

## **Dr. Daniel Copp**

Dr. Daniel Copp was elected as education commissioner for the Church of the Nazarene in September 2011. As education commissioner, Dr. Copp works closely with the Board of General Superintendents, the General Board, the International Board of Education and Regional Leadership “to serve Nazarene educational institutions worldwide and to encourage them to be all they can be in quality, achievement and service to Christ.”

Dr. Copp is an ordained elder in the Church of the Nazarene, and also serves as the global clergy development director. Prior to beginning his work in 2005 with the Global Ministry Center – Church of the Nazarene, he served five years as district superintendent for the Arizona District, 13 years as senior pastor for Mission Valley Church of the Nazarene in San Diego, CA, four years as senior pastor for Oakland First Church of the Nazarene in Oakland, CA and two years as youth/college pastor for University Avenue Church of the Nazarene in San Diego, CA.

Dr. Copp was a member of the board of trustees for Point Loma Nazarene University for 18 years, including five years as board chair. He has been a guest lecturer for many International Board of Education schools, and adjunct faculty for the doctor of ministry program at Nazarene Theological Seminary – Kansas City. Dr. Copp has served on various boards in the Church of the Nazarene, including district advisory boards, the general board, the International Board of Education, and the International Course of Study Advisory Committee. Dr. Copp has contributed to various periodicals and publications, including: *The Hunger of The Heart*, edited by Wesley Tracy; and *Maps & Models for Ministry*, edited by David Whitelaw.

Dr. Copp’s leadership involvement includes various corporate and community boards and organizations. He served on the corporate boards for Golden Gate Ministries in San Francisco, CA, Peniel Rescue Mission in Oakland, CA, as chair for the San Diego Youth for Christ Executive Board, as founding officer for the Marvin Elementary School Foundation and as head coach for his daughter’s soccer team.

Dr. Copp is a magna cum laude graduate of Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego, Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City and Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena. He received the Bachelor of Arts degree in History/Political Science from Point Loma Nazarene University in 1977, where he was elected student body president his senior year. He received the Master of Divinity degree from Nazarene Theological Seminary in 1983, where he was selected by the faculty as the 1983 recipient of the “W.T. Corlett Holiness Sermon Award” for outstanding senior preacher. He received the Doctor of Ministry degree from Fuller Theological Seminary in 1997, where his final project was selected for use as an example of excellence for future final project tutorials.

Dr. Copp is married to Dr. Vicki Honea Copp, also an ordained elder in the Church of the Nazarene. They are the parents of two daughters, both of whom are PLNU graduates.