



CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE  
SUNDAY SCHOOL & DISCIPLESHIP

**Important news about the annual Bible Society Offering**

*The History and Change*

For many years, the SDMI office has worked with the American Bible Society to develop a theme for a yearly Bible society offering. The Global Ministry Center promoted this theme across the region. Local churches took offerings and sent those offerings to the GMC for the fulfillment of a special project with a Bible society.

In 2017, a significant change was made within the appendix of the [2017-2021 Manual, paragraph 908, 2.](#)

Offering for Bible Societies

Resolved, That the Church of the Nazarene designate the second Sunday of December of each year as a special time for the presentation of this important matter and the taking of an offering for each nation's Bible Society. The Bible Society chosen shall be members (associate or full) of the worldwide fellowship of the United Bible Societies or in the absence of a member society, such other Bible Society designated by the district; also that a special effort be made to have all of our churches take part in such an offering. All churches should consult their district office for instructions regarding how to send their contributions to their respective country's Bible society. (2017)

*New Way Forward*

With this change to the *Manual*, the SDMI office at the Global Ministry Center will no longer be taking a region-wide offering for the American Bible Society. In keeping with the *Manual*, we encourage all churches to participate with the annual Bible society offering but that those offerings be aligned with the vision and direction of your district leadership.

If desired, the SDMI office is glad to engage in strategic conversations with your district leadership regarding Bible society offerings. May God continue to help us spread the Word of God to a lost and broken world and make disciples who engage God's Word in their daily lives!

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