



## Africa & New England Celebrate! EDUF News June 2025

Dear Friends of Nazarene Education in Africa,

The district NMI Convention and New England District of the Church of the Nazarene Assembly just finished up. A few of us EDUF trustees are part of this district: Rev. Lisa Morrison, Mr. Jeff Hitchcock, Jr. and Scotts – Margaret, Joel and our #1 supporter, Jon Scott. We had several different leadership roles in it and presentations during it.

We also had the distinct pleasure of connecting with African leaders and Africa lovers in several different ways.

- Rev. Dr. Filimao Chambo – anointed preacher as General Superintendent in jurisdiction, born in Mozambique
- Rev. Dr. Eugenio Duarte - General Superintendent Emeritus and current pastor of the local church in Providence, Rhode Island, born in Cape Verde
- Rev. Shaun Bati – Current leader of Africa Region Nazarene Youth International
- Rev. Benedito Monteiro – USA/Canada Regional leader of Portuguese Ministries, born in Cape Verde
- Many other Cape Verdian Nazarenes who are local pastors and also lead and serve on various district committees
- Mr. Bill Esselstyne - born in Manzini, ESwatini. His father, Dr. Ted, was Africa Regional Education Coordinator and co-founder of EDUF
- The Restrict Family - lived and served in Eswatini and Mozambique. Rev. Dr David serves as Associate Pastor, also in district roles. Beth is Librarian at Boston University's African Studies Library. They host almost every African Nazarene that passes through Boston.
- Several members of a District Project Team to Africa Nazarene University and a South Weymouth Church team to Milange, Mozambique who are eager to do another trip!

The “cherry on top” was June 29<sup>th</sup> as three EDUF super-heroes share as their date-of-birth: Mrs. Marg Strahlam, Mrs. Robinette Craker and Dr. Gabrielle Benjiman.

Please continue to see photos, read more about June news and praise God with us for His work among us and between us.

Margaret Scott for Education Development United Fellowship (EDUF)

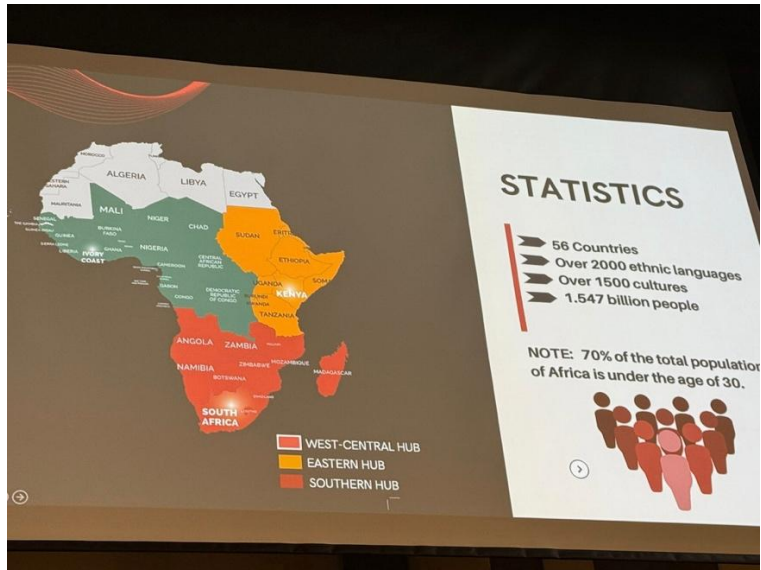




(L to R) Dr. Michelle (Missy) Kindt, District NMI President; Rev. Dr. Dave Restrick, District NMI Secretary; Rev. Ken Stanford, New England District Superintendent. The Assembly was held at Valley Chapel Church of the Nazarene in Uxbridge, MA.



Jeff Hitchcock, Jr. reporting as Leader for Project Team to Africa Nazarene University, Nairobi.



Rev. Shaun Bati, sharing current Africa stats, organization of three hubs and an exciting new educational opportunity to prep Africa Youth Workers through a certificate program from ANU.



