

BREAKING NEWS FOR EDUF
EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT UNITED FELLOWSHIP
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**LISA MORRISON JOINS
EDUF AS VP OF RESEARCH
& DEVELOPMENT**



**How God Led Lisa
Morrison to EDUF**

In my late twenties, God planted a vision in my heart to teach overseas in one of our Nazarene colleges. Whenever I would see this vision, I saw black people. I tried a few times to make the vision a reality, but my efforts always came to nothing.

In 2013, I was presented with the opportunity to go to Africa on a mission trip. I had no interest, but my way was being paid, and my niece was going to join me. We went to South Africa in 2014. On the way home, I thought to myself, "I will never make this trip again!" In less than a year's time, I found myself back in South Africa at Nazarene

Theological College as a Guest Lecturer for a semester. Everything I had seen in my vision from twenty years ago was being lived out on campus. Never in my wildest imagination could I have foreseen what God had in store for me.

At the end of my semester, God woke me up at dawn one morning and said, "Thapi (one of my students) was the daughter I had always wanted." I had no idea what that meant but over time God revealed to Thapi and me that he wanted her to come to America to get her bachelor's and master's degrees in theology. He asked me if I was willing to lay my life down to support, love and mentor her through the 5-year process.

A passion for helping African ministers acquire their theological education was birthed in me during our journey. When I discovered what EDUF was doing to make this passion a reality, it was all too easy to say yes to Margaret Scott when she asked me to come on board as Vice President of Research and Development.

My work at EDUF is a dream job of seeing a way made for African clergy to receive their education whether in the US or in Africa. As Nelson Mandela stated:

Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world.

May we not only change the world with educated leaders, but may we also build God's Church by providing her with an educated clergy.

Since 2016, Africa has the most Nazarene members worldwide, yet the statistics from 2021 reflect we have only 1716 ordained ministers for the 8599 African Nazarene churches. In stark contrast, the US/Canada has 11,577 ordained clergy for the 5274 Nazarene churches. Africa needs our help, and this is what EDUF is seeking to do.

I am excited God has led me to be a part of making a difference as I work with

EDUF
to develop resources to strengthen educational systems and increase students' access to ministerial education throughout Africa.

EDUF Fortifying Ministerial Education Throughout Africa

2021 Statistics			
	Churches	Ordained Ministers	Percentage Distribution
Africa	8,599	1,716	0.20 Ordained per church
USA/Canada	5,274	11,577	2.2 Ordained per church

WHAT DO THESE STATISTICS SAY TO US?

The stats reflect that Nazarene ministers throughout Africa have LIMITED ACCESS to education and training to qualify for ordination.

The North American Church is blessed with educational resources such that it has a large, ordained clergy pool to oversee the work of the church. However, the African Church faces overwhelming challenges to train leaders to oversee the explosion of growth.

EDUF strives to narrow the educational gap by providing increased access to ministerial training and resources.

Is it time for you to connect with us at EDUF?

EDUF (Education Development United FELLOWSHIP) is a Stateside, volunteer-based, non-profit that resources education by active communication with leaders in Africa and by raising awareness of their needs. EDUF is also a network of people who want to know more about Africa and who support the mission to

Fortify Ministerial Education Throughout Africa

CORE ACTIVITIES of EDUF:

Connection - Creative Academics - Funding-the-Mission - Library Development - Project Teams - Prayer

HOW DO YOU WISH TO CONNECT TO EDUF?

Which role best fits you?

- **Pray-ers** commit to pray on a regular basis for the concerns in Africa
- **Volunteers** help with a specific project or activities of EDUF
- **Donors** give monetarily to EDUF
- **Trustees** constitute the board of governance of EDUF

Would you choose to sign on as a "friend" or a "member"?

Friends of EDUF agree with the objectives and mission of EDUF, choose a role for action and then complete the Application for Connection on the next page.

Members of EDUF agree with the objectives and mission of EDUF and are in good standing as defined by these qualifications:

1. Completion of the Application for Membership (the next two pages) indicating
 - a. Agreement with the Apostles' Creed
 - b. Desire to assist EDUF in its mission by choosing a role for action
 - c. Recommendation by an active member of EDUF
2. Approval by the board of Trustees
3. Demonstration of active engagement in EDUF in activities, campaigns and projects
4. Attendance at the Annual Meeting of EDUF which may be conducted as a physically gathered event or digital event at which reports will be given and elections of officers. Elections of officers may be held by write-in ballot, which must be received by the secretary 24 hours prior to the commencement of the meeting.

APPLICATION FOR CONNECTION

Name

Address

Phone _____

Email address _____

Home Church

Which role(s) do you choose? (You may check more than one)

Pray-er **Donor** **Volunteer** **Trustee (Membership required)**

Which means of communication do you prefer for connecting with others in EDUF?

Phone call **Text** **Email** **Any of the three**

Please tell us how you became interested in EDUF and any past connection you have with Africa

Signature

Date

APPLICATION FOR EDUF MEMBERSHIP

1. I HAVE INDICATED MY DESIRE TO ASSIST EDUF IN ITS MISSION AND I CHOSE MY ROLE(S) FOR ACTION BY COMPLETING THE FIRST PAGE OF THIS APPLICATION.

2. RECOMMENDATION BY AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF EDUF.

Please share with the Board of Trustees the name and contact information for the EDUF member who knows you and will recommend you.

2. AGREEMENT WITH THE APOSTLES' CREED

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried
He descended to the dead
On the third day He rose again
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father
He will come again to judge the living and the dead*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Church Universal, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

SIGNING BELOW ATTESTS TO MY AGREEMENT WITH THE APOSTLES' CREED

Signature of applicant

Date

**PLEASE MAIL THE COMPLETED APPLICATION TO
Rev. Pat Crane, 1016 4th Ave. SW, Puyallup, WA, 98371 or
SCAN THE COMPLETED PAGE(S) AND EMAIL TO Admin@eduf.org**