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NYI NOMINATIONS

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

# NYI ELECTIONS / NOMINATIONS

## NYI NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

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### **I. MEMBERSHIP:**

#### **Manual Paragraph: 810.2**

Membership in Nazarene Youth International includes all persons participating in Nazarene youth ministry who choose to embrace our stated vision and values.

### **II. OFFICERS:** (Manual Paragraph 810.107)

1. The officers of the local NYI are **a president** and **up to three persons elected** by the annual NYI meeting with assigned ministry responsibilities according to local church needs. **These officers serve on the Executive Committee.**
2. Local NYI officers **must be members of the local church** whose NYI they serve, active in local youth ministry, and leaders in personal example and service.
3. In churches not having an organized NYI (no local NYI Council), the pastor, with church board approval, may appoint the NYI president so that the church may begin to reach young people for Christ and respond to their spiritual growth needs.

### **III. ELECTION OF NYI PRESIDENT & EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

(Manual Paragraph 810.108)

1. Officers are elected annually by the members of the local NYI at the annual meeting and serve until their successors are elected and assume their ministry roles.
2. A nominating committee nominates the officers for NYI. **A Nominating Committee is appointed by the pastor and consists of NYI members, as well as the pastor and the NYI president.** All nominees are to be approved by the pastor and church board. Persons nominated as local NYI president must have reached their 15th birthday at the time of their election.
3. Officers are **elected by majority vote of the NYI members present at the annual NYI meeting.** When there is only one nominee for a position, a “yes” and “no” ballot is used, with approval by two-thirds vote. Only those who are also members of the local Church of the Nazarene may vote for the president.
4. **An incumbent officer may be reelected by a “yes” or “no”** vote when such vote is recommended by the NYI Council to the nominating committee, approved by the pastor and church board, and approved by two-thirds vote at the annual NYI meeting.
5. A vacancy occurs when an officer moves his/her membership from the church, resigns, or is removed from office by two-thirds vote of the council due to neglect of duties or inappropriate conduct. Should a vacancy occur among officers, the NYI Council fills the vacancy by two-thirds vote if there is one nominee or by majority vote if two or more nominees. If the vacancy occurs in the office of NYI president, the pastor, youth pastor, or his/her designee chairs the meeting for election.

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## **A. NYI PRESIDENT:**

1. **Method of Nomination:** Nominating Committee (See Manual Paragraph 810.108.1 and 2)

2. **Method of Election:** Majority (See Manual Paragraph 810.108 3 and 4)  
See notes on Yes/No Ballots **Note:** Only those who are also members of the local Church of the Nazarene may vote for the president.

3. **Nominees:**

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4. **Responsibilities of NYI President:** (Manual Paragraph) 810.109

The responsibilities of the NYI president include:

- a. Chairing the NYI Council to cast a vision for youth ministry in the church.
- b. Facilitating the development of youth ministry and working with the NYI Council to define the ministry focus in response to the needs of their young people.
- c. Serving on the church board and submitting a monthly report to the board. A local church board may establish prior to the annual election a minimum age for the NYI president to serve on the church board; should the president be younger, alternate representation for NYI on the church board may be appointed by the NYI Council, subject to the approval of the board.
- d. Submitting an annual report of ministry and finances to the annual church meeting.
- e. Recommending the budget for the local NYI, as approved by the NYI Council, to the church board.
- f. Serving as an ex officio member of the Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries International Board to coordinate youth Sunday School/Bible studies/small groups in the church.
- g. Working with the Nazarene Missions International (NMI) president in the development of a missions emphasis for youth.
- h. Serving as a delegate to the District NYI Convention and the District Assembly. Should the president be unable to attend, a representative elected by the NYI Council and approved by pastor and the church board may provide alternate representation.

## **B. NYI EXECUTIVE COUNCIL: (810.108)**

### **1. Executive Council Members:**

- The officers of the local NYI are a president and up to three persons elected by the annual NYI meeting with assigned ministry responsibilities according to local church needs. These officers serve on the Executive Committee.

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- Local NYI officers **must be members of the local church** whose NYI they serve, active in local youth ministry, and leaders in personal example and service.
- In churches not having an organized NYI (no local NYI Council), the pastor, with church board approval, may appoint the NYI president so that the church may begin to reach young people for Christ and respond to their spiritual growth needs.

