



CHURCH OF THE  
NAZARENE

**ORIENTATION & DEVELOPMENT SESSION**

GENERAL BOARD CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE



THE MINISTRY OF THE GENERAL BOARD:

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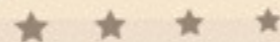
**OUR MISSION STATEMENT:**

To make Christlike  
disciples in the nations.



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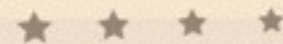
**OUR VISION STATEMENT:**

Transforming people,  
communities,  
and nations.



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## **OUR CORE VALUES:**

We are a Christian People.

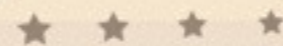
We are a Holiness People.

We are a Missional People.



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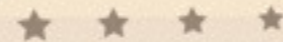


# OUR CORE VALUES



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# SEVEN CHARACTERISTICS

Meaningful Worship

Theological Coherence

Passionate Evangelism

Intentional Discipleship

Church Development

Transformational Leadership

Purposeful Compassion



# PRESENTATION OUTLINE:

- I. The CONTEXT
- II. The CHARTER
- III. The CULTURE
- IV. The COMPOSITION
- V. The COMMITTEES
- VI. The CIVILITY
- VII. The CONTRIBUTIONS
- VIII. The CHALLENGES



# I. THE CONTEXT

- ✦ Relationship of the General Board to the General Assembly
- ✦ Relationship of the General Board to the Board of General Superintendents
- ✦ Relationship of the General Board to the Global Ministry Center and the Regional Offices, RAC's, and regional institutions



# II. THE CHARTER

- ◆ The Manual of the Church of the Nazarene
- ◆ The Bylaws of the General Board
  - ◆ The Officers of the General Board
  - ◆ The Chairperson(s) of the General Board
- ◆ The General Board Policy Manual



THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE GENERAL BOARD:

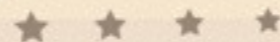
# 1. FIDUCIARY OVERSIGHT

331. "The General Board of the Church of the Nazarene, a religious and charitable corporation incorporated under the laws of the state of Missouri at Kansas City, Missouri, U.S.A...."



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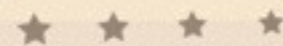
**1. FIDUCIARY OVERSIGHT**

335. "The General Board shall promote the financial and material affairs of all the committees of the Church of the Nazarene, subject to such instructions as may be given by the General Assembly."



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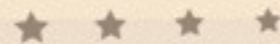
# 1. FIDUCIARY OVERSIGHT

335. “It shall have the power to direct the auditing of the accounts of all departments and institutions relating to or associated with the Church of the Nazarene....”



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THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE GENERAL BOARD:  
**1. FIDUCIARY OVERSIGHT**

335.1. "The General Board shall have power to buy, own, hold, manage, mortgage, sell, convey, and donate, or otherwise acquire, encumber, and dispose of both real and personal property, sold, devised, bequeathed, donated, or otherwise conveyed to it in trust for any lawful purpose, and to execute such trust; to borrow and to loan money in the execution of its lawful purposes."



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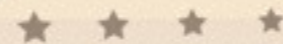
# 1. FIDUCIARY OVERSIGHT

335.8. "When the total amount of the World Evangelism Fund has been fixed for the next fiscal year by the General Board, the General Board and the Board of General Superintendents are authorized and empowered to apportion the World Evangelism Fund to the several assembly districts on a basis of equity to both the district and general interests affected (130, 317.12)."



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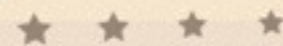
## THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE GENERAL BOARD: **2. STRATEGIC PLANNING**

335. "...it shall be an advisory body in the business and administrative affairs of the several departments of the General Board and of all the organizations and institutions that are a part of, related to, or associated with this denomination."



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THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE GENERAL BOARD:  
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335. “These departments, organizations, and institutions shall give due consideration to the advice and recommendations of the General Board.”



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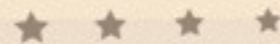
# 3. REPRESENTATIVE

335. "The General Board shall encourage and expect all national, regional, district, and local boards to fulfill the mission of the Church of the Nazarene, which is to propagate Christian holiness in the Wesleyan tradition, and shall facilitate the progress of the global church in each nation and/or region."



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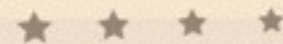
THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE GENERAL BOARD:  
**3. REPRESENTATIVE**

335. "It shall coordinate, correlate, and unify the plans and activities of the several constituent committees so that a unified policy may be established by and in all the activities of the Church of the Nazarene."



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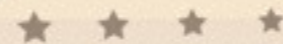


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# III. THE CULTURE

A. Strict adherence to the Articles of Faith, Covenants of Christian Character and Conduct, and to the policies of church government dealing with the local, district, and general church organization.



