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These are trying days for so many reasons, not the least of which is the recent tragic death of George Floyd at the hands of one who was supposed to serve and protect. Many thoughts come to mind at a time like this, but perhaps it is best for us to be reminded of what we believe as Nazarenes. This reminder is not simply an internal document for denominational reference, no, it is a statement that influences the societies in which we live and minister. We uphold and affirm, the rights and privileges of all people everywhere. We are saddened and frustrated that over and over again violations of such rights are perpetrated. Let us be examples of Jesus...a lot of people are watching, but that is secondary to the fact that God is.

-Rev. Ian Fitzpatrick

A MESSAGE FROM OUR GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS

Broad attention has focused in recent days in the United States of America, as well as other nations of the world, on issues of discrimination, race relations, and the inherent value of every person as created in the image of God. We want to remind Nazarenes around the world as well as everyone concerned about these matters of the following statement included in our denominational Manual, as affirmed by our General Assembly:

915 Discrimination: "The Church of the Nazarene reiterates its historic position of Christian compassion for people of all races. We believe that God is the Creator of all people, and that of one blood are all people created.

"We believe that each individual, regardless of race, color, gender, or creed, should have equality before law, including the right to vote, equal access to educational opportunities, to all public facilities, and to the equal opportunity, according to one's ability, to earn a living free from any job or economic discrimination.

"We urge our churches everywhere to continue and strengthen programs of education to promote racial understanding and harmony. We also feel that the scriptural admonition of Hebrews 12:14 should guide the actions of our people. We urge that each member of the Church of the Nazarene humbly examine his or her personal attitudes and actions toward others, as a first step in achieving the Christian goal of full participation by all in the life of the church and the entire community.

"We reemphasize our belief that holiness of heart and life is the basis for right living. We believe that Christian charity between racial groups or gender will come when the hearts of people have been changed by complete submission to Jesus Christ, and that the essence of true Christianity consists in loving God with one's heart, soul, mind, and strength, and one's neighbor as oneself.

"Therefore, we renounce any form of racial and ethnic indifference, exclusion, subjugation, or oppression as a grave sin against God and our fellow human beings. We lament the legacy of every form of racism throughout the world, and we seek to confront that legacy through repentance, reconciliation, and biblical justice. We seek to repent of every behavior in which we have been overtly or covertly complicit with the sin of racism, both past and present; and in confession and lament we seek forgiveness and reconciliation.

"Further, we acknowledge that there is no reconciliation apart from human struggle to stand against and to overcome all personal, institutional and structural prejudice responsible for racial and ethnic humiliation and oppression. We call upon Nazarenes everywhere to identify and seek to remove acts and structures of prejudice, to facilitate occasions for seeking forgiveness and reconciliation, and to take action toward empowering those who have been marginalized." (2017-21 Manual, Church of the Nazarene)

-Board of General Superintendents

https://nazarene.org/article/board-general-superintendents-affirms-manual-statement-discrimination

A CALL TO THE GLOBAL NAZAERENE FAMILY



"...Because of our deep sorrow for the way things are, and our profound hope in God's faithfulness to bring about a more just and loving world, the Board of General Superintendents calls the global Nazarene family to a Day of Prayer and Fasting on Sunday, June 7, 2020 (also known as Trinity Sunday). The prophet Joel declares, "Blow the trumpet in Zion, declare a holy fast, call a sacred assembly. Gather the people, consecrate the assembly" (Joel 2:15-16). We ask our district superintendents and pastors to lead our churches in prayer for the healing of the world according to God's vision for reconciliation, justice, unity, and holy love."

To read the full article, visit here; https://nazarene.org/article/call-prayer-and-fasting-change? utm medium=social&utm source=linktree&utm campaign=call+to+prayer+and+fasting+for+change

JUNE 2020 MESSAGE



Greetings in the Name of our Risen Lord.

Hear the word of the Lord: "By the rivers of Babylon we sat down and wept when we remembered Zion. There on the poplars we hung our harps for there our captors asked us for songs, our tormentors demanded songs of joy, they said...sing us one of the songs of Zion. How can we sing the songs of the Lord while in a foreign land? If I forget you, O Jerusalem may my right hand forget it's skill. May my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember you, if I do not consider Jerusalem my highest joy" (Psalm 137).