2. **Method of Nomination:** (See Manual Paragraph 810.108)

3. **Method of Election:** Majority (See Manual Paragraph 810.108)

4. **Number To Elect:** Up To Thee (See Manual Paragraph 810.108)

5. **Nominees:**

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6. **Responsibilities of NYI Executive Council:** (Manual Paragraph 810.109)

- a. Developing and designating leaders for various local NYI ministries.
- b. Being role models and spiritual guides for youth both within and outside the church.
- c. Defining and assigning titles and youth ministry responsibilities in response to local church needs.
- d. Distributing the following responsibilities to insure accountability and effectiveness:
  - 1) Keeping a correct record of all meetings of the NYI Council and attending to all matters of correspondence for the local NYI.
  - 2) Disbursing, receiving, and keeping records of NYI funds according to church board policy.
  - 3) Compiling an annual financial report of all moneys raised and disbursed to submit to the annual church meeting.
  - 4) Working with the NYI president to create an annual budget to present to the council and to the church board for approval.
- e. Cooperating with the president in every way possible to facilitate the local NYI ministry.
- f. Carrying out other ministries as assigned by the NYI Council.
- g. 810.114 Committees 1. The NYI Executive Committee consists of elected NYI officers and the pastor or youth pastor. The Executive Committee may conduct the business of the NYI Council when necessary. All actions of the Executive Committee are communicated to the remaining members of the

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council and are subject to the approval of the entire council at its next meeting. (810.114)

### IV. **ELECTION OF NYI COUNCIL:**

#### **A. Composition:** (Manual Paragraph 810.111)

1. The Local NYI Council is composed of the NYI officers, other elected or appointed youth member-at-large and ministry leaders as deemed necessary, and the pastor and/or youth pastor, who collectively cast the vision for local youth ministry.
2. NYI Council members must be members of the local Nazarene Youth International. Local church membership is strongly encouraged and NYI Council members should be expected to become church members.

#### **B. Method of Nomination:** (Manual Paragraph 810.112)

1. A NYI Nominating Committee nominates local NYI members to be elected to the NYI Council.

#### **C. Method of Election:** Majority (See Manual Paragraph 810.112)

1. The NYI membership then elects the members of the NYI Council from submitted nominations by majority vote at the annual NYI meeting.
2. A vacancy occurs when a council member moves his/her membership from the local NYI, resigns, or is removed from office by two-thirds vote of the council due to neglect of duties or inappropriate conduct. Should a vacancy occur among council members, the NYI Council fills the vacancy by two-thirds vote if there is one nominee or by majority vote if two or more nominees.
3. If a church has fewer than seven NYI members, the pastor may appoint the members of the NYI Council so that youth ministry may be developed and young people are reached for Christ.

#### **C. Number To Elect:** As Deemed Necessary (See Manual Paragraph 810.112; 810:)

#### **D. Nominees:** (Appoint)

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#### **E. Responsibilities of Additional Council:** (Manual Paragraph 810.113)

1. The NYI Council is responsible for planning and organizing the total ministry for youth within the local church and, through its officers and directors, initiates and directs ministries and activities to reach young people for Christ and to respond to their spiritual growth needs, in harmony with local church leadership.

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2. The NYI Council defines the ministry focus of the local NYI in response to local youth ministry needs, and develops and assigns titles and job descriptions for ministry directors.
3. The NYI Council gives leadership to the youth area of Sunday School/Bible studies/small groups by promoting growth in enrollment and attendance for youth, nominating and providing training for youth Sunday School/Bible study/small group teachers and leaders, and recommending curriculum and resources to be used, in cooperation with the Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries International Board.
4. The NYI Council cooperates with the District NYI Council in promoting district, regional, and global NYI ministries to young people of the church.
5. The NYI Council establishes and communicates the process for submitting revisions to the local ministry plan.
6. The NYI Council may establish specific ministry or age division committees in response to youth ministry needs. (810.114)

### V. **NYI CONVENTION DELEGATES:** (Manual Paragraph 810.219)

#### A. **Delegate Composition:**

1. All local NYI delegates to the District NYI Convention **must be members of the Church of the Nazarene that they represent.**
2. The number of local NYI delegates for each church is determined by the membership figures on the most recent local Pastor's Report prior to the District Assembly. District NYI leadership encourages local churches to make suitable arrangements for the expenses of delegates attending the District NYI Convention.
3. The local NYI delegation to the District NYI Convention for churches with 30 or fewer NYI members consists of:
  - a. The pastor and youth pastor or any fulltime paid pastoral staff who participate in NYI ministry;
  - b. The newly-elected local NYI president;
  - c. Up to four elected delegates, with at least half being within the district-established NYI ministry focus.
  - d. Local churches may add an additional delegate for each successive 30 local NYI members and/or final major part of those 30 members (i.e., 16-29 members). At least half of any additional delegates must be also within the district-established NYI ministry focus.

#### B. **Method of Nomination:** (See Manual Paragraph 810.108)

#### C. **Method of Election:** **Majority** (See Manual Paragraph 810.108)

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**D. Number To Be Elected:** Five (5) (Manual Paragraph 810.219)

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

**E. Nominees:**

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