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TWENTY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS



WELCOME TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

As the only legislative assembly of the church, this gathering of delegates and visitors will be greatly significant for our future.

There is much important business to be accomplished, and time for it all is severely limited. Nevertheless, we anticipate great spiritual blessings along with the legislative processes. The presence and power of God have been sought in prayer, and we look forward to being renewed and energized by His Spirit for the work of the assembly and for the ongoing mission of our church.

The international character of the church presents a special challenge to the communication

THE GENERAL
SUPERINTENDENTS SAY,
“WELCOME!”



THE BOARD OF GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS:

Seated left to right Charles H. Strickland and Eugene L. Stowe;
standing left to right John A. Knight, Jerald D. Johnson, William M. Greathouse, Raymond W. Hurn.

of ideas. Arrangements have been made for swift translation into several languages of all business proposed and discussed. Along with this, we need to exercise great patience with and deep respect for one another to assure maximum effectiveness. Where we may be slow to understand each other, let us be sure that our mutual love requires no translation but is obvious at all times.

In the discussions we share, the conclusions we reach, and the legislation we enact we desire one thing above all—the will of God. We do not come with personal agendas to enforce, but in genuine concern to find together what is best for the whole church. To that end we solicit the prayers and cooperation of all who attend this exciting General Assembly. To that end we pledge our efforts and honor. We look forward to being able to say at the close of the assembly, “To God be the glory, great things He has done.”

Welcome to a glorious fellowship

From all over the world the family will be gathering. One of the great joys of General Assembly is greeting old friends and making new friends.

Many Nazarenes will be attending their first General Assembly. Many of those present will be persons recently won to Christ and added to the church. Let us get acquainted with one another and encourage one another in Christian life and work.

We confidently predict that one of your most cherished memories of this event will be the conversations shared in hotels, restaurants, anterooms, and on sidewalks. May those who observe us think, “Behold, how they love one another.”

Welcome to continuing mission

We will gather in Indianapolis not only to report past achievements and plan future strategies but to carry on a present witnessing mission. We will

come in contact with many people who will be meeting Nazarenes for the first time, and who need to meet Jesus Christ more than anyone else. They constitute our opportunity and responsibility for sharing the gospel message.

When we have cleared the site and have returned home, let those we have met, however casually, remember us as gracious and generous people who ardently share their faith and hope in Christ with all who will listen. As we tell others of Him, some of them will experience His forgiving and renewing grace.

THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS SAY, “THANK YOU.”

God has been pleased to keep a growing edge on our church. A harvest of souls has been gathered during the quadrennium. New churches have been planted in many world areas. We are stronger and abler than ever before to address the unfinished task that shapes our future. The triumphs we celebrate with thanksgiving to God have been made possible, on the human level, by the committed living and giving of thousands in our local churches. To all of you for all you have done we say a heartfelt thanks. To endeavor to give leadership to such a people for such a mission has been a thrilling assignment.

During the quadrennium we called for 10,000 prayer partners to share our vision and concern in ministries of faithful intercession. Your response was overwhelming and heartening. Prayer requests have been kept before you by word of mouth and in our periodicals. As you took seriously this challenge, God has answered, giving us who have prayed together many occasions for shared praise. Your continued prayers are urgently solicited.

THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS

THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS SAY, “PRAISE THE LORD.”

The past four years have not been without their burdens, difficulties, and sorrows.

We were all shocked and saddened by the sudden death of our colleague, Dr. Charles Strickland. His courteous and compassionate voice will be missed at this General Assembly.

Other trials and tests have been encountered. Nevertheless, the blessings have outweighed and

outnumbered the burdens, and we invite you to join with us in praising God for answered prayers, fulfilled promises, and numberless victories. Every new member, every new church, and every new district evoke praise. Every dollar invested in and every service rendered to human needs occasion praise. Join us in praising God for all the goodness and mercy that follow us all the days of our lives!

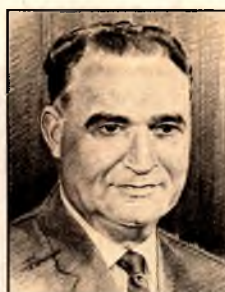
GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS EMERITI



SAMUEL I. YOUNG
1948-72



V. H. LEWIS
1960-85



GEORGE COULTER
1964-80



ORVILLE JENKINS
1968-85

PROMOTED TO GLORY



DANIEL I. VANDERPOOL
1949-64
d. 3/21/88



EDWARD LAWLOR
1968-76
d. 11/24/87



CHARLES H. STRICKLAND
1968-88
Died in office 8/10/88

GENERAL SECRETARY

The mission of the general secretary is to advance God's kingdom through faithful administration of the corporate affairs and events and meetings of the Church of the Nazarene.

Aerial view of Nazarene headquarters building complex



ARCHIVES

Steve Cooley left in 1985 to pursue a doctoral program at Chicago University. Stan Ingersol, with experience in the archives of Duke University, became our archivist. We are now computerizing the inventories of our collections, a big step forward.

Our collections were augmented by materials relating to R. T. Williams, D. I. Vanderpool, G. B. Williamson, D. Shelby Corlett, and other Nazarene leaders.

CHRISTIAN ACTION COMMITTEE

Special antipornography programs were presented to our pastors. Monographs dealing with a variety of "Issues and Answers" were released. Resources on social and moral issues were provided for pastors, writers, and church leaders. The committee participated in national coalitions promoting Christian values in the U.S. and Canada.

GENERAL SECRETARY

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Membership in the National Association of Evangelicals gave our church a stronger voice in evangelical affairs in the U.S. We have a growing influence among evangelical churches and in the association of holiness churches.

CORPORATE AFFAIRS

The general secretary worked with our legal counsels to reach out-of-court settlements in several liability suits against the General Board, part of a spreading "suing society syndrome."

The office processed 3,367 deeds, contracts, or other official instruments. Over 5,803 documents were notarized in our office.

Auditor's reports for the General Board and NPH were received and filed.

NAZARENE NEWS

Editor/reporter Mark Graham provided the *Weekly News* summary to church leaders, handled the telenews program, and supplied news to the *Herald of Holiness* and to local newspapers.

ORGANIZATIONAL OPERATIONS

General Board minutes were recorded and filed. The process of ratifying constitutional changes ordered by the past General Assembly was carried out. Commission and committee organizations authorized by the General Assembly, General Board, and general superintendents were brought together, and staff support was provided to their work.

RECORDS

Credentials were given to 1,519 new elders throughout the world. One hundred twenty-six other elders had their credentials recognized. Fifty-seven persons were ordained as deacons.

Districts increased by 53 to 263. Of these, 109 are regular, 36 are mission, 84 are national mission, and 34 are pioneer districts.

Statistics: Since last General Assembly the church membership has risen to 873,978, a net gain of 124,181. This was a 16.56 percent gain for the quadrennium. A record 228,198 new Nazarenes were received. Nazarenes paid for all purposes \$1,535,694,947. Of this amount \$1,232,674,354 went for local interests, \$81,567,233 for district interests, \$44,271,286 to educational institutions, and \$177,182,074 for general ministries and world evangelism.



B. EDGAR JOHNSON
General Secretary

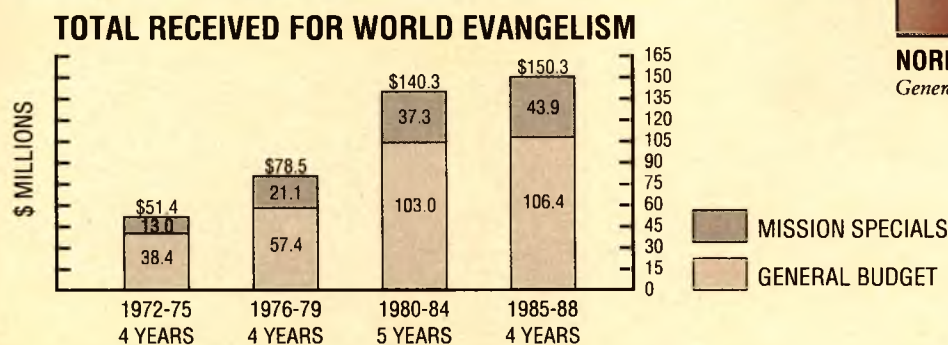
GENERAL TREASURER

Our church seeks to advance God's kingdom by proclaiming and propagating Christian holiness as set forth in the Scriptures. In keeping with this mission, church funds are received and disbursed by the general treasurer's office for the General Board.

Norman Miller, as general treasurer, is responsible for processing all financial transactions in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards. Each year the financial records are audited by a certified public accounting firm.

The general treasurer also serves as the executive officer of the Investment Committee of the General Board. Members are Robert Foster, Moody Gunter, Robert Hempel, Norman Miller, and Dean Wessels.

Former General Superintendent J. G. Morrison encouraged Nazarenes everywhere to give joyfully in order to spread the gospel around the world. His frequent challenge was, "Can't you do just a little bit more?" Today's Nazarenes have responded to the challenge by giving \$150,298,491.60 to world evangelism this past quadrennium.



NORMAN O. MILLER
General Treasurer



CHURCH GROWTH DIVISION

THRUST TO THE CITIES
Urban evangelism in major world areas has been a focal project of the Church Growth Division this quadrennium.

Born in the heart of a lay member of the General Board, the program has been implemented by the Church Growth Division and directed by Michael R. Estep, Church Extension Ministries director.

"Thrusts" have been conducted in Chicago, New York, and Los Angeles. Estep also directed "Thrusts" in Mexico City, São Paulo, and Paris for the World Mission Division. In Chicago we now have 15 new fully organized churches

and many new Christians. New York has 17 new fully organized churches and Los Angeles has 10.

Half the world's population lives in urban settings, and the percentage is increasing. We must become effective in urban evangelism to be significantly involved in world evangelism in the future.

RESEARCH

The Church Growth Research Center, through opinion polls, scientific surveys, and analyses of statistical reports, has provided reliable information on life in the local churches, spotlighting conditions and needs of clergy and laity alike.

The Listening Post, created and sponsored by the Association of Nazarene Sociologists of Religion, is a semiannual survey of pastors and lay



BILL M. SULLIVAN
Division Director



leaders. Six surveys were completed during the quadrennium.

A symposium of Nazarene scholars who study ways of incorporating church growth concepts and practices into the curricula of our ministerial training institutions met three times during the quadrennium.

INSIGHTS, a newsletter begun in 1988, is basically predictive of church growth trends.

A catalog of Church Growth resources was published and distributed to churches.

FUNDING

Church Growth Division provided mission funding in Canada and the U.S.A.

