

# Who Is a Member of the District Assembly? Who Is a Member of the District Conventions?

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## District Assembly

### Manual 201: Membership of the District Assembly

The district assembly shall be composed of the following *ex officio* (by virtue of office) members:

1. All assigned elders
2. All assigned deacons
3. All assigned district-licensed ministers
4. The district secretary
5. The district treasurer
6. Chairpersons of standing district committees reporting to the District Assembly
7. Any lay presidents of Nazarene institutions of higher education, whose local church membership is on the district.
8. The District SDMI chairperson (Sunday School and Discipleship International)
9. District age-group ministries international directors (children and adult)
10. The District SDMI Board
11. The president of the District NYI (Nazarene Youth International)
12. The president of the District NMI (Nazarene Missions International)
13. The newly elected superintendent or vice superintendent of each local SDMI Board
14. The newly elected president or vice president of each local NYI
15. The newly elected president or vice president of each local NMI
16. (OR) an elected alternate may represent the local NMI, NYI, and SDMI organizations in the district assembly
17. The lay members of the District Advisory Board
18. Active lay missionaries whose local church membership is on the district
19. All retired lay missionaries whose local church membership is on the district who were active missionaries at the time of retirement



In addition to the ex officio delegates, each local church and church-type mission in the assembly district may send **locally-elected lay delegates** as members of the District Assembly. To determine the number of delegates each church may elect, use the following chart for districts over 5,000 members, including Southern Florida:

<u>Number of Full members</u>	<u>Number of delegates</u>	<u>Number of Full members</u>	<u>Number of delegates</u>
0-75	1	326-375	7
76-125	2	376-425	8
126-175	3	426-475	9
176-225	4	476-525	10
226-275	5	526-575	11
276-325	6	576-625	12

- If a church is eligible for more than 12 or 13 delegates, continue the chart pattern to reach the total number of delegates allowed for the church membership.
- If the church is a church-type mission which has members, the Board of General Superintendents issued a ruling in 1998 that the pastor may name the eligible delegates based on the chart above.

# NYI Convention

(Nazarene Youth International)

## Manual 910.219: District NYI Convention



The District NYI Convention is composed of the following *ex officio* (by virtue of office) members:

1. Newly elected local NYI presidents
2. Youth pastors
3. Local senior pastors and co-pastors
4. The district superintendent
5. The members of the District NYI Council
6. Other assigned ordained ministers of the district who participate in NYI ministry
7. Full time pastoral staff members of the local church who participate in NYI ministry

In addition to the *ex officio* delegates, the local church may elect a **number of local NYI delegates** according to the chart below. All local NYI delegates must be members of the local Church of the Nazarene that they represent.

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

# SDMI Convention

*(Sunday School and  
Discipleship Ministries  
International)*



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## Manual 812, Article VIII, Section 1 – District SDMI Convention:

Membership of the District NMI Convention:

**Ex officio** (by virtue of office) members of the convention shall be:

1. The district superintendent
2. All pastors
3. All assigned ordained ministers
4. All assigned district licensed ministers
5. All retired assigned ministers
6. All full-time associates
7. The district SDMI chair
8. District directors of Children’s Ministries and Adult Ministries
9. All local SDMI superintendents
10. All local Children’s Ministries and Adult Ministries directors
11. All local NYI presidents
12. Elected members of the District SDMI Board
13. Lay members of the District Advisory Board
14. Any Nazarene full-time professors of Christian education with membership on the district
15. Field, regional and global SDMI officers

In addition to the *ex officio* members, each local church may elect **SDMI delegates**. The number of additional delegates allowed 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. All local SDMI delegates must be members of the local Church of the Nazarene that they represent.

<u>Number of local SDMI officers/teachers/leaders</u>	<u>Number of delegates</u>	<u>Number of local SDMI officers/teachers/leaders</u>	<u>Number of delegates</u>
1-4	1	17-20	5
5-8	2	21-24	6
9-12	3	25-28	7
13-16	4	29-32	8

# NMI Convention

(Nazarene Missions International)



## Manual 811, Article VI, Section 3 – District NMI Meetings:

Membership of the District NMI Convention -- Only members of the respective district shall be eligible to serve as *ex officio* (by virtue of office) or elected delegates

**Ex officio** members of the convention shall be:

1. The district NMI council
2. The district superintendent
3. All assigned ministers (this includes all district-licensed and ordained ministers who are serving in an assigned ministry role, such as pastors and associate pastors).
4. Full time lay staff members of local churches, who are responsible for a local ministry area\*
5. Lay members of the district advisory board
6. 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.
7. Global NMI council members
8. Retired assigned ministers
9. Retired missionaries
10. Missionaries on home assignment
11. Missionary appointees
12. Any former district presidents who retain their membership on the district

In addition to the *ex officio* delegates, the local church or church-type mission may elect **local NMI delegates** to the District NMI Convention. These delegates shall be elected from among the local 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 [NMI] 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.

<u>Number of local NMI members</u>	<u>Number of delegates</u>	<u>Number of local NMI members</u>	<u>Number of delegates</u>
0-37	2	163-187	8
38-67	3	188-212	9
68-87	4	213-237	10
88-112	5	238-262	11
113-137	6	263-287	12
138-162	7	288-312	13

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\*This item (#4) in the listing is a redacted expression of what appears in the 2017-2021 Manual as “full-time salaried associate ministers of local churches”. The intent of the Manual phrase was to include those lay persons who do not hold a ministerial credential, but who have full time responsibility for an area of local ministry, such as youth ministry or children’s ministry. Assigned, credentialed senior pastors and associate ministers, whether full time or part time, would already be included in #3 of this list.