

USA/CANADA NYI REGIONAL MINISTRY PLAN

I. Ministries

Section 1 – Evangelism

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

Section 2 – Discipleship

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

Section 3 – Leadership Development

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

II. Membership and Ministry Focus

Section 1 – Composition and Accountability

1. All local NYI groups, District and Field NYI ministries, and their members within the boundaries of the United States and Canada form the USA/Canada Nazarene Youth International (NYI).
2. The USA/Canada NYI is accountable to its membership, the USA/Canada Regional Youth Coordinator, the USA/Canada Regional Director, the Global NYI Director, the Global NYI Council, and the responsible General Superintendent for NYI.
3. The USA/Canada NYI reports annually to the Global NYI Council, and the USA/Canada NYI Caucus at the Global NYI Convention.
4. The USA/Canada Regional Youth Coordinator is responsible for general coordination and supervision for the development of youth ministry for the Church of the Nazarene throughout the United States and Canada.
5. NYI offices around the United States and Canada work together with the USA/Canada NYI Council for the effective implementation of youth ministry for the Church of the Nazarene.

Section 2 – Ministry Focus

1. The ministry focus of the USA/Canada Nazarene Youth International is to youth ages 12 and older, college/university students, and young adults. Field, District, and local NYI Councils may modify the ministry focus as seen fit, consistent with the ministry plan for that level.
2. For the purposes of representation and programming, the USA/Canada NYI Council establishes three divisions — early youth, senior youth, and college/university/young adult — in order to provide effective youth ministry throughout the United States and Canada.

III. Leadership

Section 1 – Officers

1. The elected officers of the USA/Canada NYI Council are a chairman, vice chairman, and secretary. Along with the USA/Canada Regional Youth Coordinator, these officers serve as the Executive Committee.
2. USA/Canada NYI officers must reside on and be members of NYI and the Church of the Nazarene within the bounds of the United States and Canada, be active in youth ministry, and be leaders in personal example and ministry.
3. USA/Canada NYI officers serve without salary. Financing for the administrative expenses of USA/Canada NYI officers is allocated as a part of NYI funds.

Section 2 – Elections

1. USA/Canada NYI Council officers are elected from among the USA/Canada Field Youth Coordinators by the USA/Canada Field Youth Coordinators at a special meeting at the Global NYI Convention. Officers may serve from the close of the Global NYI Convention to the close of the following Global NYI Convention.
2. A vacancy occurs when an officer moves his/her membership outside the boundaries of the United States or Canada, resigns their position, ceases to serve as a Field Youth Coordinator, or is removed from office by two-thirds vote of the USA/Canada NYI Council due to neglect of duties or inappropriate conduct. In the case of a vacancy among the USA/Canada NYI officers, the USA/Canada NYI Council fills the vacancy by two-thirds vote if there is one nominee or by majority vote if two or more nominees. In the case of an officer being elected by the USA/Canada NYI Council between Global NYI Conventions, he/she may be re-elected as an incumbent on a yes/no ballot at the special meeting of USA/Canada Field Youth Coordinator at the next Global NYI Convention.

3. The USA/Canada NYI Council will elect USA/Canada representation to the Global NYI Council. This representation will be reviewed annually at the USA/Canada NYI Council Meeting.