CHURCH SIZE

Strategies for church growth based on church size have been developed for three groups: 0-99; 100-249; and 250-1,000.

For category one GROWTH TUNER, a unique time management tool, was developed. Other denominations are utilizing it also.

The mid-sized churches have been resourced with *Breaking the 200 Barrier*, which has become recommended reading for the most popular Church Growth seminars in America.

The K-Church Project helps churches of 250 or more to grow to 1,000 and more. It promises to reduce the disproportionate number of small churches in our denomination.

CHAPLAINCY SERVICES

Curt Bowers directs a growing service to chaplains. We presently have 293 chaplains on the roster. Fifty-seven are active duty chaplains in the military.

A *Servicemembers Readiness Packet* was produced to be given to all new servicemembers enter-



CHURCH GROWTH DIVISION

ing active duty. It includes *Forward Edge of the Battle Area*, *Family Wherever You Go*, *Now That You Are in the Military Service*, *The Master's Plan for Making Disciples*, and a camouflaged New Testament.

Other books published to assist in chaplaincy ministries include *Host Pastor's Handbook* and *The Chaplain's Wife*, which has sold well to other denominations.

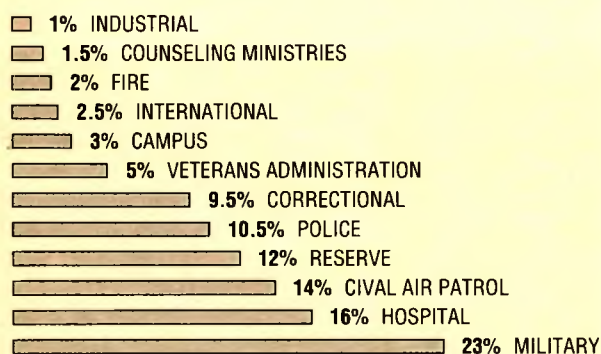
Four major retreats were conducted for our servicemembers in Germany, four in Korea, and two in Okinawa.

Under Orders, a newsletter for our 6,000 servicemembers and 12,000 family members, was instituted.

A church flag was designed and approved for official use by the Church of the Nazarene.

Two retreats were conducted for chaplains.

CHAPLAINCY BY CATEGORY



PASTORAL MINISTRIES

Wilbur Brannon directs this work, committed to helping our ministers grow personally, professionally, and spiritually.

WORSHIP AND PREACHING HELPS

Sixteen issues of this material were mailed to all U.S. pastors and to 14 World Mission areas.

MINISTERIAL TRAINING

The Course of Study was revised to include preparation for both elders and deacons. A total of 3,666 students are enrolled.

Eight courses have been put in a video format.

Three "Consultations of Ministerial Preparation" pooled the insights of district and college personnel involved in ministerial training and credentialing.

CONTINUED EDUCATION

"Approved Workman," a nondegree program of continuing education for full-time ministers, is in place with expanded and improved curriculum.

PALCON III

A "Gathering for Renewal" was held on each U.S.A. regional college campus and in England for the Eurasia Region. As many as 3,589 pastors and leaders attended and experienced renewal.

MINISTRY INTERNSHIP

Twenty-six districts now participate in this program, which links a new pastor to an experienced pastor in a covenant that provides practical training for the novice and spiritual growth for both.

CONET "HEARTLINE"

Clergy and their family members who are under stress and need counseling can receive it through Christian Counseling Services in Nashville. If problems surface that the Heartline staff cannot handle in telephone counseling, the callers are referred to professional counselors near their homes.

PRACTICAL RESOURCES

The *Preacher's Magazine*, a professional journal for ministers, was edited by Wes Tracy, and provided free to all U.S. pastors by NPH. Randal E. Denny is the new editor.

Six monographs were published relating to various aspects of staff ministry in local churches.

An 18-minute film and video, *Welcome to the Church of the Nazarene*, was designed for use in membership classes.

CHURCH EXTENSION MINISTRIES

During this quadrennium the denomination continued to grow with the planting of 1,172 new fully organized churches. According to Michael Estep, director, we are on target to achieve our decadal goal, announced in 1985, of 3,500 new churches.

MULTICULTURAL MINISTRIES

We are faced with the task of evangelizing the mission field within the U.S. and Canada, while assimila-

ting Nazarenes from various cultures into one spiritual family.

CEM has supported fellowship and training among American Blacks, Arabics, Armenians, Chinese, Filipinos, Haitians, Hispanics, Koreans, Native Americans, Samoans, and Southeast Asians. We now have 652 works among these cultural groups, an increase of 318 during the quadrennium.

ETHNIC MINISTERIAL TRAINING

Under the leadership of Nazarene Bible College, extension centers are located in 16 U.S. cities, providing training for 18 different cultural groups.

ASSOCIATION OF NAZARENES IN SOCIAL WORK

ANSW cosponsored *AIDS: The Challenge for Compassion*, a denominational conference on



CHURCH GROWTH DIVISION

AIDS. ANSW provides support and fellowship for its members as they integrate personal faith and professional practice in the work of the church at all levels.

THE PHONE'S FOR YOU

CEM developed a Nazarene version of this telemarketing program for planting churches in cooperation with Norman Whan, creator of this original church planting strategy.

ASSOCIATION OF NAZARENE BUILDING PROFESSIONALS

ANBP, composed of Nazarene architects, engineers, and related professionals, has been involved around the world, supplying voluntary design and construction information for church-related building projects.

1989—YEAR OF CHURCH PLANTING

The Board of General Superintendents declared 1989 the "Year of Church Planting." Our goal is 730 fully organized churches. Special training events, products, and coordinated efforts persuade us to believe the goal will be reached.

EVANGELISM MINISTRIES

Revival deepens love for Jesus Christ and transforms worshipers into witnesses. Whether called to public, personal, or process evangelism, every Christian should be involved in fulfilling the Great Commission. Director M. V. "Bud" Scutt heads a force committed to this goal.

PUBLIC EVANGELISM

We have a task force of 144 commissioned evangelists, 196 registered evangelists, 80 retired persons serving as evangelists, 47 commissioned song evangelists, and 109 registered song evangelists.

A total of 28,640 revival meetings were held in our churches during the quadrennium.

The sixth annual Evangelists' Gathering was held at Indianapolis in December 1988. Two hun-

dred twenty-five evangelists and song evangelists were in attendance.

PERSONAL EVANGELISM

One hundred twelve Schools of Evangelism were conducted during the quadrennium by personal evangelism coordinators June Cole, Ruth DeLong, Lyle Pointer, and Keith Wright, along with Beverly Burgess, personal evangelism program manager for Evangelism Ministries.

Six Schools of Evangelism were held in the Caribbean under the auspices of Work and Witness. Eleven trainers worked in Trinidad, 21 in Guyana. A total of 592 persons heard the gospel from these schools, and 513 opened their hearts to Christ.

CONFERENCE ON EVANGELISM

A Conference on Evangelism in 1987 highlighted the quadrennium. Nearly 5,000 attended. More than 35 workshops were conducted, in addition to messages by special speakers. Music was furnished by song evangelists and talented groups from colleges and churches.

MOVING NAZARENES

The Moving Nazarenes service helps us conserve our members and friends to the church when they relocate. During the quadrennium 2,111 families were processed.

MEASURING THE HARVEST

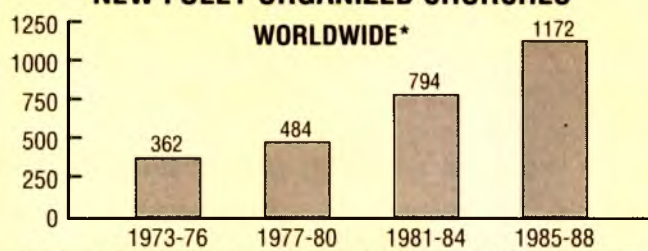
A total of 3,852 churches received the Evangelistic Honor Roll citation during the quadrennium.

CONFRONTING THE CHALLENGE

Reaching people for Christ demands evangelism by pastors and laypersons as well as those called to special ministries of evangelism. To win and conserve converts demands an every-member involvement in a continuing by-all-means effort. At no time in history has evangelism been more sorely needed.

NEW FULLY ORGANIZED CHURCHES

WORLDWIDE*



*In order to facilitate comparison, these four-year periods do not coincide with General Assembly dates.

COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

In a world of media blitz, the Division of Communications has a unique challenge—to create print and nonprint media that will advance the kingdom of God and serve the cause of holiness of heart and life.

Competition for attention is stiff. From every television set, radio, and newsstand the mass media screams for our attention and loyalty. In the midst of this onslaught, the task of creating relevant and innovative media to advance the gospel is a sobering responsibility.

Some basic concepts that characterize an effective communication strategy are: CONSULTATION, giving and receiving counsel; COLLABORATION, sharing methods and models for imple-



menting ideas; and COOPERATION, working together as servants in a common effort. The creation of marketable, mission-directed print and nonprint media involves much interdivisional consultation, collaboration, and cooperation.

The Communications Division combines these strategies with a crucial awareness that God is ultimately the Creative One who enables us as His servants to produce new products and better tools for communication.

Responsible for creating marketable books, the Communications Division is committed to manuscript and writer development. Our goal is to generate solidly based manuscripts that are in touch with the needs of the whole church.

Commitment to mission effectiveness and to the assessment of print and nonprint media needs of the global church characterizes the division's work.

A Book Committee of nine members oversees and facilitates the book publishing process. The division director serves as its executive officer and processes all manuscripts through the Book Committee for review and approval. These are channeled to the Nazarene Publishing House for production and distribution.

The several entities of our Communications Division share a common vision—to achieve excellence in Christian mass media.



MEDIA INTERNATIONAL

Paul Skiles, director, and his staff are responding to our world's restless, wistful yearning for certainty, for reality, for truth—its unmistakable calling out, its relentless hunger for a clear and certain word.

The Church of the Nazarene prayerfully and joyfully seeks one thing above all else—to make Jesus known in His fullness to everyone everywhere. We seek to convey in word, attitude, and action His love, forgiveness, and everlasting promise.

Media International, through a variety of channels, supplies the church with the most effective means available by which to proclaim that "certain word."

Though all contemporary media skills and systems are required and employed, the true energizer is the Holy Spirit. Ours is a divine-human enterprise. Our best efforts are made effective only by His power.

And there is no time to waste.

