

# 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. With this in mind, we would urge each congregation to cooperate with the University in the following ways:
  - a. Appoint an NNU Church Representative to promote the University to the various departments of the church.
  - b. Express a positive attitude regarding the university through 'NNU Sunday' in the period from September to November each year.
  - c. Open the church schedule to the ministries of NNU students, faculty, and staff as a resource to the needs of your local church.
  - d. Assist with recruiting prospective students by:
    - i. Encouraging all senior high school students to participate in one of the Explore NNU, Friday Escape, or NNU Preview events held at various times throughout the year at NNU. This would also include the District's '24' held each spring on the campus of 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.
  - e. Remember its college students in prayer and give special attention to all missionary and international students.
  - f. Enter into partnership with the university by encouraging Work & Witness type teams from the local church to assist the university in special projects.
  - g. Encourage support of the NNU Volunteer Association whose members give staff support to various needs of the university.
  - h. Cooperate with, support, and pray for the Ministerial Scholarship program and participating students.

Here are three important phone numbers if you need additional information:

- Prospective students can call 208.467.8000 or 1.877.NNU.4.YOU or email [admissions@nnu.edu](mailto:admissions@nnu.edu) .
- Transfer students can contact Rich Vasquez at 208.467.8499 or [transfer@nnu.edu](mailto:transfer@nnu.edu) 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:

<b>Church's Education Budget Payment</b>	<b>Church's Contribution</b>	<b>NNU Match Ratio</b>	<b>Combined Potential</b>
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 every church be strongly encouraged to participate in the broader financial support of the university by:
  - a. 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.
  - b. investing 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.
4. 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 is now available 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.
5. 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, at 208.467.8530.
6. That the Intermountain District churches continue to pray for and participate in the annual offerings for Nazarene Theological Seminary and Nazarene Bible College.
7. 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.

*Respectfully submitted,*

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