



WE ARE NAZARENES WHERE DID WE COME FROM?

Out of Many, One

1887-1890: New England: Providence, Rhode Island, church, founded in 1887, joins other holiness churches in 1890 to form the denomination's oldest parent body.

1894: Tennessee: New Testament Church of Christ originates.

1895: New York City: Association of Pentecostal Churches of America organizes.

1895: California: Los Angeles First Church of the Nazarene is established.

1896: New England and New York groups unite as Association of Pentecostal Churches of America.

1901: Texas: Independent Holiness Church originates.

1904: Tennessee and Texas groups unite as the Holiness Church of Christ.

1907: Association of Pentecostal Churches of America and the Church of the Nazarene unite as the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene.

1908: The Holiness Church of Christ joins the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene.

1915: Pentecostal Mission and the Pentecostal Church of Scotland join the Nazarenes.

1919: Fifth General Assembly shortens the church's name to Church of the Nazarene.

Where did Nazarene world missions originate?

1898: Mission work began in India.

When did Nazarene higher education begin?

1899: Texas Holiness University was founded, the first of several colleges that merged eventually to become Southern Nazarene University in Bethany, Oklahoma.

What was the forerunner of Nazarene Youth International?

ca. 1896: Los Angeles First Church began Company E for young women and the Young Men's Band, later the Brotherhood of St. Stephen, forerunners of today's Nazarene Youth International.

When did Nazarene publishing interests begin?

1912: Nazarene Publishing House was founded, and *Herald of Holiness* began publication.

When did Nazarene Missions International get its start?

1915: The Woman's Missionary Society was founded.

When did Nazarenes begin utilizing radio to spread the gospel?

1944: The Nazarene Radio League, now World Mission Broadcast, was authorized. "Showers of Blessing" radio broadcast began in 1945, and "La Hora Nazarena" followed in 1953.

The Church of the Nazarene has more than 1.6 million members worldwide.

Nazarene work has been established in 151 world areas.

On any given Sunday, 803,990 Nazarenes go to Sunday School.

Of the 20 largest Nazarene churches, 8 are outside the United States.

Three of the 20 largest churches are in Brazil, including the largest.

The Church of the Nazarene has 788 missionaries deployed throughout the world.

The church has established 56 colleges, universities, and seminaries in 40 countries around the world.

Over 40,000 people worldwide are enrolled in Nazarene institutions of higher education.

* According to 2006 statistics