The Children of Israel were in captivity and this is no small thing friends. This was a devastating reality for them as they experienced a "new normal". Settling into a new reality was very difficult, so difficult that they were about to abandon the very experience that prevents a sense of abandonment. They were about to stop praising when the Word tells us that, "Yet You are enthroned as the Holy One; You are the praise of Israel" (Psalm 22 v 3). So, they hung their harps on the poplar trees, no more playing for us, no more singing for us, after all, how could we possibly do that in a strange environment. Also, our tormentors are playing games with us; they are teasing us, "come on sing the songs you used to sing back home".

Oh, friends, please listen to me... THIS IS NO TIME TO STOP SINGING... and I'm not talking about flash mob singing or organized singing, no, I'm talking about the natural song that radiates from the heart of the individual Christian who is filled with God; the Christian who overflows with Christ, and the Christian who is really at his or her best when we are thrust into new and strange environments. Come on now, get those harps down off the poplar tree and start playing again, get those vocal chords vibrating one more time and declare the joy of the Lord, which is your strength, why? Because it's who we are... people who are created in Christ!

Blessings Ian Fitzpatrick

MY PRAYER FOR YOU

"May you experience PEACE in the midst of trial, JOY in the midst of sadness, COURAGE when you face the "impossible", CONFIDENCE when others would seek to strip you bare, REFLECTION in looking back, EXCITEMENT in looking forward, LONGSUFFERING when your patience is exhausted, and LOVE FOR ALL - AMEN".



I WOULD ALSO ASK THAT YOU BE IN CONTINUAL PRAYER FOR OUR DISTRICT LEADERSHIP IN CANADA...

D.S. Reverend Mark Collins (Ruth) - Canada Atlantic
D.S. Reverend Steve Ottley (Pat) - Canada Central
D.S. Reverend Rose Brower Young - (Brad) - Canada West
D.S. Reverend Gordon McCann - (Linda) - Canada Pacific
National Director & D.S. Reverend Ian Fitzpatrick (Pat) - Canada Quebec

PRAY ALSO FOR

Director of Stewardship Services: Dr. Riley Coulter (Karen).
Ambrose President: Dr. Gordon Smith (Joella)
N.C.M.C. Executive Director: Reverend Elaine Bumstead (Dennis)

"CHURCH BUILDING REOPENING"

Since the first announcement declaring the suspension of all "in-person services" and physical gatherings we (National Director & District Superintendents) have been "meeting" on a regular basis to discuss the unfolding and developing situation. We have been keeping a close eye on the specific instructions coming from a variety of jurisdictions across the country. The Provincial Governments are dealing with the situation according to medical and scientific data received. "Stages" of return and re-opening of businesses and services are being implemented specific to the provincial and geographic regions. We have and will continue to follow governmental guidelines.

In our last meeting (21st May) we discussed the issue of re-opening our buildings for inperson gatherings. We entered into this situation on 16th March with "one voice" from district to district across our country, however it is unlikely that we will be able to "return" on exactly the same day. This conclusion comes out of respect for the provincial Governmental directives, each of which may well be different depending on what "stage" of return they are. Therefore, I thank you for the way in which you have responded to the crisis in continuing to be engaged in the Mission of God, but now I ask you for continuing patience, good judgment and total respect for others.

Please follow the instructions provided by your respective District Superintendent. Each one of them are engaged with and connected to provincial governmental developments. Remember, God is building His church, even in the midst of COVID-19.

CANADIAN PASTORS MEET TO PRAY

On 30th April, 2020 our National Director convened a Zoom Meeting of our pastors across the entire country. Almost 80 pastors were connected by technology for prayer. It was soon obvious that the connection was more than technological. There was real evidence of the Holy Spirit bond between us. Praise the Lord! General Superintendent, Dr. David Graves led us in a devotional and then we entered into corporate prayer.

They will continue with these quarterly Prayer gatherings
23rd July 2020
29th October 2020
21st January 2021

Our Global SDMI Director, Reverend Scott Rainey, will share in the next meeting.