Our highest priorities include:

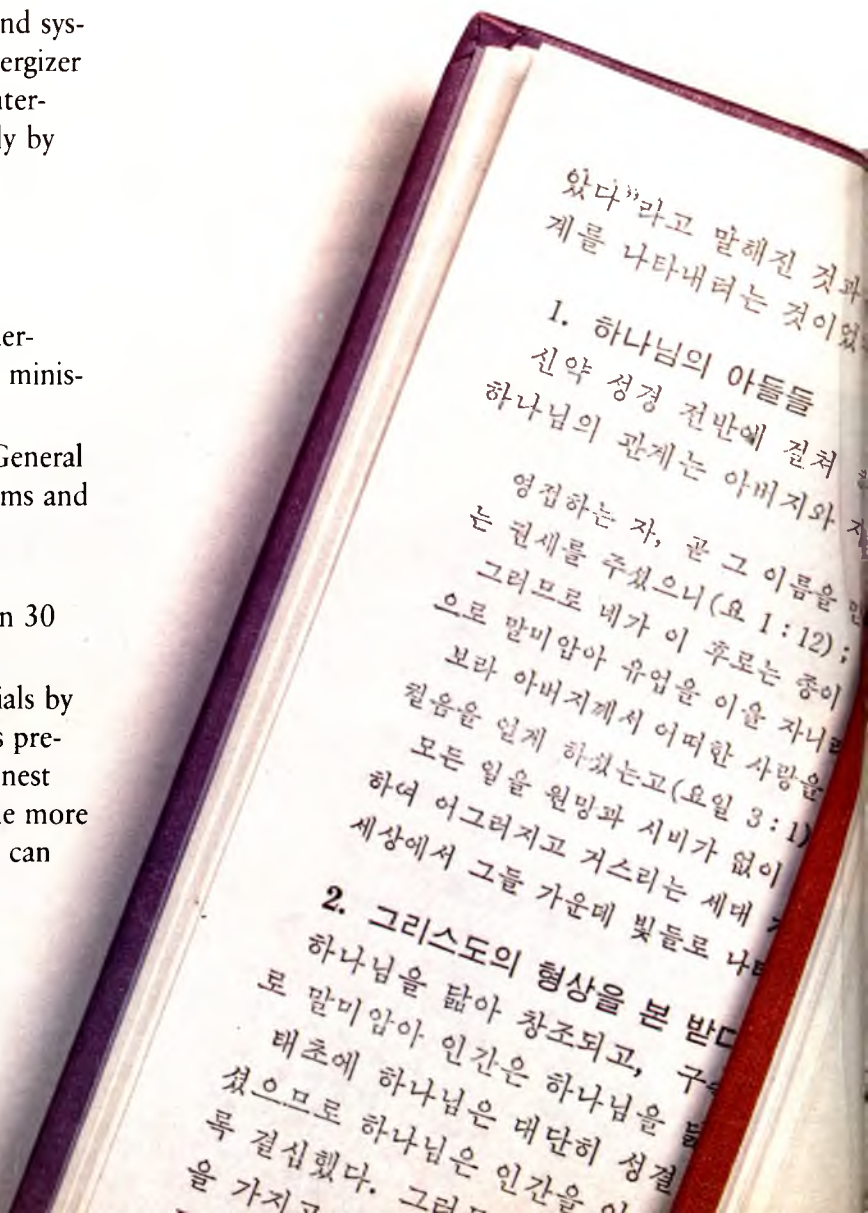
1. Equipping the local church with understanding and resources relating to its ministry to congregation and community.
2. Assisting the various entities of the General Board with the development of systems and products whose use helps fulfill the church's mission.
3. Development of 51 radio programs in 30 languages and dialects.
4. Development of concepts and materials by which the Church of the Nazarene is presented to the general public in an honest and positive light, thus making people more aware of who we are and of how we can serve them.

The church enjoys the benefits of a carefully measured and highly competent production capacity in all major media formats: Video, broadcast television, audio, radio, audiovisual, multi-image, photography, and 16-mm film production.

The skills available through a fully professional and dedicated resident staff are also applied in support of all denominational meetings, conferences, and events.

PUBLICATIONS
INTERNATIONAL

Publications International had its beginnings in 1946 in a corner of NPH and was then called the



Spanish Department. The need for literature in many languages has increased as the church has grown around the world. This has led to a natural expansion of the unit charged with responsibility for producing mission literature.

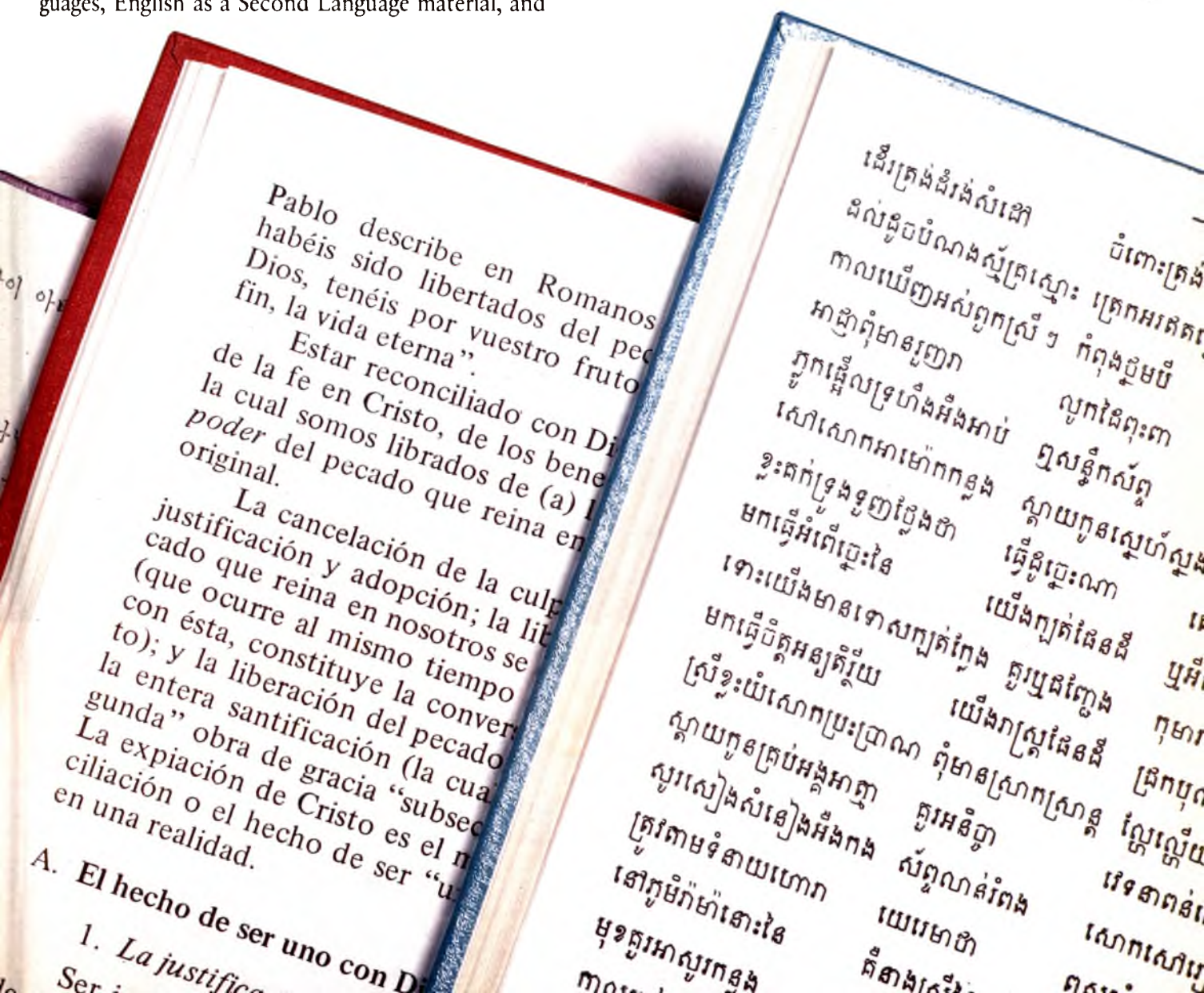
H. T. Reza served as director until 1982, when he became the founder of Nazarene Theological Seminary of Mexico in Cuernavaca. Bennett Dudney followed him as director.

Our assignment is best stated in the General Board Bylaws: "... direct, coordinate, and promote the preparation, publication, and distribution of books, texts, tracts, and other literature to carry out the mission of the church in non-English languages, English as a Second Language material, and

English publications outside the U.S. and Canada, not assigned to other agencies of the church."

These objectives are implemented in a variety of ways, depending on the size of the language group and the area of the world. Over 40 active Literature Development Committees, made up of persons from each area and missionaries, are working in various languages outside the U.S.

In Kansas City four language groups are at work: Spanish, Portuguese, French, and English as a Second Language. Besides the multilingual editors and administrators, an excellent production and merchandising department works with all these language groups.



COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

SPANISH PUBLICATIONS

The products of Casa Nazarena de Publicaciones (CNP) are sold in every Spanish-speaking country of the world. Sergio Franco supervises all Spanish publications and serves as editor of *El Heraldo de Santidad*.

Two new Spanish periodicals were launched this quadrennium: *Puntos Cardinales*, a mission education quarterly edited by Sylvette Rivera, goes to every Hispanic congregation. *Ministerio*, a quarterly magazine for ministers, is edited by Juan Vazquez Pla and is sent to every Hispanic pastor.

New books released this quadrennium include *Exploring Christian Holiness*, Vol. I, and *You Can Be a Better Teacher*, authored by Sergio Franco.

Spanish publications has continued to produce Sunday School literature, Stewardship kits, VBS materials, and music.

PORTUGUESE PUBLICATIONS

The editorial staff, supervised by Mrs. Manuela Barros, works in Kansas City, but the printing of books has been moved to Casa Nazarena de Publicacoes of Brazil in São Paulo. This Brazilian entity serves all Portuguese-speaking areas of the church.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Production of literature to help immigrants who are learning English, and others who do not use English well, is growing. An ESL committee of volunteers, working with J. Wesley Eby, have produced *What Christians Believe . . . in Beginning English* and *How Christians Grow*, useful tools for new adult English readers. ESL Sunday School material is also produced for adults.

BOOKS IN MISSION

Holiness books and study materials are needed for English-speaking groups living in economically depressed areas outside the U.S. Publications International has solicited gifts of used theological and holiness books for use by our educational institutions and pastors in these areas. More are needed.

FAITH AND HOLINESS EDITIONS

Under this logo we have published French versions of *The Fulness of the Spirit*, Greathouse; *Security, the False and True*, Purkiser; and *The Master's Plan for Making Disciples*, Arn and Arn. Sergio Franco's *Una Aproximacion Al Estudio Biblico* (Approach to Bible Study) is the first Spanish book published under this logo. The book will be widely used by several denominations in training pastors and teachers.

