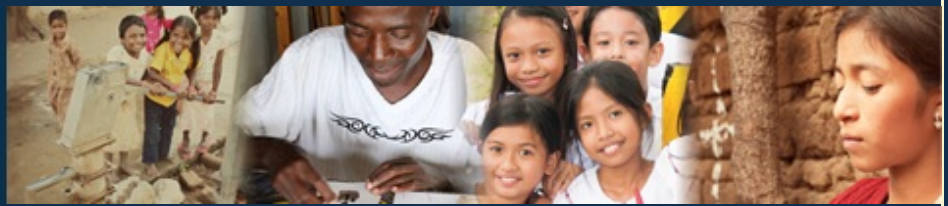




**Nazarene
Compassionate
Ministries**

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 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 underserved 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



Forward to a Friend

Dear Friends,

Disasters happen. As I grow older I feel like they happen more and more often. We as the Church must be ready to respond and help those in need.

Our goal is for every Nazarene church district to have a disaster response team; ready to respond whether it is a huge event, or just a small challenge for a few families. Whether it is a crisis care kit, a tarp and a chain saw, or a group who is mudding out a home, **we can be the hands and feet of Jesus.**

If your district does not have a team, organize one. We will provide the training.

In the midst of disaster, we have the opportunity to share Jesus in a real, tangible way. We are able to serve and be a blessing to those in the midst of crisis and chaos. What a joy and privilege!

Go and be,

Jay Height

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Current Funding Opportunities

Variety New York supports organizations in NY, NJ, CT with programs that transform the lives of children in underserved communities through the arts. [**More Information**](#)

Application Deadline: November 21, 2016

Amount: \$5,000-20,000

Community Food Projects Competitive Grants Program (CFPCGP) through USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture [**Request for Proposals**](#)

Recurring deadline: November 30, 2016

Funding Amount:

Community Food Project: Up to \$125,000 in any single

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 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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year or \$400,000 for four years
Planning Projects: \$35,000
Matching: 1:1 required, cash or in-kind

Corporation for National and Community Service announces AmeriCorps State and National Grant Competitions. Program focus areas include disaster services, economic opportunity, education, environment, healthy futures, and veteran and military families. [**Application Details**](#)

Application Deadline: January 18, 2017

Amount: \$13,830 per member service year

Notice of Intent: December 7, 2016

Award Period: 3 years

Match Requirement: 24%

Saucony Run for Good Foundation funds running programs that encourage active, healthy lifestyles among youth. [**Apply**](#)

Application Deadline: December 15, 2016

Amount: \$10,000

Walmart Foundation Community Grants Program supports hunger relief and healthy eating, sustainability, women's economic empowerment, and career opportunities. [**Apply**](#)

Application Deadline: December 31, 2016

Award Amount: \$2,500

Look Beneath the Surface Regional Anti-Trafficking Program will be issuing a request for proposals for outreach, anti-trafficking training for local professionals, and public awareness designed to help identify victims of human trafficking. [**More information**](#)

Estimated Deadline: March 7, 2017

Estimated Amount: \$50,000 - \$150,000

Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) will be issuing a request for proposals for Alternative Transitional Services for Unaccompanied Refugee Minors aiming to promote economic self-sufficiency and independent living. [**More Information**](#)

Estimated Post Date: April 3, 2017

Estimate Application Due Date: June 2, 2017

Award Amount: \$700,000 - \$2,000,000

Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) Ethnic Community Self Help Program will be issuing a request for proposals to strengthen ethnic community self-help groups whose board of directors is composed of at least 60% current or former refugees. [**More information**](#)

Estimated Deadline: May 30, 2017

Estimated Amount: \$100,000 - \$200,000

Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) Refugee Career Pathways Program will be issuing a request for proposals to assist refugees in qualifying for licenses and certifications needed to attain employment. Activities include case management, training and technical assistance, English language training, and mentoring. [**More information**](#)

Estimate Deadline: June 2, 2017

Estimate Amount: \$150,000-250,000

Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) will be issuing a request for proposals to support Transitional Living Programs and

Disaster Response

Disasters that affect vulnerable people who are unable to cope with its impact result in loss, damage, injury, or death. Churches can play a vital role in both preparing for disaster and in ensuring inclusive, participatory community-wide recovery.

Strengths of the Church in Disasters[1]

1. Immediate Response

Local churches are already present in the community and can assist as soon as disasters occur.

- *How could your church respond immediately during a disaster?*
- *What can you do now to plan?*

2. Assets and Resources

Churches can mobilize volunteers who are motivated by compassion to serve the community. Additionally, churches can also be hubs for communication.

- *Which church assets could be useful in a disaster?*
- *What information could your church communicate before and during disaster?*
- *What skills are present in your church?*

3. Focus on Relationships

Churches are uniquely equipped to offer spiritual and emotional care.

- *How could your church support those suffering from emotional trauma?*
- *How can your church show love and hospitality?*

4. Influence on Values and Beliefs

Churches can challenge mindsets that make people vulnerable by offering hope and vision for the future.