Section 3 – Responsibilities

1. 1. The responsibilities of the USA/Canada NYI Chairman include:
 - a. a. Giving leadership and direction to the USA/Canada NYI, working in cooperation with local, District, Field, and Global NYI.
 - b. b. Chairing the USA/Canada NYI Council, in cooperation with the USA/Canada Regional Youth Coordinator, to cast a vision for youth ministry in the United States and Canada.
 - c. c. Facilitating the development of youth ministry in the United States and Canada and working with the USA/Canada NYI Council to define the ministry focus according to needs.
 - d. d. Presiding over the USA/Canada Caucus at the Global NYI Convention.
 - e. e. Encouraging the development of NYI ministry on each field within the United States and Canada.
 - f. f. Representing the interests of USA/Canada NYI on appropriate boards and committees.
 - g. g. Submitting an annual report to the USA/Canada NYI Council, USA/Canada Regional Youth Coordinator, and Global NYI Director.
 - h. h. Recommending an annual budget to the USA/Canada NYI Council, USA/Canada Regional Youth Coordinator, and Global NYI Director.
 - i. i. Serving as a liaison between the USA/Canada NYI and Nazarene institutions of higher education within the United States and Canada to promote communication, cooperation, and ministry partnership.
- j. 2. The responsibilities of the USA/Canada NYI officers include:
 - k. a. Distributing the following responsibilities to insure accountability and effectiveness:
 - i. i. Keeping a correct record of all meetings of the USA/Canada NYI Council and attending to all matters of correspondence for the USA/Canada NYI.
 - ii. ii. Disbursing, receiving, and keeping records of USA/Canada NYI funds, according to Global NYI Council, General Board, and USA/Canada NYI office policies.
 - iii. iii. Assisting the chairman and USA/Canada Regional Youth Coordinator in compiling an annual financial report of all monies raised and disbursed to submit to the Global NYI Council and other appropriate bodies.

- iv. iv. Working with the chairman and USA/Canada Regional Youth Coordinator to create an annual budget to present to the USA/Canada NYI Council and Global NYI Director.
- v.v. Notifying the Global NYI Office and USA/Canada NYI office of the names and addresses of the various USA/Canada NYI officers and ministry directors as soon as possible after election or appointment.
- I. b. Cooperating with the chairman and USA/Canada Regional Youth Coordinator in every way possible to facilitate youth ministry within the United States and Canada.
- m. c. Carrying out other duties as assigned by the USA/Canada NYI Council, the USA/Canada Regional Youth Coordinator, or the USA/Canada NYI Caucus.

Section 4 – Paid Staff

- III. 1. When the USA/Canada NYI employs a USA/Canada Regional Youth Coordinator, the USA/Canada Regional Youth Coordinator may carry out some of the duties otherwise designated to the USA/Canada Chairman or other officers. However, the importance of the USA/Canada NYI Council and officers remains, in providing additional leadership, support, and representation for USA/Canada youth ministry. The USA/Canada NYI Council and USA/Canada Regional Youth Coordinator work together for the benefit of the USA/Canada youth ministry.
- IV. 2. The USA/Canada Regional Youth Coordinator may not serve as chairman for the USA/Canada NYI Council.
- V. 3. The USA/Canada Regional Youth Coordinator serves as *ex officio* on the USA/Canada NYI Council and the Executive Committee.
- VI. 4. The USA/Canada Regional Youth Coordinator may serve as the USA/Canada's designee for NYI related responsibilities.
- VII.5. In addition to any paid staff, the members of the USA/Canada NYI Council serve as unpaid staff for the USA/Canada NYI office. Council members may be asked for a time commitment of 30 to 50 hours per year.

IV. Council

Section 1 – Composition

- a. 1. The USA/Canada NYI Council consists of all Field Youth Coordinators from the United States and Canada, the USA/Canada Regional Youth Coordinator, the Global NYI Director, and ministry leaders as deemed necessary by the USA/Canada NYI Council.

- b. 2. All USA/Canada NYI Council members must be members of NYI and the Church of the Nazarene.

Section 2 – Elections

- a. 1. Field Youth Coordinators are elected at their Field Caucuses according to their Field Ministry Plan.
- b. 2. A vacancy occurs when a member moves his/her membership from the United States or Canada, resigns, or is removed from office by two-thirds vote of the USA/Canada NYI Council due to neglect of duties or inappropriate conduct.

Section 3 – Responsibilities

- a. 1. The USA/Canada NYI Council, in collaboration with the USA/Canada Regional Youth Coordinator, establishes procedures for USA/Canada NYI programs and events and gives direction and support to the development of youth ministry resources for local, District, and Field NYI, subject to the approval of the Global NYI Director. These NYI ministry programs, events, and resources designed to reach young people for Christ and respond to their spiritual growth needs are facilitated through the USA/Canada Regional Youth Coordinator and NYI leadership throughout the United States and Canada. The overall goal is to build an effective and positive partnership with the USA/Canada NYI office to accomplish the guiding principles of the NYI Charter.
- b. 2. The USA/Canada NYI Council provides a forum for the support and development of effective youth ministry programs, events, and resources consistent with the mission and vision of NYI.
- c. 3. The USA/Canada NYI Council assists in the planning and administration of the Nazarene Youth Conference for the USA/Canada NYI.
- d. 4. The USA/Canada NYI Council assists in the planning and administration of the annual District Leadership Conference for the USA/Canada NYI leaders.
- e. 5. The USA/Canada NYI Council reviews the annual budget and expenditures of the USA/Canada NYI Office.
- f. 6. The USA/Canada NYI Council reviews the expenditure of funds provided through NYI events and partnerships subject to the approval of the Global NYI Director.