DESKTOP PUBLISHING

Desktop publishing technology is used to produce camera-ready copy for most products. Change to this computer technology has been guided by Dennis Brown, production coordinator. This allows PI to prepare projects in Kansas City for printing in other world areas, assuring better delivery service and price control.

MERCHANDISING/MARKETING

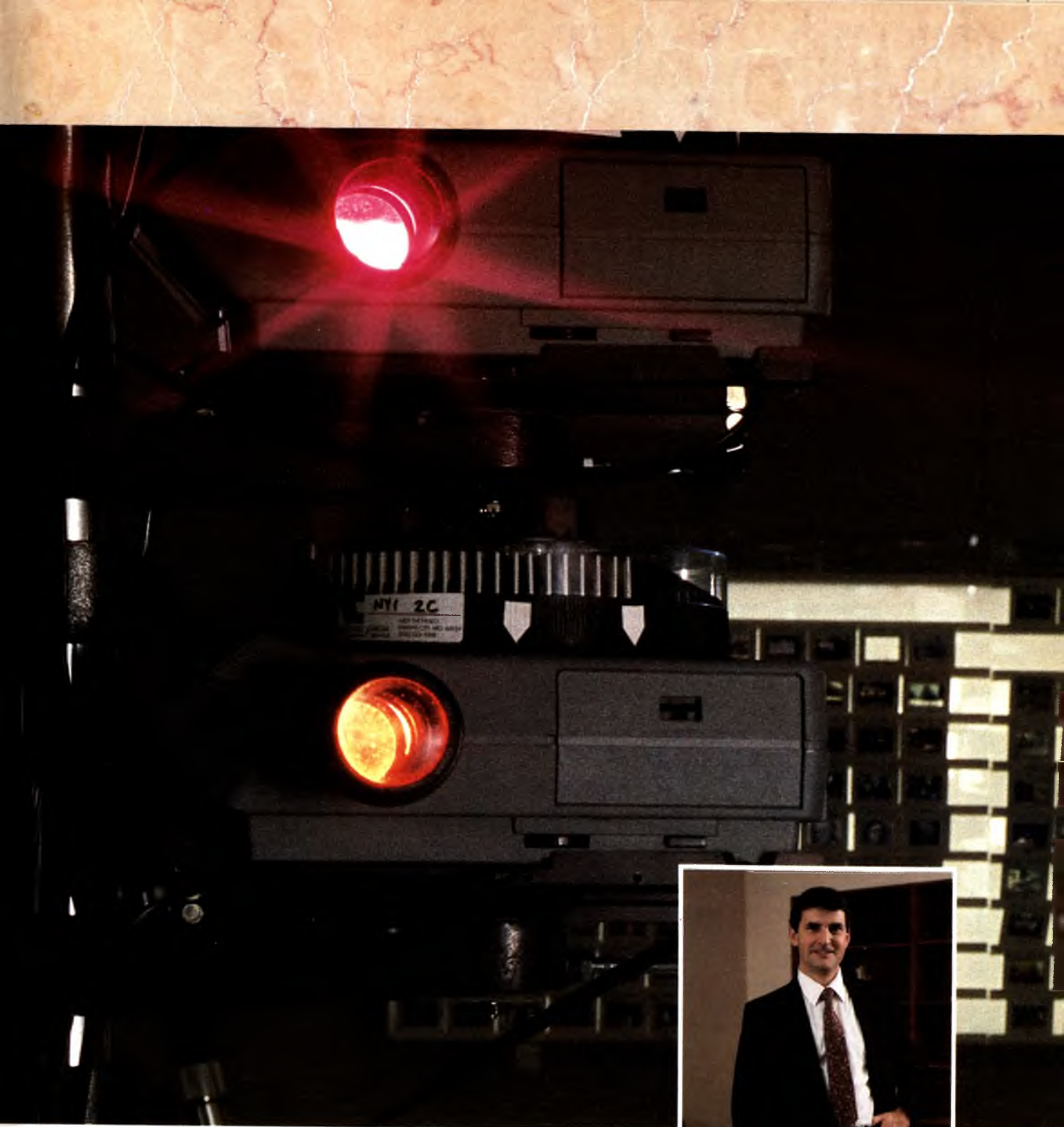
Products produced in various world areas are merchandised and marketed there. Products produced in the U.S. are marketed through PI. Linda Gabourel is the marketing manager.

In the face of legal, political, cultural, and budgetary problems, holiness literature is being created, printed, and distributed in many areas, including Korea, Taiwan, Papua New Guinea, Denmark, Burma, Philippines, Brazil, Africa (20 or more languages), Italy, Netherlands, West Germany, Indonesia, Samoa, and Haiti. For this ongoing task, so crucial to our mission, your prayers and support are solicited.

HERALD OF HOLINESS

Our official magazine, in 24 issues annually, has provided information and inspiration to assist our people in holy living and our churches in loving outreach.

Editor W. E. McCumber is retiring at this General Assembly, and new editor Wesley Tracy has begun his work.



CECIL PAUL
Division Director

EDUCATION SERVICES

The Nazarene college is the church at its educational task. Our colleges develop leadership for fulfilling the Great Commission—"Go preach" and "Go teach."

CHURCH RELATIONSHIPS

Nazarene colleges are closely related to the church in mission, finance, and personnel. The church depends on its educational institutions for leadership, both lay and clergy. Among our alumni are church leaders, superintendents of urban school districts, scholars, business leaders, health care practitioners, and social workers. We are penetrating government, the military, and the professions as salt and light and witness. Society as well as the church needs our graduates.

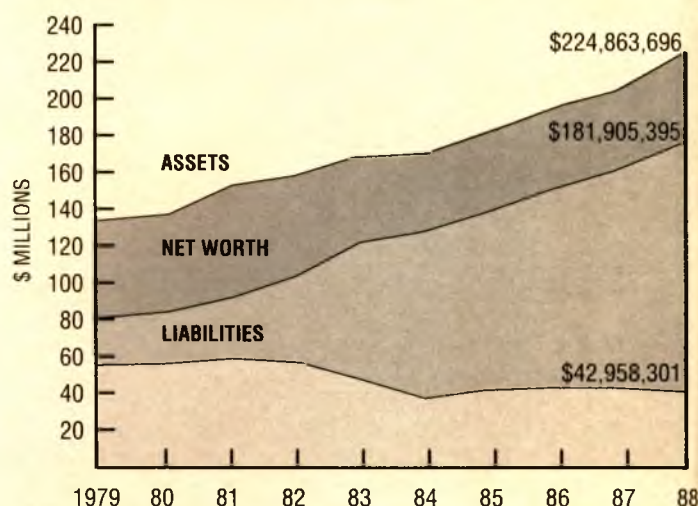
ENROLLMENT

Nazarene higher education now serves 12,589 people, an increase of 15 percent over 1984. Enrollment records suggest that programs available in Nazarene colleges meet clientele needs, including those of older adults.



WILLIS E. SNOWBARGER
Director

1979-88 TOTAL ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND NET WORTH FOR NAZARENE COLLEGES



LEADERSHIP

Mark R. Moore retired in 1987 as secretary of Education Services. Willis E. Snowbarger, who held the position from 1965 to 1970, was asked to serve as acting secretary until the General Assembly. Making liaison with colleges more challenging is the fact that one-fourth of our college presidents, business managers, deans of students, and development officers were elected during this quadrennium. One-half of the academic deans came to their assignments during the quadrennium, and one-half of the presidents have been elected since 1980.

FINANCE

College finances are well-managed. On average, students pay less than 70 percent of the cost of their education. The total debt on our institutions is only 19 percent of their book value. Net assets grew by \$47,000,000 in the last four years. Money from our churches helps keep charges low and makes new buildings possible. We are grateful for pastors and churches who make heroic efforts to pay education budgets.

We are the church "reaching" and "teaching." Our formula for Christian higher education is the envy of other denominations. We are striving constantly to find more effective ways to carry out the Great Commission.



BRITISH ISLES NAZARENE COLLEGE

Manchester, England
Rev. Herbert McGonigle

CANADIAN NAZARENE COLLEGE

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
Dr. Neil Hightower

EASTERN NAZARENE COLLEGE

Quincy, Massachusetts
Dr. Stephen W. Nease

MIDAMERICA NAZARENE COLLEGE

Olathe, Kansas
Dr. Donald D. Owens

MOUNT VERNON NAZARENE COLLEGE

Mount Vernon, Ohio
Dr. William J. Prince

NAZARENE BIBLE COLLEGE

Colorado Springs, Colorado
Dr. Jerry Lambert

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Nazarene Indian Bible College
Albuquerque, New Mexico

NAZARENE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Kansas City, Missouri
Dr. Terrell C. Sanders, Jr.

NORTHWEST NAZARENE COLLEGE

Nampa, Idaho
Dr. Gordon Wetmore

OLIVET NAZARENE UNIVERSITY

Kankakee, Illinois
Dr. Leslie Parrott

POINT LOMA NAZARENE COLLEGE

San Diego, California
Dr. Jim L. Bond

SOUTHERN NAZARENE UNIVERSITY

Bethany, Oklahoma
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NAZARENE PUBLISHING HOUSE

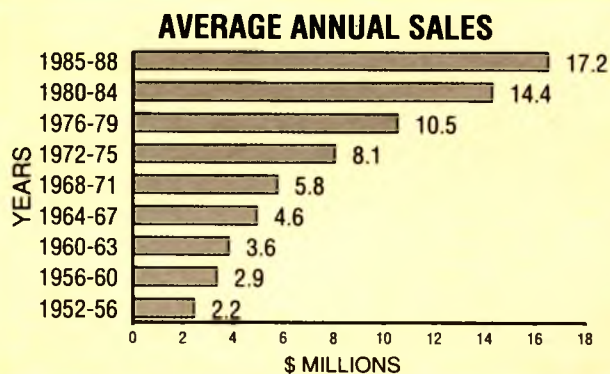
The 1985-89 years have been historic for the publishing operation of the church. Nineteen hundred eighty-seven marked the 75th anniversary year for continuous service in providing literature to support the mission of the Church of the Nazarene. During this same year, M. A. (Bud) Lunn, after 40 years of employment (with 27 of those years as manager), retired July 31.

The restructured responsibilities of Communications Division director and Nazarene Publishing House manager were assumed by Cecil Paul and Robert Foster, respectively, on July 1, 1987.

