



Nazarene Educators Worldwide Expand Ministry Opportunities

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Due to the COVID-19 virus, educators are struggling to find the best methods to educate their students. Schedules have changed, methods have changed, and many children, parents, teachers, and administrators are frustrated. However, some districts and schools have found methods that are working and are settling in for the rest of the year. The Nazarene Educators Worldwide (NEW) Council is praying for you and hoping you found creative ways to educate students in the setting God has placed you.

Many years ago, the Church of the Nazarene realized the need for Christian educators to network with each other. NEW has served those working with children and youth in preschools and early childhood learning centers, Christian schools, homeschools, public and private schools, colleges and universities in USA/Canada, and in many areas around the world. NEW provides monthly newsletters, offering encouragement, inspiration, and education through its articles. To access these newsletters, go to our website, www.naznew.com.

NEW has provided encouragement, supplies, and even missional visits to provide training and hands-on help to some regions outside of USA/Canada that may lack resources and access to instructional training.

We have been a presence at General Assemblies, Mission/Evangelism Conferences, District Assemblies, PALCONS, SPARKS Conferences, and other venues to spread the word about NEW. We have met many of you in these places, and we are very excited about that.

We have been upgrading the www.naznew.com website, including the ability to register for membership online. We want to provide value for your membership fee in the form of resources you can use and share. In addition, we want to highlight excellent educators and outstanding schools that are doing special projects. Don't be shy about tooting your own horn. See our website for a listing of schools and educators we have highlighted in our newsletters. If you know of an educator or school that should be highlighted, please contact Beula Postlewait at bpostlewait@kc.rr.com.

We invite you to join our Facebook page and let us know what is happening at your school or in your class. If you have a special method that has worked wonders in your class, let us know so we can share this information with other educators. If you are interested in writing an article about a special method or event in your classroom, contact Beula.

NEW knows there are thousands of Nazarene educators. Our task is to find them and unite them through NEW. Just think of all the knowledge and experience those thousands of educators have. This knowledge and experience can be shared with new teachers and those who have taught for years. NEW can be the conduit to unite these educators and help share information.

NEW is reaching out to educators to become part of a focus group. There will be a focus group for each area of education: public school, homeschool, Christian school, college/university teachers and administrators, and global schools. These focus groups will have Zoom meetings to discuss current issues, problems, and new innovations for their areas of education. Any educator is welcome to be part of a focus group. We also plan to have a general quarterly NEW Zoom meeting for anyone interested in collaborating, sharing ideas, and learning new things. Contact Marilyn Dominick at mjdominick77@gmail.com if you wish to be part of these events.

Here are some things you can do for NEW:

1. PRAY for the NEW Council to have wisdom from God to determine how to proceed and set priorities. We would love to hear from you regarding your thoughts about how we can help teachers and administrators.
2. Join a focus group and learn new things or share ideas with others.
3. JOIN NEW by going to www.naznew.com and completing the membership process.
4. TELL other educators you know about NEW. Ask them if you may provide their email to NEW, so they can receive the newsletters.
5. SHARE with us what you would like NEW to provide for you and other educators you know. You can email your comments and ideas to mjdominick77@gmail.com

It has been said that NEW is the best-kept secret in the denomination. Help us change that by promoting NEW in your area. The more members we have, the stronger the organization will be, and the more educators we can encourage and support.

Thank you for taking the time to read this message. We are praying for all of you.

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