NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL NYI
REGIONAL MINISTRY PLAN
Approved by Regional Caucus on 6-19-13

I. Ministries

Section 1 – Evangelism
The regional NYI develops and implements a variety of ongoing ministries and special events to reach young people for Christ.

Section 2 – Discipleship
The regional NYI develops and implements a variety of ongoing ministries and special events to nurture and challenge young people to grow as disciples of Christ in personal devotion, worship, fellowship, ministry, and leading others to Christ.

Section 3 – Leadership Development
The regional NYI develops and implements a variety of ongoing ministries and special events to mentor and equip young people to be leaders for Christ and His church.

II. Revisions

Section 1 - Provision
1. The regional ministry plan provides a standard format for the organization, function, and leadership of NYI at the regional level. A regional NYI may adapt and revise the plan in response to youth ministry needs on the region, consistent with the Nazarene Youth International Charter and the Manual of the Church of the Nazarene.
2. Any area not covered by this ministry plan is under the authority of the Regional NYI Council.

Section 2 - Process
1. The Regional NYI Council, in cooperation with the regional director (where applicable), establishes and publicizes the process for adapting and revising the regional ministry plan and must approve proposed revisions prior to their being brought to the Regional Caucus.
2. Proposed revisions to the regional ministry plan must be distributed in written form to district NYI councils prior to the Regional Caucus at the Global NYI Convention.
3. Revisions must be approved by a two-thirds majority vote of all delegates and members present and voting at the Regional Caucus and are subject to the approval of the regional director and Regional Advisory Council (where applicable).
4. All changes in the regional ministry plan become effective no later than 90 days following the Global NYI Convention. The revised document must be distributed in written form prior to taking effect.

III. Membership and Ministry Focus

Section 1 - Composition and Accountability
1. All local NYI groups, district NYI ministries, and members of NYI within the boundaries of the North Central Region NYI.
2. The regional NYI is accountable to its membership and to the Global NYI Council. Where applicable, the regional NYI may also be accountable to the regional director and Regional Advisory Council.
3. The regional NYI reports to the Global NYI Council on an annual basis and, where applicable, to the regional director and Regional Advisory Council on a regular basis.

**Section 2 - Ministry Focus**

1. The traditional ministry focus of the regional NYI is to youth ages 12 and older, college/university students, and young adults. A Regional NYI Council may modify the ministry focus as seen fit, with the approval of the districts on the region and, where applicable, the regional director.
2. For the purposes of representation and programming, the Regional NYI Council establishes age divisions according to youth ministry needs on the region.

**IV. Leadership**

**Section 1 - Officers**

1. Regional NYI officers must reside on and be members of the Church of the Nazarene within the bounds of the region at the time of their election, be active in youth ministry, and be viewed as leaders in personal example and ministry.
2. Regional NYI officers serve without salary. Financing for the administrative expenses of regional NYI officers is allocated as a part of regional funds.

**Section 2 - Election**

1. Regional NYI chair is elected by the Regional Caucus of the Global NYI Convention, and approved by the convention. The chair serves from the close of the Global NYI Convention until the close of the following Global NYI Convention.
2. A Regional NYI Nominating Committee nominates the chair of the regional NYI. The nominating committee is appointed by the Regional NYI Council and consists of at least four regional NYI members, including the regional NYI chair. At least two names are submitted to the caucus for the position. The Regional NYI Council must approve all nominees.
3. The regional NYI chair is elected by majority vote of the Regional Caucus at the Global NYI Convention and approved by majority vote of the convention, according to the NYI Global Ministry Plan. Other officers are appointed by the regional council.
4. An incumbent regional NYI chair may be re-elected by a “yes” or “no” vote, when such election is recommended by the Regional NYI Council, and approved by two-thirds majority vote by ballot of the Regional Caucus at the Global NYI Convention.
5. A vacancy occurs when an officer moves his/her membership off of the region, resigns, or is removed from office by two-thirds majority vote of the Regional NYI Council due to neglect of duties or inappropriate conduct. Should a vacancy occur among officers, the Regional NYI Council fills the vacancy by two-thirds majority vote if there is one nominee or by majority vote if two or more nominees. In the case of such a vacancy in the office of regional NYI chair, the region elects a new chair consistent with the NYI Global Ministry Plan.
6. Up to three regional officers may be appointed by the regional NYI council serving one year terms. Officers are permitted to serve multiple years.
7. The Regional Treasurer and Regional Secretary are appointed by the Executive Committee with approval from the Regional NYI Council at the first meeting following the Regional Caucus and will serve until the close of the following Global NYI Convention.