FINANCIAL

Nazarene Publishing House is the largest publisher of holiness literature in the world. Products include Sunday School curriculum, music, periodicals, and books. In addition, many kinds of merchandise items are carried for the convenience of our churches in fulfilling their mission.

Our people, with their continued loyalty, have assisted in keeping the House in sound financial condition so that we may supply materials at the lowest possible prices to the greatest number of people. Because we are a nonprofit organization, any excess monies are contributed back to the general church for use in furthering the propagation of the gospel.





NAZARENE PUBLISHING HOUSE

COMPARATIVE FOUR-YEAR BOOK PRODUCTION RECORD

YEAR	NEW TITLES	NEW BOOKS PRINTED	REPRINTS OF STANDING VOLUMES	TOTAL PRODUCTION
1985	69 (+4*)	430,614	312,473	743,087
1986	72 (+4*)	498,745	320,772	819,517
1987	62 (+13*)	445,594	413,242	858,836
1988	56	392,177	249,185	641,362

*Special Editions. The year 1987 included a large volume of special editions totaling 80,684 copies printed.

NOTE: Lower reprint volume in 1988 was occasioned primarily by the increased sales volume of the 75th anniversary special, one-time discount offer and the need to replenish inventory during the 1987 year.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION/ALDERSGATE PUBLISHERS ASSOCIATION

Since 1969, the Nazarene Publishing House has been a part of the CE/APA, helping to provide Sunday School curriculum for other holiness denominations. In view of changing economics that have necessitated price increases, it was agreed that this publishing organization, as such, be dissolved and replaced with a new cooperative organization to be known as "Christian Education Association, a Commission of the Christian Holiness Association." The function of this commission will be to facilitate cooperative projects and programs between holiness denominations. Appropriate denominational representation in curriculum development committees will be continued for those using materials published by NPH.

MUSIC

Lillenas Publishing Company, the trade name for the music division of the Nazarene Publishing House, has continued to make steady growth in both sales and service. The most noteworthy release this quadrennium was the *Master Chorus Book*, which has sold over 200,000 copies in less than two years. New choral and congregational music and special seasonal materials are being developed regularly as a major part of our music line. Work has begun on a new denominational hymnal scheduled for release in 1992. This undertaking will occupy much of the new quadrennium.

Lillenas has cooperated with Children's Minis-

tries to produce several songbook/recording items, and with Youth Ministries to produce a musical.

The Lillenas Drama Resources line has grown from a handful of books to the industry leader in dramatic materials for local church ministries.

Our promotional programs have a strong ministry emphasis. Music clinics and seminars are held each year in various areas of the country. To keep customers informed, a "new release" program is in operation for pastors and ministers of music, wholesale dealers, radio stations, and song evangelists.

PUBLISHING HOUSE PROPERTY, BUILDINGS, AND OPERATIONS

The first publishing house acquisition of property at our existing Troost Avenue location was in 1925 and consisted of one small commercial tract of land measuring 128' x 152.5'. Today, our properties consist of a multibuilding complex totaling 161,378 square feet and 15.1 acres of land.

Upgrading equipment is a necessity to keep abreast of new capabilities in the printing industry and to improve the efficiency of our operations. During this quadrennium, we have installed "state of the art" equipment valued at over \$3,150,000, including a computerized four-color web press, an optical scanner, and implementation of a tele-marketing system that provides an "800" number capability for use by customers in the 50 States.

For the 1988 financial year just ended, our books will close with no indebtedness and a cash reserve fund equal to three months cash flow in the amount of \$5,101,341, in accordance with *Manual*, par. 376.7. The reserve funds are in the custody of the general treasurer and the investment committee.



CONCLUSION

In this my first report to the General Assembly as manager of the Nazarene Publishing House, I have become aware of the great appreciation the church constituency has for the quality of materials published over the past 75 years. While preparing this report, I received a postcard from the Board of Christian Life and Sunday School chairperson of a local church, which expressed the following: "We want you to know how much we *ap*-*preciate* you. All year through we have received the best materials from the best publishing house in the world. Keep up the good work! God bless you all."

I am grateful for the cooperative efforts of many gifted people both here at the Nazarene Publishing House, as well as General Headquarters, who have contributed to the successful publishing ministry of the church. My prayer is that we shall be worthy servants and "Partners Together in Vision and Venture" in God's mission for our church.



ROBERT L. FOSTER
Manager

CHRISTIAN LIFE & SUNDAY SCHOOL DIVISION

CHRISTIAN LIFE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL SEEKS TO

- *advance the cause of Christian holiness*
- *articulate a philosophy of Christian education*
- *enhance the role of the Sunday School*
- *strengthen other training in the church*
- *emphasize the importance of ministry to home and family as the task of the church*

What an awesome responsibility! More than 50 staff members are committed to this task daily. Leading them are our age-group directors:

Miriam Hall, Children's Ministries;

Gary Sivewright, NYI Ministries;

Tim Stearman, Adult Ministries.

Each ministry deals with four major areas: Sunday ministries, weekday ministries, annual and special ministries, and training.

SUNDAY MINISTRIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School growth has been slow but steady as the chart below indicates.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT AND ATTENDANCE

1984-88

YEAR	ENROLLMENT	ATTENDANCE
1984	1,134,413	605,559
1985	1,193,667	621,494
1986	1,231,288	626,758
1987	1,264,876	635,132
1988	1,299,280	641,539

EVANGELISTIC OUTREACH COORDINATOR

Alexander (Sandy) Ardrey initiates and supervises evangelistic plans designed to enlarge the Sunday School. Emphasis is placed on developing Great Commission Sunday Schools.

SPRING AND FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL EMPHASES

1985. "LET THEM KNOW" (fall) was the first phase of the International Sunday School Year. A total of 33,700 new people were enrolled.

1986. "TAKING GOD'S LOVE TO NEW PEOPLE" (spring) brought 31,614 new people to our rolls. A total of 547,942 attended on Easter Sunday (U.S. and Canada). "THE WEEKS OF HARVEST" (fall) enrolled 29,427 in this last phase of the International Sunday School Year. The sum of \$190,000 was received through Sunday Schools and Vacation Bible Schools to provide literature for Third World countries.

1987. "DARE TO BE AN ANDREW" (spring) saw 27,622 enrolled and 572,101 in attendance on Easter Sunday (U.S. and Canada). "LIFT HIGH THE TORCH" (fall) enrolled over 36,330 new people.



1988. "LOVE REACHES OUT TO BABIES" (spring) located 1,607 new babies and over 19,000 other new people. On Easter Sunday 547,515 were in attendance. "WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE. OUR CHURCH CAN BE YOUR HOME" (fall) was a special denomination-

wide emphasis, launched by a quarter-page ad in *USA Today* and utilizing many other new materials. A total of 25,303 new people were enrolled. Four hundred phone contacts were received from the newspaper ad.

CHRISTIAN LIFE & SUNDAY SCHOOL DIVISION

SUNDAY SCHOOL CURRICULUM

• Children's Curriculum

A new primary and junior curriculum in full color was released in 1987.

Wonder Time (primary) and *Discoveries* (middler/junior) became full-color story papers in 1987. Sales increased dramatically.

Children's Mission Education

The new five-year curriculum cycle was completed in 1988. Materials have been well received.

• Youth Curriculum

The Word-Action series is still proving effective. "Body-Building Rallies"—ideas to encourage Sunday School attendance—have been added to the curriculum.

Teens Today received Evangelical Press Association's Award of Merit, placing it among the top four Sunday School papers in the U.S.A.

Youth Mission Education

Emphasis on teen mission projects, including work assignments and financial support, made world evangelism exciting for thousands of teens and their leaders. Over \$30,000 was raised by teens for youth work in Mexico City in 1987, and \$125,000 is to be raised for youth work in Paris and São Paulo in 1989.



● *Adult Curriculum*

A questionnaire in spring 1988, generating over 3,600 responses, overwhelmingly affirmed the value of new directions taken in our Enduring Word Series.

Emphasis was redesigned and renamed *Illustrated Bible Life* to reflect its contents.

Adult electives gained in popularity. The Dialog Series books have shown increased sales. *How to Live the Holy Life* (1986) sold over 10,000 copies the first year and became the best-selling book on holiness our denomination has ever produced.

New Life Primer, a one-year elective, was designed for new and potential Christians and for people coming to us from other denominations. Local churches are also using it in classes with veteran Christians.

Promise, the Marriage and Family Life publication, was renamed *Family Forum* and addresses critical issues faced by all factions of the family.



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WEEKDAY MINISTRIES

CARAVAN

The Caravan program, used by many churches as a major vehicle for outreach to unchurched children, grew steadily. A total of 729 children have earned the Bresee award since 1985.

CHILDREN'S QUIZZING

Camp quizzing materials were revised in 1987, and quizzing has been made an integral part of children's camp curriculum.

CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

Nazarene International Education Association held one general convention and several regional conventions. It publishes *The NIEA Communicator* newsletter.

TOTAL

This curriculum, designed for weekday gatherings of teens, sold over 1,000 units its first year.

BREAD

The official youth magazine of our church earned the 1986 Award of Excellence from the Evangelical Press Association.

TEEN BIBLE QUIZZING

The summer of 1988 featured the first General Invitational Quiz at MidAmerica Nazarene College, founding an annual church-sponsored tournament for other than regional teams. Regional teams compete at Nazarene Youth Congress and the General NYI Convention.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

The Happenings, our quarterly newsletter for women's ministries, now goes to some 4,000 readers.

A resource packet was created for district directors of women's ministries.

CRADLE ROLL PARENTS

The *First Steps Toward God* packet was totally revised and a new brochure, *Ministry Through Cradle Roll Parents*, was prepared and released.

CHRISTIAN LIFE & SUNDAY SCHOOL DIVISION

ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MINISTRIES

CHILDREN'S CAMPING

The five-year Children's Camping curriculum cycle, begun in 1984, was completed. The camping office also compiled a *Camp Director's Handbook* in 1986 and an *Update* for the handbook in 1988.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The VBS offering passed the \$100,000 mark each year, with an all-time record offering in 1987 that exceeded \$109,000. The money is used for a variety of World Mission and Church Extension projects.

The VBS *Insights* training video was completed and released in 1987. Five hundred seventy-nine copies were sold the first year.

BASIC BIBLE STUDIES FOR CHILDREN

This follow-up course for children, released in February 1987, helps them understand what it means to be a Christian and teaches them how to live the Christian life.

BIBLE MEMORIZATION PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN

This program has been revised and now includes materials for home use by parents of three-year-olds.

