

LINKS Assignment

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A few reminders for you about Links in this new Care and Connection model.

1. Each district will have one Global Deployed missionary in addition to any SENT missionaries from their district. That means some districts may have multiple missionaries but only this assignment is the Links assignment. The SENT missionaries are connected through the Care and Connection emphasis and do not follow the Links schedule.
2. Each missionary and district are expected to pray for each other, connect and share updates, and invite missionaries to speak on deputation.
3. This assignment will be effective until December 31, 2023.
4. All financial gifts will be processed into missionary deputation accounts. Deputation gifts are meant to be used for their ministry and personal needs such as education expenses, health care, and retirement. If you would like to give a personal gift to be used for other purposes those will need to be facilitated between the missionary and the individual/church. All US tax laws need to be followed and is the responsibility of the giver.

GLOBAL LINKS POLICY

ADOPTED GLOBAL NMI EXECUTIVE COUNCIL – 28 JANUARY, 2022

Purpose

Links is a Nazarene Missions International (NMI) system to assist districts in providing care and connection to Nazarene missionaries.

Global Scope

Each region, through the sending district, provides care and connection to Nazarene missionaries sent from their region. Links provides additional care and connection to globally deployed missionaries who are deployed from your region and other regions. Only missionaries assigned through the Links system, should be referred to as Links missionaries. Links assignments are made by global NMI in consultation with the regional NMI coordinator.

Global, Sponsored, and Retiree Missionary Involvement

- Care and connection is provided to every global and sponsored Nazarene missionary who is on contract with Global Missions, by their home district.
- Retired missionaries, who meet Global Missions requirements as a retiree, are provided care and connection by their home district.
- Globally deployed missionaries are eligible to be assigned to any district in the Church of the Nazarene for additional care and connection through Links.

Global Process & Procedures

- Assignment: The Links connection is between a district/country/field and the missionary. Local churches should work with the district to care for their missionaries including those assigned through Links. Globally assigned missionaries must respond to the global NMI office by the deadline given to participate in Links. It is possible that not every globally deployed missionary will receive a Links assignment each year.
- Assignment Length: All assignments are one year in length and will be from January 1 – December 31 each year regardless of the fiscal/church year. Districts, whose Links assigned missionary end their Global Missions contract by September 1, will receive another Links assignment for the remainder of that Links year.
- Monetary Gifts: Any monetary gifts for missionaries through Links, will be processed through the missionary's deputation account. Gifts to retired missionaries must be given directly to them.
- Participation: It is anticipated that each Links participant (district/country/field and missionary) will:
 - Pray for each other
 - Communicate with each other at least three times a year
 - The district/country/field will invite the Links missionary to speak at events-in person or online