

## Joint Auxiliaries Convention Info Sheet:

The joint NMI/NYI/NDI (formerly SDMI) will be held at Christ Community Church of the Nazarene (3644 Warners Rd, Syracuse, NY 13209).

### Schedule:

*Registration is happening prior to the start of each days events*

Friday, June 10, 7pm: Time of worship led by ENC students and a message from missionary Rev. Dr. Cindy North (chaplain at Africa Nazarene University in Kenya). After service will be a time of fellowship in the gym. This is open for any to attend (delegate or otherwise)!

Saturday, June 11, 9:30am: Joint gathering for all delegates for an exciting time of business, messages from District Missionaries AJ and Chelsea Fry, more music from ENC, workshops to equip and train, and a celebration of what God is doing across the district! Lunch will be provided on site for all delegates! You won't want to miss this incredible time. Expected ending around 3pm.

### → Delegate List:

If you have not reported your delegate list to the auxiliary leaders then please do so as soon as possible. The district is wanting to provide lunch for each delegate for Saturday so an accurate count would be very helpful.

NMI report to Sally Mellinger—[nmiupstate@gmail.com](mailto:nmiupstate@gmail.com)

NYI report to Heather Brown (Noelle is on maternity leave)—[nyiupstate@gmail.com](mailto:nyiupstate@gmail.com)

NDI report to Liz Criscuolo—[pastorlizc@gmail.com](mailto:pastorlizc@gmail.com)

### FAQ's:

#### How many delegates can we send?

Each auxiliary has their own bylaws so you need to follow them but we have attached pertinent manual sections to make it easier for you.

#### Wait, we were supposed to elect all our delegates at our annual meeting!? What now?

The simple answer is that if you don't have delegates for one or more of the auxiliaries then the lead pastor can work with each auxiliary council (if available) or the church board to elect delegates. In the future, it is best to plan on this happening with the annual church meeting.

#### We didn't elect alternates and now need them, what do we do? Or we don't have enough volunteers to send delegates for each auxiliary, what do we do?

Again, the lead pastor in consultation with auxiliary councils or the church board can elect alternates. But it may be that the problem is not enough people are available, so you can elect delegates to represent more than one auxiliary. So, for instance, you may need individuals to be NMI and NDI delegates. These are called "super delegates"

because they are amazing people... or because they are doing more than one thing, whichever you prefer. The election times at the convention will be during joint sessions so one delegate can be present for multiple ballots for different auxiliaries.

Pastors, you need to be clear with your delegates so that, if some are super delegates and others are not, they know what they are to represent at the convention.

The preference would be to have separate representation for each auxiliary because that would mean we have more people involved in leadership, but we don't always get the ideal so we need to be flexible.

**How will this work, exactly?**

The three auxiliaries will worship together on Friday night and do business together on Saturday. So each delegate will get to hear from each auxiliary and be available to vote for each if he/she is a "super-delegate" (see above). There will be a breakout time for you to choose a workshop that you want to attend.

**What do I need to bring with me?**

A pen would be helpful for taking notes and voting. A willingness to learn and get to know others.

# Helpful Church Manual Selections

(Online Manual can be accessed [here](#))


## NDI (formerly SDMI) Guidelines for representation to Convention (812)

### Article VIII.

#### Section 1. District SDMI Convention.

It is important that each district plan a District SDMI Convention annually in order to provide inspiration, motivation, training, and the business of reports and elections.

The promotion of Sunday School & Small Group Disciplemaking ministries should be a highlight of each convention.

- a. Ex-officio members of the District SDMI Convention shall be: the district superintendent; all pastors, assigned ordained ministers, assigned district licensed ministers, retired assigned ministers, full-time associates; district SDMI chair; district directors of CM and AM; district NYI president; district NMI president; all local SDMI superintendents, local CM and AM directors, local NYI presidents; elected members of the District SDMI Board; lay members of the District Advisory Board; any Nazarene full-time professors of Christian education with membership on that district; and field, regional, and global SDMI officers.
-  b. In addition to the delegates listed above, each local church in the annual meeting shall elect additional SDMI delegates to the Convention. This number shall be 25 percent of the number of officers, teachers, and leaders of the local SDMI ministries. In case elected delegates cannot attend the convention, alternate delegates shall be designated in the order of the votes received.
- c. The District SDMI Board shall appoint a nominating committee to select twice the number of nominees for the elected positions of district SDMI chair and the three elected members of the District SDMI Board, which are then to be elected by plurality vote at the District SDMI Convention. These nominees must be members of the Church of the Nazarene, actively involved in one of the ministries of SDMI, and should be selected from the various age groups (children, youth, and adult teachers/workers).
- d. The delegates to the District SDMI Convention may elect the district SDMI chair (*Manual 242*) and the three elected members of the District SDMI Board and delegates to the Global SDMI Convention.

