



Dear Friends of Nazarene Ministerial Education,

Do you know that the 12 days of Christmas start on the 25<sup>th</sup> and extend to the "Day of Kings" that commemorates the arrival of the Wise Men? Matthew 2:9-11 tells us:

"The star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

We celebrate gatherings in Africa and gift-giving that has resulted in more African ministers being enabled to study in 2025.

EDUF wishes you a happy 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas, depending on when you read this.

Tuko Pamoja (WeAre together)  
The Board of EDUF

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**SOURCEBOOKS ON ORDINATION.** The Regional Education Department hosted an online event to launch an essential resource for the church - the Africa Regional Sourcebook on Ordination.

As the church grows and diversifies across Africa, there is an increasing need for a clear framework for clergy preparation. This Sourcebook provides consistent standards, well-defined competencies, and a shared pathway for ministerial development. It fosters collaboration between districts, training institutions, and local churches, ensuring candidates for ordained ministry are equipped with theological depth and pastoral maturity. The launch marks a renewed commitment to excellence in developing Christlike servant leaders for the continent and beyond!

The need for Nazarene Regional Sourcebooks was first identified in meetings of top Nazarene educators in the 1990's. Representing Africa in those meetings, Dr. Ted Esselstyne made rich contributions to what became the International Sourcebook for Nazarene Ordination and produced the first one for the Africa Region. When Dr. Ted retired, Dr. Ken Walker became Africa Region Education Coordinator. Dr. Ken brought together a committee of Nazarene educators from across Africa to put together the Sourcebook contextualized for Africa by committee of perspectives. This included veteran missionaries Fred Otto, Tom Nothstine and Margaret Scott, all who have served as trustees of EDUF for several years.

Drs. Esselstyne and Walker, with other leaders in the States founded EDUF in 2006 with this mission statement: "...developing resources for education in Africa through [scholarships and endowment systems](#)."

In 2025, **YOU** donors to EDUF have continued this mission and have provided funds for both scholarships and endowments. We thank you! Here is a brief listing of what we have done together:

1. **We supplied many scholarships** for Africans studying in eSwatini, Kenya, Angola, Malawi, online at Nashville and online Nampa. **Bravo!**
2. We topped up **endowments** in order to release funds for French-speaking pastors and other students at Africa Nazarene University.

One educational leader wrote: **I hereby want to send a warm Christmas greeting to all EDUF members. At this time that we remember the birth of the Savior of the World, I want to wish the richest blessings to all of you. Thank you very much for supporting the theological education of our Nazarene pastors.**



## Angola



## JANUARY EVENTS

MEETING WITH JOHN HAINES, AFRICA REC. During visits to multiple countries in Africa, John has "held his ear to the ground" (so to speak) to discern the top priorities for education across Africa. He will share with EDUF trustees so that we may pass on to you the priorities for 2026.



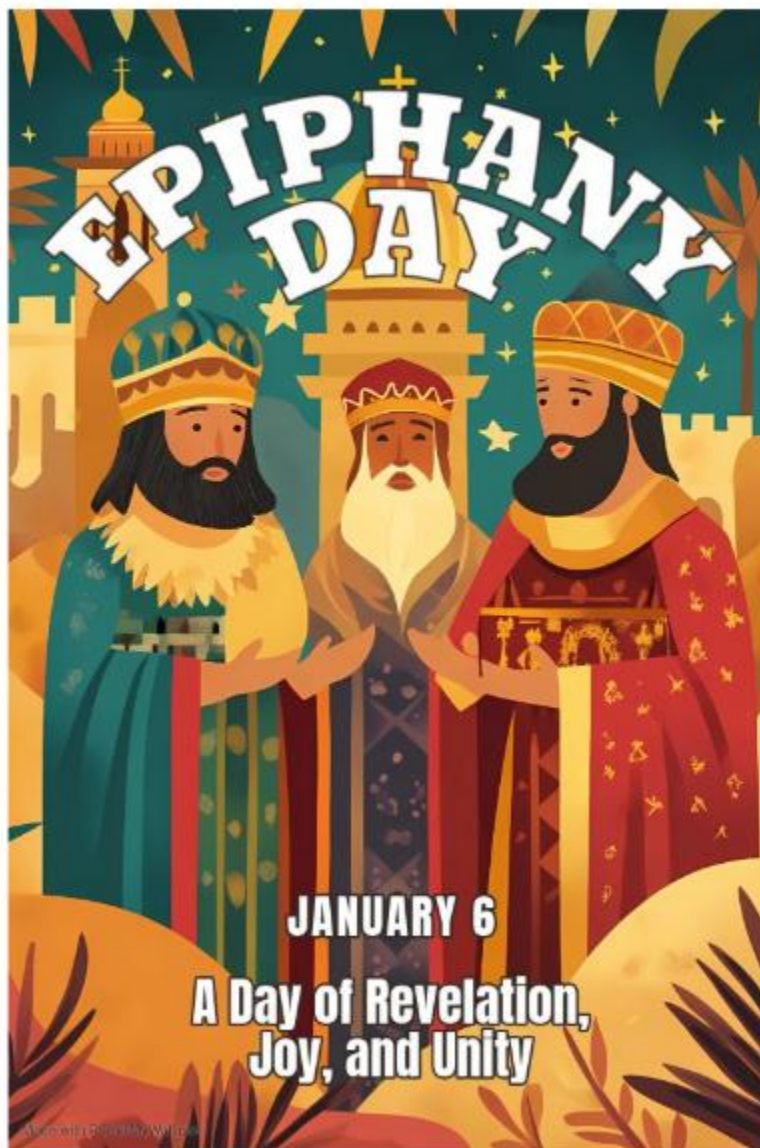
21-DAY PRAYER JOURNEY, Jan 5-25. The Africa Region also reports, "Since 2019, the Church of the Nazarene in Africa had begun each year with a 21-day prayer journey, focusing on different countries, cities, and people groups. In 2026, as the disciples of Jesus, we ask, 'Lord, teach us to pray.' We've chosen the book of Ephesians as our guide, anchored by Ephesians 3:10, which proclaims God's manifold wisdom being made known through the church to rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms.

"Join us from January 5 to 25, 2026. We'll share daily scripture, devotion, reflective questions, and prayers on our social media platforms. We trust God for a mighty move through our families, churches, and communities. If you have not done so yet, join our WhatsApp channel as we will have daily polls after each prayer - <https://whatsapp.com/channel/0029VaUEg4R6rsQzn4NyWI0P> "



**TRAINING FOR DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS.** Over 80 District Superintendents (DSs) from 11 countries across the Southern Hub of Africa are gathered at the Good News Conference Center in November for the District Superintendents Training. This time of learning and fellowship is designed to equip, encourage, and empower our leaders to serve the Church and advance God's Kingdom more effectively. Among the speakers were Dr. Dany Gomis, Africa Regional Director, and Dr. T. Scott Daniels, General Superintendent in Jurisdiction for Africa.

Celebrate Epiphany, a.k.a. Day of Kings! in Prayer!  
Remembering our brothers and sisters in Africa.



Here are a couple of things to consider as we end this month's newsletter:

How to connect with EDUF: [Join Us – EDUF](#)

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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