions, World Missions, and Youth are assigned specifically with the responsibility of fulfilling it.

The works of these departments of the General Board, along with the Nazarene World Missionary Society, the Nazarene Young People’s Society, and the Servicemen’s Commission, are portrayed in this first section.

EVANGELISM IS . . . NAZARENES IN ACTION WITH A VISION OF THE HARVEST

PREPARING THE SOIL

Prayer Cells
Circles of Concern



SOWING THE SEED

Witnessing
Bible Studies
Public Witness



CULTIVATING AND WATERING

Follow-up
Friendship Evangelism

HARVESTING

Personal Evangelism
Mass Evangelism—Revivals



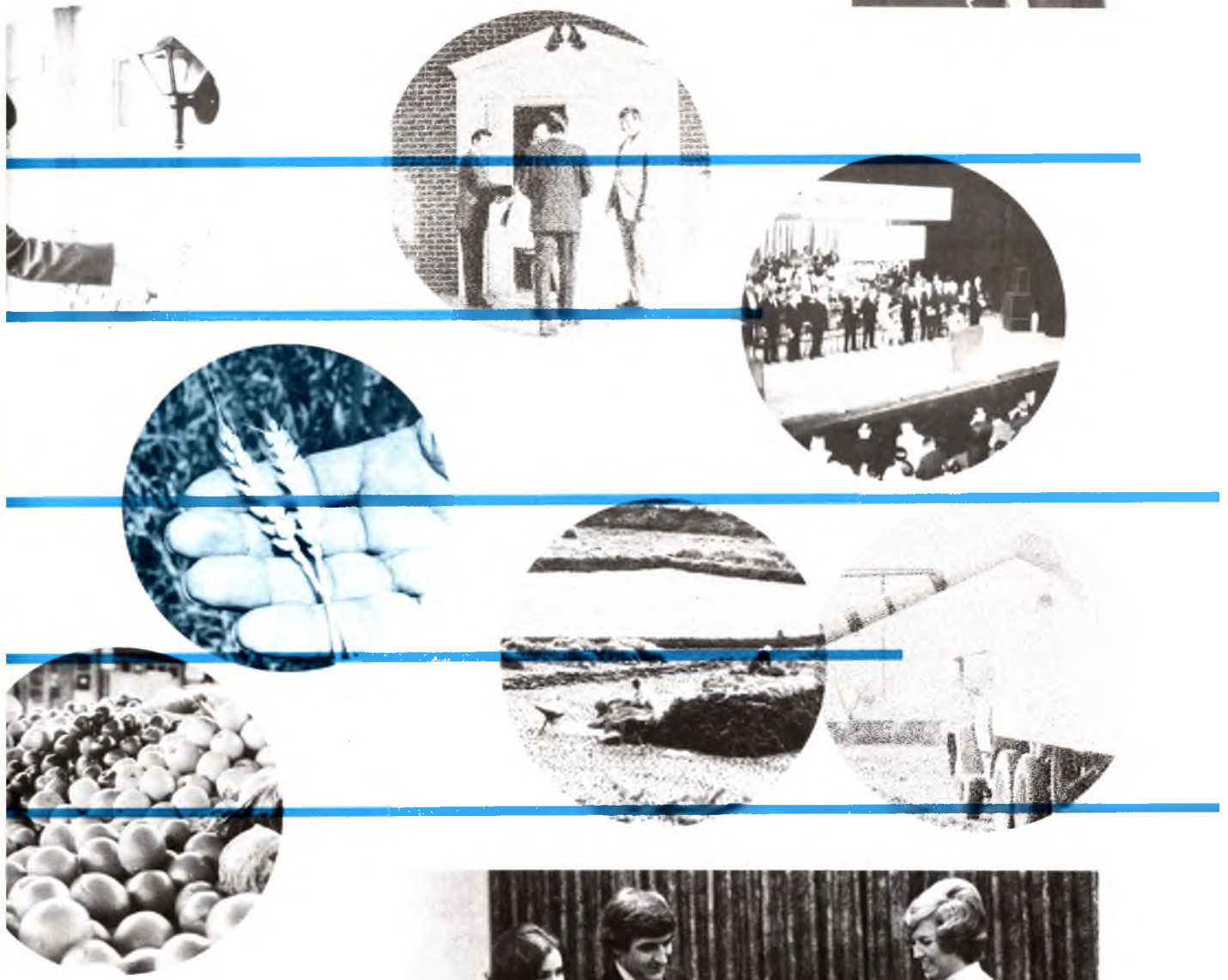
GARNERING AND REPRODUCING

Baptism
Church Membership
Training—Discipleship

**“ . . . The harvest truly is plenteous . . .
pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest
that he will send forth labourers
into his harvest.” (Matthew 9:37-38)**



DR. DON J. GIBSON
Executive Secretary



(Left to right)
Denise Boone
Charles Crow
Don J. Gibson,
Executive Secretary
Barbara Self





OUR MISSION HAS NOT CHANGED



By Dr. RAYMOND W. HURN
Executive Secretary

The early leaders of the Church of the Nazarene prayed, fasted, and worked to take the holiness message into every city and wayside place. City and country alike were targets where holiness could be preached and lives changed.

There were 228 churches when we began as a national denomination in 1908. In four years this number had doubled to 576, and nine years later it had doubled again to 1,145. By 1936 our fast-growing young denomination had 4,696 churches and a world membership of 311,199. It was reported in January of 1976 that there were 6,736 churches worldwide, with 5,041 of these located in North America and the related cultures of Europe, Australia, New Zealand, Samoa, Britain, and the Republic of South Africa (European).

By multiplying the sowing of the gospel seed, we multiply the harvest. To help accomplish their mission of outreach in today's world, the Department of Home Missions performs a variety of services.

GRAPHIC DESCRIPTION OF UNREACHED PEOPLE

UNREACHED PEOPLE

World population is now growing at a rate faster than the conversion rate to Christ. With each passing hour we are a world more pagan than we were the hour before.

NEW CHURCHES

Only as Christians reproduce Christians by leading them to spiritual rebirth, and as churches reproduce churches, can we reach the unreached who are our neighbors in nearby communities and around the world.

An older pattern of reproduction has reasserted itself this quadrennium as established churches have reached out in love to establish new congregations on the mother-daughter pattern. This concept, dominant in our earlier years of growth, has taken a new hold the last two years and in 1976—the Year of the New Church—it shows promise of propelling us into totally new dimensions of church growth.

One hundred of our churches should launch satellite outreach units or start churches this year.

(When a new church is born, the Department of Home Missions provides a packet of materials in cooperation with the Nazarene Publishing House. This packet includes record books for the secretary and treasurer, a Pastor's Program Planner, and 24 Nazarene hymnals among other items needed by a new church organization.)

URBAN MISSION

In Europe and the United States nearly 80 percent of the people live in metropolitan areas where only 20 percent of our churches are located.

Under the direction of Rev. Roger E. Bowman, director of outreach, the Department has sponsored a series of urban ministries conferences in cities such as Chicago, San Francisco, Kansas City, and Washington, D.C., to focus attention on the need and to assist in launching meaningful ministries.



Percentage of U.S. population who are adherents of a Christian denomination (49.6 percent)



Percentage of U.S. population who are confirmed members of a Christian denomination (20 percent)



Percentage of Canadian population who are adherents of a Christian denomination (63 percent)



Percentage of Canadian population who are confirmed members of a Christian denomination (37 percent)



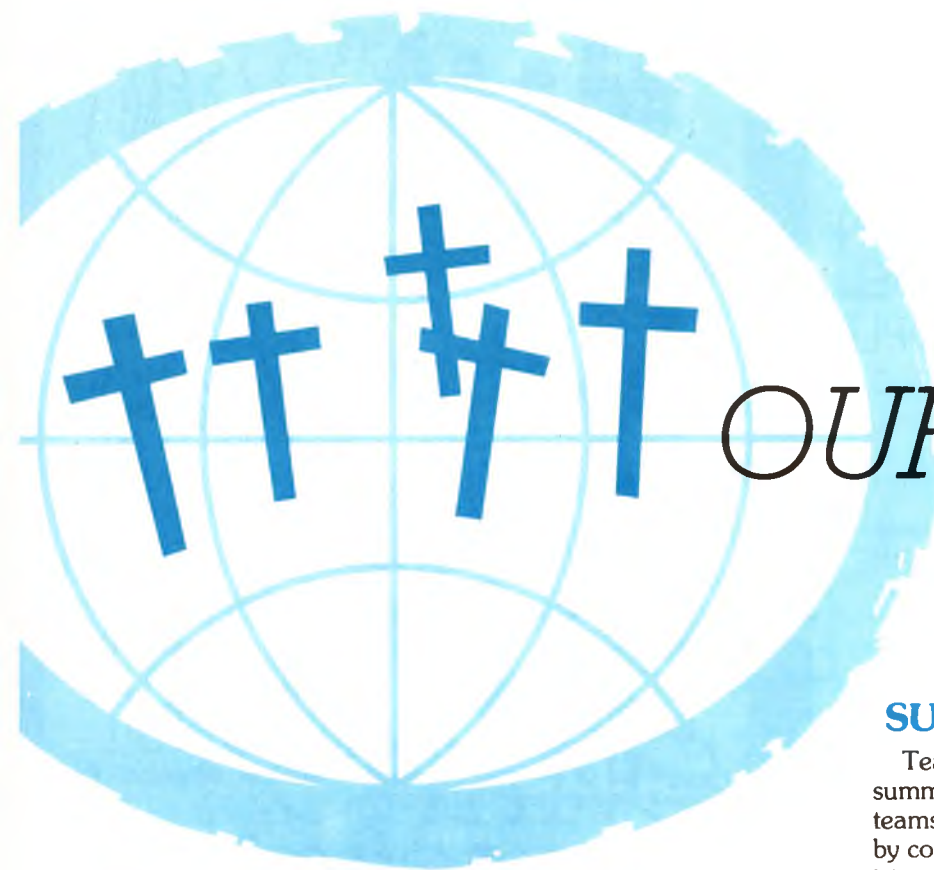
Percentage of U.S. population who live in metropolitan areas of 50,000 or more (75 percent)



Percentage of U.S. population Black, Spanish, Other Non-White, and White.

