



What Can We Do for Each Other?

By Marilyn J. Dominick, Chairperson of NEW

I joined the Nazarene Educators Worldwide Council in 2008 after finding out that our denomination had an organization dedicated to supporting the work of Nazarene educators in every type of setting. Wow, I wanted to be part of that! I believe that a career in education provides more ministry opportunities than any other role, except for parenting. The opportunities for discipling those we teach, their families, and our colleagues are unmatched in any other workplace.

I found out very quickly that the NEW Council worked tirelessly to provide high quality workshops, mission trips to schools around the world, and a successful newsletter published each month. NEW had been doing this work for quite some time! (See Beula's article on the history of NEW.)

For many reasons, within the past few years, NEW was not successful in keeping the momentum of maintaining the high level of support that the organization had in the past. Memberships were down, and the organization did not have the resources to keep offering what so many educators had come to appreciate.

I am happy to report that we are back on our feet now, and I see great days ahead for all who belong to NEW! So let's look ahead to the future!

Right now, we are in the process of becoming much more connected with our educators. Here is what is going on. I hope you agree that joining NEW as an individual or organization (church or school) will be beneficial!

- We have recently updated our database of all schools connected to our Nazarene churches in USA and Canada. We are also trying to find such schools around the globe.
- We have been updating our website, www.naznew.com, to make sure it is accessible to all educators.
- We have been in contact with many more of you through emails and invitations so we can get to know you better. We have so enjoyed your email responses and hearing your heart's desires for your students, schools, and childcare facilities. We want that communication to continue so that we can support you in prayer, through training, and by sharing ideas and resources.
- We have planned to use Zoom for a "general support/get to know you" series of virtual meetings, including our NEW Focus Teams in our six areas of representation. In October, we started Zoom meetings specifically to address the needs of educators in Christian schools, public schools, homeschools, colleges, early childhood and preschools, and international schools. Right now, you can join these meetings free of cost, but they will eventually be open only to members of NEW. As you try out these meetings, you will also learn that joining NEW is worth your time.
- We hope that our website will soon be able to help with job vacancies and announcements for our members as well as a place to make specific requests that other members might be able to fulfill. A network of educators working to support and resource each other is our goal!
- Our council members stand ready to provide support and training, and they are an impressive group of experienced educators. Members will be able to request free virtual training, mentoring, and prayer from our council. Check out the [ABOUT NEW](#) tab to read more about our council members and be thinking what we can do for you!

Finally, please prayerfully consider joining NEW. See the [MEMBERSHIP](#) tab on our website. Joining NEW will meet a contractual requirement some of us have: to be a member of a professional organization. You will receive a membership confirmation, and as an educator, you may receive a discount in certain stores! The cost of membership is low when compared to other organizations. We hope to be able to do so much more for you if our memberships

increase. We will be looking for special projects to fund and possibly even a grant application to meet the needs of our members.

Educators supporting educators – Ask not what NEW can do for you, but ask what we can do for each other. If you have any questions or responses, email me at mjdominick77@gmail.com

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