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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **From NPH Board of Directors**

#### **Nazarene Publishing House Undergoing Restructure, Not Closure**

Nazarene Publishing House will not close for business, but undergo a restructure, according to Interim CEO Mark Brown. All imprints of WordAction Curriculum and Beacon Hill Books, will continue uninterrupted. “It’s true that our business model will change December 2, 2014 based on our current financial situation,” Brown said. “However, NPH management is developing a new strategic plan, and we look forward to continuing to meet the literature needs of the Church of the Nazarene and our Wesleyan partners.”

The newly appointed NPH Board of Directors approved the go-forward plan, which will be implemented December 2 so there will be no interruption of services to NPH customers.

“The Nazarene Publishing House is open for business,” Brown said. “We are grateful for the outpouring of support we have received from our customers during these recent challenges. God is helping us imagine a new future, and we gladly anticipate serving you.”

# Frequently Asked Questions about the Future of Nazarene Publishing House

## **I thought NPH was closing. What happened?**

It's true that Nazarene Publishing House found itself in an unprecedented financial crisis in the final quarter (October, November and December) of 2014. Closure was imminent, and leadership made the difficult decision to cease business operations under the current model, including dismissal of all employees as of December 1. Following such an announcement, the outpouring of concern for the ongoing literature ministry of the Church of the Nazarene made it apparent that something had to be done to save NPH. Under the leadership of a new Board of Directors, NPH management developed a plan to implement a restructure with the view of developing a sustainable publishing ministry to the Church of the Nazarene and her Wesleyan partners.

## **Will I still be able to order my *WordAction* Sunday School Curriculum?**

Yes! You can expect all curricula from NPH to continue without interruption. This includes your Sunday School materials for adults such as *Faith Connections*, *Reflecting God*, and *Standard*. This includes your Sunday School materials for children such as *Faith Connections*, and *Epic*.

## **Will I still be able to order my *WordAction* program resources?**

Yes! NPH will continue to provide *Caravan*, *Bible Quizzing*, Catechism/Membership, and the other program materials you depend on.

## **What is the status of *Beacon Hill Press* book publishing?**

Beacon Hill Press will continue to provide the Church of the Nazarene and our Wesleyan partners with the finest in theological resources. Our focus moving forward will be the New Beacon Bible Commentary, textbooks, and pastoral titles. We will continue to stock and sell our current inventory without interruption in service to our customers.

## **Will I still be able to order my Nazarene Missions International (NMI) products?**

Yes! Your NMI materials will be available in time for 2015 just as they always have.

## **What is the status of *Lillenas* music publishing?**

*Lillenas Publishing* is currently for sale. NPH management is actively seeking a buyer who shares our passion for providing worship resources to the local church.

## **Will the NPH website, Barefoot online, and other digital resources be available?**

Yes! NPH.com, SundayTeacher.com, BarefootOnline.com, EpicStory.com and all your other favorite NPH sites will remain fully functioning. Additionally, you can still purchase the 400+ ebook titles published by Beacon Hill Press or download video studies and leader's guides from your favorite authors.

## **Will the products and services I depend on from NPH (offering envelopes, church bulletins, membership materials, etc.) still be available?**

Yes! NPH will continue to make available the resources you need to do church.

**What does the future business model look like?**

NPH will stay true to its core mission to *engage the Church for the mission of God*. The NPH management team and the NPH Board of Directors are working closely to refine the details of the new business plan for 2015 and beyond. More details will be forthcoming as they are available.

In the meantime, the NPH team pledges to you, our customers and stakeholders, that we will give our best effort to advancing the Kingdom through the incredible ministry of Nazarene Publishing House. We will look for ways to recreate, to innovate, and to overcome the significant challenges ahead. Thank you for your loyalty and your prayers as we undertake this new adventure in rebuilding. May God find us faithful.

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