

A Compilation of Survey Results

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SURVEY RESULTS

38 total responses from the following regions:

Africa – 5	Caribbean – 4	SAM – 5
Asia-Pacific – 4	Eurasia – 3	USA – 6
Canada – 5	MAC – 4	Unknown – 2

1. Did the conference achieve its stated goal “to explore and define the role of the Academy for International Education and the Global Faculty; to expand our vision of global education; and to promote faculty, administrator, and curriculum development in the educational institutions of the Church of the Nazarene”?

Yes (22 responses)

Very much so! (3 responses)

Yes, it achieved more than I expected. (3 responses)

Yes, in an inaugural fashion.

Yes, it did as an important first step.

Yes. A clear definition for the Academy has emerged and vision for faculty, administration, and curriculum

development is strong.

It fulfilled the purpose of making us think about the idea of working together, to know the needs but also motivate us in our efforts.

2. How did the conference meet or fail to meet your expectations?

Yes IIIII

It surpassed mine by the formation of an exciting prospective structure.

I learned a lot about other regions and new innovations paradigms in the church.

Perhaps more could have been said about lower levels of education, but this is not a criticism.

The conference met at every level: scholarly, spiritually, professionally. The conference gave me a sense of hope for the Church of the Nazarene in the world.

Very well. I learned new concepts.

Met them well.

It opened several avenues in resourcing the opening of a new college.

Met expectations.

It succeeded in every aspect.

1) By achieving the above; 2) Providing strong overview of the larger education picture for my region; 3) Providing times to talk.

Broader in scope than I had anticipated.

The wealth of quality people from all the countries. Mike Vail was great!

No concrete action plan. The region will pick up the aspects.

Conference met my expectations by:

- a. Equipping for better teaching and understanding staff and students.
- b. Making resources a possibility.

Full participation of all types and levels of schools and colleges.

I had no great expectations, but was very pleased with the outcome.

It fulfilled more than my expectations.

Revealed the incredible resources of the church everywhere.

Coming together hearing, seeing the concerns of others in other regions . . . I don't feel so "out there" or alone any more.

The conference met and surpassed my expectations in all regards.

It gave us resources for further development on our regions and institutions.

Involvement of all regions and participants in program.

Exceeded.

Too much in concentrated time. Met expectations: 1) Interaction; 2) Overviews of education in all contexts;

3) Burns, helpful. Failed in creating enough time for intentional and non-formal interaction.

It was definitely a learning curve to both teach and learn such a diverse experience. It was wonderful.

It was great!

The conference surpassed my expectations. It provided a vision for what could be and tools, ideas, resources to get there.

Through collaboration.

It did meet my expectation and perhaps even more than I expected.

Yes, I hope that next time there is more focus on related aspects, that there be less attention to unrelated subjects.

3. What aspects of the conference did you find most helpful?

Opportunity to learn of the other regions and meet their leaders.

Sharing of the ideas and free thinking discussing with each other.

Group discussions/Greathouse presentation/Kim's presentation

I think every aspect was helpful. I appreciate the open dialogue more than anything.

The spirit of the people, the worship, and the lectures or presentations.

Presenters, materials, and methodologies; the atmosphere is good between one another

Unstructured time

Resource sharing

Learning theory by the Burns' team and innovation lectures of Mike Vail

Cultural awareness was far the most positive result

Presentations from international regions!

1) Cultural awareness; 2) Appreciation for our church internationally

Insight into challenges faced in other world areas

Small groups

International/global interaction; mutual respect; opportunity for expression

The interacting in group sessions

Various cultural presentations

Small group interaction

Mutual enrichment through multi-cultural sharing and resource papers

Cultural insights—professional development

Just listening and being listened to—freedom of expression

The theological conference with Dr. Greathouse and the process of consultation, collaboration, and community experienced

Conferences on collaboration

Vision casting by regions

The insights of inter-personal relationships, networking

The rich resources throughout the world

Individual conversations with people, panel discussions, and worship time done by various regions

The interaction with those from other regions; the vision casting reports; the culture-raising information times

The developmental aspects, the vision casting, the cross-cultural teaching, the working sessions, Dr. Greathouse, everything

Theological

Resources for theological education. The opportunity to share the educational resources of our region with the rest of the world and from other countries to our region.

a) Overlook of the work in other reports; b) Guide to explore needs; c) Work in a cooperative

Exchanging concepts and experiences among regions

Sharing of ideas, the spirit of unity, vision casting, teaching in a cross-cultural setting among others

The dialogue that prevailed throughout the event

Plenary meetings, panel and group discussion

Discussion about the Academy for International Education

4. What would you tell a friend to encourage them to attend this conference?

It is imperative to your development as an understanding leader of the church.

