

2020
ANNUAL
REPORT





2020 was a year unlike any other in our lifetime! In the midst of this most challenging year, we are thankful for the ways you have continued to share Christ's transformational love with the world through your prayerful support, sacrificial giving, and tangible care for the most vulnerable members of our societies.

We are grateful for your faithfulness in giving despite the uncertainties caused by the COVID-19 global pandemic. Because of you, hundreds of thousands of people received the food and hygiene supplies they desperately needed.

When gatherings were no longer possible, you learned new technologies and pivoted ministries to keep people safe. Because of you, thousands of people who might never step foot in a church building heard the message of salvation.

When missionaries found themselves stranded in strange lands, you provided a home away from home. Because of you, our missionaries are able to continue fulfilling their mission no matter their location.

This past year has been a journey of grace as we relied on God, the One who never changes, to lead us through many challenges. Your prayers and financial support allow us to continue fulfilling our mission by discipling believers along this journey from no faith to new faith to mature faith.

We believe 2021 will be an exciting year for the Church of the Nazarene as we enter into a deeper walk with Jesus and embrace discipleship as a lifestyle.

You make this possible!

Thank you.

BOARD OF GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS

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David W. Brown

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Carol D. Tenney

2020
at a glance

There are many ways to measure our missional effectiveness. Here are just a few statistics that highlight the Church of the Nazarene's global ministry in 2020:



126,263

NEW NAZARENES

631

NEW CHURCHES



In the midst of the national crisis in Venezuela, the Lagos District planted two new churches in areas with no Nazarene presence. These churches are some of the 631 new Nazarene churches.

2,640,216

TOTAL MEMBERS

30,184

NAZARENE MINISTERS



Nola Swinhart of Bethany, Oklahoma, First Church of the Nazarene packs hundreds of crisis care kits every year. She is one of 2,640,216 members of the Church of the Nazarene.

225,324

DECISIONS FOR CHRIST

92,643

BAPTISMS



Victoria Trujillo, Lizbeth Morales, and Abner Gutiérrez helped bring the Gospel to hundreds of people during a three-week missions trip on the Mexico Southern District. These young adults and others helped 225,324 people make a decision for Christ.



our
MISSION

TO MAKE
CHRISTLIKE
DISCIPLES
IN THE
NATIONS

OUR PURPOSE
of discipleship

TO CARRY OUT THE
GREAT COMMISSION
TO CHILDREN,
YOUTH, AND ADULTS
IN PREPARATION
FOR A LIFETIME OF
BEING AND MAKING
CHRISTLIKE DISCIPLES.

A JOURNEY OF GRACE

NAZARENE  DISCIPLESHIP



THE WAY

God goes before us to make a way and to draw us into relationship through ***prevenient grace.***



THE TRUTH

Jesus rescues us from sin and leads us into the truth that sets us free through ***saving grace.***