Happy meetups in the foyer: (top left) Margaret Scott, Jeff Hitchcock, Jr., and Rev. Dr. Vincent Price, pastor in Boston, very frequent traveler to Africa and host to Shaun; (bottom left) Beth Restrick and Shaun Bati; and (right) Jon and Margaret Scott with ordinand Rev. Frank Xavier.



Official greetings from NED Office staff: (L to R) Jon Scott, Meghan Hesion with the Bollinger family. Dr. Larry Bollinger was one of the ordinands so both he and Lynne are now "Rev. Dr." Bollinger. These precious missionaries serving in Asia Pacific Region are members of the New England District.



Leaders of a new district initiative named *Nazarene Compassionate Ministries New England* held a well-attended workshop during NMI Convention and manned a table in the foyer to connect with Assembly Attenders.



The founding team also form the district committee for Social Action.



## Everywhere You Look

Join us this year for a newly-designed assembly as we come together to celebrate, worship, administrate, and resource one another. Our theme is an invitation to open our eyes to the work of God in Christ throughout creation, our neighborhoods, and our

The theme of the assembly was extremely well articulated in the report by the District Superintendent and his team leaders but also by the many excellent workshops. To virtually attend the New England district events, see the district website: [nednaz.org/events](https://nednaz.org/events).



Two of the newly ordained on the district are from Cape Verde.

**100 CHURCHES RISING** for and with their  
**IMMIGRANT NEIGHBORS**

Our biblical mandate is clear:  
we are called to extend radical love & welcome to immigrants.  
Are you ready to **RISE UP & TAKE ACTION?**

**LEARN**  
What does the Bible have to say about immigrants? Is there clear Scriptural teaching on what posture the Body of Christ is to have towards immigrants? Now is the time to seek God through Scripture. Our devotional guide provides biblical lessons, reflections, and action steps to take as a church.

**PREACH**  
Did you know that less than 1 in 10 church-goers has heard a sermon on immigrants and immigration? If the Bible speaks clearly about immigrants, the church is called to preach and teach clearly about immigrants as well! Resources and support are available for you to get started.

**PRAY**  
A praying church moves and shapes whole communities. Pray with the Immigrant Connection movement as we intercede for immigrant families; immigrant justice; and for our churches, communities, and nation to reflect God's welcome. Resources and corporate prayer calls are included.

**GIVE**  
Immigrant Connection is a church-based organization and movement. We mobilize and equip churches across the country to stand with their immigrant neighbors. Giving financially ensures Immigrant Connection continues to expand this work nationally to serve more immigrants.

For information & resources, please visit [www.icwelcome.org/100](http://www.icwelcome.org/100)

IMMIGRANT CONNECTION

The mega workshop by the founder and leader of Immigrant Connection, Rev. Zach Szmar, Wesleyan Pastor in Logansport, IN, powerfully taught the biblical mandate to “extend radical love and welcome to immigrants” from his own incredible experiences.

**WELCOME PROGRAMS - RESOURCING THE CHURCH TO RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL TO WELCOME, LOVE, & SERVE IMMIGRANTS**

**1 CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH PROGRAM TEACHER GUIDE**  
Building confidence and nurturing relationships through language learning

**2 Welcome Home!**  
12 BIBLE LESSONS TO HELP YOU PASS THE U.S. CITIZENSHIP TEST

**3 FAMILY RESOURCE NIGHT**  
Supporting academic success and relationship building for immigrant students and their families

**CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH PROGRAM**  
Building confidence and nurturing relationships

**FAMILY RESOURCE NIGHT**  
Supporting academic success and raising community awareness

Free downloadable resources shared by Zach Szmar.



June 29 Birthday Peeps: Gabrielle Benjamin, Robbie Craker and Marg Stahlbaum

There are several ways you can give to EDUF to support African education:

- Via the 'donate' button on our [website](#)
- Via [Tithe.ly](#) – just search for EDUF
- Via [PayPal](#)
- Mailing a check payable to EDUF to our Treasurer:  
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