There was a great amount of work put in selection of relevant presenters and innovators.

Collaborating, congenial, cooperative would distribute materials received and discuss activities

This is the best way to know where the church is and where the church is going.

Yes, I would

That this conference has changed my views on Christian/theological education

It is practical and useful.

The church (international) has given us worth.

Super rich in content and fellowship

A singular opportunity to see the ministry of the church in its wider context.

You will see the international church through different eyes!

The key thing to motivate attendance is the profound significance of the topic and intended outcome.

It will increase your understanding and awareness.

Yes

Great safari! Camaraderie was excellent. Sharing of ideas stimulating. Hope for future implementation.

Your horizons will be enlarged.

Just tell them about this experience and they would come.

Your voice will be heard.

It was very good. You will be really benefited if you attend one.

Make new friends from other places and learn to appreciate .time. All have opportunity to participate.

It is positive. It encouraged me. It motivated me. It got me out of a rut.

That it is eye-opening and projecting experience.

Yes, definitely.

The benefits of inter-personal relationships, networking

Will really open your eyes to Nazarene education around the world.

Absolutely

It is worth it in giving one a bigger picture of all of our educational entities worldwide. What a great church we

have! What gifted church persons!

It was enriching, enlightening, engaging, and inspiring.

The unity of the Church of the Nazarene worldwide and its sound educational system.

I would tell him about the spirit of unity, respect, the mission, and the spirit of challenge one can gain by sharing different experiences.

It's a time to broaden vision.

That there is sufficient interaction and useful discussion to create new strategies.

I would talk to him about the benefit of this "Global Academy" for all educators and Nazarene institutions.

That participating in the meeting will give way to an International Academy created by our leaders.

It will broaden your vision. It will equip you with valuable resources and it will teach you to understand that the church is international and multi-cultural but ONE in Christ.

He/she could share information with people that are working in theological education, people with the same problems and challenges. It's an enriching time.

5. How would you organize this conference to better meet your needs?

A little more time for relaxed thinking and interaction.

I would do just as it was done.

More information/encouragement on lower levels of educational institutions.

Let us know in advance the schedule and the name of the people who will present papers.

If needs were met, so it was better organized.

Speaks to the needs of the church (institutions).

Plan more unstructured time for informal sharing and rest.

The cross-cultural education sections rough interesting. Were not good use of time.

It was considerably longer than necessary I feel.

It was good!

A little more tie for contemplation. Heat in the rooms. The facilities are wonderful.

Possibly put the "play" day in the middle rather than at the beginning of the conference.

Some presentations were less helpful, e.g. Dr. Fairbanks. While working together with USA region was interesting. Canada should have worked independently. Our needs are different. Heated facilities if in winter environment. Physical comfort will influence outcome to some degree. Identify regional concerns more clearly. Several “distractions” during learning times. A one-day break midway through, to rest up. Regional follow-up to International Academy. Provide time to process and informally discuss insights. You did a great job! Needs are being met. Thanks. Maybe have a more flexible and less packed schedule since a lot of the benefit of a gathering like this is the informal sharing. Provide materials two months ahead of time for translation. Build in more time to process the sessions. Long noon meal break. This, I believe, reflected a very North American concept of time, thus, being insensitive to the very cultures we tried to be sensitive to. Less scheduled presentations. It is absolutely impossible to sustain attention for this much time. There needed to be a least one additional afternoon for some activity. By 8:00 we were all absolutely fried. Otherwise fantastic! Less seminars. The seminars were too deep and not really as practical as they could have been. I am talking primarily about the Vail and Burns’ seminars. I believe the organization of the conference was outstanding. I would include all sections of our church leadership who represent education and church growth. For me, coming from Mexico, it would probably be best if it were held in a country closer to mine. I believe evenings should be used in a more practical manner (time changes should be considered) not so many days long. Work with fewer subjects. More time to assimilate and discuss new concepts. More time to interact.

