



### **Taking a Tour of a Great Resource**

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When was the last time you became excited about a new resource you could use to keep the interest of your students? Educators are always looking for fascinating ideas to enhance their work. As a teacher, I get quite excited when I find new ways to present topics to students and capture their attention. Nazarene Educators Worldwide provides resources on our website that can help educators.

Have you visited our Nazarene Educators Worldwide website lately? I encourage you to look at the different sections of our website. Go to [www.nazareneeducatorsworldwide.wildapricot.org](http://www.nazareneeducatorsworldwide.wildapricot.org).

Buckle up your seat belt, and we will visit the website. Just as we get up to speed, we observe a sign saying stop at the homepage.

#### **On the Homepage**

Here we have a chance to stop and read the latest edition of the monthly newsletter. It has articles written by council members and guest writers.

As we start driving again, we go south (down) to a devotional. "I need something to help me

forget an awful experience I had in class first thing this morning!” says one passenger.

“OK, we have a devotional to uplift and encourage you,” says the driver.

This year has been discouraging for many educators. All educators can benefit from words that direct our attention to God, the One who encourages and supplies all our needs.

By going south (down) again, we find the access road to the archived newsletters.

Readers have access to archived newsletter articles as far back as 2013. Many of the ideas are applicable for today’s educator.

There are three archived lists of articles: by date (year and month), author, and area of responsibility. If you remember an article from last September that you want to read again, go to the list of articles by date and find the year and month you seek. If you want to read all the articles written by Marilyn Dominick, use the list by authors. You can find her name, her articles, and a link to take you directly to the article you want to read. If you want to read articles for preschool educators, go to the list by area of responsibility, find preschool/early childhood section, and click on the links there.

As we resume our travels, the sign above the highway says there are some interesting things to see just ahead of us.

### **Upcoming Events**

As you look at this section, you will see that representatives from the NEW Council will be at the USA/Canada annual Leaders’ Conference (LC2021) at the Ridgecrest Camp and Conference Center in Ridgecrest, North Carolina, from November 9-11, 2021. Look for the NEW booth at that event.

### **Zoom Meetings**

Another Zoom meeting! Yes, at least for now! However, these Zoom meetings are not work! They are for fun, prayer support, and encouragement. It is a great way to meet other educators in your area of teaching or administration. We have enjoyed several Zoom meetings in which we prayed for one another and all our schools and educators. Public school teachers shared time in this way. Our preschool teachers enjoyed a session with each other. Homeschool teachers also were part of the fun. NEW plans more future meetings, so watch this column and your email for dates and times.

Now we will take a shortcut back to the north (top of homepage) to visit some special people.

## **NEW in Action—Honoring Schools and Educators**

Our organization likes to recognize schools and educators who have excelled in some way. It is good to brag when God has blessed the efforts of educators and schools. Check out the individuals and schools honored in our newsletters. We are always looking for more individuals and schools that have been honored. If you know someone who has been honored or if you have been honored, please let us know. We love to tell others what God has done through our Christian educators and schools. Contact Beula Postlewait at [bpostlewait@kc.rr.com](mailto:bpostlewait@kc.rr.com).

“This is fun! I hope we have enough fuel,” said our driver.” “Let’s go back to the top of the homepage and make a right turn on About NEW Road.”

## **About NEW**

Wow! Have you ever read a book or an article and wondered what the author looked like? Tall and handsome? Young and pretty? Happy or grumpy? A principal or a teacher? A dog-lover or a cat-lover? A preschool teacher or a college professor?

Here is your chance to see the authors of your NEW articles! You can also learn about where they live and what and whom they teach. You might want to turn off the engine and rest awhile here. There is a lot to learn about the council members.

Since you now know the council, you might want to know about the history of this group. Has Nazarene Educators Worldwide existed for a long time? Was it always known by that name? These questions and more are answered by a brief history of the organization.

“We can’t spend a long time at this stop. Read a short history of the organization and jump back into the car.”

## **Membership**

While on this journey, we decided we really like each other. We want to spend more time together. How could we do that?

“Wow! Up ahead is a sign that says Join Us!” exclaims one of the passengers. “Can we stop there?”

(Click on the Membership link.) NEW encourages membership in a variety of categories: student, retired educator, individual, and institutional (1-5 employees, 6-50, 51+). There will be a focused membership drive in August, but you can join NEW anytime by completing the form

on the website. Membership is yearly and can begin at any time. We appreciate all our current members and welcome others to join our group.

“The driver says we have one more stop at “Our Most Recent Newsletter.” Just in case you missed the newsletter on the homepage, you have one more chance to read the articles in the current newsletter.”

OK, we are back in the parking lot, so you can take off the seat belt and turn off the engine. The tour is finished. We hope you will be encouraged to return many times to the website and take advantage of the information there. We appreciate your reading our newsletters and hope you have been inspired by some ideas you found. While on the site, you may have seen some information about our Facebook page. If you do Facebook, watch for us on that site.

Now that you know about NEW, we hope we can learn more about you. Feel free to contact Marilyn Dominick or any of the council members. We really enjoy hearing from you and learning how we can help you through this pandemic and into the next school year. Our council will be praying for you.

Dear God, You know these are not just words on a piece of paper. They are heart-felt expressions of our desire to help educators who know and love You to find a source of encouragement and help for these troubled times. You are our one true source of help and strength. During these summer months, may we find a few days to relax and renew our inner strength and prepare ourselves for the coming school year. Thank You for loving us immeasurably. Help us find time to be still, so we can hear Your voice saying, “I love you, and I will be with you.” Amen.

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