**Section 3 – Responsibilities**

1. The responsibilities of the regional NYI chair include:
   a. Giving leadership and direction to the regional NYI, working in cooperation with NYI and regional leadership.
b. Chairing the Regional NYI Council to cast a vision for youth ministry on the region.
c. Facilitating the development of youth ministry on the region and working with the Regional NYI Council to define the regional NYI ministry focus according to needs.
d. Presiding at the Regional Caucus at the Global NYI Convention.
e. Encouraging the development of NYI ministry on each district or field within the region.
f. Representing the interests of regional NYI on appropriate regional boards and committees and, when applicable, to multi-regional committees.
g. Submitting an annual report to the Regional NYI Council, and the Global NYI Council.
h. Recommending an annual budget to the Regional NYI Council.
i. Serving as a delegate to the Global NYI Convention and a member of the Global and/or USA/Canada NYI Council. Should the chair be unable to attend, a representative elected by the Regional NYI Council may provide alternate representation.
j. Serving as a member of the Board of Trustees of MidAmerica Nazarene University to promote communication, cooperation, and ministry partnership.

2. The responsibilities of regional NYI officers include:
   a. Developing and designating leaders for the various regional NYI ministries.
   b. Defining and assigning titles and youth ministry responsibilities according to regional needs.
   c. Distributing the following responsibilities to insure accountability and effectiveness:
      1) Keeping a correct record of all meetings of the Regional NYI Council and attending to all matters of correspondence for the regional NYI.
      2) Disbursing, receiving, and keeping records of regional NYI funds, according to Global NYI Council, General Board, and regional office policies.
      3) Assisting the president in compiling an annual financial report of all moneys raised and disbursed to submit to the Global NYI Council and other appropriate bodies.
      4) Working with the president to create an annual budget to present to the Regional NYI Council for approval.
      5) Notifying the NYI Office of the names and addresses of the various regional NYI officers and ministry directors as soon as possible after election or appointment.
   d. Cooperating with the president in every way possible to facilitate regional youth ministry.
   e. Carrying out other ministries as assigned by the Regional NYI Council or Regional Caucus.

Section 4 - Paid Staff
1. When a region employs a regional NYI coordinator, the regional director, in consultation with the Regional Advisory Council and Regional NYI Council, assigns the responsibility for the regional NYI to the regional NYI coordinator. In that case, the regional NYI coordinator may carry out some of the duties otherwise designated to a regional NYI president. However, the importance of the regional NYI chair remains, in providing additional leadership, support, and representation for regional youth ministry. The Regional NYI Council and regional director work together to define the roles and responsibilities of the two positions and how they work together for the benefit of the regional youth ministry.
2. A regional NYI coordinator may not serve as regional NYI chair.
3. The regional NYI coordinator serves ex officio on the Regional NYI Council, the Executive Committee, and the Regional NYI Nominating Committee.
4. The regional NYI coordinator may serve as the regional director's designee for NYI-related responsibilities.
V. Council

Section 1 - Composition
1. The Regional NYI Council is composed of
   Executive Committee
   • Chair (elected by Regional Caucus)
   • District Presidents (elected by each district)
   • Vice-Chair (appointed by Executive Committee, to be filled by a DP, approved by Council)
   Council Members
   • Secretary (appointed by Executive Committee, approved by Council)
   • Treasurer (appointed by Executive Committee, approved by Council)
   • MNU Representative’s (appointed by Executive Committee, approved by Council)
   • Bible Quiz Director (appointed by Regional Chair, approved by Council)
   • Worlds of Fun Coordinator (appointed by Regional Chair, approved by Council)
   • MAX Talent Director (appointed by Regional Chair, approved by Council)
   • PK Retreat Director (appointed by Regional Chair, approved by Council)
2. Only those NYI members who are members of the Church of the Nazarene on the region may serve as Regional NYI Council members.
3. When applicable, representatives from Nazarene colleges or universities responsible for shared ministry with the regional NYI may also serve on the Regional NYI Council.

