

Frequently Asked Questions

- Why is ministry in the City that important?
- What do we mean by “Urban” and “The City”?
- Is Urban Ministry just ministering to people who are poor, and reside in the ghetto?
- How does ministry in the City differ from ministry elsewhere?
- What does the Church of the Nazarene uniquely “bring to the table” in ministry in the City?
- What are the theological resources that help us to minister in the City?
- Where does one find additional resources to create or enhance ministry in the City?
- How does one fall in love with the City?
- What are some of the issues that one must face in the City?
- How do I get started in learning to care for and serve those in the City?

“We seek the simplicity and the Pentecostal power of the primitive New Testament Church. The field of labor to which we feel especially called is in the neglected quarters of the cities and wherever else may be found waste places and souls seeking pardon and cleansing from sin. This work we aim to do through the agency of city missions, evangelistic services, house to house visitation, caring for the poor, comforting the dying. To this end we strive personally to work with God and to incite others so to do.” – *Articles of Faith and General Rules of the Church of the Nazarene, November 26, 1895*

Urban Ministries exists to develop strategies and provide resources to assist churches and districts in the task of holistic evangelism in the urban areas through starting, strengthening, and stimulating congregations that seek to transform broken lives and impoverished communities.

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DISTRICT URBAN INITIATIVE



A Resource for Districts
—
**Developing Strategies for
Urban Evangelism**



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With a growing recognition that cities represent the epicenter of God's abiding grace, Mission Strategy USA/Canada has initiated urban strategy workshops with district superintendents and their leadership team in an effort *to formulate designs for an increased holiness presence in the city.*



District leadership may nurture such strategy by coordinating its churches into new partnerships, by brokering and developing available resources, by developing the ethos of listening/action/reflection, and by creating a format where a dynamic process can take place.

What is the District Urban Initiative Process?

This process is designed for districts and churches to help them become more aware of their contexts, more attuned to headquarters' resources, the needs of people in the urban community, and more focused on the specific mission and ministry they are best suited to carry out as a district.



The goal is to effectively encourage, organize, and help develop strategy to minister effectively in the urban area.



The workshop begins at 4:00pm on Friday and concludes 12 noon on Saturday. Most headquarters participants are available to speak at congregations on Sunday morning.

District Urban Initiative – A Collaborative Resource

Ministry leaders from US/Canada Mission Evangelism department are available to present a menu of options for effective ministry. District superintendents are encouraged to determine the ministry focus that is a match for the respective district. Ministry focus options are:

- Starting new churches
- Ethnic specific ministry
- Compassionate ministry
- Strategic evangelism
- Cross-cultural strategies
- Ethnic ministry leadership development
- Demographic research analysis
- Community development

- Connecting people to Christ,
- Connecting people to the community, and
- Connecting people to their calling.