"BRIDGING" MATERIALS FOR SIXTH GRADERS

Children's Ministries is working with NYI to prepare a set of "bridging" materials that will help the sixth grader make the transition to NYI.

CHILDREN'S WEEK

Interest in the Children's Week emphasis has grown steadily since its introduction in 1986. In 1988 the theme "Every Child a Winner" was correlated with the Olympics emphasis. Theme-related materials drew overwhelming response.

IN MISSION

Since 1967 the YOUTH IN MISSION program has involved thousands of college students in ministry

around the world. In this quadrennium 537 students served on six world mission areas, in 35 major cities, and on 23 districts. Approximately \$60,000 was given to Nazarene colleges to help utilize college students in local church ministries.

CAMPING

NYI Ministries provides a *Summer Ministries Notebook* used at youth camps, teen Vacation Bible Schools, and summer weekend retreats.

YOUTH WEEK

The first full week of February is a kick-off for the year's emphasis, which includes ministry to the world, nation, family, and school friends.

NAZARENE YOUTH CONGRESS '87

In July 1987, 4,000 teens and youth leaders met in Washington, D.C., for a week of training, fellowship, and inspiration. Nightly, hundreds of teens made decisions at altars under the anointed preaching of Stephen Manley. Daily, teams of teens invaded the inner city and offered their services to the underprivileged of Washington. Youth Congresses were also held in South America, Africa, Mexico and Central America, and the Caribbean.

SINGLE ADULT MINISTRIES

During the quadrennium about 3,000 single adults attended SoloCon retreats in Virginia, Indiana, Oklahoma, and California.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES

NIROGA (Nazarene International Retreat Of Golden Agers) heads the list of SAM ministries. Over 3,000 senior adults were present each year at the seven retreats.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY ENRICHMENT

To nurture and equip married couples for spiritual growth and maturity a minimum of three training events were held annually in Kansas City. Hundreds of Marriage Enrichment retreats were conducted elsewhere.



CHRISTIAN LIFE & SUNDAY SCHOOL DIVISION

INTERNATIONAL LAYMEN'S CONFERENCE

The Sixth International Laymen's Conference was held in July 1987, drawing over 2,000 participants to Fort Worth, Tex., for fellowship and renewal. Lester (Bud) Tollie, a Kansas City district layman, was chairman of the event.

TRAINING

Training lay workers and witnesses is a continuing task to which the division devotes creative energy in a variety of programs.

CL/SS REGIONAL CONFERENCES

These training sessions for district CL/SS boards, district superintendents, and district NWMS presidents were held on each of the eight U.S. regions. More than 20 different specialty workshops were conducted. Nine hundred seventy people attended the conferences.

CL/SS CHAIRMEN'S CONFERENCE

An annual Chairmen's Conference in Kansas City acquainted district CL/SS chairmen and superintendents with new programs and products developed by the division. A midpoint conference included district directors of all age-groups. Attendance was 278. *Unleashing the Lay Potential in the Sunday School*, by Dr. Raymond Hurn, was released at this time.

RESOURCE MAGAZINE

This periodical for Sunday School teachers was changed to a self-cover, 24-page, two-color magazine, which lowered the costs and increased the sales.

"INSIGHTS" BOOKLETS

A new series of 24-page books was launched to provide Christian Life workers with inexpensive, practical information on a large number of subjects. The newest, *The Great Commission Sunday School Cycle*, encourages every Sunday School to fulfill the great commission of Jesus.

THE GREAT COMMISSION OUTREACH SERIES

Ten pamphlets for Sunday School teachers and officers enhance their awareness of, and effectiveness in, evangelistic outreach.

BOOKS AND BROCHURES

Over 10 new books were produced within the division this past quadrennium.

VIDEO

Bill Rolfe was named video coordinator. *Video-Assisted Teacher Training*, a new series of two-hour tapes, was designed to provide basic training for new Sunday School teachers and to reinforce the basic concepts for the experienced teacher. Three tapes have been completed thus far, and three more are in process.

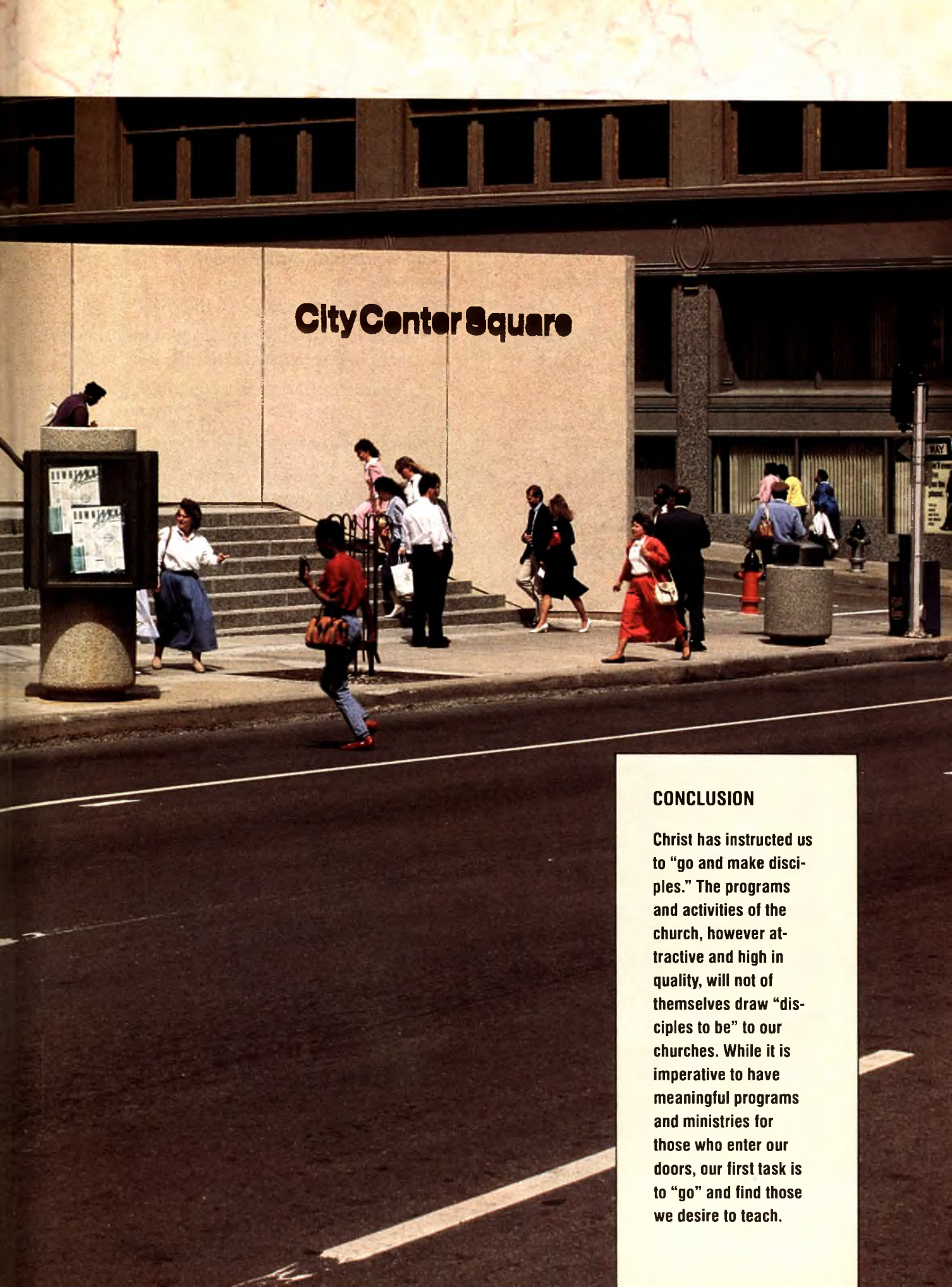
CONTINUING LAY TRAINING

This program is coordinated by David Felter. Each year a special book was presented for denomination-wide study.

Training curricula is now organized by the respective age-group ministries within CL/SS. The curricula offers specialized training in Evangelism, Stewardship, Churchmanship, and so on.



PHILLIP M. RILEY
Division Director



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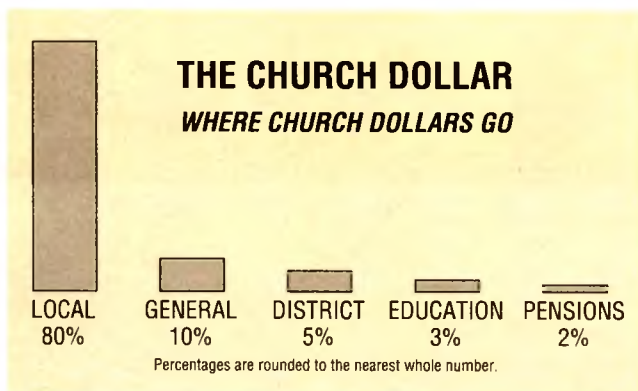
CONCLUSION

Christ has instructed us to “go and make disciples.” The programs and activities of the church, however attractive and high in quality, will not of themselves draw “disciples to be” to our churches. While it is imperative to have meaningful programs and ministries for those who enter our doors, our first task is to “go” and find those we desire to teach.

FINANCE DIVISION

The mission of the Finance Division is to understand, investigate, and recommend improvements in financial matters that relate directly or indirectly to the advancement of God's kingdom by the preservation and propagation of Christian holiness as set forth in the Scriptures.

The following graph shows where the church dollar goes.



D. MOODY GUNTER
Division Director

STEWARDSHIP SERVICES

Stewardship Services challenges Nazarenes to faithful stewardship of time, talent, and other resources.

Stewardship Services serves the church by:

- Providing inspirational and motivational materials that promote biblical concepts of stewardship
- Challenging Christians to recognize God's ownership of all things
- Promoting payment of all budgets in full by all districts
- Encouraging General Budget payment by all districts worldwide through special promotion of Easter and Thanksgiving offerings
- Providing fund-raising materials, print and non-print, to assist churches in financial endeavors
- Giving appropriate recognition to churches that pay all budgets in full and give 10 percent to world evangelism

GENERAL CHURCH LOAN FUND

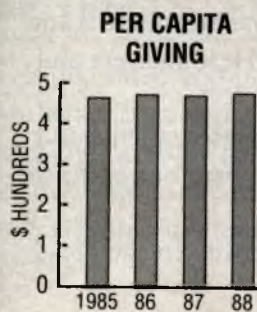
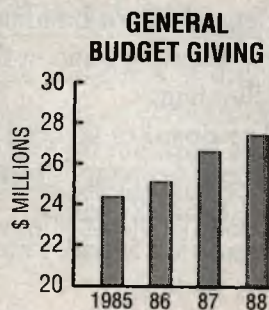
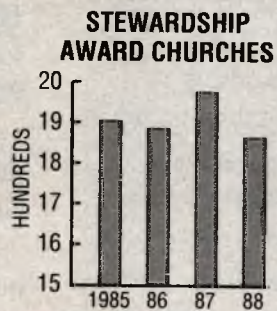
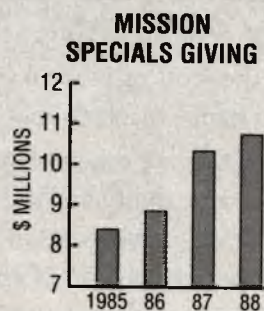
- Administers a revolving savings fund to make loans for beginning churches.
- Operates in the United States, Canada, and Great Britain.
- Stands on its own strength without General Budget support.