- Black (11.5 percent)
- Other non-white (1.5 percent)
- Spanish (5.5 percent)
- White (81.5 percent)

Because of differences in national cultures and churches, one chart cannot reflect the situation in every nation. Although this chart reflects conditions in North America, similar comparisons can be made for other areas where such statistics are kept. European countries, for example, generally have not more than 5 percent of their people in attendance at church on Sunday. Nowhere on earth has Christianity reached the saturation point of its penetration of the culture. Wherever there is a needy heart, there is a mission field.



OUR MISSION

SUMMER MINISTRIES

Teams of Nazarene collegians have given their summer to serve on Christian Action Teams. These teams serve as evangelists, in vacation Bible schools, by construction work, and through cross-cultural ministry.

ETHNIC MINISTRIES

A seven-member Council of Black Churchmen has given advice and counsel, especially to this largest of racial minorities in the United States.

LANDS (LOCATING ANOTHER NAZARENE DEVELOPMENT SITE)

LANDS is an Approved 10 Percent Missionary Special. Gifts of farms, apartment buildings, stores, and other property are received for the LANDS program. These gifts are sold and the proceeds used for grants to new churches for building sites. The grants are matched by the district.

GENERAL CHURCH LOAN FUND

An additional helping hand for new churches is found in the General Church Loan Fund, where new congregations may apply for loans to finance their first units of construction.

Funds for the GCLF come from gifts of concerned Christians and from deposits made in return for interest. In this way the fund does double duty both as a lending institution and as a savings institution. It puts Nazarene dollars to work for Christ on our mission fields at home.

GCAP

The Growing Church Achievement Program encourages every local church, large and small, to be actively involved in the multiplication of the church.



REV. ROGER E. BOWMAN

MISSION FIELDS AT HOME

Each year at district assembly two outstanding churches are recognized for their home mission ministry. One award is given for churches of over 50 members; the other for those with fewer than 50 members. A merit award is also given in each category.

MISSION DISTRICTS

As new churches are formed and new countries entered, new districts are formed. Pioneer Districts (beginning stage) are Netherlands, Samoa, and Scandinavia. Mission Districts (50 percent or more self-supporting) are Alaska, Australia, Canada Atlantic, Canada Pacific, Hawaii, Middle European, New Zealand, Nevada-Utah, and South Africa.

BIBLE COLLEGES

Essential to the evangelization of national groups is a trained ministry composed of ministers from those countries.

Toward this end we have four Nazarene colleges led by spiritually prepared and academically proficient leaders. Areas served are:

- South Africa **South African Nazarene Bible College**
Dr. Theodore Esselstyn, *president*
- Australia—
New Zealand **Australia—New Zealand Nazarene Bible College**
Dr. R. T. Bolerjack, *president*
- Europe **European Nazarene Bible College**
Dr. William Prince, *president*
- Samoa **Samoa Nazarene Bible College**
Rev. Alvin Orchard, *president*

1976

1980

The unreached in rural and suburban areas, the cities, the minorities are our mission fields at home. Here the church can bring the healing of Christ.

During the 1976-80 quadrennium, the Department of Home Missions will seek to multiply the church and extend the gospel to "everyone who thirsts."



INTERNATIONAL CHURCH

Becomes a Reality



Seated (l. to r.) Dr. Jerald Johnson, executive secretary of World Missions; Rev. Alfonso Barrientos; and Dr. Charles H. Strickland, general superintendent.

REGULAR DISTRICTS

100% Self-supporting

Guatemala Northeast
Peru North

MISSION DISTRICTS

50% Self-supporting

Argentina
Barbados
Belize
Bolivia
Brazil
Cape Verde

Central Africa, Rhodesia
Central Africa, Zambia
Coloured and Indian,
Northern, Africa
Cuba
Japan
Korea, Central
Korea, South
Mexico Central
Mexico Northeast
Mexico Northwest
Mexico Southeast
Mozambique, Limpopo
Mozambique, Maputo

Mozambique, Mavengane
Mozambique, Tavane
Nicaragua
Philippines, Luzon
Puerto Rico-Virgin Islands
Republic of South Africa,
South-Western
Swaziland, Northern
Taiwan
Trinidad/Tobago
Central Latin America
Eastern Latin America
North American Indian
Western Latin America

INTERNATIONAL CHURCH BECOMING REALITY

Rev. Alfonso Barrientos, district superintendent of Guatemala Northeast, arrived in Kansas City, July 9, for a visit sponsored by the Department of World Missions.

Guatemala Northeast is the first district under the Department of World Missions to attain Regular status according to the regulations set by the General Board

of the Church of the Nazarene.

Rev. Barrientos was given tours of the Nazarene Publishing House, Headquarters, and the seminary. He also met with various general leaders of the church and luncheoned with several executive secretaries.

The purpose of his visit was to acquaint Rev. Barrientos further with the workings of the general church, and to expose him more thoroughly with the structure of regular districts.

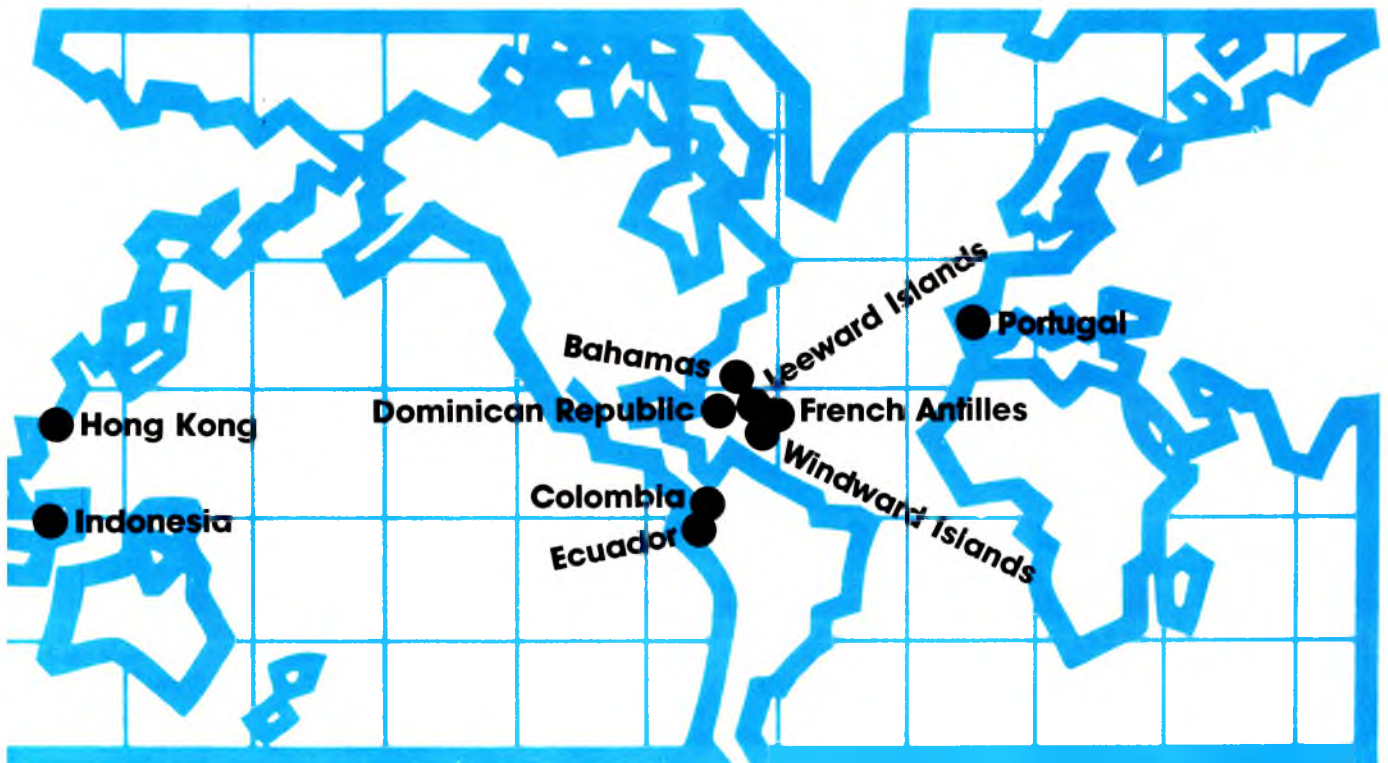


A Quadrennium of Growth

1972-76

	1972	1976	Net Gain
Church Membership	97,834	130,892	33,058
Average Weekly Sunday School Attendance	120,039	140,598	20,559
Churches and Missions	2,780	3,066	286

New Fields Entered



District Superintendents



Argentina
Rev. Alejandro Adolfo Medina
1954 ordained
1972 appointed
by Dr. George Coulter



Barbados
Rev. Clyde Carlston Greenidge
1962 ordained
1971 appointed
by Dr. Edward Lawlor