IN MEMORY

GEORGE HERMAN CORRIS



It is with both great sadness and great joy that our family said goodbye to our beloved husband, brother, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather when he received his longed for promotion to his new home in Heaven on Saturday, May 9, 2020. His memory will be cherished by his wife of 64 precious years, Thelma (Young) Corris; sisters Viola Piluk and Faith Wyse; daughters Mary Ann (Roy) Merritt and Muriel (Sam) McGuire; grandchildren Maeghan (Jonathan) Coles, Levi (Mayra) Lennie, Amaryllis Van Der Kaaden, Rhiannon (Greg) McPhail, Jordawna (Shawn) Gunnlaugson, and Caleb Lennie; and great-grandchildren Dae-

myen, Noah, Judah, Asher, Alayah, Vincent, Erika, Layla, Austin, and 2 more about to arrive.

He was predeceased by his parents Albert and Winnifred Corris and his brother Ernest Corris. As a child, George grew up near Parry Sound ON, and on the farm near Sonningdale SK. He spent most of his adult life as a minister in several locations in every province in Western Canada. Although he took leave of pastoring for a number of years to successfully work and train his way up to the position of Fire Marshall at Obed Mountain Coals, ministry was his first love. He officially returned to the ministry in his later years both as a minister and the first Fire Chaplain for the Grande Prairie Fire Department; and then continued his ministry in spite of dementia by praying for and encouraging the nurses and care workers who looked after him while he was in care. He loved to read, study, garden, tinker at home repairs, ski, and run. He really did not like shopping. Because of his love of study, the Bible, and Christ, he was a very wise and gentle man who could compassionately communicate the gospel to all who heard him. He was loved and respected by many family and friends for his wisdom, kindness, and humility. He was always ready with a helping hand, a word of encouragement, or a cup of coffee or a meal for anyone who needed it. Right until the end of his life, his sense of humour was subtly exquisite – he always had the right word or turn of phrase to crack up the house.

Much thanks and appreciation to the Shepherd's Care Vanguard and Kensington Dementia and Long Term Care staff who compassionately tended to him in his final couple of years.

A small private funeral (due to COVID mandates) which will be live-streamed, will take place on May 22, at 11:30 am, at West Edmonton Christian Assembly. Internment will follow at Fort Saskatchewan Cemetery. A Celebration of Life will be planned for a later date.

https://serenity.ca/serenity-obituaries/corris-george-herman/

ADDIE P. GARMAN

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Addie P. Garman went home in the early morning hours of May 24, 2020.

Addie along with her husband, Dr. Larry Garman arrived in Peru in 1965. Their mission field was the Amazon Jungle where they served for 45 years as missionaries under the direction of Global Missions and continued their service to this day for a total of 55 years.

Addie and Larry had 4 children: Rusty (deceased), Gregory, Kandy, and Tim. Gregory is the District Superintendent of the

Los Angeles District, the first district of the Church of the Nazarene and Kandy and Tim serve in their local congregations in California.

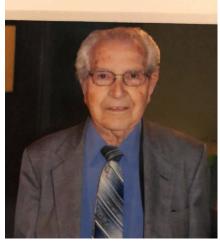
Addie Garman leaves behind a great legacy as a mother, wife, educator, and missionary. Together with her husband, they made great strides in evangelism, established over 200 churches, and formed three districts of the Church of the Nazarene among the Awajun and Huambises tribes: Amazon, High Amazon, and Condorcanqui. Addie was an active participant in pastoral formation teaching Bible and Christian education. Her students looked up to her as an exemplary maternal figure.

Another area in which Addie worked was supporting the Nazarene clinic founded by her husband where only the Lord knows the true number who were treated and cared for throughout the years of their ministry. Not to be forgotten in recounting Addie's mission work is the love and care she provided to the over 200 Work and Witness teams that arrived at her home located in the heart of the jungle on the banks of the Marañon; it was the most welcoming place for hundreds of miles.

