

## Calling All Bikers!

We have proposed a Nazarene Biker Alliance be added to the Adult Ministry division of our Sunday School and a Biker Rally at the 2009 General Assembly in Orlando, Florida! This Rally may be the first-ever Biker Rally conducted on a church denominational level and promoted around the world! This Rally will be our denomination's history-making, first Biker's Rally so we are excited about the potential.

The Rally idea was presented as a recommendation to the 2006 General Board and personally to Dr. J. K. Warrick, General Superintendent, Church of the Nazarene. Your letters of support for Biker Ministries, the NBA and The Rally were presented to Dr. Warrick by Dr. Larry Morris, Director of Adult Ministries for the Church of the Nazarene.

Dr. Warrick's response was very positive and he indicated his interest and support. He also indicated his interest in attending our Biker Rally and riding his Harley!

In order for the Rally plans to move forward we must know the current level of interest for the National Bikers Rally within the various Biker Ministries. How many bikers in your local ministry would attend the Biker Rally at the 2009 General Assembly? If you are not part of a Biker Ministry, how many in your household has interest in attending the Rally?

We realize bikers west of the Mississippi River have a greater challenge to consider because of the distance. However, if you have ever wanted to take a cross-country ride, this is certainly the perfect opportunity for you to do so. You also have adequate time to plan for this once-in-a-lifetime adventure!

We will plan routes from all four corners of the United States to converge in Orlando on a given date and time, similar to the plan Harley-Davidson used for its 100th Anniversary Homecoming in Milwaukee in 2003. Our intent is to organize rallying points at Nazarene churches in major cities along the predetermined routes and possibly to hold biker services as we gather bikers along the way.

If the ride-in routes permit the riders to stay overnight in your city or community, would your church be interested in providing housing in your church or on your church grounds? If so, please inform us of your willingness to explore this possibility.

While 2009 seems a long way off an event like this requires significant investment in planning and resources. Knowing your level of interest at this point helps us anticipate the needs and plan properly.

If you would like to see this rally take place and be a participant, simply reply to this article at [adultministries@nazarene.org](mailto:adultministries@nazarene.org) with a "YES" and the number of bikers in your group or family who might be attending in the subject line (example: YES - 3).

If you know bikers who would be interested but do not have access to e-mail, print this out and distribute it as needed. They can respond by sending a post card or letter in support of the rally to:

Church of the Nazarene  
International Headquarters  
Adult Ministries - Biker Rally  
6401 The Paseo

Kansas City, MO 64131

We believe this is an opportunity to present the Church of the Nazarene as a biker friendly denomination to the world. The result will be men and women, who will not be reached any other way, finding Christ through Biker Ministries in Nazarene Churches. If you are unable to support the rally by your participation, we would ask you support it through your prayers.

The organizers for this history-making biker rally are:

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