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DESPERATE TIMES/DESPERATE MEASURES

I recently had a conversation with someone working in mental health for crisis situations. It was a desperate situation. Her client (one of many) was one of my clients and was without a roof over her head for the night. We talked to other agencies. We racked our brains to think of a way to help this young woman. A young woman who was in a desperate situation for the most part because of her bad choices. Plain and simple.

It's easy to judge. It's easy to lecture. It's easy to look the other way. None of that helps the situation. Does no good at all. What struck me was the sincere desire for everyone involved to help if even for just one night. Most people in crisis don't see all the different people who are trying their best to alleviate a desperate situation.

We have a desperate situation in Charlottetown: no emergency housing for women. My goal in 2017 is to get some more community-minded people together and get a plan of action to change this. There, I said it. Now I must do something.

Who is with me?

Cheryl Millman
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NAZARENE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY: **SEMINARIAN OFFERING**

On Sunday, January 29, 2017, churches in USA and Canada have a special opportunity to support Nazarene Theological Seminary through an annual offering. The “Seminarian Offering” benefits ministerial students – the seminarians – by enabling NTS to provide the finest theological education possible while keeping tuition low. Every dollar invested provides tuition assistance, student jobs, teacher salaries, faculty development, multicultural programs, continuing education, library books, technological services, buildings, student housing, maintenance and more!

Here’s how you and your church can participate in the Seminarian Offering:

Tell the story of NTS and why the Church needs faithful and effective ministers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. You’ll find download links to promotional posters and videos for the Seminarian Offering below.

Plan to receive an offering for NTS on January 29, 2017 or on the Sunday that works best for your church. If your church includes NTS in its budget, consider a gift that represents \$1 per church member or more.

Checks can be made out to Nazarene Theological Seminary, 1700 E Meyer Blvd, Kansas City, MO 64131. Please write “offering” on the check memo line.

To receive 10% giving credit, give at Point-to-Point through fundingthemission.org.

Resources

[Seminarian Offering Video - President Carla Sunberg](#)

[2016 Seminarian Offering Poster \(collage with date\)](#)

[2016 Seminarian Offering Poster \(collage without date\)](#)

[2016 Seminarian Offering Poster \(collage with Scripture\)](#)

[2016 Seminarian Offering Poster \(Lisah with date\)](#)

[2016 Seminarian Offering Poster \(Lisah without date\)](#)

[2016 Seminarian Offering Poster \(Lisah with Scripture\)](#)

[2016 Seminarian Offering Poster \(Matt with date\)](#)

[2016 Seminarian Offering Poster \(Matt without date\)](#)

[2016 Seminarian Offering Poster \(Matt with Scripture\)](#)

[2016 Seminarian Offering Poster \(Spanish with date\)](#)

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INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION **RELEASES GLOBAL STATISTICS**

Official enrollment figures are in for the Church of the Nazarene's 52 colleges, universities, and seminaries.

Nazarene institutions reported a total of 51,555 students enrolled for the 2016 school year, continuing a trend of record-breaking growth for several institutions over the past four years. The 2016 enrollment figures show an increase of 10,754 students over the last decade when compared to 2006 enrollment figures.

Another global trend is the number of new leaders, often young leaders, moving into positions of leadership in Nazarene institutions.

“This is an exciting trend,” said Dan Copp, Church of the Nazarene Education Commissioner. ***“The church needs to be praying for these new leaders and, indeed, all our leaders. The developing leader has much to learn in a very short time. All of our school leaders, faculty, and governing board members have a lot of responsibility. Please be praying for them. Pray also for the students as they study and those in the process of decision-making.”***

Choosing where to engage in education for life and service continues to be one of the most important discipleship decisions a person will make. Regardless of the level of education, from diploma to PhD, or the field of study, it is a significant season in the development and spiritual formation of the student. Nazarene higher education provides opportunities for students to be formed and trained as followers of Jesus and leaders who live and serve from a Christian worldview.

Higher education is a core commitment of the Church of the Nazarene as pastors are raised up and prepared to lead churches and lay leaders begin to engage the world as nurses, teachers, artist, musicians, scientists, and leaders in a broad range of fields.

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<http://www.nazarene.org/article/international-board-education-releases-global-statistics>

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LYC 2017

Preparations are well underway for [Legacy Youth Conference](#) (LYC) to be held on the Ambrose campus from March 17 to 19, 2017. This is the conference's 71st year! What started as simply as "Youth Conference" in the mid-1940s on the campus of Canadian Bible College in Regina has grown and improved as the years have passed.

Carefully planned and enthusiastically run by Ambrose students, LYC is a place where high school students (grades 10–12) meet with God and learn to go deeper in their faith. Youth groups travel from across the country to join with the Ambrose student body for a weekend full of worship, prayer, Bible teaching and much more.

This Year's Speaker

[Brooklyn Lindsey](#) is a writer and speaker whose expertise comes from 16 years working in the trenches of youth ministry. Known for her down-to-earth style and transparency, her heartbeat is justice advocacy.

She recently founded [The Justice Movement](#), an organization that seeks to mobilize the church through the passion and influence of teenagers in order to interrupt the cycle of poverty and injustice in our world.

Prayer Requests

Please pray:

- That our strong planning team of 10 students will have continued creativity and that they will be able to maintain a good balance between focusing on their academic assignments and on their LYC responsibilities.
- That the myriad details of the planning process will come together in a timely manner.
- That Ambrose students will be eager to come alongside the planning team, realizing what a great impact this time can have in the lives of our high school delegates.

- For the youth pastors from all across the country who are preparing to bring their students and that the delegates who attend will come with open hearts and minds, ready to engage in whatever God has for them while they're here.
- For Brooklyn as she prepares to speak God's Word to us at LYC.

Register Today

[Registration is now open](#). The early bird cost is \$109.00 per student and \$89.00 per leader. These rates are available until February 1st.

More To Come

Keep an eye on the [LYC website](#) and [follow Ambrose on Facebook](#) to stay in the loop.

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