



**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

 [Forward to a Friend](#)

M15 was one of the most exciting times I have remembered for the church as we came together to learn, worship, and pray.

If you were unable to make it, I want to encourage you to check out the videos of the plenary sessions. The links to these sessions are located in the [M15 Review section below](#).

You are part of a movement that reflects Christ to a hurting world around us. I pray God uses you in exciting and amazing ways to reflect Him well.

You are the hands and feet of Him who saved you!

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Current Funding Opportunities

US Airways Education Foundation is accepting applications for STEM-based education programs focusing on economically disadvantaged youth in Charlotte, Philadelphia, Phoenix, and Washington DC. [Apply](#)

Deadline: May 1, 2015

Award Amount: \$10,000

Lawrence Foundation awards grants to organizations working in the areas of education, human service and disaster relief. [More information](#)

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 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.

Contact

Toll Free Number: 1-800-306-

Application Deadline: April 30, 2015

Chatlos Foundation supports organizations that promote religious causes and address social concerns. [More Information](#)

Deadline: Open

Funding Amount: Up to \$15,000

CSX Beyond Our Rails supports projects focused on safety, community leadership and service, environmental preservation and restoration, and healthy lifestyles and wellness education.

Guidelines

Deadline: Open

Funding Amount: \$2,500 - 5,000

Duration: 3 years

World of Children is accepting nominations for Education, Humanitarian, Health, and Youth awards. [Review guidelines](#)

Deadline: April 1, 2015

Amount: \$25,000 - 50,000

Administration for Children and Families (ACF) Street

Outreach Program supports prevention services for runaway, homeless, and street youth who have been subjected to, or at risk of sexual abuse or exploitation. Activities include outreach, individualized assessment, service linkages, case planning, and follow up for youth. The program aims to increase young people's safety, social and emotional well-being, self-sufficiency, and help them build permanent connections with families, communities, schools, and other positive social networks through (a) implementing outreach intervention strategies to keep youth safe and help them leave the streets, (b) coordinating and sustaining partnerships to expand access to services to respond to the needs of youth homelessness, and (c) foster service delivery systems that provide protective factors such as skills, attitudes, and behaviors for effective transition to adulthood while reducing risk factors. [Full](#)

RFP

Deadline: April 10, 2015

Amount: \$90,000-200,000 per year

Matching: 10%

Duration: 3 years

Guiding Principles and Common Outcomes for Compassionate Ministries in USA/Canada

The Nazarene mission is to make Christ-like disciples in the nations, and following the example of Jesus, partner with local congregations around the world to clothe, shelter, feed, heal, educate, and live in solidarity with those who suffer under oppression, injustice, violence, poverty, hunger, and disease, proclaiming the Gospel to all people in word and deed. The Church accomplishes this mission by serving the temporal and spiritual needs of the poor and

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marginalized, living compassionately, and bringing healing to those in need of Christ.

NCM Approach and Values

<i>Church-led</i>	<i>Holistic</i>
Support local church efforts to serve and change communities. Local congregations understand needs of their neighbors and are a sustainable local presence.	Address the complex root causes of poverty. Work toward physical, relational, and spiritual wholeness for individuals and communities.
<i>Community-based</i>	<i>Transformational</i>
Community members have dignity, value, and capacity to change themselves and address their own challenges.	Create lasting change and transformation for individuals and communities through development efforts and in Christ.

NCM Project Design Guidelines

<p>Work toward social transformation through holistically addressing causes of poverty rather than the symptoms alone. Such efforts seek to address financial, social, spiritual, emotional, and mental poverty. Ask:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the underlying causes of poverty that you hope to address? • How will addressing these causes prevent the community from experiencing future poverty?
<p>Design relevant solutions based on holistic analysis of need and situation of the community or target population. Ask:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do you know about the community problems of interest? • Why is the project needed? How will it address the identified needs?
<p>Actively involve local community members with diverse perspectives in identifying local need, choosing strategies to address the need, and reviewing how well the project improved the situation. Ask:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How have you engaged the community in identifying local needs and choosing relevant solutions? • How will the local community be involved in reviewing project impact?
<p>Consistent with vision and mission of NCM, the local compassionate ministry center, and the local church. Ask:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does the project align with our vision and mission?

- How will it build local church capacity for compassionate outreach?
- Are the local community, church, and leadership committed to the project?

Identified needs are logically linked to activities you will do and the difference these activities are expected to make. Ask:

- What will you do to reach your goals?
- What measure will show that your actions have led to desired change?
- What does success look like?

Approach reflects current best practice and is contextualized to the local situation. Ask:

- How have others successfully addressed this problem?
- How will you improve on approaches that have previously been taken?
- Why are these adaptations expected to be more effective?

Outline a monitoring and evaluation plan for the project. Ask:

- Have you established a baseline for measuring impact of your project?
- How will measure whether you have reached your goals?
- How will you record your project's progress along the way?
- How will you use regularly collected information to improve the project?

The project is cost effective and utilizes contributions from the local community. Ask:

- Is this project the most cost effective way to address community needs?
- What contributions will be made by the local community?

Common Outcomes

Self-Efficacy

Belief in one's own ability to persist, complete tasks, and reach goals. Self-efficacy determines whether someone will take on a challenge or write it off as impossible.

