



**Nazarene
Compassionate
Ministries**

Compassion as a lifestyle



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About NCM USA/Canada

Nazarene Compassionate Ministries seeks to live and act compassionately in the world following Christ's own life and ministry. We seek to be incarnations of the same gospel that Christ lived and preached and to be witnesses to the same love and compassion God has for our world.

In the United States and Canada, NCM works closely with Compassionate Ministry Centers (CMCs) to bring compassion and healing to communities that need the love and presence of Christ.

Mission

Nazarene Compassionate Ministries USA/Canada partners with Nazarene interests to facilitate ministries which address the temporal as well as the spiritual needs of the



Forward to a Friend

Greetings!

God has commanded us to care for those "from a foreign land." Every day we read reports of thousands of people fleeing their homeland, in fear from persecution, genocide, war, and all-out evil. **These refugees sacrifice everything they have to receive the help they so desperately long for.** They arrive in America with nothing



more than the clothes on their back and little money in their pocket. They're in a new culture with an unknown language and they're alone.

But, what can we do? This October resource eNews helps us see how we, the Church, can help.

If you would like to explore more ways to help, join us for the webinar on the Board of Immigration Appeals - Recognition and Accreditation For Nazarene Sites, on November 11, 2015 2:00 PM (EST). [You can register by clicking here.](#)

This webinar will provide an overview of Board of Immigration Appeals recognition and accreditation for Church-based Immigrant Legal Services ministries. The webinar will also highlight World Relief's offerings to Nazarene churches and Compassionate Ministry sites for application assistance, and ongoing legal technical and programmatic support. We hope you'll be able to join us!

Thanks for your help for the Kingdom.

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economically disadvantaged.

Churches

Local churches are the primary avenue for Nazarenes to reach out to those in their communities. Nazarene Compassionate Ministries seeks to support churches in starting and maintaining ministry to the under-served and marginalized. We believe every church, no matter size or budget, can find ways to meet needs in their community with compassion, creative, and the firm foundation and life-changing power of the Gospel message.

CMCs- Compassionate Ministry Centers

A Compassionate Ministry Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to meeting the needs of the under-resourced in the community. While these organizations are often affiliated with a specific local church, they are in a strategic position to unite others in their community around a high-needs cause.

NDR- Nazarene Disaster Response

Nazarene Disaster Response is Nazarenes mobilizing for disaster through Readiness, Response, and Recovery. Local Nazarenes are in a unique position to understand, serve, and remain with disaster victims in their own neighborhoods. In large-scale events the denomination can come alongside local efforts with the support of volunteers and donors from across the country and through our strong partnerships with other disaster relief agencies. NDR serves victims regardless of race, creed, or economic status by

Current Funding Opportunities

Community Food Projects Competitive Grants Program (CFPCGP) through USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture [Apply & RFP](#)

Deadline: November 30, 2015

Funding Amount: Up to \$125,000 for one year or \$400,000 for four years

Matching: 1:1

Corporation for National and Community Service announces AmeriCorps State and National Grant Competitions. Program focus areas include disaster services, economic opportunity, education (including summer academic programming for K-12 students), environment, safer communities, and veteran and military families, and should create service opportunities for underrepresented groups such as rural residents, people with disabilities, veterans and military families, Native Americans, and "Opportunity Youth" ages 16-24 who are disconnected from school or work.

[Learn More](#)

Application Deadline: January 20, 2016

Amount: \$13,730 per member service year

Notice of Intent: December 9, 2015

Award Period: 3 years

Match Requirement: 24%

Character Lab Teacher Innovation Grants is support innovative approaches to character education and evaluation. [More info](#)

Application Deadline: November 2, 2015

Amount: \$10,000

Safeway Foundation supports nonprofit organizations doing work in four priority areas: hunger relief, education, health and human services, and assisting people with disabilities. [Grant Guidelines](#)

Application Deadline: December 18, 2015

Award Amount: \$10,000 - 25,000

Refugees

The United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR) reported that by the end 2014 nearly 59.5 million people around the world had left their homes due to persecution and conflict, of which 13.9 million were newly displaced^[1]. From 2010 to 2014 there was a four-fold increase in the number of people per day who were forced to leave their homes and seek protection elsewhere.

Since 1975, 3 million refugees have been formally resettled in the United States, with 70,000 refugees arriving in 2015. The United States Resettlement Program expects to receive 85,000 new refugees in 2016 and 100,000 in 2017^[2]. Refugees experience trauma, loss, and poverty prior to

concentrating on assistance to the poor, elderly, and handicapped.

W&W- Work & Witness

Work & Witness provides opportunities for Nazarenes to serve together in support of existing ministries such as churches, CMCs, and Nazarene Disaster Response. Work & Witness can be any type of project, from construction to evangelism to compassionate outreach.

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their arrival in the United States. Churches can play a critical role in welcoming refugees and helping them integrate into American life

Refugees arriving in the United States are placed by **voluntary resettlement agencies** that coordinate housing, orientation to the community, trauma counseling, health screening, school enrollment, registration for public benefits, employment opportunities, and English language instruction to start them on the course to self-sufficiency and social integration.