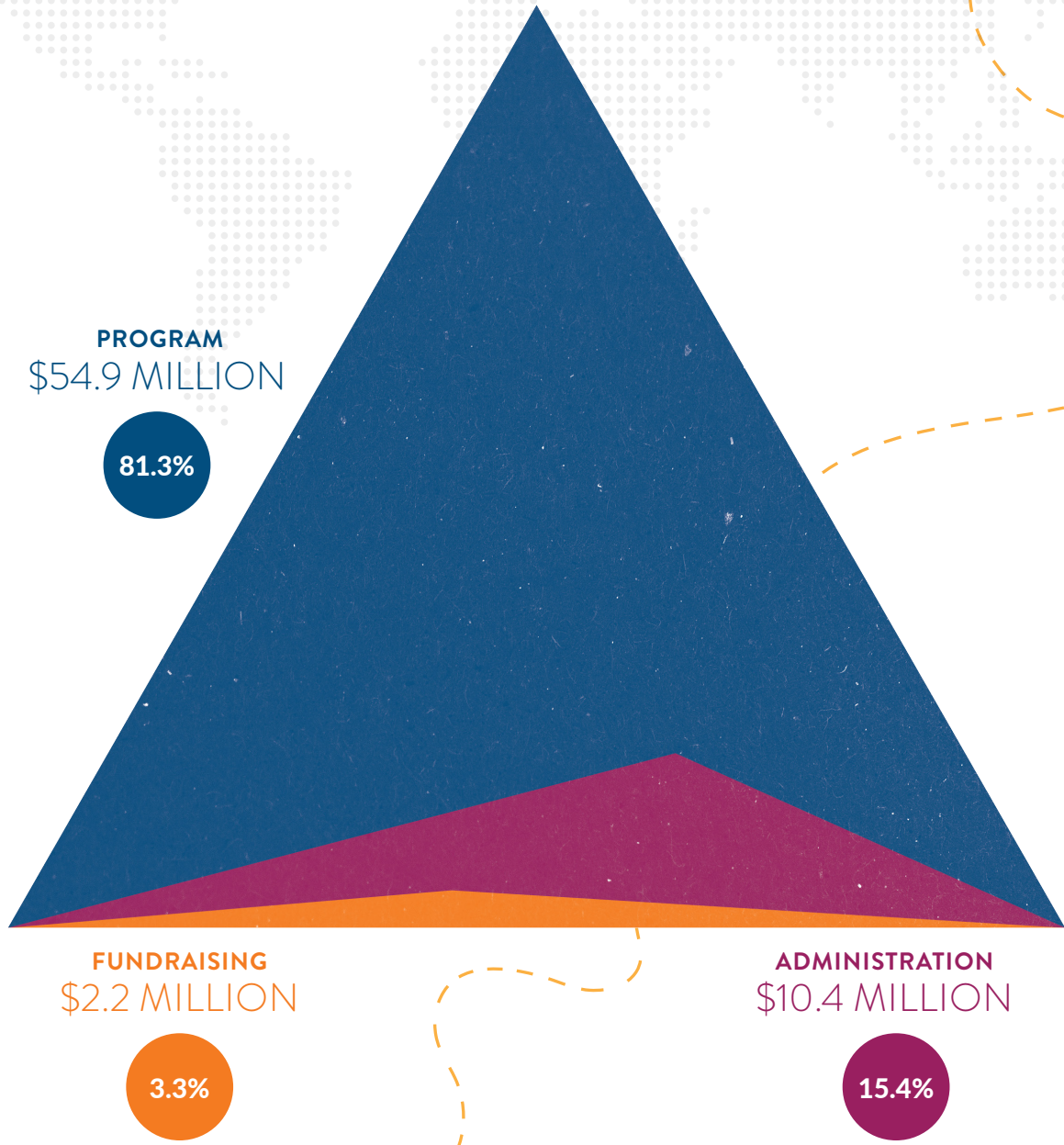
THE LIFE

The Holy Spirit empowers us to live a life fully consecrated to God through ***sanctifying grace.***

EXPENSES

by functional percentage

This graph displays the expenses that make global ministry possible.



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use of
MISSION GIFTS

GLOBAL OUTREACH
\$47.2 MILLION

Ministry support and funding for the six regions, including global youth and discipleship ministry

75.0%

HIGHER EDUCATION
\$3.3 MILLION

Oversight of clergy development and 51 colleges, universities, and seminaries located in 35 countries, including support for Nazarene Theological Seminary, Nazarene Bible College, Nazarene Theological College–Manchester, and Ambrose University

5.2%

TOTAL GIVING
\$63.0 MILLION

Thank you for your investment of **\$37.1 million** in the World Evangelism Fund and **\$25.9 million** in Mission Specials.

MISSION SUPPORT
AND LEADERSHIP
\$10.3 MILLION

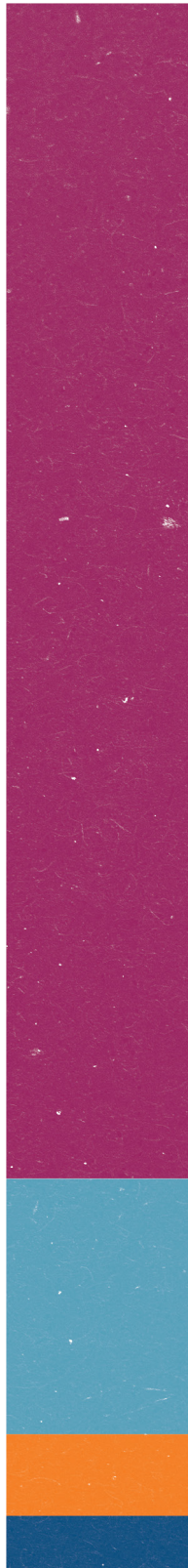
Programs, technology, processing, logistics, and connectional services that enable global ministry

16.3%

EVENTS AND
GOVERNANCE
\$2.2 MILLION

General Assembly, governance including General Board and its committees, legal services, and other corporate activities

3.5%





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