Section 2 - Elections
1. See above Section 1.
2. A vacancy occurs when a member moves his/her membership off of the region, resigns, or is removed from office by two-thirds majority vote of the council due to neglect of duties or inappropriate conduct. Should a vacancy occur among council members elected or appointed by the council, the Regional NYI Council fills the vacancy by two-thirds majority vote if there is one nominee or by majority vote if two or more nominees. If a vacancy occurs among members representing a district on the region, the vacancy is filled according to that district’s ministry plan.

Section 3 - Responsibilities
1. The Regional NYI Council is responsible for planning and organizing the total ministry for youth within the region 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 regional leadership.
2. The Regional NYI Council defines the ministry focus of regional NYI in response to regional youth ministry needs, and develops and assigns titles and responsibilities for regional NYI ministry directors.
3. The Regional NYI Council encourages and equips districts across the region for effective youth ministry.
4. The Regional NYI Council gives leadership to the youth area of Sunday School regionally by promoting growth in enrollment and attendance for youth and providing training for youth Sunday School teachers and leaders in cooperation with Sunday School Ministries.
5. The Regional NYI Council promotes global NYI ministries and programs to regional membership.
6. The Regional NYI Council directs the expenditure of funds provided to the region through NYI events and partnerships.
7. The Regional NYI Council makes recommendations to the Regional Caucus at the Global NYI Convention concerning the ministry of NYI. The council also appoints up to two persons to serve the region as members of the Resolutions Committee at the Global NYI Convention, consistent with the Global Ministry Plan.
8. The Regional NYI Council establishes and communicates the process for amending the regional ministry plan.

**Section 4 - Committees**
1. The Regional NYI Executive Committee includes the Regional Chair and District Presidents. The Executive Committee may conduct the business of the Regional NYI Council when it is impractical or impossible to convene the entire council. All actions of the Executive Committee are communicated to the remaining members of the council and are subject to the approval of the entire council at its next meeting.
2. The Regional NYI Council may establish specific ministry committees in response to regional youth ministry needs.

**VI. Meetings**

**Section 1 – Regional NYI Meetings**
1. A variety of regional NYI gatherings help provide effective ministry to young people on the region.
2. The regional NYI also encourages and enhances district NYI ministry by meeting with district NYI groups across the region to resource them for effective ministry.
3. The regional NYI participates in global NYI gatherings that further enhance effective youth ministry across the region.

**Section 2 – Regional NYI Council Meetings**
1. The Regional NYI Council meets regularly to fulfill the mission and vision of regional NYI.
2. Meetings of the council may be scheduled or called by the regional NYI chair, a global NYI officer, or the Director of NYI.

**Section 3 - Regional Caucus**
1. A Regional Caucus is convened during the Global NYI Convention. The caucus provides for inspirational sessions and programs to advance youth ministry across the region. Reports are received, leadership is elected, and any legislative business pertaining to the work of NYI on the region is transacted at the caucus. The caucus also places in nomination up to two names for each youth member-at-large on the Global NYI Council, consistent with the Global Ministry Plan.
2. The Regional NYI Council, in cooperation with the Global NYI Council, arranges for and oversees the Regional Caucus.
3. The Regional Caucus is composed of the members of the Regional NYI Council, the regional director and/or regional NYI coordinator (where applicable), and the delegates from the region to the Global NYI Convention who are elected, consistent with the Global Ministry Plan.
4. The caucus convenes during the Global NYI Convention at a time and place designated by the Global NYI Council. When approved by the Regional NYI Council, the regional director (where applicable), and the Global NYI Council, a caucus may be convened by postal or electronic means within six months prior to the Global NYI Convention in order to conduct regional NYI business when circumstances prohibit a majority of elected delegates from attending the Global NYI Convention.