

UCNYI RESOURCES

Global NYI Convention Guide

Global NYI Convention takes place just prior to the General Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene every four years. This gathering is significant and special as it is the opportunity for NYI members to help the Church of the Nazarene be more effective in reaching young people for Christ, equipping them through discipleship, and empowering them into ministry. You know these ideas as our BE (evangelism), DO (discipleship), and GO (leadership development) strategies. The district NYI president serves in an important role to help the convention be successful with NYI participation from each district.

The Church of the Nazarene continues to grow and expand with 450+ districts representing 30,574 churches in 162 world areas. We have become an international church with an increasing potential to make a difference in the lives of youth. Therefore, the Global NYI Convention is an important time for around 1000 NYI leaders and delegates to gather to share, connect, learn, and pray.

In order to accommodate the various realities of our constituency around the globe, **the 25th Global NYI Convention in June 2023 will be structured as follows:**

Part/Session 1: June 3-4, 2023 – online format (delegate orientation, reports, caucuses)

Part/Session 2: June 9-12, 2023 – hybrid format (business meetings in-person in Indianapolis, USA, and online for those who are not able to travel to Indianapolis)

Our hope is that this structure will allow the greatest number of participants to take part in the fellowship and legislative proceedings of the NYI Convention. All delegates will be fully able to participate in the Global NYI Convention, whether they are participating virtually or in-person

CONVENTION ELEMENTS

"The convention will include elements of worship from around the world, NYI business meetings and voting, region/field caucus gatherings, delegate (pastor, layperson, youth) caucus connections, inspirational messages and times of corporate prayer. You will also be inspired by ministry highlights and reports from around the world and vision casting of the future of NYI and initiatives to keep us moving forward in our efforts to BE (evangelism), DO (discipleship), and GO (leadership development). Each evening will include a combined convention (NMI, SDMI, NYI) service with a message by one of our General Superintendents.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A DELEGATE?

Being selected as a delegate (pastor, layperson, or youth) is a great honor and responsibility as it means that you get to represent your district at the largest worldwide gathering of Nazarene youth and youth leaders that happens once every four years. During convention, you will have the opportunity to participate in live worship in other languages, cast votes and make decisions that will impact the future of NYI, and be inspired by stories from other Nazarene youth and leaders around the world. You will also meet delegates like you from around the globe and make connections that will inspire you to think globally and act locally as a part of the ever-growing NYI family worldwide.

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DISTRICT PRESIDENT PLANNING AND CONSIDERATIONS (based on attendance in Indianapolis)

Budget – Set aside annual district savings to cover expenses for DP and delegates. Be sure to communicate to delegates what expenses will or will not be covered by the district. It is customary for the district to cover all necessary expenses (travel, hotel, registration, meals) for delegates.

Non-delegate guests/family – Anyone can join the fun of convention week, however certain elements, meetings, seating and registration may be reserved for official delegates. Each district needs to determine and communicate expectations for non-delegate family/guests who wish to travel or stay with delegates. Clearly communicate ahead of time what portion of expenses must be covered by non-delegate guests/family and when the money is to be collected.

Travel – If flying across state/national borders with a minor (under 18) consider the potential need for documentation, and signed by parents/guardians, granting permission for the student to travel with the group (noting the name of the group leader, destination, timeframe and purpose of the convention, and parent/guardian contact info).

Housing – Official hotel information will be sent to your district office or may be available online. It is wise to secure rooms as early as possible with appropriate arrangements made for individuals, roommates, and guests or families who may be staying with your delegation.

Pro-Tip: in terms of cost, plan closer to \$200/night inclusive of taxes for a downtown hotel room (with parking fees likely running \$25+/night).

Transportation – Delegates will likely not have need of a vehicle once on site, however you may need to arrange transfers to and from the airport for your delegation. Pro-Tip: consider the high price of daily/nightly parking fees at downtown hotels for rental cars.

Meals – No food is provided as part of the convention, but there are many restaurant options within walking distance of the convention center. Pro-Tip: meal times can be very busy and you would do well to scope out the options, pricing, and availability prior to your arrival.

Communication – DPs are responsible for their district delegation's preparation and convention participation. Collect contact info from your delegates and use it to help them prepare, coach them up on convention business and resolutions, and stay in contact through the convention.

Cooperation with Field – Pro-Tip: collaborate with other leaders on your Field for travel, transportation, housing, and field caucus or potential activities. This will save you time and money while helping your delegates connect with others throughout the convention.

Love Your Neighbor Projects – Plans are underway to host thousands of volunteers participating in mission projects around the Indianapolis area through the convention week. While delegates may not be able to participate during the full convention week there may be Saturday only projects available for delegates to register and participate in. Watch for more info about these projects, how to register a group or individual, costs, and other details.