Belize
Rev. Alvin Leopold Young
1958 ordained
1970 appointed
by Dr. Eugene L. Stowe



Bolivia
Rev. Nolberto Vicuña
1970 ordained
1976 elected



Brazil
Rev. Joaquim Antonio Lima
1961 ordained
1975 elected



Cape Verde
Rev. Francisco Xavier Ferreira
1967 ordained
1975 appointed
by Dr. Edward Lawlor



Cuba
Rev. Hildo Morejon



Eastern Latin-American District
Rev. José Cardona
1968 ordained
1974 appointed
by Dr. George Coulter



Guatemala Northeast District
Rev. Alfonso Barrientos V.
1958 ordained
1970 elected



Guyana
Rev. Joseph Poonswamy Murugan
1967 ordained
1971 appointed
by Dr. Edward Lawlor



Haiti—North District
Rev. Delano Pierre
1972 ordained
1974 appointed
by Dr. Eugene L. Stowe



Haiti—South District
Rev. Florentin Alvarez
1969 ordained
1974 appointed
by Dr. Eugene L. Stowe



Mexico—Northwest District
Rev. Roberto Moreno
1952 ordained
1972 appointed
by Dr. Eugene L. Stowe



Mexico—Southeast District
Rev. Luis Aguilar
1958 ordained
1972 appointed
by Dr. Eugene L. Stowe



Mozambique—Limpopo District
Rev. Lot Mulate
1952 ordained
1972 elected



Mozambique—Maputo District
Rev. Simeão Isaca Mandlate
1965 ordained
1972 elected



Mozambique—Mavengane District
Rev. João Muchave
1947 ordained
1970 elected



Mozambique—Tavane District
Rev. Benjamin Enosse Langa
1958 ordained
1965 elected



Republic of China—Taiwan District
Rev. Ming-Ting Pan
1965 ordained
1975 appointed
by Dr. Eugene L. Stowe



R.S.A. North—East District
Rev. Hannibal Sebati
1961 ordained
1976 appointed
by Dr. George Coulter



R.S.A. North—Northwest District
Rev. A. Maenetsha
1963 ordained
1974 elected



R.S.A. North—South District
Rev. R. M. Rebese
1971 ordained
1975 elected



R.S.A. South—Kwa Zulu District
Rev. Samuel Ndhlovu
1963 ordained
1976 appointed
by Dr. George Coulter



R.S.A. South—Southeast District
Rev. Simon Dlamini
1947 ordained
1971 elected

World Mission Districts



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Central Africa—Malawi South
Rev. Albert Mphanda
1973 ordained
1976 appointed
by Dr. George Coulter



Central Africa—Rhodesia District
Rev. D. Ignatius Chavunduka
1969 ordained
1970 elected



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Central Africa—Zambia District
Rev. Nicholas Chirwa



Central Latin America
Rev. H. O. Espinoza
1956 ordained
1975 appointed
by Dr. George Coulter



Coloured and Indian, Africa—Northern District
Rev. George Taylor
1961 ordained
1973 elected



Coloured and Indian, Africa—Western Cape District
Rev. Layton Byron Smith
1967 ordained
1974 elected



India—Washim District
Rev. Dayanand M. Kharat
1964 ordained
1974 appointed
by Dr. Edward Lawlor



Japan
Rev. Tsurutaro Sakurai
1942 ordained
1976 elected



Korea—Central District
Rev. Moon Kyung Cho
1959 ordained
1973 elected



Korea—South District
Rev. Jung Hwan Oh
1959 ordained
1973 elected



Mexico—Central District
Rev. Moises Garces
1950 ordained
1972 appointed
by Dr. Eugene L. Stowe



Mexico—Northeast District
Rev. Moises Esperilla
1958 ordained
1972 appointed
by Dr. Eugene L. Stowe



Nicaragua
Rev. Luis Ernesto Bello H.
1966 ordained
1973 appointed
by Dr. Eugene L. Stowe



North American Indian District
Rev. Julian Gunn
1968 ordained
1974 elected



Peru, North District
Rev. Alberto Zamora L.
1957 ordained
1975 elected



Philippines—Luzon District
Rev. Andres C. Valenzuela
1958 ordained
1968 elected



Philippines—Visayan District
Rev. Wilfredo A. Manaos
1973 ordained
1974 appointed
by Dr. Eugene L. Stowe



Puerto Rico/Virgin Islands
Rev. Benjamin Roman D.
1960 ordained
1971 appointed
by Dr. Edward Lawlor



NO
PHOTO
AVAILABLE

R.S.A. South—Western District
Rev. Alfred Selepe
1963 ordained
1974 elected



Swaziland—North District
Rev. Leonard Clement Sibandze
1961 ordained
1969 elected



Trinidad and Tobago
Rev. Farrell Chapman
1962 ordained
1975 elected



Western Latin America District
Rev. Juan E. Madrid
1945 ordained
1963 appointed

NAZARENE WORLD MISSIONARY SOCIETY

THE **NWMS** IS AN AUXILIARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WORLD MISSIONS. ITS PURPOSE IS TO ENLIST AND ENCOURAGE MEMBERS:

- (1) to pray for the missionary work of the church.
- (2) to study the salvation needs of the world and to promote a wider knowledge of the mission fields of the church.
- (3) to inspire and challenge the youth to keep willing hearts to answer God's call to the mission field.
- (4) to help raise funds to carry on the missionary work of the Church of the Nazarene.

NWMS HIGHLIGHTS

1913—"Other Sheep" published (20c per year)

1915—Officially organized as Women's Foreign Missionary Society

1919—Memorial Roll funds for medical aid and retirement

1921—Box work for missionaries

1925—Prayer and Fasting League officially began

1949—Alabaster—for buildings on the fields

1952—Became Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society

1953—Latin Language Broadcast

1955—Fortieth anniversary—opened work in New Guinea

1964—Became Nazarene World Missionary Society

1965—Fiftieth anniversary—hospital built in New Guinea

1974—Alabaster twenty-fifth anniversary year (over \$1.24 million given for Alabaster in this one year)

1975—Sixtieth anniversary—special emphasis on Easter and Thanksgiving offerings, and on the General Budget, the missionary lifeline of the church.

STANDARD ● SEVEN POINT ● STAR AWARD SOCIETIES

To God Be the Glory, Great Things He Hath Done!



NAZARENE WORLD MISSIONARY SOCIETY



1976
WE BEGIN A NEW DECADE
OF

LIFTING UP CHRIST



NWMS
1976-80

... THAT ALL MAY HEAR ...
AND UNDERSTAND ...
AND BELIEVE ...

that "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

4,724 LOCAL NWM SOCIETIES WITH 320,041 MEMBERS
81 DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONS

Mrs. L. S. OLIVER
General President



Mrs. WANDA KNOX
Executive Secretary



DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH NAZARENE

THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH provides ministry to and for Nazarene young people. It supervises the development and evaluation of most of the church's youth materials.

The Department sustains a close relationship with the General NYPS Council, especially through its executive secretary, who is a member ex-officio of the Council.

Department Objectives

Our task is to be giving agents of the gospel which calls young people to affirm Jesus as their Lord and brings them:

- to a life-changing encounter with Christ (*Relationship*);
- from conversion to mature disciples (*Life-style*);
- to a better doctrinal understanding (*Belief*);
- to an investment of their energies in Christian service (*Mission*).



MELVIN McCULLOUGH
Executive Secretary



LOST & FOUND



SUMMER MINISTRIES

The ministry of Lost and Found, a music, outreach, and drama group (Discovery Players) is sponsored by the Department of Youth. The group is made up of college students who invest their summer in an aggressive, faith-building ministry. The group conducts leadership training workshops and performs musical concerts throughout North America.



ERNEST McNAUGHT



CAMPUS MINISTRIES

The Department of Youth has recently invested its ministry resources in the secular campus. Strategies are being developed that will enable students to be involved in discipleship on the secular campus. This strategic new effort is under the leadership of Ernie McNaught, general director of Campus Ministries.



PRINTED MATERIALS • There is a strong emphasis placed upon printed materials for Nazarene young people. The Department produces feature magazines, resource packets, leadership guides, study and discussion outlines, and reading packets for children, youth, and young adults.





NAZARENE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY

The NYPS is the extension of the Youth Department's ministry to the district and local church. Responsibility for NYPS programs and emphases rests largely with the General NYPS Council and its officers.

The Society has three divisions of ministry: Nazarene Junior Fellowship, Nazarene Teen Fellowship, and Nazarene Young Adult Fellowship. These three age-group divisions have directors at the local, district, and general level.



TALMADGE JOHNSON
General NYPS President



PROGRAMS & EVENTS

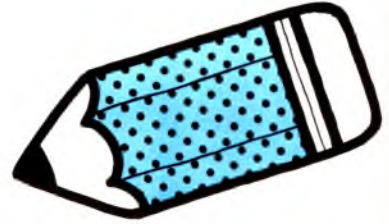
- Youth Week
- Bible Society Offering
- IMPACT
- Bible Quizzing
- Youth Camps
- General Convention
- District Convention
- World Youth Conference
- Regional Youth Leadership Conference

NAZARENE SERVICEMEN'S DIVISION

Ministry to chaplains and those in military service is the responsibility of the Nazarene Servicemen's Division. The Division maintains contact with chaplains by regular correspondence, per-

sonal visits, and group conferences. Annual servicemen's retreats are scheduled in Europe for military personnel and their families. A Far East Retreat is held periodically.