# III. THE CULTURE

B. Decision-making pursued in light of the mission, vision, core values and priorities of the denomination.



# III. THE CULTURE

C. There is intense appreciation for the Board of General Superintendents, the general officers, and for the traditions of the denomination.



# III. THE CULTURE

D. It embraces full responsibility for financial policy and integrity, and the advisory role for the “business and administrative” affairs of the denomination.



# III. THE CULTURE

E. A deep commitment prevails to facilitate the mission and vision of the denomination through an efficient and effective global church structure.



# III. THE CULTURE

F. Cultural differences and language needs are respected.



# III. THE CULTURE

G. Differences of opinion on policy issues are acknowledged and addressed.



# III. THE CULTURE

H. Policy formulation and mission strategy provide focus for the work of the General Board; not administrative implementation and daily operations.



# IV. THE COMPOSITION

- ✦ 53 elected members of the General Board, plus two ex-officio members – the General Secretary, and the General Treasurer.
- ✦ The Board of General Superintendents. The General Superintendents are not voting members of the General Board. However, the BGS has important responsibilities and relationships to the General Board.
  - ✦ Of the 53 elected members, there are 31 new members, 16 lay members. 15 ministers.



# IV. THE COMPOSITION

- ◆ On the General Board are several lay pastors, district superintendents, and local church pastors. Included are three former missionaries and four Nazarene university presidents. Lay representatives include physicians, nurses, lawyers, business executives, educators, and an Appeals Court judge.



# V. THE COMMITTEES

- ◆ The Executive Committee of the General Board
- ◆ The Global Mission Committee
- ◆ The Global Education and Clergy Development Committee
- ◆ The Finance and Administration Committee



# THE FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEES

- ◆ The Agenda-development process for committees
- ◆ The responsibilities of the committees
- ◆ The concept of “committee-led” General Board
- ◆ The process of reporting committee recommendations to the full General Board
- ◆ The resourcing responsibilities of the GMC directors and the regional directors to the General Board committees



# VI. THE CIVILITY

- ◆ A magnanimous spirit
- ◆ A positive influence
- ◆ An inquisitive mind
- ◆ A freedom to ask questions
- ◆ A courteous response
- ◆ A servant mentality
- ◆ An appreciation for protocol
- ◆ A respect for confidentiality
- ◆ A reliable word



# CHRISTIAN CONVICTIONS ABOUT LEADING AND BEING LED:

- ✦ **Speak Gracefully.** *Watch the words you speak.*
- ✦ **Live Gratefully.** *Don't complain, be grateful.*
- ✦ **Listen Intently.** *Seek first to understand.*
- ✦ **Forgive Freely.** *Be proactive in extending forgiveness.*
- ✦ **Lead Decisively.** *Combine clear vision and deep humility with fierce determination.*
- ✦ **Care Deeply.** *Value people, not power.*
- ✦ **Pray Earnestly.** *Pray for change in you even as you pray for change in others.*



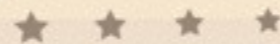
# VII. THE CONTRIBUTIONS

The General Board provides strategic perspective and participation in the advancement of the Kingdom of God on earth, and the planning and implementing of the mission and vision of the Church of the Nazarene around the world.



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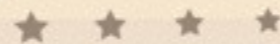
# VII. THE CONTRIBUTIONS

The General Board ensures that the fiduciary, strategic, and representative responsibilities are properly addressed, consistent with Manual authority, and fulfilled with God-inspired vision and wisdom.



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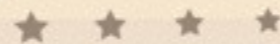
# VII. THE CONTRIBUTIONS

The General Board provides global support for and accountability to denominational decision-making, missional planning and implementation.



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# VIII. THE CHALLENGES

To encourage and facilitate the missional and visional leadership of the Board of General Superintendents, while embracing the accountability partnership and Manual-mandated fiduciary, strategic, representative responsibilities of the General Board.



# VIII. THE CHALLENGES

- ◆ To facilitate as appropriate the GMC and regional directors as they collaborate strategically to strengthen each regional leadership team in:
  - ◆ networking across regions,
  - ◆ global support,
  - ◆ cross-regional lay/clergy leadership development,
  - ◆ and creative resourcing for regional missional initiatives.



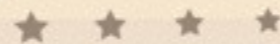
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To succinctly frame an appropriate mission and vision statement for the General Board.



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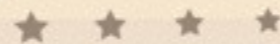
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To ensure a General Board evaluation of itself prior to the 2017 General Assembly to examine its degree of effectiveness in light of the newly revised Board By-Laws.



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# 20-MINUTE QUESTION & ANSWER

The BGS chair

The General Board president

The General Secretary

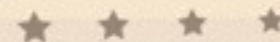
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