



PRIME TIME MINISTRIES: FROM SUCCESS TO SIGNIFICANCE

Through Prime Time Ministries, the Church of the Nazarene is responding to the large and growing group of older adults within the churches and communities we serve. Mature adults are vitally important to our church. Within this group can be found valuable resources vital to the health and growth of our local church ministries. Among these are wisdom, experience, traditions, stability, spiritual maturity, and love for their church and church family. New levels of longevity, health and vitality, as well as discretionary resources and time are also found.

The Church of the Nazarene recognizes the tremendous contribution mature adults have already made during their lifetimes for the sake of the local program. Further, Prime Time Ministries emphasizes the great ministry potential that still resides with this group. Our ministry is not only focused on ministry to mature adults, but ministry through and with them as well. It is certainly true, among mature adults as much as it is among other adult groups, that adulthood is a journey, not a destination.

The Age Wave is truly upon us. Mature adults are currently one of the fastest growing age groups in North America. Prime Timers (age 55 and older) account for 19% of the total Sunday School enrollment of Nazarene churches and more than 36% of the adult enrollment. This figure has grown dramatically over the last few years and will continue to grow at a swift pace over the next few decades.

A person now can spend as much as one-third of his or her life in retirement or elective pursuits. An active, mature adult program gives opportunity to translate potentially passive years into years of service and activity.

One of the objectives of Nazarene Prime Time Ministries is to facilitate a fresh image of those who have reached their 55th birthday. This new paradigm sees in maturing adults not incompetence, illness, or dependence but rather a deep pool of resources and skills, vitality, and usefulness.

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PRIME TIME MINISTRIES

Our Vision

To celebrate and nurture prime time adults as lifetime disciples of Jesus Christ.

Our Mission

To resource local congregations and districts in evangelizing, cultivating, and celebrating prime time adults as disciples of Christ.

Our Process

To offer strategic leadership training through summits, seminars and workshops.
To encourage community through fellowship building events including retreats.
To promote activities at the district, local, regional and international levels.
To support the development of mentoring relationships.

Our Communication

To be a catalyst for the exchange of ideas for ministry initiatives through *The Prime Time Connection* newsletter, associated websites, e-mail and all other forms of communication.