The Garmans lived and served the Lord in the Amazon Jungle, raised four children on the mission field, treated those who needed attention, and shared the love of Christ with the lost. Although technically retired, they returned to South America for short periods of time to support the ministries there.

Thank you dear Addie Garman for giving your life to God and to Peru. Your life will continue to be an example for generations.

Your brother in Christ, Christian Sarmiento South America, Regional Director



EARL MORGAN

BOURBONNAIS — Earl L. Morgan, 96, of Bourbonnais and formerly of Israel, arrived at his eternal destination in the presence of God and our savior, Jesus Christ on May 27, 2020. He lived a life of passion and love for our Lord and he showed everyone how to love with integrity and deep unshakable faith.

He was born June 2, 1923, in Kane, Pa., the son of Thomas and Nora Morgan. Earl was preceded in death by his first wife, Thelma Morgan; his parents; and one sister, Margo Sankus.

Earl married Norma O. Weis, in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, on March 27, 1971.

He was a pastor (8 years) and missionary (32 years) through the Church of the Nazarene.

Earl attained his BA from Olivet Nazarene University and his BS from Missouri Valley College. He earned his Master of Divinity from Nazarene Theological Seminary.

He loved to study the Bible. He also loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Earl was a missionary with the Church of the Nazarene and taught Bible school in Italy, Lebanon and Israel.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, having served during World War II. Earl was a Naval Air Cadet and Naval Reserve Officer from 1943 to 1946.

Earl was a member of First Church of the Nazarene in Kankakee.

Surviving are his wife, Norma Morgan, of Bourbonnais; three daughters and three sons-in-law, JoAnn Lynn (Kevin) Alsvig, of Seneca, Janelle Leann (Jay) Comfort, of Byron, Mich., and Brenda Joy (Frank) Thomas, of Johnstown, Pa.; six grandchildren, Heather (Joe), Wendy, Tyler, Brittany, Jacob and Ashley; along with several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, private family services were held.

Inurnment will be at a later date in Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood.

"Earl's character was above reproach," the family said.

"His integrity, unquestionable.

His example, unprecedented.

Good night dear Earl.

Much loved dad, husband, and grandpa.

We will see you in the morning, on the other side.

https://www.daily-journal.com/obituaries/earl-morgan/article 50af4c50-a590-11ea-97d7-ebc50b5e50f1.htm

GREGG RUSTULKA



The passing of Gregg Rustulka, of Kenaston and formerly of Prince Albert, Sask., occurred peacefully on Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at Royal University Hospital in Saskatoon, with his loving wife of 45 years by his side.

Gregg loved His Lord and Saviour and he loved people. This led him to a life of service as a missionary and pastor. He loved to serve people and did so every chance he got. A day didn't go by where he wasn't checking in with those around him. He lived this way till the very end and one of his very last statements was "just make sure that

everyone knows how much I loved them!" The world lost a terrific husband, father, grand-father, brother, uncle and friend this week. His legacy will live on and many will enjoy heaven with Gregg because of his work here on Earth.

Gregg is lovingly remembered by his wife, Lynn; his family: Scott (Desiree) Rustulka and their children, Savannah, Skye, Dellan & Delilah; Cherie Rustulka; and Keli (Greg) Rosenquist and their children, Hayden & Mia; his brothers, Blair (Marti), Kenton and David (Lisa) Rustulka; and numerous nieces, nephews, in-laws and friends. He was predeceased by his parents, Frank & Hertha Rustulka; and by his brother, Charles. A Service of Remembrance will be held at a later date.

Memorial donations may be made to: Gideons International. **Arrangements are in care of the Outlook Funeral Chapel 306-867-8255.**

https://thestarphoenix.remembering.ca/obituary/gregory-rustulka-1079310191



CANADA WEST DISTRICT

We're Hiring

Youth & Young Adult Pastor

(Full-time)

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT PASTOR – (FULL-TIME)

<u>Skyview Community Church of the Nazarene (SCCN)</u> is a growing, vibrant, intergenerational, and multicultural congregation in Northwest Calgary. We are seeking a full-time Youth and Young Adults Pastor who has a clear sense of pastoral calling to disciple youth and young adults within the context of the local church. We are looking for an experienced, competent and relational leader who is skilled in Biblical teaching and shares our desire to help youth and young adults come to know Christ and to support them towards maturing as followers of Christ.