- *What attitudes make people vulnerable?*
- *How can the church challenge these values?*
- *What messages should be given in a disaster?*

5. Role as a peacemaker

The church has role in reconciliation and justice.

- *What are sources of conflict in your community?*
- *What can the church do to help resolve these?*

6. Mobilize the community for action

Relationships, credibility, and leadership enable the church to

organize people.

- *How can your church bring the community together to prepare for disaster?*

7. Advocacy for poor and marginalized people

Church can ensure that the most vulnerable people receive the help they need.

- *How can your church challenge injustice?*
- *Who are the marginalized people in the community who might be overlooked?*

Churches often focus only on emergency response. It is also important to work toward preventing negative consequences of disaster through supporting rehabilitation, mitigation and preparedness stages of disaster response. Tearfund's **Disasters and the Local Church** (Chapter 1), summarized in the following table, provides Biblical examples of how churches can respond in during each stage.

Goals, Activities, & Bible Studies by Stage	
Emergency Response	Save lives and reduce further suffering by meeting immediate and basic needs of survivors Food, water, clothing, shelter, medical care, emotional care <i>Acts 11:19-30</i>
Rehabilitation	Rebuild the community in a way that make it less vulnerable Repairing house, restoring basic services, restoring livelihoods <i>Nehemiah 1-4</i>
Disaster Mitigation	Practical actions to reduce potential impact of hazards Improving drainage, building stronger houses, planting trees <i>Luke 6:46-49; Matthew 7:24-27</i>
Disaster Preparedness	Plan for coping and recovering from impacts of a hazard Early warning, training, identify local resources, evacuation plans <i>Genesis 41:25-39</i>

Preparedness planning improves resilience and reduces recovery time when unexpected disasters occur. Non-profit organizations and churches can preserve their own operations, and support disaster relief and recovery efforts for the communities and clients they serve by maintaining their ability to continue providing essential services.

Step 1: Prepare yourself and your family.

✓ **Assemble a preparedness kit**

✓ [Make an evacuation plan](#)

✓ [Learn about natural disasters that can affect your community](#)

Step 2: Prepare your church and compassionate ministry center preparedness.

✓ [Small Business Preparedness Checklist](#)

✓ [Church Disaster Action Plan Template](#)

Step 3: Plan for your organization's role and help the community prepared for disaster.

✓ [Community Preparedness Toolkit](#)

NCM's 2016 Compassion Conference:

Living in the Margins

featured a series of workshops on Disaster Preparedness:

Disaster Preparedness and Response

- Curt Luthye, Regional Volunteer Services Officer, San Diego/Imperial Counties Chapter of the American Red Cross
- When a disaster strikes your community, your church has a role to play in meeting the needs of your neighbors. Gain practical tools for effective church-based disaster preparedness and response efforts.

Participatory Assessment of Risk: Building Community Resilience

- Dr. Jamie Aten, Founder of the Humanitarian Disaster Institute
- The time to get ready for the next disaster is now, not after it strikes. Learn how to identify risks and work with your community to build resilience. This workshop will equip you to facilitate hazard assessments, complete vulnerability and capacity assessments, and create risk reduction plans.

Post-Disaster Trauma Counseling

- Dr. Jamie Aten, Founder of the Humanitarian Disaster Institute
- Kathleen Fry-Miller, Associate Director of National Children's Disaster Service Programs for the Church of the Brethren
- When a disaster happens, the needs go far beyond the physical. Learn how post-disaster trauma affects children and adults and how your church can support trauma recovery for survivors.

Preparing Facilitators for Participatory Assessment

- Kate Bowen-Evans, Humanitarian Aid and Emergency Response Consultant; former Program Director (Afghanistan), Tearfund
- The best disaster response efforts don't happen to a community; they happen with a community. Learn skills to facilitate group discussions and participatory assessments, and gain a variety of tools you can use.

Best Practices for Communicating During a Disaster

- Rev. Stephen Gualberto, Field Strategy Coordinator for the Philippines and Micronesia, Church of the Nazarene
- Learn to effectively communicate with affected communities during and after disasters. What messages do audiences need, and how do you share them in the most appropriate way?

Identifying Appropriate Roles for the Church During Disasters

- Marcus Coleman, Special Assistant, Department of Homeland Security Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships
- Learn from FEMA's Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships how churches can collaborate with agencies and community partners to uniquely meet needs during disaster.

Access Workshop Materials

[1] Tearfund Disasters and the Local Church. Chapter 1.

Resources

Nazarene Disaster Response (NDR) equips local congregations to respond effectively to natural disasters affecting their districts.

American Red Cross' Ready Rating Tool

Tearfund REVEAL Bibles Studies on Disaster:

- Fatalism - Can we avoid disasters?
- God of Justice and Mercy (Disasters)
- God's Provision for the Future
- Noah - Lessons in Preparedness
- Preparing for Disaster

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