HEADQUARTERS SERVICES

- Coordinates the services of King Conference Center, Day-Care Center, Food Service, supply room, mail room, maintenance, and custodians.

MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SERVICES

- Provides computer services to the Headquarters operation.



LIFE INCOME GIFTS SERVICES

The mission of Life Income Gifts Services is

- To help raise the level of biblical stewardship in the hearts and minds of Nazarenes and their friends
- To encourage Christian estate planning, in view of our final accountability to God (Matthew 25:14-30), and for the purpose of more adequately financing the mission of the church

Our Quadrennium Record

\$15,700,000 Managed by Trust Department

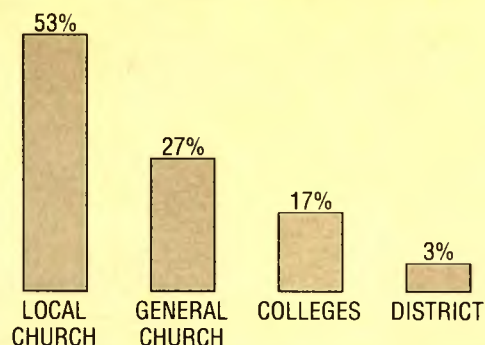
533 New Trust Agreements or additions to existing ones

\$17,277,232 Directed to church ministries through these agreements

\$9,121,780 Spendable dollars going directly to local churches

\$4,948,014 Spendable dollars generated through our office

14,679 NAZARENES DIRECTED 73 MILLION DOLLARS TO CHURCH MINISTRIES THROUGH WILL BEQUESTS



PERSONNEL AND PHYSICAL PLANT

There are 304 employees serving the church at the International Center Campus. We are responsible for recruiting, staffing, wage and salary benefits.

CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS

The General Board Building was remodeled, and some remodeling done in the Headquarters and Plaza Buildings.

The Board of General Superintendents and the General Secretary's offices were moved to the General Board Building.

Education Services was moved to the Headquarters Building.

A new parking lot was added to the east of the General Board building to be used by our visitors.

EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION

Personnel Services, working through Employee Benefits Committee, Salary Committee, and Planning and Budget Council, processed salary reviews and monitored benefits and service awards.

INSTALLATION OF UPDATED EQUIPMENT

The PC computer has been introduced to Headquarters this quadrennium. We have also installed an Automated Operator on the switchboard. Installing our own telephone cable to each of our buildings has saved several thousand dollars annually on our telephone bill.

PENSIONS AND BENEFITS INTERNATIONAL

In 1985 the General Board created Pensions and Benefits International since Nazarene pension programs are governed by unique laws in many countries and world areas.

Generic guidelines have been developed for pension programs denomination-wide. Pensions and Benefits International provides consultation services to any Nazarene entity desiring to implement or improve their pension programs. Thirty-five countries/regions/world areas have had contact.

PENSIONS AND BENEFITS SERVICES USA

This dedicated and professional corps of office workers maintain the day-to-day operations that serve the needs of nearly 12,000 ministers and widowed spouses of ministers, in addition to several hundred church-employed lay workers in the U.S.

BOARD OF PENSIONS AND BENEFITS USA

This corporate board has responsibility for pension and benefits programs made available to Nazarene ministers and church-employed lay workers in the U.S. It represents the interests of over 70 percent of the ministers throughout our denomination.

SERVING THOSE WHO SERVE

Appropriate employee benefit plans on a low-cost basis are provided to church employers economically, enabling their pastors and staffs to serve more efficiently. Services offered include:

- A Basic Group Term Life Insurance Plan provided for enrolled ministers at no cost to them
- A Group Term Life Insurance Plan to supplement coverage as required by individual situation
- Group Term Insurance programs for agency and district benefit plans
- A District/Agency Health and Hospitalization Insurance program providing mobility of health care between participating districts
- An Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance plan
- Long-Term Disability Income Protection plans
- Benevolence for certain medical financial crises
- Information resources concerning various aspects of family finances, taxes, and Social Security for ministers and staff

HONORING THE TRUST

Traditionally, ministers and church workers have trusted God and the church to provide for their retirement needs. Since 1919, the general church has been actively pursuing an adequate pension program. Today the board recognizes that adequate retirement income must come from a combination of resources. The U.S. Nazarene Minister's Retirement Income Plan should be made up of four important elements: (1) the U.S. government's Social Security program; (2) the denomination's "Basic" Pension Program; (3) the local church's contribution to the employee's Tax-Sheltered Annuity Plan; and (4) the individual's personal savings in such plans as Individual Retirement Annuities, etc.

In establishing the "Basic" Pension Program in 1971, U.S. districts and churches committed themselves to "honor the trust" by recognizing all of the past service credit of Nazarene ministers and qualifying lay workers. This commitment created a large debt of unfunded liability, but faithfulness to the commitment is reflected in the continued support of the Pensions and Benefits Fund by churches and districts today. Currently over 3,200 are receiving a regular monthly pension check with an aggregate total of over \$5 million being paid out annually.

You are important! Your church, through the Board of Pensions and Benefits USA, provides these programs to your pastors and staff, which makes it easier for them to serve the ministry areas to which God has called them. The Pension and Benefits programs express your concern for your pastor and staff, demonstrated in faithful prayer, loving encouragement, and adequate financial support.

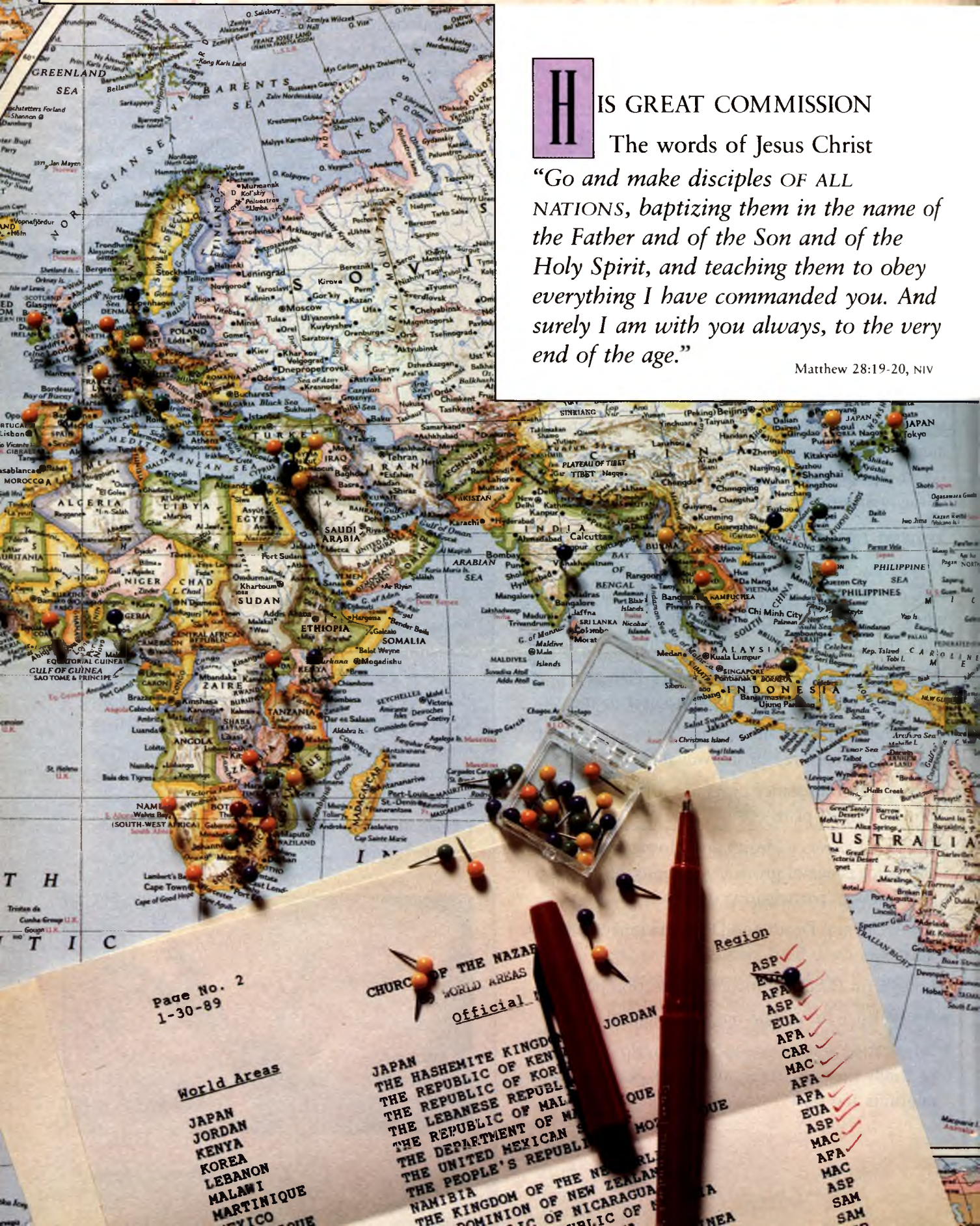


WORLD MISSION DIVISION

HIS GREAT COMMISSION
The words of Jesus Christ

"Go and make disciples OF ALL NATIONS, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:19-20, NIV



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World Areas

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JORDAN
KENYA
KOREA
LEBANON
MALAWI
MARTINIQUE
MEXICO

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE WORLD AREAS Official

JAPAN
THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN
THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA
THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA
THE LEBANESE REPUBLIC
THE REPUBLIC OF MALAWI
THE REPUBLIC OF MARTINIQUE
THE DEPARTMENT OF MEXICO
THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
NAMIBIA
THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS
THE DOMINION OF NEW ZEALAND
THE REPUBLIC OF NICARAGUA
THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA

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OUR GRATEFUL COMMITMENT

“ALL NATIONS” TOTAL MORE THAN 220!