Eligible candidates will have a proven record of meaningful church involvement in youth and young adult ministry, administrative skills with the ability to lead and develop volunteers, and effective written and oral communication. If not credentialed (ordained or licensed ministers) with the Church of the Nazarene, the successful candidate will be required to align theologically with the Church of the Nazarene's articles of faith. Educational requirements for this position include theological training at a bachelor's degree level or higher from an accredited school, or acceptable equivalents.

The ideal candidate will possess the following abilities and traits:

- Committed follower of Christ who demonstrates spiritual maturity and models an authentic relationship with Jesus in all aspects of life.
- Genuine love for people and the church.
- Experienced, dynamic leader.
- Gifted in administrative and organizational leadership.
- Experience working with diverse groups of people (e.g., age, ethnicity, socio-economic, personality).
- Demonstrates self-discipline, self-motivation, and results-oriented contributions.
- Skilled in both verbal and non-verbal communication.
- Highly adaptable and resilient, with the ability to navigate well through change.
- Addresses and confronts conflict without hesitation, with grace, care, and tact.
- Loyal, energetic and spirit-filled co-laborer who works as a team player.

- Strong commitment to excellence both personally and professionally.
- Ability to build teams and create systems to achieve measurable progress.
- Ability to recognize and support ministry needs as it arises.
- A lifelong learner committed to ongoing spiritual formation and professional development.

AREAS OF MINISTRY OVERSIGHT WILL INCLUDE:

1. Youth Ministry

- a. Develop a vision for youth ministry that is congruent with the mission and values of our local church.
- b. Recruit, mentor and lead a team of volunteers who will assist in executing the weekly programming needs for youth ministry.
- c. Disciple and care for the youth of our church through investing time in prayer, counsel, support, and mentorship.
- d. Develop an intentional strategy to partner with parents in the faith formation of their children.

2. Young Adult Ministry

- a. Develop a vision for young adult ministry that is congruent with the mission and values of our local church.
- b. Recruit, mentor and lead a team of volunteers who will assist in executing the monthly programming needs for young adult ministry.
- c. Disciple and care for young adults within our church through investing time in prayer, counsel, support, and mentorship.

More information about SCCN can be found at www.skyviewchurch.ca, notably the "About Us" page and "Connect" page where you can access online sermons and our congregation's latest newsletter. Review of applications will begin June 1st, 2020 and continue until the position is filled. Ideally the successful candidate will begin employment as soon as possible. Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. Applicants should send a resume, a letter of application, and arrange to have three letters of reference (specific to youth and/or young adult leadership) sent directly to:

Skyview Community Church of the Nazarene

Attention: Melaina Graham 9685 Harvest Hills Blvd. NW Calgary Alberta T3K 2M3 Canada

PH: (403) 250-8844

admin@skyviewchurch.ca



NEWS FROM AMBROSE

As we prepare to welcome students back to campus this Fall, we continue to monitor and follow our provincial guidelines to provide a safe and healthy campus for students, faculty and staff. We are calling on ALL our partners to help out in providing masks.

FACE MASKS FOR FALL

Ambrose University invites you to help us provide each student with five face masks this fall. Our target is 3000 masks by August 15, 2020.

It is important that anyone involved with the creation of homemade masks be free of COVID-19 symptoms and should not have been recently exposed to anyone experiencing symptoms.

Masks can be made from any template. There are many examples on the internet. We are in need of standard adult face masks - with two layers. Please keep in mind when selecting the materials that masks should not be too heavy or hot for the wearer.

Typically, a mask requires the following **materials**:

- 100% cotton or muslin fabric for outer layer Clean cotton bedsheets can be used as long as they are clean, unstained and breathable
 - Don't use flannel
- elastic or twill tape or cotton material for ties
- Sewing machine
- Light-colored thread
- A mask pattern
 - https://buttoncounter.com/2018/01/14/facemask-a-picture-tutorial/
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4kwFaRFHKhY
 - https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/prevention-risks/sew-no-sew-instructions-non-medical-masks-face-coverings.html
- Cutting device (scissors or rotary cutter with mat)

Mask can be delivered to Ambrose University's reception area, Mon-Fri, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Masks can also be mailed to:

Ambrose University 150 Ambrose Circle SW Calgary, AB T3H 0L5

When received, the masks will be washed before being delivered to students. Every mask matters. Thank you for your helping your community!

