

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Recognizing the mutual value of the century-long partnership between the churches of the Intermountain District of the Church of the Nazarene and Northwest Nazarene University (NNU) for the training and development of Christian leaders in the Wesleyan tradition and providing Christian-based higher education for people in the Northwest, the Committee on Education solicits pastors and laypersons to give cooperation, support, and prayer for Northwest Nazarene University, Nazarene Theological Seminary and Nazarene Bible College.

We recommend the following:

1. That people in our churches pursuing higher education be encouraged to consider NNU for their education needs. Prospective students are encouraged to contact Courtney Gilbert at 208.467.8000 or 1.877.NNU.4.YOU. Transfer students are encouraged to contact Rich Vasquez for admission and financial aid information. Graduate students are encouraged to contact the Graduate Admissions Office at 208.467.8383.

2. That every church of the district strives to pay its education goal in full and take advantage of the Trustees Matching Award Program to make more funds available for their students who attend NNU. The matching rate for 2016-2017 is:

Church's Education Budget Payment	Church's Contribution	NNU Match Ratio	Combined Potential
0%	Up to \$350	4:1	\$1,750
1-84%	Up to \$350	5:1	\$2,100
85-99%	Up to \$350	6:1	\$2,450
100%	Up to \$350	7:1	\$2,800

We commend all churches that are involved in the matching program and encourage them to give above the \$350 matching amount to students attending NNU. We further recommend that local churches, with the prompting of the university, see that the awards be announced at high school graduations or award assemblies as well as in worship services.

3. That the alumni and friends of the university promote the work of NNU by praying for the university, recruiting students, and giving to University Scholarship Fund. Individuals may make contact with NNU Alumni Representatives: Tahmina Martelly, by telephone at [801.265.3403](tel:801.265.3403) or email tahminam@msn.com; or Josh Fishburne at [208.475.3274](tel:208.475.3274) or email josh.fishburne@gmail.com.

4. That every church be strongly encouraged to participate in raising funds for endowed scholarships, including the Ministerial Scholarship Program, to provide greater financial support and reduce the net education cost to students who attend NNU.
5. That our people be encouraged to invest in the work of NNU through charitable gift annuities, charitable trusts, and by placing NNU in their last wills and testaments. Donors should be encouraged to give to the General Endowment Fund or the unrestricted University Fund.
6. That Idaho residents in our churches be made aware of the benefits of state income tax credits available on up to 50% of contributions when giving to NNU. This credit was recently increased on eligible gifts to NNU of up to \$1,000 in addition to being eligible for a charitable donation deduction on federal and state income taxes.
7. That each local church cooperates with the university in the following ways:
 - a. Assist with recruiting prospective students.
 - i. Encourage all senior high school students to participate in and send all high school juniors and seniors to one of the Explore NNU, Friday Escape, or NNU Preview events held at various times throughout the year at NNU.
 - ii. Maintain a supply of literature about the university.
 - iii. See that the Admissions Office of the university receives the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the local junior and senior high church youth and other potential college students.
 - iv. Publicly acknowledge in a worship service all students receiving matching awards from NNU.
 - b. Remember its college students in prayer and give special attention to all missionary and international students.
 - c. Promote NNU by a positive attitude, allowing university groups to hold services.
 - d. Open the church schedule to the ministries of students, faculty, and staff to be a resource for needs of local churches.
 - e. Enter into partnership with the university by encouraging Work & Witness type teams from the local church to assist the university in special projects.
 - f. Encourage support of the NNU Volunteer Association whose members give staff support to various needs of the university.
 - g. Cooperate with, support, and pray for the Ministerial Scholarship program and participating students.
8. That all new pastors and associates who have never visited the campus of NNU be encouraged to do so as soon as possible. The university will provide lodging and meals for

new pastors who are visiting NNU. For more information, contact Rev. Fred Fullerton, Vice President for Spiritual and Leadership Development, at 208.467.8530.

9. That each local congregation considers providing a budget line item for pastoral continuing education.
10. That the Intermountain District churches continue to pray for and participate in the annual offerings for Nazarene Theological Seminary and Nazarene Bible College.
11. That pastors and families of Nazarene students attending other colleges notify pastors in the college community so that they may give spiritual support to these young people.
12. That, as NNU desires to promote itself on the local church level, each church provide promotional time and space to the university and its representatives in services and in common meeting areas of the church.
13. That each local congregation appoint an NNU Church Representative who will:
 - a. Accept responsibility for receiving and distributing communications from the university.
 - b. Work in conjunction with the pastor/pastoral staff to see that this information is distributed to the various departments of the church.
14. That each local congregation coordinate with NNU to have an “NNU Sunday” in the time period from September to November each year to highlight the mission of NNU.
15. That each church supports its local and the District Nazarene Youth International (NYI) by facilitating and encouraging participation in “24” (formerly Main Event) held each spring by NYI on the campus of NNU.
16. That each local congregation use the available online resources that promote Northwest Nazarene University at www.nnu.edu.

Respectfully submitted,

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TIM BUNN, Chairman