Section 4 – Committees

- a. 1. The USA/Canada Executive Committee consists of the elected USA/Canada NYI officers and the USA/Canada Regional Youth Coordinator. The Executive Committee may conduct the business of the USA/Canada NYI Council when it is impractical or impossible to convene the entire Council. All actions of the Executive Committee are communicated to the remaining members of the Council and are subject to approval of the entire Council at its next meeting.

- b. 2. The USA/Canada NYI Council may establish specific ministry committees in response to organizational needs.

Section 5 – Meetings

1. 1. The USA/Canada NYI Council meets annually to plan collaborative ministries and special events and to develop youth ministry resources for the United States and Canada, in consultation with and facilitated through the NYI staff designated to serve the United States and Canada.
2. 2. Additional meetings (including by electronic means) may be scheduled by the USA/Canada Regional Youth Coordinator, USA/Canada Chairman, or the Global NYI Director.

Section 6 – Caucus

- a. 1. The USA/Canada NYI Caucus is convened during the Global NYI Convention. The Caucus provides for inspirational sessions and programs to advance youth ministry throughout the United States and Canada. Reports are received and any legislative business pertaining to the work of NYI in the USA and Canada is transacted at the Caucus.
- b. 2. The USA/Canada NYI Council, in cooperation with the Global NYI Director, arranges for and oversees the USA/Canada NYI Caucus.
- c. 3. The USA/Canada NYI Caucus is composed of the members of the USA/Canada NYI Council, the USA/Canada Regional Youth Coordinator, and all delegates from the United States and Canada to the Global NYI Convention who are elected, consistent with the Global Ministry Plan.
- d. 4. The Caucus convenes during the Global NYI Convention at a time and place designated by the Global NYI Director. When approved by the USA/Canada NYI Council, the USA/Canada Regional Youth Coordinator, and the Global NYI Director, a Caucus may be convened by postal or electronic means within six months prior to the Global NYI Convention in order to conduct USA/Canada NYI business when circumstances prohibit a majority of elected delegates from attending the Global NYI Convention.
- e. 5. Due to the multi-field status of the USA/Canada NYI, this Caucus is in addition to the Field Caucuses according to the Field Ministry Plan.

V. Revisions

Section 1 – Provisions

- a. 1. The USA/Canada NYI Ministry Plan provides the standard format for the organization, function, and leadership of NYI for the world region of USA/Canada. This

ministry plan may be adapted or revised in response to youth ministry needs, consistent with the Nazarene Youth International Charter and *Manual* of the Church of the Nazarene.

- b. 2. Any area not covered by this ministry plan is under the authority of the USA/Canada NYI Council.

Section 2 – Process

- a. 1. The USA/Canada NYI Council, in cooperation with the USA/Canada Regional Youth Coordinator, establishes and publicizes the process for adapting and revising the USA/Canada NYI Ministry Plan and must approve proposed revisions prior to their being brought to the USA/Canada NYI Caucus.
- b. 2. Proposed revisions to the USA/Canada NYI Ministry Plan must be distributed in written form to Field NYI Councils prior to the USA/Canada NYI Caucus at the Global NYI Convention.
- c. 3. Revisions must be approved by a two-thirds vote of all delegates and members present and voting at the USA/Canada NYI Caucus and are subject to the approval of the USA/Canada Regional Youth Coordinator and Global NYI Council.
- d. 4. All changes in the USA/Canada Ministry Plan become effective no later than 90 days following the Global NYI Convention. The revised document must be distributed in written form prior to taking effect.