



Varina Church NMI

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“WHO IS NMI”

YOU - VARINA CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE - MAKING CHRISTLIKE DISCIPLES IN THE NATIONS

www.vanmi.org

We are ONE PEOPLE with a mission to Equip the Church, Engage the Culture, and Expand the Kingdom.

[Matthew 28:16-20](https://nazarene.org/beliefs) <https://nazarene.org/beliefs>

Faith Promise

- April 1 – March 31st 2023-2024. Goal \$12,000.

Missions – 2023/24 Fiscal Year

- **Adult & Teens** – Our next Mission meeting TBD.
- **Children’s Mission Study** – Temporarily on Hold.
- **CRISES CARE KITS:** We are in the midst of Hurricane Season and special projects for District NMI – Please continue to donate needed items in the Drop off Barrel located in the lobby.
- **October 15th - Deputation with Shannon Smith. Morning Service Love Offering and Luncheon to follow. Please plan to attend and sign up at the front desk for menu items needed. See Cathy or Nora for questions.**
- **Compassionate Ministries-** If you have not visited the link to our Nazarene Compassionate Ministries – please do. Learn what we do and where you can participate. <https://ncm.org/>
- **Feed/Clothe the Homeless Communities of Richmond.** There are two opportunities each month: The 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month. If interested, please see Cathy Pope
 - Help distribute food and clothing. 2nd Saturday.
 - Help cook/serve a meal - Tabernacle of Praise Ministries Int. 4th Saturday.
 - Sandra Witherspoon has returned from her time away, is ready to proceed, and welcomes all help.
- **November Renewal of Faith Promise. Please review where you are with your Faith Promise and pray that God will lead you in this need.**

Why do I need NMI Central?

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR WEEKLY PRAYER EMAILS. VANMI provides a weekly informational email specific to the needs in the Mission Fields. Needs we are asked to fervently pray over. Check out these links, get to know our missionaries, their work, resource needs, and how you can help.

Matthew 18:20 “For where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am among them,”.

[NMI CENTRAL](#)

[SUPPORTING YOUR LINKS MISSIONARIES](#)

<https://www.vanmi.org/missionaries>

A message from VCN NMI President

As you read the newsletter you will find the word **DEPUTATION**. The dictionary defines this to be the act of appointing and authorizing a person or small group to act and speak on behalf of another person or group. The Hebrew definition means **TO SEND**. The Bible references where God said, “I will send my angels before you”, or where Jesus would SEND His disciples to act on His behalf. Book of Acts and John speak to the acts of representation on behalf of others. **DEPUTATION** for our Missionaries is the process where they visit local churches and speak on behalf of the people in their mission field, asking for help where needed, both financially and spiritually. Our church empowers missionaries to go and act on behalf of God, and they ask the people of the church to help by assigning a missionary for each church to sponsor. Shannon Smith is our assigned missionary who is joining us on October 15th for a Deputation Service. She will share with us the burdens of Cambodia and how we can help. One way is in the offering that will be taken at the end of the service to be given to Shannon at the luncheon. While God does not call each of us to the mission field, He does call us all to the mission, this is one way you can help. We are all DEPUTIZED by The Father, who called, authorized, equipped, and empowered us to Act, and Speak on His behalf. So please begin with prayer seeking Gods guidance in this and all things to come.