YOUTH DEPARTMENT STAFF . . .



**YOUTH
MINISTRIES**
Dan
Ketchum



**Nazarene
Teen
Fellowship**

"Bread"

**Lost
and
Found**

**Youth Camp
Curriculum**



**SPECIAL
MINISTRIES**
Lane
Zachary

**RESOURCES
FOR YOUTH
MINISTRY**
Mickey
Cox



**"Total Youth
Program
Service"**

**Teen
Bible Quiz**

**Junior
Bible Quiz**

"HELPS"

**Nazarene
Young Adult
Fellowship**



**BIBLE QUIZ
MINISTRIES**
Eddy
Hall

**YOUNG ADULT
MINISTRIES**
J. Paul
TURNER



**"Young Adult
Discussion
Outlines"**

"Etcetera"

**Nazarene
Junior
Fellowship**



**CHILDREN'S
MINISTRIES**
Bill
Young

"CHRISTIAN EDUCATION"

Jesus said, "Go . . . teach."

The Church lifts up Christ in carrying out this divine command. People must be converted. But they must also be "disciplined," trained to serve.

The Department of Church Schools, the Department of Education and the Ministry, and the Christian Service Training (CST) Commission—each in its own way seeks to equip persons to minister.

DEPARTMENT OF CHURCH SCHOOLS

The Department of Church Schools is headed by an executive secretary and an executive editor.

The executive secretary is responsible for worldwide church schools program and promotion. The executive editor supervises the work of 18 curriculum and story-paper editors, producing 27 periodicals with a total circulation of over 6 million.

Nazarene Sunday school enrollment currently stands at 1,213,878, with an average weekly attendance of 636,971.

The Department sponsors a church-wide convention each four years immediately prior to the General Assembly.

DEPARTME

EXECUTIVES

Executive Secretary
Kenneth S. Rice
Executive Editor
Donald S. Metz

COORDINATORS- EDITORS

Wesley Tracy
Melton Wienecke
Bill Young



CHURCH SCHOOLS DEPARTMENT



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E. G. Benson
James H. Boardman
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Harold C. Davis
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Ruth Henck
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Lorraine Krofft
Aletha Pittenger
Grace Reed
Loena Ritchie
Jeanette Tredoux

AVAILABLE FOR YOU:

Books, courses, and resource packets
Brochures and helps for—Bible memorization, Bible studies (nursery through adult), Caravan, children's church, Christian Family Life, Cradle Roll, evangelistic bus ministry, Senior Adult Ministries (including Home Department), Sunday school administration, teacher self-improvement, vacation Bible schools, visitation and outreach, etc.

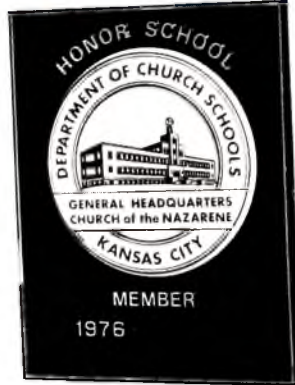
SERVICES ON LOCATION

- Clinics
- Conventions and Workshops
- Curriculum Research Seminars
- Building and Planning
- Speaking
- Training Classes



LIFTING UP CHRIST

with an



**HONOR
SCHOOL**

5% GAIN IN ENROLLMENT

5% GAIN IN ATTENDANCE

5% OF AVERAGE ATTENDANCE
RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP
BY PROFESSION OF FAITH

**START THE FALL WITH THE
3 Bs**

BUILD ENROLLMENT

IN SEPTEMBER

BOOST ATTENDANCE

IN OCTOBER

BE EVANGELISTIC

IN NOVEMBER

NEW MATERIALS

COMING SEPTEMBER, 1977

**Nazarene
Enduring
Word
Series**

NEW ADULT CURRICULUM

All NEW—not related in any way to the Uniform Lesson Series

- Bible-centered • Thoroughly Wesleyan • Relevant and innovative • Two tracks—adult and young adult courses

DEVELOPED BY NAZARENES FOR NAZARENES

NEW THIS QUADRENNIUM

- Dialog Series—1972
- Probe—1974
- Middler Curriculum—1975



NEW BOOKS FROM OUR DEPARTMENT

- Because God Made Me, by Elizabeth B. Jones
- Bus Ministry Manual, by Harold C. Davis
- Vacation Bible School and Exciting Summer Ministry Options, by Jeannette and Melton Wienecke
- Helping Senior Highs Learn, by Roy F. Lynn
- How to Teach Adults Without Really Suffering, edited by Wesley Tracy
- Teaching Today's Junior Highs, by Donald G. Whitlock
- The Best of Discoveries, compiled by Ruth Henck
- The Christian Family: Love in All Dimensions, edited by John Nielson
- That's Enough for Me (a junior fellowship book), by Ethel Bailey

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION & THE M

BRITISH ISLES NAZARENE COLLEGE

Manchester, England

Dr. Hugh Rae
President



BETHANY NAZARENE COLLEGE

Bethany, Oklahoma

Dr. Stephen W. Nease
President



CANADIAN NAZARENE COLLEGE

Winnipeg, Manitoba

Dr. Ronald F. Gray
President



NAZARENE HIGHER EDUCATION

Twelve institutions of higher education are affiliated with the Department of Education and the Ministry.

EASTERN NAZARENE COLLEGE

Quincy, Massachusetts

Dr. Donald Irwin
President



MID-AMERICA NAZARENE COLLEGE

Olathe, Kansas

Dr. Curtis Smith
President



MOUNT VERNON NAZARENE COLLEGE

Mount Vernon, Ohio

Dr. L. Guy Nees
President





EDWARD S. MANN



NAZARENE BIBLE COLLEGE

Colorado Springs, Colorado
Dr. Leonard S. Oliver
President



NAZARENE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Kansas City, Missouri
Dr. William M. Greathouse
President

Nazarene Theological Seminary and the eight liberal arts colleges are all fully accredited by their respective accrediting associations.



NORTHWEST NAZARENE COLLEGE

Nampa, Idaho
Dr. Kenneth H. Pearsall
President

Mid-America Nazarene College and Mount Vernon Nazarene College were accredited in March, 1974, in the least number of years in which a college can attain accreditation.



OLIVET NAZARENE COLLEGE

Kankakee, Illinois
Dr. Leslie Parrott
President

During the quadrennium, Canadian Nazarene College became an approved teaching center of the University of Manitoba.

In the fall of 1975, enrollment at Nazarene institutions of higher education reached an all-time high of 10,789, a 10 percent increase over the preceding year.



POINT LOMA COLLEGE

San Diego, California
Dr. W. Shelburne Brown
President

Approximately 600 highly trained educators are serving our institutions of higher education as administrators and faculty members.

Nazarene support of higher education in 1974-75 reached an all-time high of \$5,982,267—an average of \$13.22 for each church member.

Total church support of Nazarene higher education during the quadrennium amounted to \$20,980,945.

REBECCA NAZARENE COLLEGE

Chillicothe, Tennessee
Dr. Mark R. Moore
President

The assets of the 12 institutions affiliated with the Department of Education and the Ministry totals \$102,808,139, with a net worth of \$50,950,926.

THE QUADRENNIAL STORY

1972-75

Total credits awarded—270,610

Total CST sales—805,969

TEACHER
TRAINING

JUNIOR
CHURCHMAN

THE CST COMMISSION

The Christian Service Training work is inter-departmental and is guided by a Commission composed of the executives of the various departments of the General Board. The members of the CST Commission are:

Charles H. Strickland, *General Superintendent*
H. T. Reza, *Latin Division, Chairman*
Donald J. Gibson, *Evangelism*
Raymond W. Hum, *Home Missions*
Jerald D. Johnson, *World Missions*
Wanda Knox, *NWMS*
M. A. Lunn, *Nazarene Publishing House*
Melvin McCullough, *Youth*
Edward S. Mann, *Education*
Donald S. Metz, *Church Schools*

SUNDAY SCHOOL
ADMINISTRATION

CHURCHMANSHIP

HOME STUDY

"SEARCH
THE
SCRIPTURES"

READING
CERTIFICATE

PREPARE
TO SHARE

OFFICE STAFF

Earl C. Wolf, Executive Director

Sylvia Frank, Office Manager

Secretaries: Jeanne Bailey, Connie Cochran, Cathy
Glinn, Pamela Taylor, and Karen Turner

Home Study Graders: Aletha Miller, Edith Rice, and
Mildred Wolf



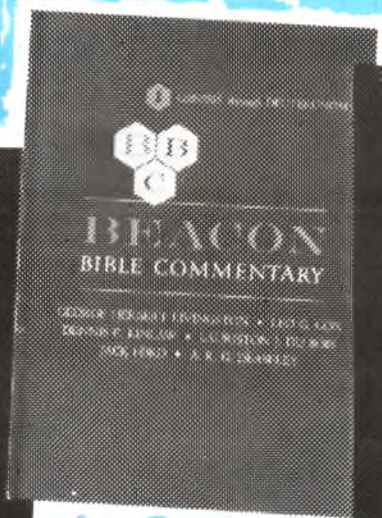
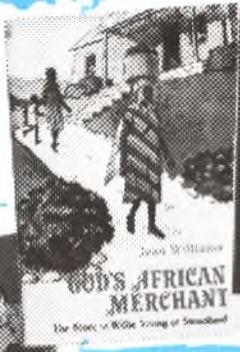
"COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLICATIONS"

"By All Means Save Some"

Printed, radio, and visual instruments are tools to be utilized in lifting up Christ.