“ALL NATIONS” TOTAL MORE THAN 5.5 BILLION PEOPLE!

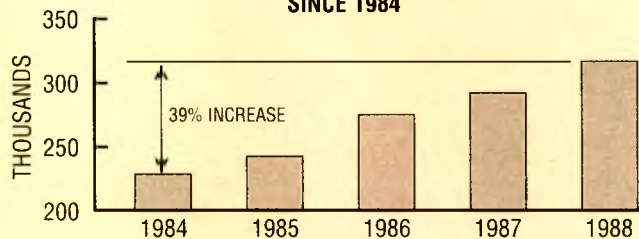
“ALL NATIONS” TOTAL MORE THAN 24,000 PEOPLE GROUPS!

To These He Sends Us!

To His Commission, We Make Commitment!

118,399 NEW NAZARENES IN WORLD MISSION AREAS

SINCE 1984



NAZARENES ARE GROWING

In World Mission areas . . . 569 NEW CONVERTS . . .
Joined a Church of the Nazarene . . .
EVERY SUNDAY during this quadrennium . . .

for a 39 percent growth in World Mission area membership. A total of 118,399 NEW NAZARENES!

NAZARENES ARE PLANTING NEW CHURCHES!

Every Sunday during this past quadrennium saw more than 3 new churches begun since the last Sunday, for a total of 703 new churches organized!

The six World Mission regions now have 3,648 organized churches and 1,028 missions!

AND WE BECOME PARTNERS IN THE NEW CHURCH PROJECTS BY WORK AND WITNESS

- 821 teams went into world areas from 1985-89
- 15,422 workers gave an equivalent of 585 years of labor
- Labor value exceeded \$12,000,000
- Teams gave specific materials contributions of \$6,205,635



ROBERT H. SCOTT
Division Director

WORLD MISSION DIVISION

NAZARENES ARE EDUCATING!

- 37 Bible colleges in World Mission areas training young men and women for ministry and service.
- 1,527 enrollment with 4,000 extension students.
- 3 nurses training colleges have 209 nursing students.
- 1 teacher training college has 80 students.
- 5 high schools have 1,510 students.
- 332 elementary schools have 35,676 students.

NAZARENES ARE MINISTERING TO THE SICK!

- Three Nazarene hospitals serve in Third World countries. Over 632,640 patients were helped by Nazarene doctors and nurses.
- Forty community health clinics staffed by Nazarene doctors and nurses treated 590,000 patients!

NAZARENES ARE INVOLVED IN COMPASSIONATE MINISTRIES!

- \$3,774,162 given for Hunger and Disaster Fund. This provided an additional \$1,212,682 cash and \$2,367,928 in goods from non-Nazarene agencies in matching concerns!
- 5,586 children are sponsored in programs to return orphans to home environment, educate pastors' children in Third World countries, and care for children otherwise uncared for. Sponsors contributed \$774,213 in these programs.

The devastation of Mexico City and El Salvador earthquakes, the famine and starvation of Mozambique and Bangladesh, the typhoon destructions of Jamaica, Nicaragua, Mexico, and the Philippines, the child sufferings of Haiti, India, Africa . . . all this and other world catastrophes were recipients of care and help by Nazarenes through the Compassionate Ministries work of Nazarene World Missions.

THE UNFINISHED COMMISSION

Over 100 world countries where there is no Nazarene ministry.

Over 3 billion people in the world who have never heard the name of Jesus.

Our continuing commitment . . . "THAT THE WORLD MAY KNOW"

NAZARENE WORLD MISSION SOCIETY

- An auxiliary of World Mission Division
- Program and promotional arm of World Missions on local and district levels
- Mobilizing mission support in regions, districts, and local churches

Prayer Ministry

- Prayer Mobilization Line—approximately 2,000 calls a month (816-444-PRAY)
- One million hours of concerted prayer for worldwide spiritual awakening between January and June 1989

Mission Education

- Reading books
- Curriculum packets for all ages
- *World Mission* magazine promotion
- Audiovisuals for all ages
- Educational literature in many languages

Financial Support

- General Budget giving
- World Mission Radio
- Medical Plan
- LINKS
- Alabaster giving
- Sharing other channels of giving
- During the quadrennium membership increased from 498,825 to 551,769
- Societies increased from 7,409 to 7,747
- Giving increased from \$28,677,782 to \$34,235,483

A close-up photograph of a young child with dark skin and short hair, looking directly at the camera while drinking from a bright yellow plastic cup. The child's hands are holding the cup, and their face is partially obscured by it. They are wearing a light blue, frayed, sleeveless garment. A white medical bandage is visible on their left forearm. The background is dark and out of focus, showing other people in a crowd.

**THE
WORDS OF JESUS CHRIST**

*"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. . . .
"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me!"*

Matthew 25:35-36, 40, NIV

NAZARENES ARE RESPONDING

In 1985-89 seven new world areas were entered!

Ireland
Cyprus
Egypt
Uganda

Ivory Coast
Senegal
Guadeloupe

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY



he General Assembly is more than a huge spiritual pep rally. It does provide inspiration and fellowship on a massive scale. The spiritual and psychological boosts we experience there are exciting and helpful. But the General Assembly is also a forum, where proposals, programs, and positions can be introduced, debated, refined, adopted, or rejected. In committee dialogues and in floor debates this legislative body comes to conclusions and decisions that shape our immediate and remote future. The character of our church, the understanding of our mission, and the deployment of our resources will be vitally affected by those decisions.

In our General Assembly we are defining ourselves in relationship to God, to each other, and to the whole world. The activity is *that* awesome, that important, that fraught with possibility and peril. It must not be taken lightly or attempted selfishly. We need to meet in humble recognition of our limitations and in sincere reliance upon God's leadership. The honest aim and earnest prayer of every delegate should be, "Not my will, but Thy will be done." Too much is at stake—too much history, opportunity, and destiny—to justify motives and actions that aim at less than the glory of God.

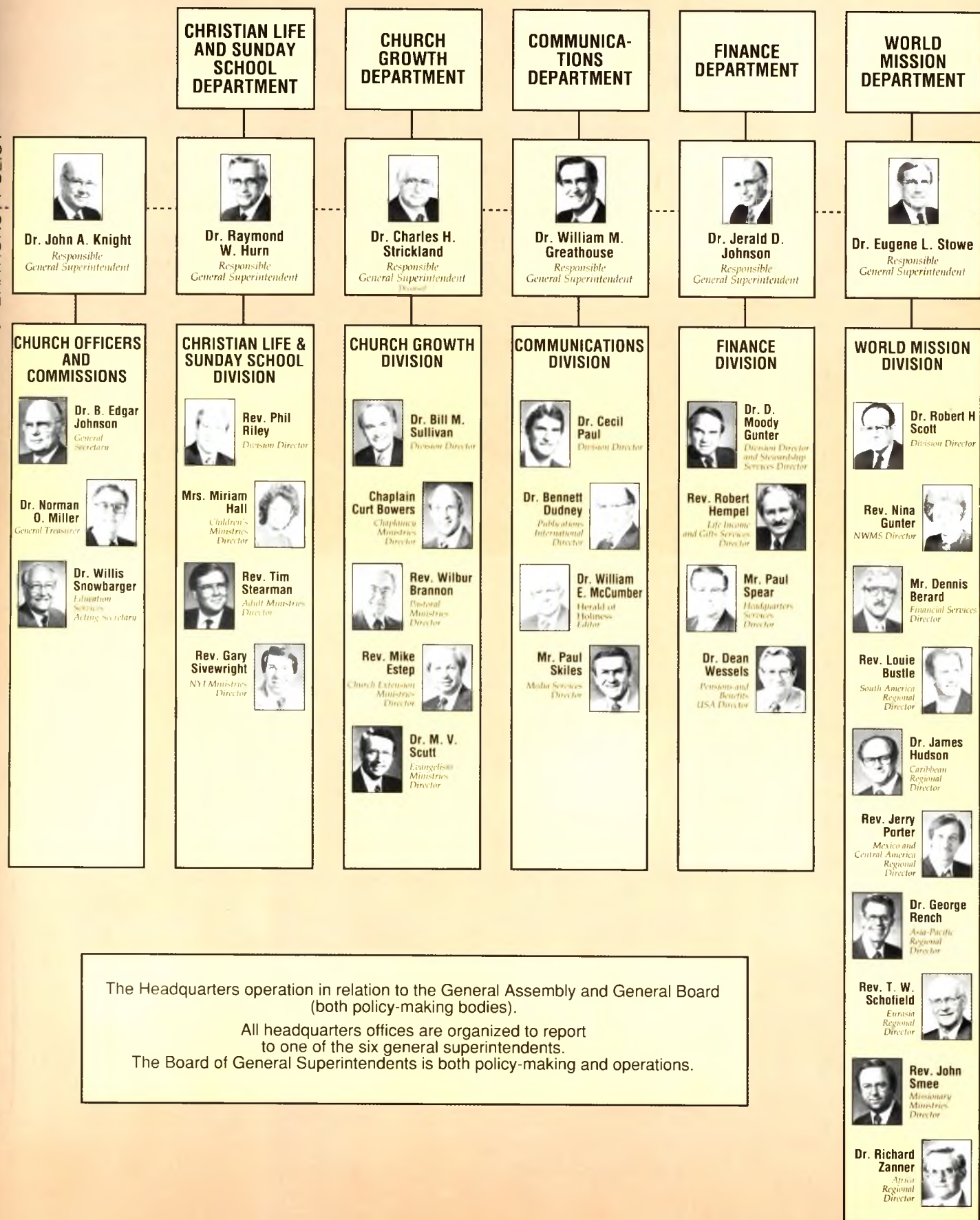
Let us meet and talk and act in love! Let us renounce any will to power that would tempt us to exploit one another. Let us come together as brothers and sisters who honor their Father by respecting each other. Let us remember that Jesus Christ is the Head of the church, and let us resolve that "in all things" He shall "have the pre-eminence." Let us gather under the banner of His lordship as servants, "subject one to another" and "clothed with humility." Then His presence and guidance will be assured, and we will rejoice to discern and do His will.

"Through many dangers, toils, and snares, we have already come"—and what the future holds only He who holds the future knows. This much is sure, our mission is too vital to damage it by prayerless actions or selfish conflicts. Let us meet in love, prayer, faith, commitment, and gratitude—to the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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