To read the article, visit: https://ambrose.edu/facemasks

NAZARENE COMPASSIONATE MINISTRIES CANADA

Grow Hope Markdale Harvest Celebration 2020 Weekend is Cancelled but the field is planted and there are acres to sponsor!

Because of the ongoing government restrictions around large gatherings and because we as a ministry of the Church do not want to put people at risk during this pandemic, we have decided to cancel the August Grow Hope Markdale Harvest Celebration weekend for this year (2020).



However, the Grow Hope Markdale field has already been planted in soybeans as planned.

The soybeans will be harvested and the proceeds, less expenses, donated to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Our emphasis for 2020 will be the sponsorship of acres. Next year we hope to have a Harvest Celebration weekend again.

Your donations for the work of Canadian Foodgrains Bank are needed now more than ever as the pandemic spreads throughout developing countries and is particularly impacting the poorest and most vulnerable. As governments enforce lockdowns and restrict movement of people to slow the spread of the virus, those who are already poor and marginalized who live on a hand-to-mouth basis are unable to carry out their normal livelihoods and therefore have no food. The heath crisis is rapidly becoming a food crisis in many contexts.

We are urging supporters of Grow Hope Markdale to please consider sponsoring an acre or part acre this year.

If you already support an acre, then we would like to thank you.

If you have not yet sponsored an acre, then please consider it.

If you normally give an offering at the Harvest Celebration weekend, please consider sponsoring an acre or part acre instead.

The cost to sponsor an acre is \$375 but any donation is welcomed.

You can donate by sending a cheque to Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Canada at 3657 Ponytrail Drive, Mississauga, ON L4X 1W5. Specify "Grow Hope Markdale" and make the cheque payable to the Church of the Nazarene Canada.

You can also donate online at <u>www.ncmcanada.ca</u> to either Grow Hope Markdale or the Seeds of Life Growing Project.

Global NCM Covid-19 Response

NCM has now funded 137 Covid-19 responses including food and hygiene products in all six world areas. Nazarene churches saw the needs in their communities and were moved to act in the compassion of Christ. For those living in poverty, food distributions are the difference between life and death. Here are some of the stories of those living in love instead of fear, and in hope instead of despair....

In Sri Lanka, Kehan attends a child development centre near his home where he lives with his mother and young siblings. Normally his mother earns a living by selling produce and flowers but with the government imposed lockdown she cannot earn income and the family has no food. NCM Lanka distributed food packs to more than 2,500 such families including Kehan's family. Kehan's mother said "I don't know how to say thank you to NCM and the people who provided for me and my children".

In the Philippines churches have permission to distribute food and hygiene supplies during a strict government imposed lockdown. More than 50 churches across the district set up handwashing stations and many are also distributing food and hygiene items to more than 400 families and to at least 72 mothers of infants. Mary, one of the mothers said, "I didn't expect this. Thank you for thinking of us and helping us."

Some of the other locations where NCM and local churches are responding are Cameroone, DR Congo, Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda, Cape Verde, Mozambique, Malawi, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Senegal, Cambodia, Thailand, Myanmar, Albania, Bulgeria, Ukraine, India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Haiti, Mexico, DR, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Bolivia, Brazil, Peru, Argentina, Chile, Paraquay, Colombia, Equador etc. Total number of beneficiaries is over 400,000 in 66 countries, 264 districts, and 4,651 churches.

A Reminder to All NMI local church Presidents

As you work with your pastor and board on planning services online, please consider using some short NCM Canada videos and other NCM promotional materials

- to feed hungry families
- to make a difference in the life of a child
- to transform communities
- to save lives with a well
- to assist disaster victims

Our gifts are needed now more than ever. Thank you for giving so that others can live and thrive!

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