The Nazarene Publishing House, Latin Publications, and the Communications Commission continue to use these means in spreading the good news of God's love.

DEPARTMENT



OF PUBLICATION & THE NAZARENE PUBLISHING HOUSE

The Church of the Nazarene has not been unmindful of the importance of printer's ink. When the church was formed at Pilot Point in 1908, one of the first concerns was to establish a publishing house to publish a church paper and to print periodicals for use in our Sunday schools and books for the edification and guidance of our people.



Your Publishing House intends, under the direction of the Holy Spirit, to be faithful to the teachings of God's Word and the principles and practices which have characterized the church since its inception of its ministry by the printed page.

INTERNATIONAL PUBLICATIONS BOARD

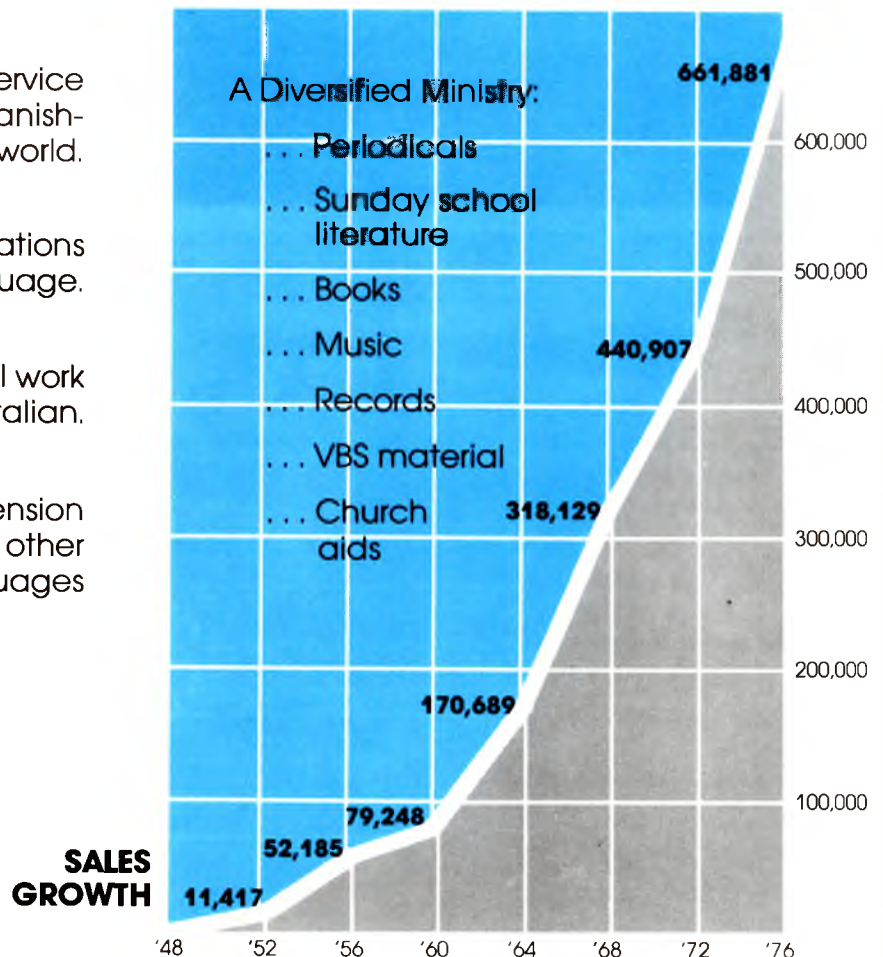
—satisfying the spiritual thirst of the Spanish, Portuguese, and Italian world through the media of the printed and audio word.

30 years of service to the Spanish-speaking world.

4 years of publications in the Portuguese language.

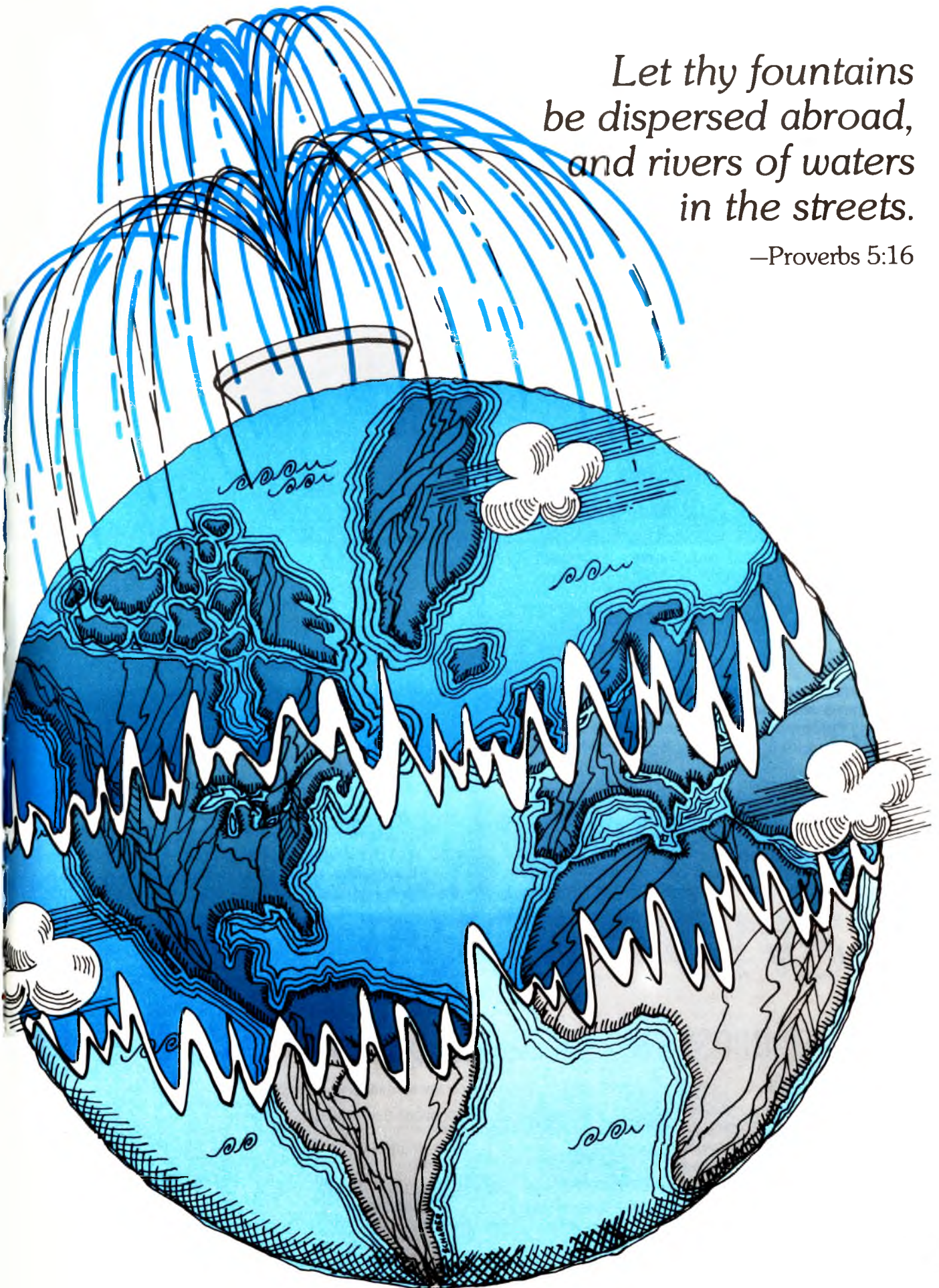
Initial work begun in Italian.

Plans for extension into other Latin languages



*Let thy fountains
be dispersed abroad,
and rivers of waters
in the streets.*

—Proverbs 5:16



NAZARENE COMMUNICATIONS COMM



Nazarene Information Service, under the direction of **T. E. Martin** (left), includes the print media and the 24-hour call-in phone news. Director of Photography **Dave Anderson** (below) is responsible for filmstrips and all other still photo productions.



WITH AN EXECUTIVE AND STAFF dedicated to delivering the denomination's message of full salvation, Nazarene Communications works with each of the General Board departments to produce films, filmstrips, slide productions, recordings, videotapes, news releases, and the other tools so vital in reaching the contemporary world. The media produced has communicated in English, Spanish, Portuguese, and French.

The Communications Commission, advisory group to the Department of Communications, is composed of General Secretary B. Edgar Johnson; executive secretaries Jerald Johnson, Raymond Hum, Donald Gibson, M. A. Lunn; and General Board members Bennett Dudney (*secretary*), C. William Ellwanger (*chairman*),

Film and recording studios have become a natural habitat for Nazarene Communications. Executive Director **Paul Sk**

Jack Morris, Morris Wilson, and General Superintendent sponsor Eugene L. Stowe.

Dr. Ted Martin, director of Nazarene Information Service and "Showers of Blessing" speaker, has summed up the stance of Nazarene Communications in this way:

"The electronic breakthroughs that multiply by the day are challenges to the church. Using them, we must portray the gospel which brings men to see Jesus, the Man for today."

SHOWERS OF BLESSING" ● TELEVISION ● MOTION PICTURES ● N



The challenge of television is one of the assignments for **Mel Schroeder** (left photo), director of media research and utilization. In cooperation with CST, six 30-minute video cassette installments of two texts have been produced. The production shot above shows a panel discussing Samuel Young's (left) **Giving and Living**. CST Director Earl Wolf (right) and resource person Howard Hamlin (second from right) join moderator Paul Miller in conversation.