General Self-Efficacy (Schwarzer)

Rate the following statements as (a) Not at all true, (b) Hardly true, (c) Moderately true, or (d) Exactly true:

1. I can always manage to solve difficult problems if I try hard enough
2. If someone opposes me, I can find ways to get what I want
3. It is easy for me to stick to my aims and accomplish my goals
4. I am confident that I could deal efficiently with unexpected events

5. Thanks to my resourcefulness, I know how to handle unforeseen situations
6. I can solve most problems if I invest the necessary effort
7. I can remain calm when facing difficulties because I can rely on my coping abilities
8. When I am confronted with a problem, I can usually find several solutions
9. If I am in trouble, I can usually think of a solution
10. I can usually handle whatever comes my way

Holistic Well-Being

Quality of people's experience of life. A well-lived life characterized by satisfaction, sense of purpose, autonomy, self-acceptance, connectedness, and sense of vitality.

Eudemonia/Happiness (Aristotle)

1. Satisfaction
2. Sense of purpose in life
3. Autonomy
4. Self-acceptance
5. Connectedness
6. Psychological sense of vitality
7. Meaningful work/Calling
8. Health
9. Good relationships
10. Realization of one's wishes and goals

OECD How is Life Framework

Material Conditions

- Income and wealth
- Jobs and earnings
- Housing

Quality of Life

- Health status
- Work and life balance
- Education and skills
- Social connections
- Civic engagement and governance
- Environmental quality
- Personal security
- Subjective well-being

Sustainability

- Natural capital
- Economic capital
- Human capital
- Social capital

Spiritual Vitality

Possessing a living faith through abiding in Christ, seeking to imitate Christ, resisting temptation, developing discipline, exhorting others, being filled with the Holy Spirit, and progressing beyond basic teachings. Spiritual vitality is demonstrated through spiritual growth, loving others, rejoicing in the Lord, and spiritual perseverance.

Rate the following statements as (a) Never, (b) Sometimes, (c) Often:

- I am involved in the evangelistic efforts of this church
- I am involved in a Sunday School or other small group Bible study
- I am involved in a prayer group
- I am involved in a fellowship, athletic, or social group at the church
- I am involved in the compassionate ministry efforts of this church

Choose the response that best describes you.

- What best describes your current spiritual condition?
 - I am not a Christian
 - I am not yet a Christian but am seeking God
 - I am a Christian but struggling with my faith
 - I am a Christian and growing spiritually
 - God has sanctified me and I am growing spiritually
- How often do you spend time in private devotional activities (such as prayer, fasting, reading the Bible)?
 - Every day or most days
 - A few times a week
 - Once a week
 - A few times a month
 - Several times a year
 - Never
- How important is holiness in your personal spiritual life?
 - Not at all important
 - Not very important
 - Neutral/Unsure
 - Fairly important
 - Very important
- Do you contribute financially to your church?
 - 10% or more of my income
 - 5-9% of my income
 - 1-5% of my income
 - small amount when I can
 - I do not contribute financially

Compassion

Live in solidarity with those who suffer under oppression, injustice, violence, poverty, hunger, and disease. Feeling of deep sympathy and sorrow for another who is stricken by misfortune, accompanied by a strong desire to alleviate the suffering.

Caring/DPES Compassion Subscale

Rate the following statements as (a) Strongly Disagree, (b)

Disagree, (c) Disagree Somewhat, (d) Neither Agree Nor Disagree, (e) Agree Somewhat, (f) Agree, (g) Strongly Agree:

1. It is important to take care of people who are vulnerable.
2. When I see someone hurt or in need, I feel a powerful urge to take care of them.
3. Taking care of others gives me a warm feeling inside.
4. I often notice people who need help.
5. I am a very compassionate person.

Active and Engaged Citizenship (PerformWell)

How important is each of the following to you in your life? (a) Not important, (b) A little important, (c) Somewhat important, (d) Important, (e) Extremely important

1. Helping to reduce hunger and poverty in the world.
2. Helping to make sure all people are treated fairly.
3. Helping to make the world a better place to live in.
4. Helping other people.
5. Speaking up for equality (everyone should have the same rights and opportunities)

How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? (a) Strongly disagree, (b) Somewhat disagree, (c) Neither agree nor disagree, (d) Somewhat agree, (e) Strongly agree

1. It's not really my problem if my neighbors are in trouble or need help
2. I believe I can make a difference in my community
3. I often think about doing things so that people in the future can have things better
4. It is important to me to contribute to my community and society

How well does each of these statements describe you? (a) Not well, (b) A little, (c) Somewhat, (d) Very well

1. When I see someone being taken advantage of, I want to help them
2. When I see someone being treated unfairly, I don't feel sorry for them
3. I feel sorry for people who don't have what I have

M15 Review

The USA/Canada Church of the Nazarene hosted the **M15: Honoring the Past, Shaping the Future** conference from February 9-11, 2015 in Kansas City, MO. Plenary services focused on:

USA/Canada Strategic Priorities

1. Intentional Leadership Development

Recognize, develop, train, and release passionate leaders within the Church.

[View video](#)

2. Vibrant Church Renewal

Help each local church discover new missional life.

[View video](#)

3. Passionate Missional Outreach

Reach out to underserved communities to meet their needs with compassion, creativity, and the Gospel. [View video](#)

4. Clear and Coherent Theological Identity

[View video](#)

5. New Church Development

[View video](#)

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