

Motorcycle Ministry Organization

Motorcycle Ministry must be intentional to be effective. Building relationships is important in the biker community, and in order to do that, motorcycle ministry is not for those wanting quick results. In order to do effective ministry, you need organization, purpose, and commitment. An effective ministry needs organization to function properly, to stay focused, and to be accountable to the ministry and the church. Here some considerations regarding organization.

Leadership

Leadership is very important. You need a leader for the group/ministry who is focused, determined, and called. This person should be someone from the biker community who has been saved and has a passion to reach other bikers. This is not for a new believer or a new motorcycle rider. The leader must commit to taking the message of Jesus Christ to the streets. He or she must focus on the community the ministry wants to reach. This takes drive, time, energy, and a love for the bikers of the area.

This person needs help. Recommended help should include, but is not limited to

- An assistant – someone to assist the leader with ideas, leadership, and focus
- A secretary – someone to record events, meeting notes, rosters, etc.
- A treasurer – someone to be accountable for all finances
- Road Captain/Event coordinator – someone to organize rides and events, plan the routes, and coordinate with other groups on events within the area

The right people in leadership roles are crucial. People who are focused, motivated, and willing to serve can ensure the ministry succeeds. People need to volunteer, yet they must be encouraged and supported by the Pastoral Staff and congregation.

Qualifications

The people chosen to fill these positions should meet certain criteria. A leader must:

- Be a biker.
- Be saved and sanctified.
- Be a person of prayer.
- Be a person of vision.
- Have a heart for outreach.
- Have leadership ability.
- Have a love for bikers and their salvation.
- Dedicate themselves to fulfill the mission and vision of this ministry.
- Regularly attend scheduled meetings, events, and activities in support of this ministry.

The list above is a sample and can be refined to fit your church, leadership, and purpose. However, all volunteers should be dedicated Christians with a desire to commit their time, energy, and leadership to fulfill the mission.

Mission/Vision

State the mission of the ministry up front

Clear focus and goals are vital to success. Having a clear picture of the mission will give structure and direction to the development and growth of the ministry.

State the purpose, values, and principles

The mission, goals, values, purpose, and principles will drive the ministry. They must always be positive and intentional so that the ministry will succeed at reflecting Christ and shine a positive light on the Church.

The following are examples of values and principles that could drive a ministry:

- We value Bikers...significant in the kingdom of God.
- We value the Bible...God's unchanging truth for our lives.
- We value Prayer...vital interactive communication with our heavenly Father.
- We value the Church...global holiness community of faith, diverse in culture but one in Christ.
- We value Worship...life-changing encounters with an intimate God.
- We value Discipleship...a lifestyle of becoming Christ-like.
- We value Community...building relationships that help bind us together and to God.
- We value Ministry...extending God's grace to our world.
- We value Witness...sharing God's love in word and deed.
- We value Holiness...a work of grace whereby God, through the working of His Holy Spirit, enables us to live a life representing Christ whose we are and in everything we do.
- We exist for Bikers. We exist to attract, equip, and empower bikers for service in the kingdom of God and to facilitate their integration into the Church of the Nazarene.
- We focus on Christ. Christ is central to who we are, the Word of God is our authoritative source for all we do, and holiness is our pattern for life.
- We build on relational ministry to bikers in the local church. Effective ministry to bikers is critical to the health and vibrancy of the ministry.
- We develop and mentor leaders. We provide opportunities for emerging leaders to develop and utilize their gifts within an environment of nurture and support, assuring strong leadership for the Church of the Nazarene. Leadership training, accountability, and mechanisms for evaluation and modification of ministry are vital functions of the ministries.

- We empower others to lead. Relevant biker ministry requires responsibility for ministry and organizational decisions reside with leadership and the appropriate governing bodies at every level. A sense of belonging and ownership, a passion for service, and input in decision-making are key ingredients for the empowerment of bikers.
- We embrace unity and diversity in Christ. We are committed to understanding and celebrating differences and diversity in language, color, race, culture, socioeconomic class, and gender. Our differences do not diminish unity but enhance our potential and effectiveness. Sharing the good news of Jesus Christ in culturally relevant ways is always a high priority.
- We create networks and partnerships. A climate of cooperation characterizes our relationships at every level. Networking within the church enhances the development and deployment of bikers for service.

Write it down

It is recommended that each group have a Charter and a set of By-Laws. These documents guide the members in accomplishing the mission and keep the ministry focused and accountable. An example of a Charter and Bylaws can be downloaded from the NMF website using the links below.

Conclusion

Nazarene Motorcycle Fellowship (NMF) is designed to provide input and advice to biker ministries from those who already have experience. The organization's leadership includes people instrumental in organizing successful motorcycle ministries within the denomination, as well as people that have been on both sides of the biker community, to assist you in developing an outreach ministry like no other.

With patience, prayer, and a desire to "go" into your community, this can be one of the most rewarding ministries within your church. It will change more than the lives of the bikers you reach; it will change the lives of your entire church.

Website resources

Visit <https://nazarenemotorcyclefellowship.com> to learn more and view all available resources. Links contained in downloadable PDFs may change. If viewing the PDF in digital format and links are broken please visit the NMF website to download updated versions. If you have the most up to date version from our site and links are still broken, please use the form on our Contact Us page to notify the website administrator.

A PDF containing of all of our resource documents with a table of contents can be downloaded at <https://nazarenemotorcyclefellowship.com/#NMF-Resources>

Example charter and bylaws can be found at <https://nazarenemotorcyclefellowship.com/motorcycle-ministry-organization/>