NAZARENE **NC** 

COMMUNICATIONS

FILMSTRIPS • NARF • VIDEO CASSETTES • EXPERIMENTAL MEDIA



Ray Hendrix (far left) is director of Latin Language Communication Media. His work relates to Spanish, Portuguese, and French radio and TV, and the development of audiovisuals. Writing and direction for films and radio is **Paul Miller's** (left) assignment. His voice is heard each week as the "Showers of Blessing" announcer.



The "Showers of Blessing" ministry commands the talents of engineer-music director **Gary Moore** (left). He is also the program's baritone soloist. **Ted Martin** (center) became the preaching voice of "Showers" in 1975 following **William Fisher's** (right) eight years of ministry.



A secretarial staff of six keeps office operations in motion. Pictured to the left are (left to right) **Mary Alice Medley, Clara Rogers, Lucille Hudson, Sandi Miller, Mary Orjala, and Betty Zurcher.**



French, Spanish, and Portuguese radio are represented by speakers (left to right) French-Canadian **Adrien Robichaud**; Latin American "Ambassador" **H. T. Reza**; and Cape Verdian **Jorge de Barros**. **Serge LaPalme** preaches for the Canadian French broadcast.

NAZARENE COMMUNICATIONS SUMMARY MEDIA RELEASED 1972-76

- 10 16-mm. films
 - 15 sound filmstrips
 - 4 multiscreen slide programs
 - 7 slide programs
 - 21 30-minute complete video cassette productions
 - 4 30-second TV spots
 - 1 30-minute TV special: "My Little Corner of the World"
 - 6 30-second radio spots
 - 150 audio cassette productions
- "Showers of Blessing" program is heard on 608 stations
 "La Hora Nazarena" (Spanish) is heard on 552 stations
 "A Hora Nazarena" (Portuguese) is heard on 57 stations
 "L'Heure du Nazaréen" (French-Haiti) is heard on 11 stations
 "L'Heure du Nazaréen" (French-Canada) is heard on 5 stations
- 5 Spanish radio spots
 - 6 French radio spots
 - 1 Spanish 30-minute TV special: "La Hora Nazarena"

- 2 Spanish personal evangelism lesson tapes
- 12 Spanish 5-minute Bible studies
- 6 Spanish 5-minute experimental radio programs

PLANS OF THE NEW QUADRENNIUM

- ★ Produce television specials
- ★ Experiment in additional radio formats
- ★ Produce video cassettes to enhance curriculum and study materials produced by CST, Youth, Church Schools, and other departments
- ★ Upgrade 16-mm. motion picture and filmstrip production.
- ★ Provide church news and information by innovative methods that will shorten the span between an event and its reporting.
- ★ Make the local church more aware of media opportunities and possibilities at their disposal.
- ★ Discover more creative methods to communicate the Good News.
- ★ More closely align itself with the media needs of the local church through district directors who represent all church interests.
- ★ Further develop and encourage indigenous radio ministries in Italian, Korean, and major African languages.



The many services of Nazarene Communications include film previews (left) for editors and church leaders, as well as the production of audiovisual materials for lectures and workshops.





"STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE"

Christ is exalted by the proper use of our time, talent, and treasure. Accountability is big in Kingdom business.

The office of the General Treasurer, the General Stewardship Commission, the Department of Pensions and Benevolence, and the Division of Life Income Gifts and Bequests assist in preparing us to give an account to our Lord at the Last Day.

OFFICE OF

As custodian of all funds of the general church, the General Treasurer receives and disburses approximately \$20 million annually in funds used for the work of the general church around the world and, in cooperation with the Investment Committee of the General Board, supervises the investment of trust and reserve funds. An audited financial report is presented annually to the General Board and every four years to the General Assembly.



NORMAN O. MILLER
General Treasurer

REMITTANCE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: NORMAN O. MILLER, GENERAL TREASURER
 FORM MAIL TO: 6401 THE PASEO, KANSAS CITY, MO 64131
 PHONE (816) 333-7000

SEE BACK SIDE OF YOUR COPY FOR INSTRUCTIONS.

CHURCH NAME _____ DISTRICT & CHURCH NO. _____ DATE _____ ASSEMBLY YEAR TO BE CREDITED _____
(CIRCLE YEAR) **IMPORTANT**

GENERAL BUDGET **MISSIONS SPECIALS** ← CIRCLE YEAR

CHURCH ONLY CREDIT:

EASTER _____ (11)

THANKSGIVING _____ (21)

OTHER CHURCH (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) _____ (10)

NYPs CREDIT _____ (20)

NWMS CREDIT:

EASTER _____ (31)

THANKSGIVING _____ (32)

OTHER NWMS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) _____ (30)

NWMS PRAYER & SELF-DENIAL _____ (40)

TOTAL GENERAL BUDGET _____

PENSIONS AND BENEVOLENCE

PENSIONS & BENEVOLENCE BUDGET _____ (60)

OTHER

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY OFFERING #413 00-5(70) _____

NON-TEN PERCENT CREDIT:

DUTY MONEY (NAME MISSIONARIES & FIELDS) _____ (56)

TEN PERCENT CREDIT:

ALABASTER _____ 8010 02 1 _____ (57)

MISSIONARY RADIO _____ 8010 18 3 _____ (53)
(Formerly Special Broadcast)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL _____ 8010 37 3 _____ (54)

OTHER TEN PERCENT (SEE INSTRUCTIONS FOR TEN PERCENT DETERMINATION)

SE ONLY _____

BELOW _____

TOTAL REMITTANCE ENCLOSED _____

RECEIPT WILL BE SENT TO: _____



Remittances from local churches are checked in the Accounting Division of the General Treasurer's Office. The remittance forms are then delivered to the computer room for processing.

GENERAL STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION

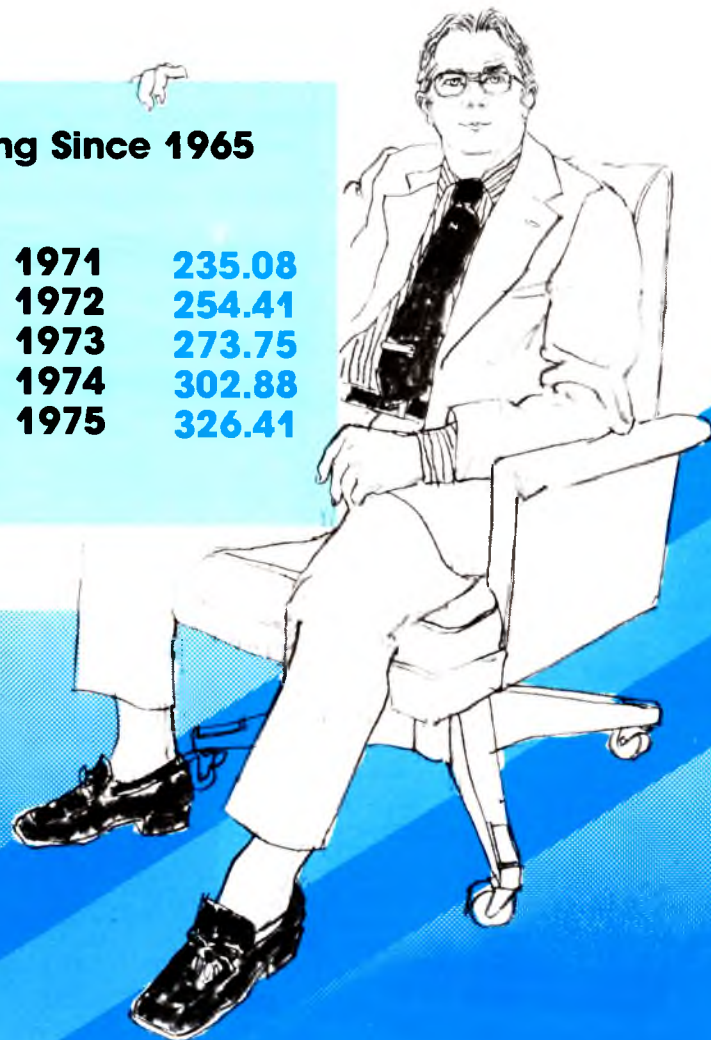
Stewardship involves more than money—much more. And the General Stewardship Commission is concerned about more than raising budgets. Its purpose is to promote the many aspects of Christian stewardship—including such concerns as proper use of our time, environment, intelligence, and, of course, financial resources.

The Commission emphasizes Christian stewardship through books, periodicals, program materials, tracts, and an annual Stewardship Kit for

pastors. Membership in the Commission includes representatives of all departments and interests of the denomination. Each year the Commission plans publicity for the major offerings for world evangelization and provides continuing emphasis on the many stewardship responsibilities that we all carry.

