Church of the Nazarene Foundation Hires Two New Associates of Gift Planning

Lenexa, Kansas, October 1, 2026 — The Nazarene Foundation has hired Brian Eatock and David Riddell to serve as Associates of Gift Planning. Brian will be serving the Central and North Central USA Fields. David will be serving the Eastern and East Central USA Fields.

Brian served as a pastor in the Church of the Nazarene, leading both small and large congregations across Illinois for over 22 years, including five years as a bi-vocational pastor. Prior to entering full-time pastoral ministry, he spent 18 years as a respiratory therapist in hospitals and home care. He also served as a hospice chaplain and, most recently, as a licensed real estate agent in Illinois. Each of these roles sharpened the same skill: sitting with people at some of the most significant moments of their lives and truly listening. Brian carries a deep conviction that every person's story matters and deserves to be heard. That same conviction shapes how he approaches gift planning, helping people think through what God has placed on their hearts and finding a plan that honors it.

Romans 8:28 anchors Brian through every one of these seasons: "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose." It's a truth he's leaned on through hospital rooms, hospice bedsides, and pulpits alike, and it's the same truth he now carries into the work helping others see how their own story fits into something good that God is doing.

Prior to joining the Foundation, David spent nearly 20 years serving across ministries, nonprofit organizations, and graduate theological education, with experience in grant writing, fundraising, leadership, marketing, and communications. Along the way, he has seen firsthand how generosity can grow out of ordinary relationships, shared faith, and a desire to make a real difference in the lives of others.

David also serves as the founding Director of Venture Compassionate Ministries, Inc., a recognized Nazarene Compassionate Ministry (NCM) Center in Henrietta, New York, and is a member of Calvary Community Church of the Nazarene in the Upstate New York District. His work is shaped by a desire to love our neighbors well, both across the street and around the world. Through local church, district, and global mission experiences within the Church of the Nazarene, he has seen how generosity and faithful service can strengthen communities.

David holds a Bachelor of Science in Christian Education and Recreation Management from Indiana Wesleyan University, and a Master of Business Administration from Medaille College.

The Nazarene Foundation works to facilitate generosity to ministry through planned giving. They also provide investment management solutions for churches, districts, and other ministries.

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