*Note: For example, if you have 5 Sunday school teachers, 6 small group leaders, 1 men's group leader and 2 women's group leaders then your delegate number would be 4 (14x.25 =3.5) plus the ex officio of "a". See Article V. Section 1 for examples of different NDI leader roles.*

*If delegates (and/or alternates) were not elected at the annual church meeting then the lead pastor in consultation with the NDI council (if possible) or the church board needs to elect representatives to the NDI convention. In the future, this is best done at the annual church meeting.*

## NMI Manual guidelines for representation to Convention (811).

### Article V, Section 1.C.3



#### Delegates to the District Convention

- a. Delegates and alternates shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting by a plurality vote.
- b. If an election is not possible or feasible, the election may be by the local council, or in its absence, the church board, by a plurality vote. Refer to Article VI, Section 3.A.3. for determining the number of delegates.

*Note: If delegates were not elected at the annual meeting or alternates that are now needed then you need to follow point b. Lead pastors must work with the local NMI council or church board to elect the delegates. A special church election is not necessary. This is best done at annual meeting so plan for this for next year if it was not done this year.*

### Article VI, Section 3 District Meetings

#### A. Convention

1. There shall be an annual district convention to report, pray, inform, inspire, present plans, and conduct business pertaining to the organization.
2. The time and place of the convention shall be decided by the district council in consultation with the district superintendent.
3. Membership
  - a. Only members of the respective district shall be eligible to serve as ex officio or elected delegates.
  -  b. Ex officio members of the convention shall be the district NMI council, district superintendent, all assigned ministers and full-time salaried associate ministers of local churches; lay members of the district advisory board; the local NMI presidents of the assembly year just ending and newly elected NMI presidents or newly elected vice presidents if the newly elected president cannot attend; Global NMI Council member; retired assigned ministers; retired missionaries; missionaries on home assignment; and missionary appointees; and any former district presidents who retain their membership on the district.
  -  c. Elected delegates from each local church or church-type missions shall be NMI members (15 years of age or older). The number of maximum elected delegates shall be based on the following formula: two delegates from each local NMI of 25 members or fewer, and one additional delegate for each additional 25 members or major portion thereof. Membership shall be based on the NMI membership reported at the local NMI annual meeting when elections take place.
4. The delegates present shall constitute a quorum.



## **NYI Guidelines for representation to Convention (810)**

### **810.118 Annual Meeting**

1. The annual meeting of the local NYI is held within sixty days of the District NYI Convention and in harmony with the *Manual of the Church of the Nazarene*.
2. NYI officers and council members and delegates to the District NYI Convention are elected at the annual NYI meeting.
3. The NYI local ministry plan may be revised by two-thirds vote at the NYI annual meeting.

***Note: The NYI Annual Meeting may be at a different time than the Annual Meeting for the church. If you have an established NYI council and NYI membership then the voting for delegates for NYI Convention should come through a meeting of these representatives. (See 810.108 for the guidelines for elections). If you do not have an established NYI council and/or membership then you need to follow this guidance: “In churches not having an organized NYI (no local NYI Council), the pastor, with church board approval, may appoint the NYI president so that the church may begin to reach young people for Christ and respond to their spiritual growth needs” (810.1-7.3) and may also appoint representation to the NYI convention (see below).***

### **810.219 District NYI Convention**

1. The annual District NYI Convention provides for inspirational sessions and programs to advance youth ministry across the district. Reports are received, leadership is elected, and any legislative business pertaining to the work of NYI is transacted at the Convention. Delegates to the Global NYI Convention are also elected consistent with the NYI Global Ministry Plan.
2. The District NYI Council arranges for and oversees the District NYI Convention, in cooperation with the district superintendent. The Convention convenes at a time and place designated by the District NYI Council, with the approval of the district superintendent and within ninety days of the District Assembly.
3. The District NYI Convention is composed of the members of the District NYI Council, the district superintendent, local pastors, other assigned ordained ministers of the district who participate in NYI ministry, and local NYI delegates.
-  4. All local NYI delegates to the District NYI Convention must be members of the Church of the Nazarene that they represent.
5. The number of local NYI delegates for each church is determined by the membership figures on the most recent local Pastor’s Report prior to the District Assembly. District NYI leadership encourages local churches to make suitable arrangements for the expenses of delegates attending the District NYI Convention.
-  6. The local NYI delegation to the District NYI Convention for churches with 30 or fewer NYI members consists of:
  - a. The pastor and youth pastor or any full-time paid pastoral staff who participate in NYI ministry;
  - b. The newly-elected local NYI president;

- c. Up to four elected delegates, with at least half being within the district-established NYI ministry focus.
  - d. Local churches may add an additional delegate for each successive 30 local NYI members and/or final major part of those 30 members (i.e., 16–29 members). At least half of any additional delegates must be also within the district-established NYI ministry focus.
7. The pastor of any local church or director of an approved Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Center not having an organized NYI may appoint one delegate.

<b>Number of members</b>	<b>Number delegates*</b>
5–45	4
46–75	5
76–105	6
106–135	7
136–165	8
166–195	9
196–225	10
226–255	11

\* Number of elected delegates from a local NYI does not include ex officio delegates (NYI president, pastor, youth pastor, District NYI Council members from a local church, etc.).