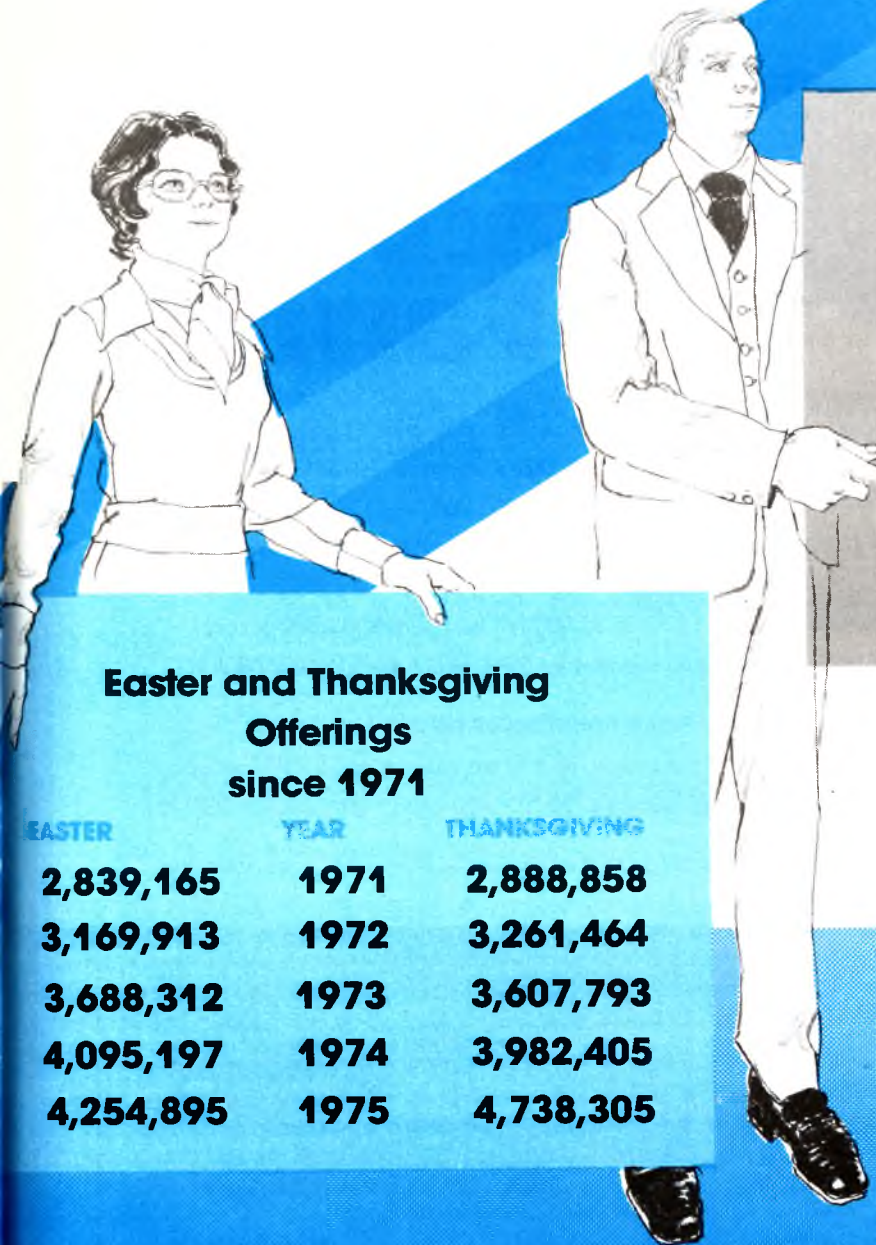
Per Capita Giving Since 1965

YEAR	PER CAPITA GIVING		
1965	\$168.33	1971	235.08
1966	179.70	1972	254.41
1967	190.13	1973	273.75
1968	203.02	1974	302.88
1969	213.26	1975	326.41
1970	221.35		





GENERAL STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION



Congratulations to these churches which have been 10 percent givers for 25 or more consecutive years, including the 1974-75 church year:

- | | |
|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Alexandria, Ind. | Kansas City First, Mo. |
| Anderson First, Ind. | Marion First, Ohio |
| Beardstown, Ill. | Monongahela, Pa. |
| Bethel, Ill. | Mount Hope, Ind. |
| Britt Zion, Ia. | Nampa First, Ida. |
| Chattanooga First, Tenn. | New Brighton, Pa. |
| Columbiana, Ohio | New Rockford, N.D. |
| Council Bluffs First, Ia. | Sublette, Kans. |
| Elkhart First, Ind. | Warren First, Ohio |
| Harris Chapel, Ind. | Winchester, Ind. |

Easter and Thanksgiving Offerings since 1971

EASTER	YEAR	THANKSGIVING
2,839,165	1971	2,888,858
3,169,913	1972	3,261,464
3,688,312	1973	3,607,793
4,095,197	1974	3,982,405
4,254,895	1975	4,738,305

Members of the General Stewardship Commission:

Charles H. Strickland
—General Superintendent Sponsor

- Robert Crew
- Donald J. Gibson
- Raymond Hurn
- B. Edgar Johnson
- Jerald D. Johnson
- John A. Knight
- Wanda Knox
- M. A. Lunn
- Edward S. Mann
- Ted Martin
- Melvin McCullough
- Donald S. Metz
- Norman O. Miller
- H. T. Reza
- Kenneth S. Rice
- Paul Skiles
- Dean Wessels
- Earl C. Wolf

- Members-at-large*
- Paul Cunningham
 - James Ingalls
 - Milton Parrish

Office staff of the General Stewardship Commission

- Earl C. Wolf, *Executive Director*
- Karen Turner, *Office Secretary*
- Donald Wilde, *Office Assistant*



*benefiting the
Pastoral Family*

20 years of progress for the Minister & Family

- MINISTERS BECOME ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN SOCIAL SECURITY (1955).
- PRIMARY GROUP TERM LIFE INSURANCE BEGINS FOR MINISTERS PARTICIPATING IN SOCIAL SECURITY. COVERAGE: \$1,000, REDUCED TO \$500 AT 65.
- Maximum allowable NMBF benefit: Couple, \$600 per year; widow, \$360 per year.

- 1956** • NMBF monthly benefit increases: New maximum for a couple, \$900 per year; widow, \$540 per year.
- 1957** • NMBF monthly benefit increases: New maximum for a couple, \$1,200 per year; widow, \$800 per year.
- 1960** • NMBF monthly benefit increases: New maximum for a couple, \$1,800 per year; widow, \$1,200 per year.
- 1962** • SUPPLEMENTAL GROUP TERM LIFE INSURANCE PROGRAM INITIATED: MAXIMUM COVERAGE, \$4,000.
 - Primary Group Term Life Insurance coverage for ministers over 65 raised from \$500 to \$1,000.
 - NMBF monthly benefit increases: New maximum for a couple, \$2,100 per year; widow, \$1,500 per year
- 1963** • SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT PROGRAM (*TAX-SHELTERED ANNUITY*) INAUGURATED: 4 PERCENT INTEREST ANNUALLY.
 - Extreme Emergency Medical Assistance initiated: 50 percent of all over \$1,000 out-of-pocket expense, not to exceed \$1,000.
- 1964** • Supplemental Retirement Program (*Tax-sheltered Annuity*) rate of interest increases from 4 to 4¼ percent annually.
 - NMBF monthly benefit increases: New maximum for a couple, \$2,400 per year; widow, \$1,800 per year.
 - Emergency Medical Assistance increases from \$300 to \$500.
- 1965** • The Double Coverage benefit added to Primary Group Term Life Insurance on districts reaching 90 percent of their NMBF budget.
- 1967** • Supplemental Retirement Program (*Tax-sheltered Annuity*) rate of interest increases from 4¼ to 4½ percent annually.
 - Supplemental Retirement Program (*Tax-sheltered Annuity*) rate of interest increases from 4½ to 4¾ percent annually.
 - Supplemental Group Term Life Insurance maximum coverage raised from \$4,000 to \$5,000.
- 1968** • ALL MINISTERS MUST AUTOMATICALLY PARTICIPATE IN SOCIAL SECURITY.
 - NMBF monthly benefit increases: New maximum for a couple, \$2,700 per year; widow, \$1,920 per year.
- 1969** • Supplemental Retirement Program (*Tax-sheltered Annuity*) rate of interest increases from 4¾ to 5 percent annually.
- 1970** • Supplemental Retirement Program (*Tax-sheltered Annuity*) rate of interest increases from 5 to 5½ percent annually.
 - NMBF monthly benefit increases: New maximum for a couple, \$3,000 per year; widow, \$1,920 per year.
 - Supplemental Retirement Program (*Tax-sheltered Annuity*) deposits reach \$500,000.
 - Supplemental Group Term Life Insurance maximum coverage raised from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

MINISTERS' DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS



- 1971**
- "BASIC" PENSION INAUGURATED AT \$2.00 PER MONTH PER SERVICE YEAR—MAXIMUM \$80.00 FOR 40 YEARS OF SERVICE.
 - Supplemental Retirement Program (*Tax-sheltered Annuity*) rate of interest increases from 5½ to 6 percent annually.
- 1972**
- NAME OF DEPARTMENT OF MINISTERIAL BENEVOLENCE CHANGED TO DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND BENEVOLENCE.
 - Supplemental Retirement Program (*Tax-sheltered Annuity*) rate of interest increases from 6 to 6¼ percent annually.
 - "Basic" Pension increase from \$2.00 to \$2.50 per month per service year—maximum \$100 for 40 years.
 - Accidental Death and Dismemberment double indemnity added to the Primary Group Term Policy, the 90 percent Double Coverage clause, and the Supplemental Group Term Life Insurance Policy, with no additional costs to the minister.
- 1973**
- Supplemental Retirement Program (*Tax-sheltered Annuity*) deposits reach \$1 million.
 - Supplemental Retirement Program rate of interest increases from 6½ to 7 percent annually.
- 1974**
- Benevolence (NMBF) monthly benefit increases: New maximum for a couple, \$3,600 per year; widow, \$2,100 per year.
 - "Basic" Pension increases from \$2.50 to \$3.00 per month per service year—maximum \$120 for 40 years of service.
 - Supplemental Group Term Life Insurance maximum coverage raised from \$10,000 to \$15,000.
 - Supplemental Retirement Program (*Tax-sheltered Annuity*) interest rate increases from 7 to 7¼ percent annually.
- 1975**
- TEMPORARY MONTHLY DISABILITY BENEVOLENCE INITIATED FOR DISABLED MINISTERS WAITING FOR SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY.
 - ALL ORDAINED MINISTERS BECOME ELIGIBLE FOR PRIMARY GROUP TERM LIFE INSURANCE.
 - "BASIC" PENSION MINIMUM YEARS OF FULL-TIME SERVICE REDUCED FOR ELIGIBILITY, FROM 20 TO 15 YEARS.
 - "Basic" Pension increases from \$3.00 to \$3.50 per month per year of service—maximum \$140 for 40 years.
 - SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT PROGRAM (*TAX-SHELTERED ANNUITY*) DEPOSITS REACH \$2 MILLION.
- 1976**
- SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT PROGRAM (*TAX-SHELTERED ANNUITY*) INTEREST RATE INCREASES FROM 7¼ PERCENT TO 9 PERCENT ANNUALLY.
 - Supplemental Retirement Program (*Tax-sheltered Annuity*) deposits surpass \$3 million. □