6. What are the significant directives/outcomes that have emerged from this conference?

We will be changed on our region—curriculum will improve and we will be better able to work together.

Establishment of the academy and all the most services it will provide.

The final statement presented at the close, but primarily the hope of the faculty development potential.

All educational institutions are important.

New ideas—visions

To replicate it on our region in order to fulfill our education mandate and tasks better.

Commitment for resource and faculty sharing. Commitment to communication. Commitment to more sleep!

My determination to pursue the opening of a new theological college.

It has been particularly helpful to our delegation in dreaming afresh about intra-regional discussion and cooperation.

The list of four projects for the International Academy.

Communication on our region. The summary which provides direction for AIE.

Formation of a list of priorities for the Academy.

Incentive to improve and collaborate.

Regional participation in implementation of priorities. Interaction between regions.

a) The possibility of the global faculty; b) The commonality of our institutions

Resource possibilities available to all.

New relationships with other Nazarene educators.

Awareness of rich resources we have which could be shared for the global churches growth.

Collaboration; mutual/reciprocal involvement

That we will continue the working together that started here. That we are really attempting to learn about and from each other. That we can never go back to just “surviving” the school year. We must do better, excel.

Glorify God.

A more concrete, although not finished, vision for the Global Academy and faculty. Also, some projects to work on.

The greatest thing was a united spirit of collaboration.

I respond wholeheartedly to the four broad statements presented on the closing documents.

The vision, priorities, but most of all the spirit underlying it all—openness, generosity

See the final document. Also, connections made with a number of excellent faculty

A focus for future resourcing and a sense of how to create this within each region.

The fact that we must be prepared to go to other contexts to know how they are. Also, we must begin thinking more globally in all we do.

Implement the strategies which emerged during the conference.

A desire to improve our educational responsibilities in fulfilling the Great Commission.

Better understanding about theological education in reference to the church's mission.

The need for an international faculty that fills the lack of existing educators.

More closeness among regions. The intention to start a new way of approaching theological education in the Church of the Nazarene.

They are well defined in the final document.

To work together and not separately.

a) We are an international church and culturally diverse; b) We can unite and grow together; c) It is necessary to share our resources.

Have common objectives. Feel that we are the same. We can learn from everyone. See the richness there is in others. See an International Church.

7. What would you do differently in a future conference?

Get more heaters!

I would probably make it a one-week conference, but this one being the first one, we needed to have this time for interaction. Other church leaders be initiated—even a General. They need to buy-in and know our thoughts.

Try to have more educators in the meeting!

Nothing

To be more participants

Plan less pre-packaged programming per day to allow more relaxed processing, rest, and informal interaction.

Give more instruction! Boundaries to presenters. Some completely missed the desired mark.

More time to dialogue on a given topic discussed.

Again, it could have been briefer with more opportunity for open time for networking.

I have no suggestions!

I would like opportunity to see the local culture more . . .

Provide more translators to ease the burden on the one or two people who worked almost constantly.

More group work. Entertainment (e.g. safari in the middle of the week). Some free time, people were often over-tired.

Wear long johns! Great organizational job. Congratulations—God bless.

Be more alert and eager to inculcate more.

Less intense schedule. There was more time for rest but too many hours without a break. Minds can only handle a maximum amount. I didn't get to see a giraffe!

Room heaters

Resource persons could be from all regions.

No evening planned sessions. More time to talk when people aren't exhausted.

Go someplace warmer.

Have more free time, recreational activities, and get to know a little better the context where we have been for these days.

Start earlier announcing the conference date, theme, goals, etc. See a warm climate!

Schedule more space for reflection, more time to process, have presenters reflect the educational practices you endorse, i.e., the lectures were the least helpful, more women present, inclusive language.

Shorten, less packed with activity; heated facility

Perhaps more free time or small groups for fellowship.

It was outstanding.

Would do the same but go further improving the outcomes of the conference.

Everything has been good. Thank you.

To have participants from all church departments, not just educators.

Allow more time to talk about important subjects.

I would not cram so many events.

Experience in our region

I would include more workshops and panel discussions with a broad representation.

More time to work in teams. Have time available for fellowship. Work with fewer subjects.