Economic Self-Sufficiency: *earning income that supports the family without assistance*

Social Integration: *being part of a secure, welcoming, vibrant, and cohesive society*

Programs continue to promote economic self-sufficiency by providing (1) employment services, (2) vocational training and skills certification, (3) day care for children, (4) transportation to work, (5) translation and interpreter services, (6) case management services, and (7) assistance obtaining Employment Authorization Documents. Effective programs also build refugee support systems, strengthen families, improve life skills, provide legal protection and support of refugee rights, focus on building relationships and trust, identify refugee strengths through case managers and assessments, create individualized family self-sufficiency plans, and employ culturally sensitive, mission driven staff.

Churches can play a critical role in helping refugees integrate into American life using **World Relief's PLEASE Guideline^[3]** :

Prayer

Listening to the Bible on immigration issues

Educating congregations about the biblical call to hospitality toward immigrants

Advocacy (speaking for the voiceless)

Service (ESL class, food security, tutoring, transportation, legal services, etc.)

Evangelism (opportunity to make disciples of all nations without crossing a border)

Practical Roles for Volunteers and Churches

Contact the local resettlement office in your community to connect with refugees, identify local refugee-serving organizations, and ascertain gaps in available services. Refugee resettlement offices rely on volunteers and churches to effectively serve refugees' holistic needs.

Adopt a newly arriving refugee family to provide practical support on a one-to-one basis for the first six months in the U.S.

Activities could include furnishing their first apartment, welcoming them at the airport, providing community orientation, supporting case

management, English language and literacy tutoring, transportation to job interviews and doctor visits, assisting with job applications and school forms, resume and interview skills assistance.

Be a welcoming community. Invite refugees into your home for a meal as well as to church and community events. Offer genuine, long-term friendship.

[1] <http://www.unhcr.org/556725e69.html>

[2] <https://blogs.state.gov/stories/2015/09/20/secretary-kerry-announces-us-will-increase-refugee-resettlement-numbers>

[3] <http://welcomingthestranger.com/>

Information Resources for Refugees

[World Relief Welcoming the Stranger learning group guide](#)

Local offices of voluntary resettlement agencies:

- [Church World Services](#)
- [Ethiopian Community Development Council](#)
- [Episcopal Migration Ministries](#)
- [Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society](#)
- [The International Rescue Committee](#)
- [Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services](#)
- [United States Conference of Catholic Bishops](#)
- [World Relief](#)

Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR)

- [State Programs Directory](#)
- [Program Descriptions](#)

[Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration Refugee Admissions Statistics](#)

[UN High Commission on Refugees \(UNHCR\) Global Statistics](#)

[Nazarene Compassionate Ministries \(NCM\) How You Can Help Displaced People toolkit](#)

[Center for Applied Linguistics refugee cultural background summaries](#)

SAVE THE DATE!

Compassion Conference

July 14-16, 2016

Compassion Conference is a global gathering that will inspire you to lead your church in living out God's call to compassion and equip you for transformational ministry.

It's an intentional space where you can connect, collaborate, create, and begin to change your world.

Join together with other leaders and practitioners from the Church of the Nazarene around the world.

Learn together what it means to live in the margins of your community, and reflect on biblical perspectives on the church's role in living out compassion in transformative ways.

We can no longer turn our heads to the needs in our communities. Compassion is the Church in action. And the time is now to go deeper.

Register Today

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Our Mission: *To inspire, train, and connect Christians who seek to bear witness to the Kingdom of God by reclaiming and restoring under-resourced neighborhoods*

Our Vision: *Holistically restored communities with Christians fully engaged in the process of transformation*

The Annual National Conference is the capstone of CCDAs ministry,

designed to provide training and networking opportunities so ministers, leaders, practitioners, and volunteers can more effectively proclaim and live out Christ's Kingdom. It also provides practitioners living in under-resourced communities an opportunity to rest and refuel with like-minded individuals seeking reconciliation and Biblical justice. With Illuminate as the theme for this year's conference, we are asking Christ to shine light in our hearts and minds as we remember the past and how it shapes us, understand our present realities, and look forward to a future filled with God's grace and justice.

Our National Conference includes:

- * **Workshops** highlighting best practices in Christian Community Development; providing examples, insights and practical how-to's that can be replicated in communities across the country.
- * **Plenary sessions** featuring inspirational, experienced practitioners of Christian Community Development.
- * **Opportunities for networking** with other ministry leaders who share a similar vision, bringing different perspectives and ideas. In addition, regional networking sessions provide opportunities for collaboration.
- * **Exhibits** providing an opportunity for continuous learning beyond the conference through training resources, books, websites, and consulting.
- * **Action Tanks** provide our experienced members an opportunity to listen and engage with each other and develop innovative solutions to enhance the flourishing of all our communities.
- * **Conversations** are offered as opportunities for listening and dialogue on significant issues at the forefront of our communities and relationships with each other.

We encourage you to join with our Wesleyan friends at this amazing conference. [Click HERE to Register](#)

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