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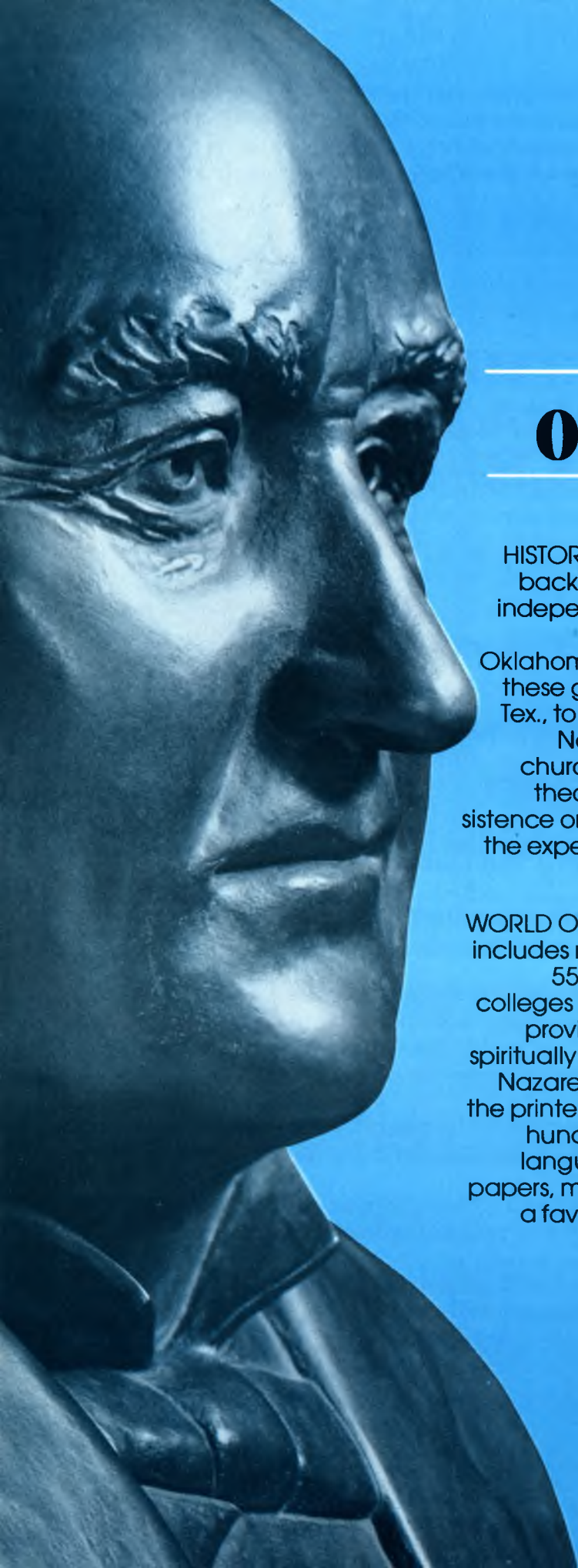
Recognizing that the right and privilege of persons to church membership rest upon the fact of their being regenerate, we would require only such avowals of belief as are essential to Christian experience. We, therefore, deem belief in the following brief statements to be sufficient:

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. . . in brief

- 1** That there is one God—the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- 2** That the Old and New Testament Scriptures, given by plenary inspiration, contain all truth necessary to faith and Christian living.
- 3** That man is born with a fallen nature, and is, therefore, inclined to evil, and that continually.
- 4** That the finally impenitent are hopelessly and eternally lost.
- 5** That the atonement through Jesus Christ is for the whole human race; and that whosoever repents and believes on the Lord Jesus Christ is justified and regenerated and saved from the dominion of sin.
- 6** That believers are to be sanctified wholly, subsequent to regeneration, through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 7** That the Holy Spirit bears witness to the new birth, and also to the entire sanctification of believers.
- 8** That our Lord will return, the dead will be raised, and the final judgment will take place.

—Manual, Church of the Nazarene



The Church of the Nazarene

HISTORICALLY, THE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE dates back to the turn of the present century when three independent holiness groups sprang up: one in New England; one in California; and one in Texas, Oklahoma, and Tennessee. In 1908, representatives of these groups met in General Assembly at Pilot Point, Tex., to form what is now known as the Church of the Nazarene. United in faith and practice, the 228 churches which comprised this union followed the theological persuasion of John Wesley with his insistence on vital Christian experience and emphasizing the experience of entire sanctification or perfect love.

WORLD OUTREACH FOR THE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE includes more than 6,700 established churches in over 55 world areas. Forty-three Nazarene liberal arts colleges and Bible colleges and a graduate seminary provide training centers where quality education, spiritually motivated, keeps eternal values in focus. The Nazarene Publishing House proclaims the gospel by the printed page. Our radio broadcasts are heard over hundreds of stations in English, Spanish, and other languages. Press evangelism, as reported in newspapers, magazines, and local releases, helps to create a favorable climate for the full-salvation message.



Lifting up the Lifting Christ

AMONG THE RELIGIONS of the world, Christianity is distinguished, among other things, by the fact that its God *reaches down* to man in order to *lift* man up.

Other religions arise *out of* history, expressions of man's eternal quest for God. They rely on works, ritual, abstinence. But the Christ of Christian faith comes *into* history from outside it. By faith in Him one is lifted to a new level of life.

Technically, then, Christianity is not a religion at all. It is a *revelation*, for in Christ God comes to man. Paul compressed this profound truth into a single sentence: "God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself."

The late General Superintendent J. B. Chapman wrote of a former devotee of a non-Christian religion who likened his past sinful plight to being in a deep pit. One came and stood on the ground above and said, "The fact that you are suffering where you are proves you are a sinner. When you have suffered sufficiently and patiently, perhaps you will find your way out of the pit."

Another came, an emissary of salvation by merit, and said, "Your trouble arises out of your struggling. Renunciation of yourself will at last make you worthy to be rescued from the pit. By this means you will be absorbed back into the great World-spirit."

But then came Christ, who with compassion looked into the pit and invited the incarcerated soul to come to Him and find rest. His words would have been mockery had they not been accompanied by His hand that reached down to raise the helpless one.

This graphic description dramatizes the distinction between Christianity and men's religions. Lifting is not strange to Christian faith. Christ came to elevate men out of their sins.

In fact, everything Jesus touched, He lifted. He elevated women to a new level of significance and status in society. He transformed the family and home by His own personal life. He redirected governments and history by His teachings.

The lifting power of God is seen supremely in the resurrection of our Lord. God raised Him from the dead and exalted Him, giving Him a name that is above every name. That same power raises the believer from the grave of trespasses and sins.

If the Father exalted Jesus, His lifted children are expected to do so. But lifting up Christ is a divine work, the work of the Holy Spirit.

We cannot lift up Christ with mere human resolve or endeavor. It is God by His Spirit who does the lifting. "Now I will rise, saith the Lord; now will I be exalted; now will I lift up myself" (Isaiah 33:10).

Lifting up Christ must be more than a slogan, a program, or a theme. It must be a way of life, the activity of the Spirit in the Church.

A Church lifts Christ as those who make up the Church are filled with His Spirit, for the Spirit exalts Christ.

Isaiah declared how this exaltation is accomplished. "The Lord of hosts shall be exalted in judgment, and God that is holy shall be sanctified in righteousness" (Isaiah 5:16). The exaltation of the Lord results from a demonstration of righteous conduct.

Christ is lifted in us when our praises, our proclamation, our purposes, our plans, our pleasures are controlled by His Spirit. If men see Christ, they will see Him in lives which exalt Him.

While unveiling or exalting Christ is the work of the Spirit, it is our task also. The beauty of Jesus must be made evident to men who are accustomed to the ugly.

As a jeweler holds up a diamond and turns it round and round so that it may be viewed in all its radiance, so by Christ's Spirit we are to lift up every facet of Christ's redemptive work—Saviour of men, Lord of life, Sanctifier, Guide, Healer, Companion, and coming King.

Though man's sight is impaired by sin, we must yet point him to the exalted Lord. Men are nearsighted. They see only themselves. But through the spectacles of God's Word and righteous living, they may be enabled to see the Christ.

By the Spirit the Church proclaims the *lifting* character of the gospel. Paul experienced it and declared, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth . . ."

In our kind of sinful world our exalted, lifting Lord is like a Rembrandt portrait—"a bright light shining out of a dark background." □

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